

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



Principal's Message

We are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support of our recent events with Kaboom, our classroom Open Morning, Eucharist commitment masses, Ride2School and the Working Bee.

It speaks to the School's core values of educating your child academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Your commitment to your child's education along with the dedication and expertise of our staff has been the driving force behind our collective success.

Our School is not just a building; it is a vibrant and thriving community because of parents like you who actively engage in your child's learning journey.

Your involvement in Learning Conversations and Program Support Group meetings, School events, and various initiatives, has fostered a positive and enriching environment for everyone.

Your dedication to fostering a culture of learning at home echoes in the achievements and growth we witness in each child.

It is truly inspiring to see the collaborative efforts of parents and educators shaping the future of our young minds.

As we continue this journey together, we want to express our appreciation for your continuous support. Your involvement is not just appreciated; it is integral to the success of our School.

Let us keep nurturing the spirit of collaboration, as it is through our combined efforts that we can provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of the Sacred Heart community.

Mrs Gina Murphy Principal Mrs Jacinta Dalton Deputy Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interschool Sport v Plenty Valley Friday 8 March ♥ Home

Emergency Evacuation Drill Friday 8 March Whole School Drill

Labour Day Holiday Monday 11 March No School

Indonesian Idol
Tuesday 12 March, from 9.10am

♦ In the Community Centre
For all parents to come along!

St Patrick's Day Friday 15 March Wear a touch of Green

AT A GLANCE

Ride 2 School For the month of March

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
10-17 March
'In the light of Christ'

NAPLAN 13-25 March Years 3 and 5 students

END OF TERM
Wednesday 27 March
Students dismissed at 1.30pm



Easter Celebrations at Sourced Heart!

We invite families to join us for our exciting Easter Bonnet Parade and Parents & Friends Easter Raffle Draw!

EASTER BONNET PARADE

- Students to dress in their finest home-made hats!
- A prize for every class!
- Pre-schoolers welcome!

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW

- Dozens of prizes to be won!
- Tickets coming home soon
- Donations of Easter Eggs can be delivered to the Office

Further Information

parentsassoc@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au



EASTER SPECIAL LUNCH - FRIDAY 22 MARCH

- Choice of pizza type plus a drink & treat!
- See the upcoming flyer for all the exciting details



HAVE YOUR SAY

Sacred Heart

Community Voice

DROP OFF HELP

I just wanted to say I appreciate all you do at dropoffs. While we're still 50/50 on some days, I feel we are getting there. I wanted to mention how the older **girls in Years 2, 4 and 5** have introduced themselves and talked to us and are always so helpful in the morning, too.

It goes to show what a great community the School is and how each of the students looks out for one another. It's a true testament to the staff and yourself, Gina.

Thankful Parent

COMPLIMENTS FROM MASS

I am so thankful to have witnessed your **1/2 students** at Wednesday's mass - I was overwhelmed by their enthusiasm with many hands going up to answer Father Steve's questions; I really felt it was my grace for the day! I've seen many other school's masses but your students - WOW!

Vince, Parishioner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish **Fr Steven Rigo** a very Happy Birthday for this coming Monday 11 March!

From the Sacred Heart community

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Katherine Romeo**, former staff member, and husband, Joshua, on the arrival of Hazel Paige born 29 February. Little sister to Bailey.





Get to know your Teachers!

We're excited to bring you information about our dedicated staff to allow the community to get to know a little more about the people working with you and your children!





Lottie and lacinta

L-R: Finn, Jevon, Nigel and Lottie and that beautiful beach!

Meet Mrs Dalton!

"Another year being part of this wonderful community comes with much enthusiasm, excitement and new learning for me.

I am **Jacinta Dalton, Deputy Principal, Learning & Teaching Leader** and one of the 5/6 Team, teaching three days a fortnight.

At home, I am a busy parent of three beautiful and lively children; Finn, 19, Jevon, 16, and Lottie,13. We live in leafy Eltham and enjoy any opportunity to be outdoors, walking, watching local sports or entertaining friends. In between sporting commitments, we love getting away visiting Gippsland and the Coast in that region.

I love baking - especially brownies, doing jigsaws, shopping and keeping up with world events as I love the opportunity to travel.

Nigel, my husband is a gardener and says, "Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life". Although all aspects of Education bring about hours of work it is definitely one of the many loves of my life.

