



# SACRED HEART

PRIMARY SCHOOL | DIAMOND CREEK

# News

*Working together to build a learning community that embraces faith, diversity & personal growth*



## Principal's Message

**Welcome to a bright new School year and a new-look newsletter – the Sacred Heart News!**

It's with a great sense of excitement that we welcome the return of our School families and extend a warm greeting to our new families and staff joining our wonderful School community in 2024.

The new year brings new opportunities and it's with great enthusiasm that we use this opportunity to begin afresh.

It's our aim to give your child the best learning experience possible throughout the year and we love to share that journey with you!

You can follow along here, via social media, Seesaw and Operoo – our official communication channel – as we share important information such as this newsletter.

As we celebrate the start of School, we invite all parents to take a deeper look at your child's world here at Sacred Heart at our **Parents as Partners: Information Evening** on Tuesday 6 February.

This event will give an important insight into what your child is learning this year and connect parents and teachers as partners in your child's education journey.

We eagerly anticipate seeing you there!

We are very much looking forward to this exciting Term – it is our honour to lead our wonderful students and community and see what the year brings!

**Mrs Gina Murphy**  
Principal

**Mrs Jacinta Dalton**  
Deputy Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Assembly

**Each Monday, 3pm**  
📍 **In the Community Centre**  
*All welcome*

#### Parents & Friends Meeting

**Monday 5 February, 7.30pm**  
📍 **In the Administration Building**  
*All welcome*

#### Parents as Partners: Information Evening

**Tuesday 6 February, 6pm**  
📍 **In the Community Centre**  
*For parents of all year levels*

#### Working Bee

**Sunday 11 February, 10am-12pm**  
*All welcome – Maintenance Levy rebate for attendees*

### AT A GLANCE

#### Sport Uniform Days

F-Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday  
Year 3-6 – Wednesday and Friday

#### A Note on Parking

**No parking is allowed on School grounds.**

Please see the Parent Handbook for further information on our 'Kiss and Drop' zone and parking.

#### Tuckshop Open Fridays

**All Lunch Orders need to be written and are due Thursday morning.**

See the Parent Handbook for how to order, pay and become a helper!



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT

# KABOOM: Start the year with a bang!

**Thursday 29 February, 5pm-7pm**

**📍 On the School Oval**

*All families to attend*

**Our Parents & Friends Association proudly hosts the Kaboom Sports Twilight Family Carnival – a fun family event that brings the whole community together to celebrate the new School year!**

Held on the School oval, students and siblings take part in an hour of fun, non-competitive sports activities while families spectate and socialise.

Students join families following activities for a picnic-style dinner, available to purchase from the P&F Kaboom Barbecue or BYO.

*Kaboom Kids Sport* returns to run this event in small groups with emphasis placed simply on being involved in fun-filled challenges that enhance basic PE and social skills using safe equipment tailored to development.

### Event Information

- Students to arrive at 4.50pm
- Wear casual sports clothes
- Bring a hat, sunscreen & drink bottle
- Siblings (and parents!) are welcome to join in the activities
- Families bring picnic rugs or chairs
- Buy dinner from the P&F Kaboom BBQ or BYO
- We suggest students have a snack beforehand
- We'd love some older siblings to help supervise activities! Please see Staff on arrival.

We look forward to an exciting community-building event that's great fun for all ages. **It is anticipated that all families attend the evening.**

## HAVE YOUR SAY

# Sacred Heart *Community Voice*

### FAREWELL to Mr Jim O'Sullivan

We received some lovely messages wishing Mr O'Sullivan well! @sacredheartprimaryschool3089



**Lyn Hosking**

Best wishes Jim, thank you for all your care during our time at Sacred Heart.

1 w Like Reply



### WELCOME to Principal, Mrs Gina Murphy

Mrs Murphy was overwhelmed with dozens of well wishes following her appointment as Principal!



**Lisa Gent**

Congratulations to you Gina, the leading position of the school that you so well deserve !!

1 d Like Reply



### THANK YOU: A Tidy School

To **Mia Willis**, Year 1, who over the holidays visited the School grounds on a number of occasions and picked up bags of litter. What a great way to help the community but also be proud of your School.

**Well done, Mia!**

### THANK YOU: Welcome Morning Tea

To the **Parents & Friends team and students** who organised this event for families to connect and celebrate the beginning of the year together.

