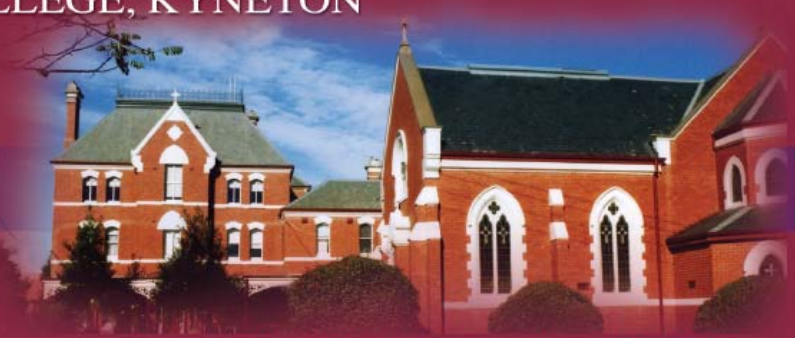


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NEWSLETTER 1

9 FEBRUARY, 2012



The Journey Begins

*As we step into this new year, Restore our spirits. Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom
And nurture our compassion for those in need of greater support.
Transform us as we seek to transform: Guide us as we seek to guide;
Open our minds and hearts as we seek to open minds and hearts
To the Good News of justice and peace. Help us listen more deeply to the world and to your Word,
So we can walk with those in our care,
Attentive to the Wisdom that Calls us all to the Kingdom of God. Amen*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Mr Craig Holmes

'Let in the Light' - A warm welcome to everyone as we commence the new school year, as we 'Let in the Light' our College theme for 2012. I welcome all our new students and families who have joined us at Sacred Heart this year.

The school year commenced with the induction of our new staff, followed with the planning days for our existing staff. As Principal I shared with staff my aspirations for the College as we move forward. My aspirations for the College centre on the students and their learning. We are first and foremost a place of learning, where quality teaching will be our professional pursuit. We are a Catholic school in the Mercy tradition which offers great strength to our educational endeavour. The College enjoys a rich history and a special place in the history of the Kyneton district. The College has built a solid reputation in the Macedon Ranges, which will be the foundation for improvements to come. I believe that good schools get in the way of great schools. We aim to be a great school for our students.

The most important part of our commencement has been the way in which our students have settled into the new school year, including our Year 7 students. I have had the opportunity to visit all students at their Year Level assemblies, providing a simple message: They are Sacred Heart, as they themselves create the reputation of this College via their behaviour, respectful relationships and strong work ethic which is on display to the wider community. Parents have a key role to play. All of these expectations must begin from the conversations, values and modeling we create in the home. The forthcoming Parent Information Evenings will provide an excellent opportunity for the commencement of the partnership between home and the College for the 2012 academic year.

Monday 13 February

- Year 9** - 7.00pm Parent Information Session (Theatre)
- 7.45pm Homeroom Teacher /Parent Gatherings (Upper Mercy)
- 8.15pm Refreshments in Upper Mercy
- Year 10** - 8.00pm Parent Information Session (Theatre)
- 8.45pm Homeroom Teacher/Parent Gatherings (Lower Mercy)
- 9.00pm Refreshments in Lower Mercy

IMPORTANT DATES 2012:

Term Dates:

- Term 1 Mon 6 February - Fri 30 March
Term 2 Mon 16 April - Fri 29 June
Term 3 Mon 16 July - Fri 21 September
Term 4 Mon 8 October - Fri 7 December

- Fri 10/2** - **Year 7 Students & Year 10 Peer Support to Kyneton Botanical Gardens**
- Mon 13/2** - **Year 9 & 10 Information Evening**
- Thur 16/2** - **2011 Academic Awards Assembly**
- **Debutante Ball Dance Training 4.00pm**
- Fri 17/2** - **College Swimming Carnival (Sunbury)**
- Tues 21/2** - **Years 7 & 8 Information Evening**
7.00pm to 9.00pm -
*Further details in next Newsletter
- Wed 22/2** - **Year 7/8 Summer Galway Gala Day**
- Thur 23/2** - **Beginning of Year Mass 9.30am**
- **College Photos from 11.00am**
- **Debutante Ball Dance Training 4.00pm**
- Fri 24/2** - **Student Verification Forms Due**
- Mon 27/2** - **Year 12 Student/Parent Goalsetting from 5.30pm to 6.30pm & 7.30pm to 8.30pm**
- **Year 12 Student/ Parent Information Session 6.30 to 7.30pm**
- **Year 11 Student/Parent Information Session 7.30pm to 8.30pm**
*Further details in next Newsletter

(Principal's Column Continued)

The College has had significant improvements undertaken to the facilities including air-conditioning in most classrooms, new carpets in the Mercy block, painting of the O'Neil block, new AV equipment, Netbooks in Year 8, establishment of a Textiles room in the Buckley wing, and the ongoing roll out of laptops and iPads to students in Years 9 and 11. The College will be completing our Building Master Plan in 2012 with the view to commence building new educational facilities in 2013.

