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Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Welcome to Week Three.

**What a wonderful two weeks of school we have had!** I would like to congratulate the children on their fine work ethic and ability to get straight back into our school routines and procedures in the last two weeks. I have had the opportunity to visit most classes for an extended period of time and I am impressed by the manners of the children, the respect they display and their listening skills.

Similarly we recently welcomed two new kindergarten cohorts to the school this year. I was delighted to see both groups settle quickly and demonstrate a contagious enthusiasm for learning.

**Thank you for your attendance**
I would like to thank our parents for their attendance at the recently held Parent Information Evening; it was wonderful to see such a high parent turn out. Research shows that children who have their parents actively involved in their education are happier and perform better at school, so on that note I thank you for entering into partnership with us to ensure your child reaches their potential at Sacred Heart.

**Pre-Primary On-entry Assessment Program**
This week students in Pre-Primary will begin the On-entry Assessment Program. This is an assessment for learning to:
- Provide teachers with information about the current skills and understandings of each student
- Inform the planning and delivery of targeted and intentional learning programs, reflective of each child's needs and capabilities
- Identify, early in the school year, students who may require intervention, consolidation or extension
- A summary for parents will be forwarded prior to the end of Term One.

Further information can be accessed at: [www.det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement/detcms/navigation/on-entry/information-for-parents](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement/detcms/navigation/on-entry/information-for-parents)

**Pupil Free Day: Tuesday 21 February**
Next Tuesday is a **pupil free day and the school will be closed**. Our education assistants, office staff and teachers will undertake professional development titled Trauma Informed Schools. This day will enhance the capacity of our school to meet the needs of children and young people who have experienced trauma, significant disruption and disadvantage; and support them more effectively in the classroom environment.

**New P&F Secretary**
It is with great delight that we announce our new P&F Secretary is Mrs Rebecca Blackman. Thank you Rebecca for your nomination; I know our community will show you great support in your role. Congratulations.
Junior Primary Outdoor Classroom
As outlined in the Principal’s Address at the Parent Information Evening on Thursday, the outdoor space between the Year 1 and 2 classes is an important intentional teaching space. May I please ask that ALL parents wait at the front of the school until the first bell (2.40pm) in order for the children to remain completely focused on their investigations in this space. This also provides an opportunity for children to practise their independence as they collect their own school bag and make their way to parents at the front of the school or in the drive through area. Thank you for your support as we endeavour to provide authentic and rich learning experiences for your children.

Car Park Safety
In order to ensure the safety of all, may I please remind all parents and children to use the cross walk only when crossing into the car park. In addition, I ask our parents and carers to refrain from parking in the staff car park and on the fringes of the car park as it causes congestion to an already busy area. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Certificate assembly this Friday
I would like to invite our parents and friends to join us for the first certificate assembly of the year at 8.45am this Friday. I look forward to seeing you there.

How parents can make a good school even better
In order for a good school to function well, effective parent and school partnerships are integral. Here are some tips on how parents can make a good school better:

- Make an effort to understand what the school is trying to do. If you can, express your support for its aims and the values it expresses.
- If at all possible, participate on committees and in discussion groups that consider educational issues and give opinions to the staff.
- See the school as YOUR school. Encourage your children to see it in the same way.
- By all means offer constructive criticism and suggestions and direct your information to the right people.
- Go to school activities - open days, plays, concerts, picnics, sporting functions, and celebrations. Take a friend.
- Join the official parent group and look after the school’s interests.
- Welcome new parents. Help them feel that they belong. Build their confidence in the school.
- Support a broad and balanced curriculum. Resist attempts by any pressure groups to narrow the curriculum to things that are purely functional and measurable.
- Encourage your children to cooperate fully, to join in all school activities and to take a pride in the buildings, the grounds and the school community as a whole.
- Let the Principal and the teachers know that you support them, even if sometimes you have to be a friendly critic or a critical friend. *(from Barry Dwyer - Parents, Teachers, Partners)*

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal
SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking has commenced again through the Commonwealth Bank. To allow for both Kindy classes, school banking will now be done on a **Wednesday**. Students can hand their books in to the office and they will be processed on Wednesday and returned via the class teacher during the week.

*Mrs Therkelsen*

CANTEEN
A reminder that Canteen orders can be placed **ON-LINE** (the preferred method) at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). Please note, the Canteen will now only operate for **FOUR** days a week and is **CLOSED** on a **TUESDAY**.

*Lucy O’Sullivan and Claudia Therkelsen*

CHILD CARE
A reminder that parents are **NOT** to cut through the ELC when dropping children to classrooms. The ELC is a licensed area and unless parents have signed in as a visitor or are a parent of the centre you are not allowed to be on the premises.

CHOIR
A reminder that Choir practise is on every Thursday at 8am in the Music Room in the Brennan Hall.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

PARENT YOGA SESSIONS
I am a yoga teacher, and I will again be running yoga and relaxation sessions for parents and caregivers every **Thursday AFTERNOON from 1.30—2.30pm** followed by afternoon tea and a chat. You will be exposed to some great techniques to not only keep yourself spiritually, mentally and emotionally more balanced but you will be able to reinforce what your children will be learning as well, so pass the word around.

Please feel free to call in or ring 9251 3000 if you have any questions or comments.