I have a real passion for facilitating students with skills and strategies for being the best person they can be. I love motivating students to lead successful and fulfilling lives. Whether that includes learning multiplication facts or having enough confidence to share and justify an opinion, I love to observe and be part of the development of young children.

Working in a collaborative environment where students learn from each other, have a chance to share ideas and develop their thinking is an area I love to pursue.

This is the future direction we want for our students and I love having the opportunity to be part of this."

Mrs Jacinta Dalton
Deputy Principal | Learning & Teaching Leader

ASSESSMENT

Naplan Key Dates

NAPLAN, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, commences this week across schools in Australia.

Following on from previous NAPLAN information, the timetable below outlines the proposed schedule for testing here at Sacred Heart.

Wednesday 13 March

Writing - Years 3 & 5, 9am Reading - Years 3 & 5, 11.50am

Thursday 14 March

Language Conventions - Year 5, 9am

Friday 15 March

Language Conventions - Year 3, 9am

Monday 18 March

Numeracy (Maths) - Years 3 & 5, 9.10am

During these sessions, staff will provide support and guidance to students. This assistance may include clarifying instructions, offering emotional support, and ensuring a conducive testing environment.

The aim is to help students feel confident and focused during the assessment period, maximising their potential to demonstrate their skills accurately.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact me.

Yours in learning,

Mrs Jacinta Dalton Learning & Teaching Leader

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HEADPHONES REMINDER

It is important that all students bring headphones to School before the NAPLAN testing period.

Headphones are a 'What To Bring From Home' requisite item.



Classroom Learning Weeks 7, 8 \$ 9

Take a glance at what your child will be learning in the coming weeks - be sure to ask them about it!

FOUNDATION

- Religion: We continue to explore Lent, focusing on the Last Supper and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- English: Students work in reading groups to explore concepts of print, high-frequency words, and letter sounds. In writing, they focus on sentence structure and writing short sentences.
- Mathematics: Students learn about 2D shapes and their properties, as well as making, writing, and counting collections to 10.
- Inquiry: We explore community helpers and connections within our church community. In Week Eight, we have an incursion from the CFA to learn about their role.
- SEL: Students explore "Finding Friends & Supporting Each Other" through the Open Parachute Platform.

YEAR 1/2

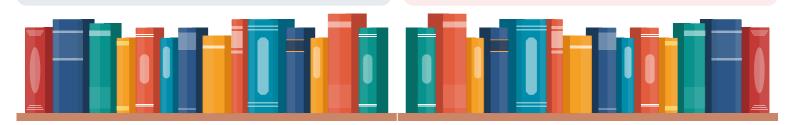
- Religion: In Week 7, we explore the story of St.
 Patrick and the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. In
 Weeks 8/9, students learn about Easter events
 leading to Jesus' death and resurrection.
- English: In reading, students complete grammar activities in small groups and guided reading with a teacher. In writing, they study narrative elements such as characters, setting, and plot.
- Mathematics: Year 1 students finish Number and Place value in Week 7 and start addition and subtraction strategies in Week 8. Year 2 students revise addition and subtraction strategies.
- Inquiry: We explore our local and Catholic communities.
- SEL: Students develop friendships and Positive Behaviours for Learning.

YEAR 3/4

- Religion: We further explore Lent and the days leading up to Easter and Jesus' resurrection.
- English: In reading, we find clues to answer literal comprehension questions. In writing, we focus on persuasive letters.
- Mathematics: Students explore 'am' and 'pm' notation and solve time problems using duration.
- Inquiry: Students explore local communities and the basic principles of democracy.
- SEL: We focus on a positive mindset in learning and strategies for dealing with negative thoughts.

YEAR 5/6

- Religion: Students focus on Project Compassion, connecting it to Community, Rules, Laws, Lenten Journey and Easter.
- English: Students continue persuasive reading and writing, closely linked with Inquiry work.
- Mathematics: Students explore Number, including the four operations and decimals.
- Inquiry: Students learn about Levels of Government and design their own community.
- SEL: We explore friendships using the Open Parachute program.



Sacred Heart's Indonesian Idol!



A reminder to join us as our students in Years 3 to 6 take part in Sacred Heart's Indonesian Idol!