I truly look forward to meeting all our parents at the upcoming events at the College.

We have welcomed a number of new staff: Ms Deanne Brogan, Ms Maxine McKee, Mr Takahiro Moritake, Mr Peter O'Rourke, Ms Karina Wheeler, Ms Sarah Gill and Mr Nigel MacLean. We also welcome back to the College: Mrs Jodie Wattie, Ms Sharon Hardham, and Mr Shane O'Sullivan.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT - Mr Brian Reed

Welcome to 2012 at Sacred Heart College, the year in which we are challenged to Let in the Light. I firmly believe that we (students, parents and staff) can do this through our adherence to the College Justice Policy. In particular, we are reminded that "This is my school community and what I do makes a difference. To make sure I support other members of this community, I include myself in who we are". (p 13 Student Planner)

It is great to have all the students filling the classrooms, corridors and grounds again. The place is alive again. May their energy and happiness continue to pervade our year together.

College Blazer - Remember that wearing the College blazer to and from school is optional for all students for the month of February, with the exception of the following days – Academic Awards General Assembly (16 Feb), Ash Wednesday (22 Feb) and Beginning of the Year Mass (23 Feb). Irrespective of weather, the maroon Jumper is not to be worn as the outer garment.

Girls' Dresses/Skirts – College Dresses and Skirts are to be worn knee-length (no shorter than 5cm above the knee). To eliminate any confusion, please refer to p 24 of the Student Planner for all College Uniform requirements.

Let us all work together to have a wonderful year.

Prayers Requested - Your prayers are requested for the following families who are mourning the loss of a loved one recently. The Ritchie family who are mourning Mrs Donna Weston, grandmother of Chloe 10A and Lachlan 8C. Also the Cashman Family who are mourning the loss of Mr Frank Nagle, grandfather of Patrick 10E and father-in-law of Eris, a past staff member. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this sad time.

CURRICULUM NEWS - Mrs Joanne Holmes, Senior Learning Programs Co-ordinator

Senior Curriculum News - Subject Changes for Units 1 and 3 (VCE and VET) - Any student wishing to make a subject change must see Mrs Holmes in O1 (Upper O'Neill) by Tuesday 14 February. Please collect a change of subject form from outside the SPO and fill this in before the request is considered. No changes for Semester One will be made after this date.

R.E. NEWS - Mrs Margaret Leahy, Director of Religion and Mission

On Wednesday 1 February, the whole staff of Sacred Heart College gathered in our beautiful chapel to celebrate the Eucharist with four of our five College Chaplains (Fr. Barry Caldwell was unable to attend). The staff celebration of the Eucharist celebrated the start of a year of work within a unique catholic community. The use of light, blessed oil and objects representing our areas of teaching, combined with the common symbols of bread and wine heightened our realisation that it is into the ordinariness of our daily work that God comes.



The part played by our chaplains in the life of our college can never be underestimated. The priests who enter into our college serve to enhance our place as an enriching and complete Church community. It is so good for our students to see the priests around the college. They come to understand the role of ministry and to realise that the chaplains are interested in them, especially when they see them within their local parishes as well. We welcome with gratitude our college chaplains, Fr Barry Caldwell, Fr Martin Fleming, Fr Tony Doran, Fr Gerry Spillane and Fr George O'Connor. We also invite all parents and friends of the college to join us in the celebration of our opening of the school year Mass on Thursday 23 February at 9.30am.

MERCY@WORK - The Mercy@Work program is underway again this year. Mercy@Work seeks to unite a number of student centred extra curricular activities within the college. I urge students and parents to think carefully about joining one of the three groups which are open to volunteers; Celebrating Diversity, Sacred Earth and Justice and Service. Over the coming weeks we will publish details about the work of each of these three groups as well as the Peer Support and SRC groups. Meetings are held at lunch times and each committee has a number of events for which they are responsible and for which they offer up time and talents across the year. Stay tuned!

Religious Education Text books - All students of the College must have a copy of the NRSV Youth Bible. Students from Years 7 – 10 must also have a copy of the text as directed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, "To Know Worship and Love." Please contact the college if you have any concerns about the purchase of these texts.

MUSIC NOTES 🎵 - Mr Terry Carrick

Welcome to a very musical 2012! Our Music Department is off to a flying start and the term's just begun. Firstly, I'd like to welcome all new students to Sacred Heart and offer my encouragement to all to step out of comfort zones and try learning a musical instrument!