### KIND COMMENTS: Welcome Mass

I wanted to pass on how very impressed I was with all the **Sacred Heart students and staff** at the School Mass this morning. It was lovely to see everyone so happy and coming together with the Parish - what a way to start the year!

**Vince, Parishioner**



### SEEKING FEEDBACK on Orientation Day

Thank you to all our families for your support in transitioning our students back to School – we would love to know how this went for your family.



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## Launch into Learning: Your Child's First Weeks

The next few weeks are very important as everyone settles in. Our aim is to make students feel comfortable and successful in their new level and classroom.

Your child's teacher will be working closely with the class to establish classroom rules and routines.

### Assessments

Assessment happens at the beginning of the year to understand what your child already knows and what skills to develop or refine. Our curriculum is designed to build upon existing knowledge to learn and discover more, therefore, following assessment, teachers develop programs that provide support and challenges for each student.

We look forward to expanding on your child's learning this year at the 2024 **Parents as Partners: Information Evening**.



Lily Buhagiar and Lily McIlroy, Year 3, enjoying Orientation Day

### INVITATION

## 2024 Information Evening: *Parents as Partners*

**As we celebrate our return to School, we warmly invite you to take a deeper look at your child's world here at Sacred Heart.**

Join us as we share important information on what your child is learning this year and connect parents and teachers – as collaborative partners – in your child's education journey.

**Tuesday 6 February, 6pm**  
**📍 In the Community Centre**  
**Drinks and nibbles to follow**

*Please note, this is a student-free event for parents*

### Further information

✉ [jacintad@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jacintad@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)



Learning & Teaching Leader, **Mrs Jacinta Dalton**, Deputy Principal, on Orientation Day

### WELLBEING

## Safe & Well at Sacred Heart

**Your child's wellbeing is our highest priority and with open communication, we can work together to support your child and your family.**

Sacred Heart Primary School takes a whole-school approach to pastoral care through its participation in the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), Berry Street Education Model and Respectful Relationships initiatives.

We have the following expectations of all members of our School community:

- To receive kindness and courtesy, encouragement and appreciation
- To be respected and accepted as an individual
- To be treated fairly by others
- To accept responsibility for our actions
- To be honest with each other
- To be able to work and play without interference from others
- To be safe at School
- To show care for our own property and the property of others.

**Always contact us with any questions or concerns.**

✉ Email your child's teacher or [principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au).

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



## Hand in Hand: A Spiritual Start to School

**It is with great joy and excitement that we extend a heartfelt welcome back to each and every one of our cherished students and their families. We hope this newsletter finds you well-rested, rejuvenated and ready for another enriching School year.**

Our School community is more than just a gathering of students, parents and teachers; it is a vibrant family knit together by shared values, love and faith. As we embark on this new academic journey, let us reflect on the beautiful message of love and compassion that Jesus left for us.

The teachings of Jesus Christ have always been the cornerstone of our School's mission, guiding us in shaping not only knowledgeable individuals but compassionate and empathetic human beings. This year, we aim to delve even deeper into these teachings, encouraging our students to emulate the values of respect, mission, growth mindset and peace.

Just as Jesus walked side-by-side with his disciples, we too, as a School family, walk hand-in-hand with our students on their educational journey. This year, let us focus on fostering an environment where each child feels supported, cherished and inspired to grow not only academically but also spiritually.

We invite parents to actively participate in the educational journey of your children. Your involvement and support are invaluable to the success of our students. Together, let us create a community where the spirit of cooperation and unity prevails, reflecting the teachings of Jesus.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let us remember that the light of Jesus guides us, and His teachings serve as our compass. Through collaboration, understanding and faith, we can make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.

Let us express our gratitude for entrusting us with the education and spiritual growth of your children. Together, let's make this school year a testament to the love and compassion that binds us as a Catholic school family.

May God's blessings be upon each one of you as we walk hand in hand, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Ms Claire Molina**  
**Religious Education Leader**

### SCHOOL MASSES

We celebrate the beginning of each School Term and feast days with whole-school Masses. All families are warmly invited to attend.

📍 **Sacred Heart Church**

### SACRED HEART PARISH

## Religious Education at Sacred Heart

**A hallmark of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is belonging to Sacred Heart Parish.**

Our Parish Priest, Fr Steven Rigo, and Assistant Priest, Ananda Maddineni, conduct all School and year-level masses that students attend.