Tuesday 12 March 9 In the Community Centre

- 9.10am-10am 5/6 PA
- 10am-10.50am 5/6 SF
- 11.50am-12.40pm 3/4 NM
- 12.40pm-1.30pm 3/4 DR

See you there!

Ms Olivia Modine Indonesian Specialist Teacher

TIPS FOR STUDENTS!

You can help your child practise at home using the craft they made in the classroom, using the lyric sheet they brought home last week, or by searching the song title on YouTube to make sure they are in tune whilst singing!





GET ACTIVE

March: Ride 2 School Month

And we're away and rolling as we take part in the Ride 2 School initiative!

Students are encouraged to ride their bikes or scooters or walk either the whole or part way to School, where possible.

Each Thursday in March, House Leaders are visiting each class to collect a tally of how each student made their way to School that morning. This data will be collected until the day of Ride 2 School Day on Friday 22 March.

The class with the most tally marks for riding/walking to School will receive a class set of tokens!

This initiative is designed to encourage increased physical activity in students and encourage a positive start to students' day.

Further Information

bicyclenetwork.com.au

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Join Leo, Year 3 and Ali of Foundation, and roll out for a fun and active month ahead!







Friday 8 March 2024

Women of Faith:

A Tribute on International Women's Day

As we join the global community in celebrating International Women's Day, Sacred Heart takes pride in acknowledging the strength and resilience of women throughout history.

This year's theme, *Inspire Inclusion* invites us to reflect on the remarkable women in the Bible who have left an indelible mark on our faith and the world.

One such exemplary figure is **Mary**, **the mother of Jesus**. Her unwavering faith and courage in accepting the divine calling to be the mother of our Saviour inspires us to embrace challenges with grace and devotion.

Mary Magdalene, another prominent figure, exemplifies resilience and loyalty as she stood by Jesus during his crucifixion and was the first witness to his resurrection.

Deborah, a judge and prophetess, showcased remarkable leadership skills in the Old Testament. Her wisdom and decisiveness serve as an enduring example for all, emphasising that women can be strong leaders and influencers.

Additionally, **Esther's** bravery in saving her people through her intervention with King Xerxes reminds us of the significant impact women can have on society.

On International Women's Day, let us draw inspiration from these strong biblical women and empower the young girls in our community to embrace their faith, cultivate resilience, and strive for greatness in all aspects of their lives.

Together, guided by our shared faith, we can create a world where every woman is celebrated and empowered to make a positive difference.

Mrs Claire Molina Religious Education Leader

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Eucharist Commitment

Mass

We were blessed for the Sacred Heart School and Parish community to come together on the weekend at our Eucharist Commitment Masses.

This special occasion marked an important step in the faith journey of our **Year 3 students** as they made their commitment at St Peter's Hurstbridge and Sacred Heart Diamond Creek in preparation for their upcoming sacrament of First Eucharist.

With hearts full of gratitude, we gathered in prayer and reflection, reaffirming our dedication to live out the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

We congratulate our students on their commitment and continue to support them as they come to embrace the Eucharist as a source of grace and guidance on their faith journey!





Our Year 3 students and families at the St Peter's Hurstbridge Commitment Mass



Thanks to our Loyola Volunteers!

We were blessed this week to have four past students, Matilda Kelly, Alex Martorella, Hannah O'Neill and Emilie Turner, return to Sacred Heart to complete their Loyola College Christian Community Service.

They provided much-appreciated support to the School Administration and Parents & Friends group and they were a big hit with our Year 1 students as they helped with reading time!

We thank these dedicated students and Loyola College for their invaluable contribution and service to the Sacred Heart community.



Our Year 1 students enjoy reading time with the wonderful Loyola volunteers

SACRED HEART PARISH



Fr Steve's Weekly Homily

EXPLORING CONNECTION

This week, we explore the concept of 'dwelling' in the Gospel of John, emphasising the presence of God in Jesus and the need for spiritual connection, compassion and inclusivity in our relationship with both God and others.

Read how embracing the beauty of those around us allows us to experience God's love in profound ways.

▶ Dive deeper into this transformative message by <u>clicking here</u> <u>for the full homily.</u>

Fr Steven Rigo Sacred Heart Parish Priest

THIS SUNDAY!