We welcome two new staff member to the Department: Ms Sarah Gill who will teach woodwind and Mr Nigel MacLean who will teach strings. Mr MacLean will be interstate directing a theatre show that

he has written and will be covered by Ms Emma Wade until the end of February. We farewell Miss Nancy Hosking who will be teaching at Assumption College.

As Music lessons have begun again, I urge students to return their Instrumental Enrolment forms ASAP in order to start/recommence lessons.

Congratulations are in order for Rebekah Vandenberg, Stephanie Cope, Ainslie Kemp, Ella Banfield, Jayde Turner and Bailey Murphy who performed wonderfully in AMEB piano exams late last year.

LIBRARY NEWS - Mrs Peita Rocard & Mrs Bronwyn Burke



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

It's here, the National Year of Reading, 2012. Welcome to our Year 7 students, and to new students in other Year Levels. Year 7 classes have commenced their orientation sessions in the library and these will continue into next week. Classes have commenced wide reading sessions. Over the next fortnight all Year 7 and 8 classes will be introduced to the new programs. This year the wide reading program will have a range of activities linked to reading. Another new and important aspect of wide reading this year, particularly at Year 7 and 8, will be the maintenance of a reading log. Students will be required to record in their Planner the time they read daily and have it signed off at the end of the week at home. It will provide them with an added purpose for reading and support their learning through persistence and application to reading. Please support your children by encouraging them to read regularly and to record their reading times.

COLLEGE NEWS

Newsletter Supplements - Together with today's Newsletter you will be receiving various documents:

- **College Family Planner**
- **College Swimming Carnival Transport Letter (Green)**
- **Tuckshop Menu and ordering procedures (Pink)**
- **Galway Sports News - Coaching Invitation (White)**

A Message from our College Captains 2012



Hi Everyone, welcome back!
We're in for a big year this year so.... Dig Deep, find motivation and find time to 'smell the roses'.
Call upon us at anytime.
Regards your captains.



Term Fees - Tim Walsh, Business Manager - School Fees for Term 1 are payable by Friday 10 February unless an alternative arrangement is in place. All fee payment arrangements must be renewed annually. Please contact the Business Manager or Accounts Office to discuss a payment arrangement for 2012. **The Accounts Office phone numbers are: 54211247 or 54211239.**

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA 2012) - Mrs Melinda Plumb - The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012) and Term 3 (18 July 2012). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$470.00 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

If you have any queries regarding EMA or to get an application form please contact me in the Accounts Office.

2012 School Bus / Conveyance arrangements - Mr Tim Walsh, Business Manager - As per previous advice, some new students are not eligible for the Conveyance Allowance in 2012, particularly those from the Gisborne/Macedon area. The guidelines covering conveyance are set by the Victorian State Government and not the College. Recent changes are the result of several factors, including Salesian College (which is closer to where some students live) having vacancies, and also a tightening of the administration of Conveyance Allowance guidelines, even though the guidelines themselves have not changed. New students whose closest Catholic school is Sacred Heart College, are not affected and are eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Similarly, students in higher Year Levels who have been deemed eligible in prior years, will still receive the Conveyance Allowance.

We understand that those families needing to pay for transport have an additional financial burden. Whilst this fee is directly payable to the bus company, and therefore beyond our scope for financial arrangements, the College remains open to any family in financial hardship for whatever reason. We ask that families contact Mrs Melinda Plumb in our Accounts Office with particular bus queries, or the College Business Manager, Mr Tim Walsh for general matters involving financial circumstances. Parents can access the Guidelines covering Conveyance at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm>

Year 10 Parent Information Evening - Mrs Tamara Grey-Noble - The Year 10 Parent Information Evening will begin in the Theatre at 8.00pm. This session will go for approximately 45 minutes, after which supper will be served until 9.15. I look forward to seeing you there.

Digital Technologies - Ms Peita Rocard - Year 9 Pilot iPad Program - All students have now been issued with their college iPad and are carrying them around in a wide variety of different covers. The students have been very proactive in setting up their iPads at home and are now starting to use them in several classes. Students from Years 9 and 11 were very responsive to the special session we ran on Monday morning. In collaboration with Annie Rowland, Youth Development Officer at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the students were encouraged to consider some "ethical dilemmas" which may arise in the use of new technology and online activities. Student representatives in our panel session were Alannah Preston of Year 9 and Hayden Peel from Year 11, they joined teacher representatives Mr Dave DeGrandi, Mrs Marilyn Hoysted, and Mr Sacha Chambers. We will be running a further information session for Year 9s this Friday to show them how to set up email and printing access.