*Frances Mercer*

PARISH NEWS

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH IN THORNLI E
This Sunday 19 February 2017 our parish will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our church in its current location. The occasion will be marked with a special Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00am, which Emeritus Archbishop Hickey will be the main celebrant.

Archbishop Costelloe will unfortunately be in Sydney at that time on church business relating to the Royal Commission. Fortunately Emeritus Archbishop Hickey is available and it was he who blessed and officially opened our church 25 years ago and he is very happy to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Mass with us.

The Mass will highlight the diverse multi-culturalism of our parish. This will be followed by entertainment in the school quadrangle and a shared meal in the school hall. We would also like to encourage parishioners to invite former parishioners, especially those who were active at the time of the construction of the Church and also long-term parishioners who have moved away from the parish in recent years. We’d love to see you there.

AFTER SCHOOL CATECHIST CLASSES
ENROLMENT DAY is today **Wednesday, 15 February at 4:00pm** in the Foley Centre and CLASSES COMENCE on Wednesday 22 February at 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Parents who have children attending the government school, or any children enrolled in Sacred Heart School in a sacramental year who have been attending a government school and not exposed to Sacramental learning are encouraged to enrol their children. “A little encouragement can go a long way...” Thank you!
**PARENT AND TEACHER SHARING CAFÉ**

This year we will be holding regular parent and teacher sharing opportunities. There will be many topics throughout the year and we hope through parent feedback we can ensure these are beneficial for parents. These will be held in the **Brennan Hall from 8.45am – 9.45am**.

**Week 4— Wednesday 22 February 2017**  
**NSW Foundation Font**  
This year Sacred Heart will introduce a new handwriting font for children in Kindy to Year 1. Come and learn the correct formation of the letters using this font. You will also take home a great game you can enjoy with your child that will assist them to recognise the shape and formation of each letter.

**Week 6— Wednesday 8 March 2017**  
**Everyday Maths – from the basics**  
This topic will cover the five principles of counting and how they are the foundation of our understanding of numeracy. It will also focus on the role of adults with helping children to understand early mathematics.

**Week 8— Wednesday 22 March 2017**  
**Maths Games**  
During this chat session we will share wonderful maths game to play at home using cards and dice. You will leave with some great resources for you to share with your family.

**Please register your expression of interest at the office.** Should you have any questions regarding these sharing cafes or any topics you would like to suggest please email or contact Mrs Annie Gerhardy at **gerhardy.annie@cathednet.wa.edu.au**.
We are looking forward to a wonderful evening to celebrate the new school year.

This year Wesley Goodlet Jamboree Scouts will provide the music. This band plays regular gigs at Lakers Tavern on a Sunday afternoon. We also have free face painting.

Please bring your chairs and your picnic or there will be food available for purchase:

- Two Queens – Paella ($6-$10), Wood Fired Pizza ($12-$14) and Nachos ($10).
- Ice Cream and Coffee
- Lolly Bags

P&F Secretary for 2017
We are very pleased to announce our Secretary for 2017 is Rebecca Blackman. Thank you, Rebecca, for offering your time to the P&F.

Thank you, Janine Creighton, for your willingness to continue as Secretary until the position was filled.

My School Rules Competition
Our school is one of eight schools participating in The My School Rules Competition.

We ask you to please remember to place any of the shopping dockets from Forest Lakes Forum in the Sacred Heart School box located outside Woolworths at Forest Lakes Forum. Alternatively, you may place your shopping dockets in the P&F Box located in the Office, which will be collected and placed in the Sacred Heart School box at Forest Lakes Forum.

The totals of the shopping dockets are tallied during the school term and following school holidays. The school with the biggest improvement in points per enrolled student at the conclusion of the competition period compared to the same period the previous year wins the top prize of $1,000 in shopping vouchers plus all schools win other minor prizes.

We really do value these shopping vouchers as they pay for many of the items we require during the year to carry out fundraising for our school and so we kindly ask you to please support this competition for the benefit of our school.
TERM DATES 2017—STUDENTS

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ABSENTEES/SICKNESS
In order for the school to reconcile attendance it is a requirement that a message is left on the Absentee Line

9251 3005
as emails to teachers are often not opened at the start of the day. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
TERM TIME ONLY

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If you are unable to come at these times please complete a uniform order form available from the Office, pay for it and your orders will be filled and delivered to your child’s class.

RECYCLE YOUR USED BATTERIES INTO THE BATTERY RECYCLING BIN IN THE OFFICE MONDAY—FRIDAY

COMMBANK
SCHOOL BANKING
EVERY WEDNESDAY

ARE YOU USING THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL APP???

Never miss out on getting your school orders in........Access your Newsletters. Access any forms. Be reminded automatically of events/closing dates. Check the school calendar!!! All easily available on your phone.

App for IPhone or Android available at the ITunes store.

School Hours: Mon - Fri 8.30am to 2.45pm
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8.00am to 4.00pm

APPOINTMENTS
Parents are reminded to contact the office in order to set up an appointment with staff members.

Principal: By appointment only.

Loreto Child Care Centre: 9251 3014
Outside School Hours Care: 9251 3015
0417 091 296

PARISH TIMETABLE
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.45am
Wednesday 8.45am Parish or School Mass
Saturday—8.45am

RECONCILIATION
Sat 5.00-5.30pm before Mass or anytime by Appointment.
PH: 9459 4459
Website: www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au

 CANTEEN ROSTER
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