It is also through the Parish that the School's Sacramental Program runs. The sacraments celebrated within our Religious Education Program are:

- Reconciliation Year 2
- Eucharist Year 3
- Confirmation Year 6.

You will see General Faith and Eucharistic Faith Nights promoted in the School Calendar; this is for parents of students undertaking sacraments this year.

All parents are very welcome and encouraged to participate and contribute to the Parish community by attending weekly mass, special events and special holiday masses.

Contact Parish Secretary, Pat Guatta, for information on Parish activities and events.

✉ [DiamondCreek@cam.org.au](mailto:DiamondCreek@cam.org.au)

### PARISH MASS TIMES

#### 📍 Sacred Heart Diamond Creek

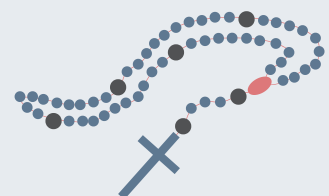
Wednesday, 9.15am

Friday, 9.15am

Sunday, 9am

#### 📍 St Peter's Hurstbridge

First Saturday of the Month, 7.15pm





## CATHOLIC IDENTITY



## Embracing Our Identity: *Uniform*

The Sacred Heart Primary School uniform is an important symbol of the School's history and story and provides a tangible representation of our identity as a Catholic school.

### School Jumper

All students are expected to wear the School jumper as the outer garment when cold, and the polar fleece worn as part of the sports uniform only.

### Polar Fleece

In cold weather, the polar fleece can be worn on top of the School jumper on School uniform days but not as the only outside garment.

If your child is unable to wear the correct jumper for any reason, please advise their class teacher.

**Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

**📍 Lost property is kept in the Community Centre.**

### Sport Uniform Days

Foundation - Year 2: Tuesday & Friday  
Year 3 - 6: Wednesday & Friday



Proud students in the School Uniform



## SCHOOL IDENTITY

## Uniform *Shop*

**The Uniform Shop is open on the third Thursday of each month from 3.15pm-3.45pm.**

- 22 February
- 21 March
- 18 April
- 16 May
- 20 June
- 18 July
- 15 August
- 19 September
- 17 October

**Sacred Heart Uniform Shop**  
**📍 In the Community Centre**  
*EFTPOS available*

### Online Orders

All uniforms can be purchased online at  
📍 <https://shdiamondcreek.cdfpay.org.au>

Orders are processed each Monday and placed in student tubs.

### Further information

**Maddie Jones**  
**Uniform Shop Manager**  
☎ 0411 718 811



## Parent *Involvement*

We are fortunate to enjoy a fantastic parent group that supports and enriches the Sacred Heart Community through their involvement.

We understand some parents have more time than others and are very appreciative of all levels of parent support.

### Opportunities to be involved

- School Advisory Council
- Parents & Friends Association
- Maintenance Group
- Tuckshop
- Uniform Shop
- Working Bees
- Classroom helper
- P&F event helper.

Please see the Upcoming Events for meeting and event dates and refer to the Parent Handbook for further details on taking part as a Class or Tuckshop Helper.

### Further information

✉ [principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)



Parents & Friends Vice President, **Laura van Rooyen**, (Ali, Foundation and Leo, Year 3) volunteering at our Election Day BBQ



Left: **David and Sasha Topolcsanyi**, Treasurer, (George, Year 3) with **Stewart Collins**, centre, (Benji, Year 5)  
Right: **Kane Ioannidis** (Alby, Year 3) and **Alex Wigmore** (Annie, Foundation and Isla, Year 1)



### GET INVOLVED

*Join us!*

## Parents & Friends

**We are thrilled to be back for a brand new year - if you would like to help make our School the best we can for our kids, join our fun group!**

The Parents & Friends (P&F) is an integral support of the School that aims to strengthen the partnership between School, families and parish that together, make up our wonderful Sacred Heart community.

Parents join the P&F as volunteers to:

- fundraise for items that enhance student experience
- host fun social events
- help with class activities; and
- promote our great School.

The P&F meets on the first Monday of each month during School terms – all parents are very welcome to come along!

**P&F Meeting**  
**Monday 5 February, 7.30pm**  
📍 **In the Administration Building**

### Further information

✉ [parentsassoc@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsassoc@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing many more faces join in the fun this year!