Year 11 Laptops - Parents of students who have been issued with a new laptop for 2012 must ensure that a zip case is provided to protect the laptop. Some additional cases have been ordered by the College and will be sold to students if they do not have one of their own by Monday 13th February.

*House Swimming Carnival
Friday 17 February
Mr Adam Johnstone,
Sports Coordinator*



**JOSEPH AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT**

Drama News - Ms Annie O'Shannessy

It is with great pleasure to announce that the musical for this year is Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. This production is open to students from Year 8 – 12, and for this show I will be looking for lots of boys and girls. We need break dancers, hip hop, cart wheelers, jugglers and anyone who would like to come on board and get involved. You don't have to be strong singers or actors but willing to have a go. This will be a very colourful and exciting show with many types of music from rock and roll to ballad and lots of chorus work. Think about getting involved and then just do it!! Stay tuned for notices in Newsday to come along and see the DVD and learn some songs. Audition date will be announced soon.

Newsletter By Email ! - Mrs Debbie Scarlett - As the College is trying to reduce our paper usage, if you would like to receive your weekly Newsletter by email instead of hard copy, please email me your details and I will add you to the weekly send out list. Please email: newsletter@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au Please be sure to give me **your name and your student's name** as well as your email address. Otherwise the youngest student in your family will receive the Newsletter on a Thursday afternoon.

Student Communication - Absence Line - If your student is absent from the College on any given day, please call the **Absence Line** on **54211223** (Years 7-10) and **Senior Programs Office** on **54211242** (Years 11-12) and record their absence. You can access this phone line anytime during the day or night; so a call the night before can be made if you know your student will be away. Reminder to all parents of students in Years 11 and 12, you can call directly to the SPO with all your queries or to record a student absence.

Late Passes - Could all parents note that if your student is late for school they need to come to the Main Office or Senior Programs Office for a late pass. The roll can then be correctly marked and the office staff will not call you.

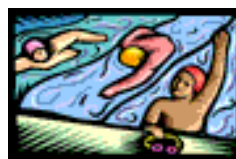
Family and Student Data Verification Forms - These forms will be sent home within the next week. Please read this important information and make any required amendments. It is imperative that your families' details are current. Attached will be the Student Asthma Management Update Forms. Could you get these forms back as a matter of urgency.

SERVICE SCHEME - Mrs Danielle Bottams

Tuckshop roster commencing Monday February 2012

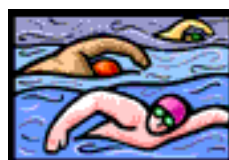
13/2	Mary Dodgshun	Kellie Edwardes	Sharon Connell
14/2	Karen Hardy	Sue Bruton	Livia Bourke
15/2	Liz McVeigh	Bec Hall	Adrian Cope
16/2	Narelle Agnew	Carron Budworth	Rachel Douglas
17/2	Swimming Carnival		

Photocopying Duty for Thursday 16 February is Anne Moody.



We are looking forward to our annual House Swimming Carnival at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre. Such events at the College provide wonderful opportunities for your child to learn more about themselves.

Whether they are talented swimmers or not is not important but their willingness to 'have a go' and get involved in some way is. There are a variety of formal and novelty swimming events on the program and participation earns points. Each child is a House and the House Captains have been enthusiastic about promoting a spirit of unity and 'all for one and one for all'. We seek your support in encouraging your child to get involved. Whilst some will thrive on the competitive element, there is something for everyone! We encourage you not to give your child an 'out'.



Students will travel to the pool via buses (all per the details on the letter to be sent home by Mr Reed). On arrival at the pool students are requested to immediately report to their Homeroom Teacher in order to have their name marked off the roll. We

ask for your support in reminding your child of this procedure. If they fail to complete this process they will be marked as absent and College Office staff will make phone calls home to parents, perhaps unnecessarily.

We are optimistic that the sun will be shining and the pool glistening, therefore, students are strongly encouraged to take five steps to protect themselves against sun damage. They are as follows:



Clothing Sunscreen Hat Shade Sunglasses

Full PE uniform is to be worn BUT this year, students can purchase a **House Polo from the Uniform Shop for \$20**. Leaders and staff have been wearing these around the school to promote them, and they look great, so it would be wonderful to see as many students in them as possible. Year 12 students are invited to don 'fancy dress' in their House colours once they arrive at the pool but must not wear it in the pool. **At the request of Pool Management, the use of zinc is to be limited and applied to the face only.** The Justice and Service Group will provide a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for charity. In terms of swimming costumes, students must wear modest and practical swim wear.

As the new Sports Coordinator at the College I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our sporting events – you are a wonderful way of bringing the community together and an example of parents and teachers working together on a valuable aspect of your child's education.