

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to school for the beginning of Term 2. I hope that all families had a Holy Easter and a happy and relaxing holiday break, where you were able to spend some time together enjoying each other's company.

This term promises to be busy, yet exciting and rewarding for the students. Over the coming weeks we will be celebrating ANZAC Day and Mother's Day, the children in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in NAPLAN (12-14 May) and some of our students will be involved in representative sports. Later in the term our Year 6 students will be off to Canberra, which is very exciting for them, and, of course, the term finishes off with reports being sent home and parent/teacher interviews occurring.

The staff and students look forward to your ongoing support throughout this term.

ANZAC Day Liturgy

The children will be commemorating ANZAC Day at school this Friday. <u>The staff and children</u> will participate in a liturgy commemorating the sacrifices that men and women have made over the years, and especially remembering the first ANZACS that fought at Gallipoli and in various campaigns throughout World War 1. Their sacrifices have helped shape our Australian nation. It is a part of our heritage and is a tradition that helps form our Australian identity. The teachers over this week and the next will present aspects of the ANZAC story to the children so that that they are able to gain some insight into the ANZAC Day and what it means to all of us as Australians. Please take some time on ANZAC Day on Saturday to reflect with your children on our country and how lucky we are in living in a place that offers peace and safety.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that students are required to wear their winter uniform this term. We have had a wet and cold start to the term. Please ensure that your child wears a jacket to school in these cold conditions so that they are comfortable and do not get sick. Also, please make sure that **ALL** items of clothing are labelled. Often, there are many items that are lost but do not have a child's name on them. This makes it difficult to find and hand clothing back to the owner.

Cancellation - Stage 3 Girls' Soccer Gala

The Girls' Gala Soccer Day scheduled for Thursday 23 April has been postponed, due to poor weather.

Music Lessons

Students learning music with Mrs Thomas will begin their lessons from next Monday 27 April.

Mother's Day Mufti

On Friday 1 May, the children will be able to come to school dressed in mufti. The children need to bring in a gold coin donation on this day as part of fundraising for our Mother's Day stall (which will be held on 8 May).

Road Safety

Please be aware of how you drive your car around the school. Safety of children is essential at all times. Parking in front of the school is not possible for every parent, so please park your car in an appropriate place and take a walk to either drop off or pick up your child. You are welcome into the school each morning and afternoon to pray with the children. Following the afternoon prayer, when your child is dismissed, take the time to walk safely back to your car with them and talk about their day at school.

<u>Please note:</u> Under no circumstances are parents to park their cars in the staff car park or use the area as a drop off or pick up zone. This is a dangerous practice as it is a congested area with many blind spots and a serious accident could occur.

Important Upcoming Events

Saturday 24 April	11:30am - ANZAC Liturgy for staff & students
Monday 27 April	Students' music lessons begin for Term 2
Friday 1 May	Mother's Day Mufti – Gold coin donation
Friday 8 May	Mother's Day Stall 11:30am – Mother's Day Liturgy- Parents & Carers Welcome
Friday 15 May	Kindergarten Cake Day 2:00pm – Year 2 Assembly – <i>Parents Welcome</i>

Birthdays

24/04/2015	Alex Kako
26/04/2015	Harish Vijayakumar Renee Galvez Achai Akot
28/04/2015	Lual Lual Emma Yousif Justin Tolentino
29/04/2015	Aiden Shamas Phillip Mekhail

Kind Regards, John Tomczyk Assistant Principal