**Megan Ioannidis**  
**President**

### UPCOMING P&F EVENTS

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day**  
**Tuesday 13 February**  
*Serving Pancakes to students, details to come*

**Kaboom Sports Family Twilight Carnival**  
**Thursday 29 February, 5pm**  
*A FREE event for families!*

The P&F proudly hosts the Kaboom Sports Family Twilight Carnival to bring the community together at the start of the year.

**A fantastic event for all!**



STUDENT COMMUNITY 

# Student Leaders

Our 2024 School Leaders were proudly announced at our Final Assembly in December.

Class Leaders will be established over the next week and presented at Assembly in Week 3. We congratulate the following Year 6 students on their leadership roles!

## 2024 SCHOOL LEADERS

Lucy Jones & Daniel McIlroy

## HOUSE LEADERS

BUNJIL, Blue - Harry Lord  
 MACKILLOP, Red - Caitlin Waddington  
 CORDNER, Green - Ayendha Fernando

## GROUP LEADERS

FIRE Carrier Leader - Rachael Hardy & Hunter Sparks-McPherson  
 Mini Vinnies Leader - Raelah Lascelles  
 Sustainability Leader - Megan Lamb  
 Religious Education Leader - Annabelle Ross & Eli Sua  
 Wellbeing Leader - Eva Parker & Heidi Madden  
 Languages Leader - Marcus Mennilli & Matthew Brady-Diaz  
 Art Leader - Xavier Hernandez & Luke Dooley



School Leaders: Lucy Jones and Daniel McIlroy



House Leaders: Ayendha Fernando, Caitlin Waddington and Harry Lord



Leaders: back row L-R, Raelah Lascelles, Megan Lamb, Rachael Hardy, Hunter Sparks McPherson; front row L-R, Luke Dooley, Marcus Mennilli, Heidi Madden, Annabelle Ross, Matthew Brady-Diaz, Xavier Hernandez. Absent: Eva Parker

## STUDENT AWARDS

# Student of the Week

Each week, students are presented with Student of the Week Awards at Assembly.

In Week A, we present Value awards and in Week B, general Student of the Week awards.

Our Term 1 Value in 2024 is 'Respect'.

Certificates are awarded to students who live the values in their day at School at Assembly each Monday at 3pm in the Community Centre.

## Congratulations!

Well done to the following students for receiving this week's Value Awards:

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|---------|-------------------------|
| F:      | <b>Sofia Fyfe</b>       |
| 1/2 CN: | <b>Nikita Nicholson</b> |
| 1/2 JP: | <b>Hamish Audley</b>    |
| 3/4 DR: | <b>Ronin Richards</b>   |
| 3/4 NM: | <b>Marley Lemi</b>      |
| 5/6 SF: | <b>Lucy Jones</b>       |
| 5/6 PA: | <b>Tyler Stacey</b>     |

## JOIN US

Parents are warmly invited to join us at Assembly each week as we present Awards to students.

**Assembly**  
**Each Monday, 3pm**  
 **In the Community Centre**  
*All welcome*



# STUDENT COMMUNITY

## Foundation Fun!

We warmly welcome our Foundation students to the Sacred Heart community!

The students have settled in beautifully! We have been busy learning our School routines with a focus on lining up and moving around the School safely.

We are learning that our School rules keep us and others safe.

We are enjoying our playground and making new friends. We also love spotting our Buddies in the playground and around the School - what a treat!



## Swimming Trials

Students made a splash as they tried out for the Regional Team at Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool today!





## NEED TO KNOW

### General *Motives*

#### School Fee Accounts

**School Fee and Levy Statements will be issued to all families shortly via email to both parents/debtors.**

Should you wish to pay fees via a regular payment (weekly, fortnightly, monthly), please complete the Direct Debit Authority (attached to the newsletter email) and return to the School Office as soon as possible.

#### Further information

✉ [office@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)

#### Bushfire At-Risk Register/Catastrophic Fire Danger Days

**All schools, kindergartens and licensed child care centres that have been identified as being high fire risk and on the Victorian Government's Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) will close on days declared Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.**

Sacred Heart Primary School is included on the BARR and therefore mandated to close on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days. Where possible, three (3) days' notice of a planned closure will be provided.

However, experience indicates that a Catastrophic Fire Danger Day may be forecast at short notice. Parents/guardians should expect that in some instances less than three days' notice may be provided.