Children's Liturgy

Bringing the Good News to the younger members of our community, in a safe and age-appropriate environment

This Sunday, during 9am Mass
♥ Sacred Heart Diamond Creek
For children from Foundation to Year 3

IMPORTANT DATES

Eucharist Faith Might

At this Faith Formation session, you will gain a contemporary adult perspective on the Catholic faith and the Eucharist Sacrament, to understand your child's program and support them as they prepare to receive their First Eucharist this year.

Tuesday 12 March, 5.30pm ♥ St Thomas Church Greensborough Nth

Required of all parents of 2024 Eucharist Sacrament Candidates

On behalf of the Combined Parishes of Sacred Heart, St Thomas the Apostle and St Mary's.

Parish Connections

A social event to celebrate and further develop the relationships between Foundation parents and the Parish.

Thursday 21 March, time to be confirmed **♥ School Community Centre** *Tea*, *coffee*, *wine*, *beer and nibbles provided*

PARISH MASS TIMES

All Welcome!

♥ Sacred Heart Diamond Creek Wednesday, 9.15am Friday, 9.15am Sunday, 9am

♦ St Peter's HurstbridgeFirst Saturday of the Month, 7.15pm





First Aid comes to Sacred Heart!

This week, we welcomed the St John's Ambulance School Program to equip our students with essential first-aid knowledge and skills.

The program ran as a series of incursions across all year levels offering practical first aid training and emergency preparedness.

Students were hands-on in learning skills such as CPR and emergency response through:

- interactive activities
- · storytelling sessions; and
- action plan scenarios.

It was a great success with students highly-engaged and coming away with vital life-saving skills!

We're proud to empower our students with real-world skills and provide invaluable learning opportunities, fostering a culture of safety and preparedness within our School community.

A big thanks to St John's Ambulance for visiting and passing on these critical skills to our students!

Struggling to get your child to listen?

You're not alone.

Dr Justin Coulson, parenting expert and author, explores common challenges and offers practical solutions for improving communication with your child.

From simple strategies like keeping it simple and gentle reminders, to more advanced techniques like considering timing and capability, Dr Coulson shares valuable insights to help parents navigate this common parenting hurdle.

Click below to discover expert advice on fostering better communication and cooperation with your child.

www.happyfamilies.com.au

WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

Bringing friendship into

Loug



Beau, Year 3 and Poppy, Year 2

This week through our Open Parachute program, we have had a focus on friendship!

It can be tricky adjusting to new teachers and new friends in a new classroom and we have been practising the skill of including all of our friends.

When we have disagreements with our friends we are learning to notice our **fight**, **flight** and **freeze** responses.

It can be helpful to practise the skill of walking away and making a space to calm down, giving time to reflect on feelings and to value sharing feelings with peers.

Click on the link below for more information with helpful home hints, too!

▶ Open Parachute

Yours in wellbeing,

Ms Kerry Neilson Wellbeing Leader





Our P&F 'Chip King' and super-volunteer, David Topolcsanyi (George, Year 3)

A Kaboomin' Swess!

Kaboom was a huge success with Sacred Heart families socialising and having fun!

We hope all of you had a great time - it is an honour for P&F to host and provide these events for our amazing School community.

We sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped with the Kaboom activities and barbecue – it was a massive effort and we couldn't have done it without you all. It was absolutely fantastic to have many new families join us to volunteer, too.

A very special mention to our Tuckshop Manager, **Sarah Wallis**, for her mammoth effort getting all the food and the **Topolcsanyi Family – David, Sasha, Grace** and even mum, **Shirley** for the huge effort they put in, thank you.

Volunteering Families

Davidson	Lamb	Pearce	Stanic
Foster	McIlroy	Richards	Telfer
Fyfe	Molináro	Ridd	Topolcsanyi
Hense	O'Connor	Ross	Van Rooyen
Jones			,

Be sure to check out the Kaboom video on our Socials!

Megan Ioannidis President, Parents & Friends

NEXT P&F MEETING

Monday 6 May at 7.30pm

♦ In the Administration Building
All welcome!

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER



The Nardella Family plaque - Jack, Year 5; Beau Year 2

Leave Your Mark

Continues in 2024!

With our new School Playground just around the corner, we invite families to leave their mark and be part of this landmark project!

We invite you to mark your family's legacy with a personalised plaque to feature in the New Playground landscaping.

