



Sacred Heart School Vision:

Nurtures the dignity and value of each person;
 Develops a relationship with Jesus as central to how we live and love;
 Our choices and actions reflect awareness, compassion and commitment to others;
 Creates learning that is purposeful and innovative;
 Parents, students and staff work collaboratively to create a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment

Sacred Heart School is a PBIS school

SAFE
RESPONSIBLE
RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

From the Principal,

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

Mary MacKillop 1907

What a magnificent week! William Callaghan found safe after two nights lost and alone on Mount Disappointment, magnificent frost (beautiful photos Tania) and all of our students being able to return to school!

Tuesday was bitter sweet for me, having mowed the school lawns on Monday, I was extremely excited to see our Years 3-6 the following morning.

I woke up, tired and with a little snuffle, but remembered the auspiciousness of the day, jumped out of bed and headed to school at 7:30am to decorate the entrance... seriously, you cannot go wrong with streamers and coloured chalk.

As I was there in the cold with Kirby writing 'Welcome' and drawing rainbows and orange bears, my throat started to tickle, and I started thinking, 'I wonder if I have caught something?'

My inner monolog was pretty much as follows:

'Maybe you're getting sick?'

'Nah, you're tired and it's cold out here'

'But your throat is tickling and your starting to ache'

'Yeah but maybe it's like when you think of nits and your head starts itching!'

'But now my chest feels tight'

'No you're fine, this is what we normally work through.'

'What if I am sick and I pass it to others?... What if it is Covid-19 and I pass this to Mary and her mother?...What if I pass it onto my staff and my students and their families?'

It's not Covid-19 there is no way it could be.'

'It doesn't matter if it is a minor snuffle, gastro or Heaven forbid, Covid-19.... No one in my sphere deserves to catch any of them.'

It was at that point that I decided that I would contact the hospital for triage to see if I would need testing. After briefing and a quick hello to students I headed home. A quick chat with Corryong Health Doctors and it was deemed that yes, I should go and get tested. Twice in two months woo hooo! After which, I collected my four children and we began “the DREADED wait.” Yes, the kids were highly anxious about ‘if it was Covid-19’ and about missing school when all of their friends were back.

They kept saying to me; “But we aren’t sick, why do we have to stay home?” I had to explain to them that if I was sick then there is the risk that they may be sick, and they too could pass it onto their friends.

So, we were not staying home to protect ourselves but rather, we were at home because we care about those around us and do not want them sick.

I am blessed that I have enough school work to keep me occupied at home for weeks, so that certainly was not an issue but not seeing my staff and my students was.

When I got that call yesterday afternoon that is was clear and negative for Covid-19 I was ecstatic!! I could head back to work today!

There are four take home messages from this rambling.....

Firstly, that a huge thank you must go to students/parents/staff for their wishes and to my staff for ‘holding the fort’. That secondly, I get energy from seeing my staff and students, every day. Note to self ... this must be one of my core values, people!

Following this, what an absolutely magnificent job Corryong Health does to triage and test so quickly!

Lastly, and probably most importantly, that when we are sick, we do not go to work or school because we are not just protecting ourselves but more importantly, we do it for those around us!

CONFIRMATION:

Unfortunately, Most Reverend Bishop Shane Mackinlay will not be travelling to Corryong to celebrate Confirmation for us this year. We have however been blessed that Father Junjun has been delegated the authority to do so.

In light of this change confirmation has been moved to Sunday 8th November 2020 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Ms Celeste Oliver if you wish for your child to participate.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Tuesday 16th June, 7pm please contact Mrs Mary Smith for further details if you wish to attend. Welcome to all.

Nominees for school board are to please attend.

REFUGEE WEEK NEXT WEEK:

14th to 20th June. 2020 is the “Year of Welcome”

In light of the fundraising efforts of the Refugee Week Initiative; “Share a Meal, Share a Story” Thursday 18th June will be a Free Dress day by gold coin donation.

TERM 2 PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Parent Support Group Meetings will continue to be conducted in week 10 of this term on the 16th, 17th and 18th of June. Meetings will be held with strict hygiene and social distancing guidelines. Please ensure that you are prompt with your attendance.

THANK YOU:

Yesterday, every family received a long-sleeved polo shirt for their children. This gift was received from the Jewish Community and the St. Vincent De Paul ‘Bushfire Recovery for Educational Funding’. We express deep gratitude and thanks to these societies for their generous contribution to each of our families at Sacred Heart.

As winter is certainly present, these long sleeve tops will help to keep children warm and in correct uniform.

PICK-UP / DROP OFF

Parents are respectfully reminded to not use the staff carpark for pick up and drop off, it is a serious safety concern and is a breach of pick up and drop off procedure.

Sacred Heart school has developed specific processes to ensure smooth and safe delivery and collection of the children, parents please ensure that;

1. As you drop off your child please ensure you park away from the bus zone at the front of the school. The School Crossing Supervisor is in attendance every day, and will continue to assist students to cross Hansen Street.
2. Staggered entry to the school by students will ensure that hand hygiene and student wellbeing are met.
3. **All** students who are not bus travellers **MUST** adhere to the following drop off and pick up times. (This includes students riding bikes to and from school daily)
4. There should be no drop off before 8:40am unless by prior arrangement with the school.



DROP OFF

- A-L SURNAMES ARRIVE 8:40AM
- M-Z SURNAMES ARRIVE 8:50 AM

PICK UP

- A-L Pick up will be at 3:10 pm
- M-Z pick up will be at 3:20pm

Weather permitting, children waiting for parents to pick them up after school, will now be collected from the garden tables outside the Church. This eases congestion and reliable transition of child to parent. Children will only be released when teachers see the parent present.

Please note: parents are still not permitted to be on school grounds.

IF CHILDREN ARE UNWELL

Parents must be advised that any child who comes to school feeling unwell or becomes unwell during the school day, they (or the emergency contact person) will be called to collect that child. If the parent **and** emergency contact cannot be reached the police will be asked to assist in contacting the parents or emergency contact.

WATER BOTTLES

Drinking fountains/bubblers are not to be used by students. Each should bring a water bottle from home to be left at school. If students do not have drink bottle they must see Mary or Mrs Nugent as we have a limited number of donated (new) drink bottles at school.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO SCHOOL BY ADULTS

The Department of Health insists that no adult (parents/ visitors), non-enrolled youths, is to enter the school (grounds or buildings) unless necessary by appointment and with permission of the Principal or in an emergency.

In the event that a parent needs to attend the office by appointment, they are not permitted to go beyond the Reception area.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 16th June 2020: Sacred Heart AGM 7pm

Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th June: PSG Meetings

Thursday 18th June 2020: Free Dress by gold coin donation for Refugee Week

Friday 19th June 2020: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Due to isolation, a closed Mass will be celebrated in the church for students in years 4/5/6 at 12:30 p.m. while Foundation/1/2 classes will attend through remote viewing.

With blessings,
Zoe