Once the final decision to close is confirmed at 12noon the day prior, this decision will not change - regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help families plan for how their children will be cared for when the School is closed.

## Stay Up to date!

### Social Media

**Be sure to keep up with the daily fun at Sacred Heart by following along on our socials.**

Catch handy reminders, student and community news, impromptu stories and event information.

**Be sure to get involved by liking, commenting and sharing the love - it really helps!**

Facebook [@SacredHeartPrimarySchool3089](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartPrimarySchool3089)

Instagram [@sacred\\_heart\\_primary\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/sacred_heart_primary_school)

### Newsletter

**This new-look newsletter, *Sacred Heart News*, is the School's flagship publication and aims to be a one-stop-shop for all you need to know.**

We encourage parents to stay up-to-date with the latest news by reading the newsletter each week.

### Access online

➤ [www.shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)

Password: shdcnewsletter

### Community News

#### We love Community News!

If you have news, we'd love to share it! Please email your story and photos by 4pm each Wednesday.

✉ [newsletter@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au)

### WE LOVE FEEDBACK!

**If you have any comments or feedback for Sacred Heart Community Voice, we'd love to know and share it!**

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WIDER COMMUNITY NOTICES

## VillageOSHC

'The Network - Community Hub' is back with another edition.

- [The Network - Community Hub January 2024](#)

## Catholic Education Guide

The Feb 2024 edition of the Secondary Education Guide assists your decision-making for your child's education for 2025 and beyond.

- [Victoria School's Guide - Secondary Edition](#)



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

# Open Day

## Sunday 3 March



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**[whitefriars.vic.edu.au](http://whitefriars.vic.edu.au)**

For all your Real Estate needs contact Dan Deltondo 0419 899 853



# TRUE BREATH WELLNESS

## term 1 - 2024

12th Jan 2024

CATE FRAMPTON -  
YOGA, MEDITATION AND  
BREATHING COACH

### Dear FRIENDS of SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firstly, HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you have had a joyful festive season and are leaping into the new year with a spring in your step. If not you maybe ready for a new health routine to help you traverse life's challenges.

I am delighted to be teaching yoga again this year at SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL. I have taken over from Kerrie Wailles on a Monday evening in the Community room. Classes start back on Monday 29th Jan through to Monday 25th March.

Time: 7 pm to 8.30 pm

The term price is \$162 (\$18 / class). Or \$25 casual class attendance.

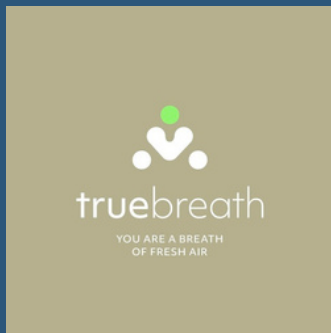
I teach an easy flowing yoga called DRU, suitable for all.

To book your spot in the class either text me or email me with the details in the side panel and I will give you the banking detail for a direct transfer. However, if you prefer to pay by cash, please bring it along to the first class of the term.

I also offer retreats and day workshops, health and well being programs at my studio and am offering a YOGA, SNORKELLING, SAILING adventure at the Whitsunday Islands at the end of August 2024.

Come and join the fun!

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City Council

# Twilight<sup>2024</sup> Sounds

LIVE MUSIC &  
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## SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

FE ATURING :

**5PM – 10PM**

Heidelberg Park Oval,  
Beverley Road

Banyule's premier **FREE** and **INCLUSIVE** music event. For more information and to view the full program, scan the QR code or visit:

[banyule.vic.gov.au/TwilightSounds](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/TwilightSounds)

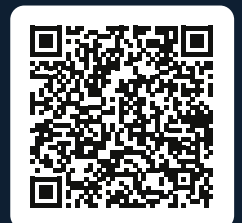
**Ash Grunwald**  
and band

**Plus** Bumpy, Fulton  
Street, Georgia Fields,  
Maya Vice, Riflebirds

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# PRESCHOOL

## DANCE



**Classes Resume from  
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**NEW STUDENTS receive  
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### PRESCHOOL CLASSES

3-4yrs Tues & Wed 9.30-10.15am  
Thurs 2.30-3.15pm  
Sat 9.00-10.00am  
18mths-2yrs Tues & Wed 10.15-  
10.45am

Dance & movement, singing,  
musical instruments & more

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