▶ Order via CDF here or download the form

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Our sincere thanks to Alfex Laser and the Buhagiar Family, Lily & Grace, Year 3, for the generous sponsorship of our plaques!

www.alfex.com.au





Judo: Stacey strikes back!

In another great achievement, Tyler Stacey, Year 5, returns with a third medal in the Junior Boys age group following the recent Judo Victoria Summer Competition.

Tyler also recently earned an Orange-Green-Black belt, passing his practical and knowledge grading test at Yarra Judo Club, which is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice.

Well done, Tyler!



WE LOVE STUDENT NEWS!

If you have a good news story or something to share, we'd love to know!

newsletter@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au



Our proud Week 5 'Value' Award recipients with their certificates



Our proud Week 5 Specialist Award recipients with their certificates

JOIN US AT ASSEMBLY

Parents are warmly invited to join us at Assembly each week as our Student Leaders speak and we present Awards to students.

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

STUDENT AWARDS





These Awards are proudly presented to recognise and celebrate students' exceptional qualities, achievements or contributions within the School community.

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

F **Annie Wigmore** 1/2 CN Alessia Culosi 1/2 JP **Poppy Parker** 3/4 DR **George Topolcsanyi Eloise Ross** 3/4 NM

Tom Bordignon 5/6 SF **Annabelle Ross** 5/6 PA

'Specialist of the Week' **Award recipients**

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

Grace Matulick Indonesian **Melanie Hoe** PF **Tomi Ray STEM**

Maxi Lascelles & Environmental **Benji Collins** Science

Jack Nardella & Performing **Alex Campbell** Arts

Hermione Ellis & Visual Arts **Eloise Ross**





General Notices

School Supervision Hours

Reminder: The School is not supervised before 8.30am

If you need care before this time, Village OSHC provides care from 7am.

https://villageoshc.com.au/

BookClub due Monday 18 March

The latest edition of Book Club is out now with rewards used by our library to purchase additional books and library resources.

scholastic.com.au/LOOP

parentsassoc@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

School Photos

Mark your calendar! School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 16 April in Week 1 of Term 2.

Capture your child's school moments by ordering photos in advance.

Order anytime from now at the QR link below or visit the website.

www.advancedlife.com.au



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

We are currently accepting 2025 enrolments

We encourage current families with children commencing in 2025 to complete and return enrolment forms as soon as possible.

office@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

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!

@SacredHeartPrimarySchool3089

@sacred_heart_primary_school

Newsletter

This 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

Password: shdcnewsletter



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

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March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11 WEEK 7 A	12	13	14	15	16	17
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - No School CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK	Eucharist Faith Night, 5.30pm St Thomas Greensborough North	NAPLAN Starts		Running Club, 8am Final for Term 1 ISS v Diamond Creek (away) St Patrick's Day		CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ends
18 WEEK 8 B	19	20	21	22	23	24
Assembly, 3pm Special Lunch Orders due	School Advisory Council, 7.30pm	HARMONY WEEK Until 26 March	Foundation Parish Connections Night	Ride2School Day ISS v Greenhills Easter Eggs due Special Lunch Day	Working Bee 10am-12pm	Palm Sunday
25 WEEK 9 A	26	27	28	29		
NAPLAN finishes Assembly, 3pm		Easter Bonnet Parade, 9.05am TERM 1 FINISHES 1.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff PL	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		

WIDER COMMUNITY NOTICES

Catholic Education Guide

The latest 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

Health Ability – Parent Support Seminars in 2024

Join groups that provide practical advice on nurturing positive family relationships, supporting your child's emotional and mental health, and building resilience.

https://healthability.org.au/services/parenting-well

Become a Teacher's Aide - Certificate III in School-Based Education Support

Embark on a flexible and rewarding career where you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of children with additional needs. This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes primary and secondary schools as well as schools for children with additional needs.

Our next course begins:

• 7 May in Rosanna (meets weekly alternating between online and face-to-face classes)

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OINTHE FUN!

Diamond Creek Mid-Week

Auskick Centre

Sacred Heart Primary School

Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

Contact: Jake Murphy jake.murphy@afl.com.au

Scan the QR Code to Register!





















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TRUE BREATH WELLNESS term 1 - 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 will run until Monday 25th March.

Monday Evenings

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

Come and join the fun!

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