Welcome to Sacred Heart!
We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready to start the new school year. It is an exciting time and we look forward to working together throughout the year. There are lots of wonderful learning experiences planned for our gorgeous Prep children.

**RELIGION**

Our Religious Education Units for this term include:

**Praying to Jesus the Good Shepherd**
In this unit students learn about prayer as talking to and listening to God. They are introduced to the prayer space and the objects and symbols that make up this space. They learn some of the behaviours and actions of prayer, including making the Sign of the Cross. In this unit students are also introduced to the image of Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd.

**Following Jesus-Loving and Serving/Lent**
In this unit students begin to learn about Lent and Holy Week. They are introduced to the stories of the Lost Sheep, the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper.

**MASSES**

| BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS | 17th February 2013 at 9:00am |

**LITERACY**

Each week we will focus on one letter of the alphabet, learning the name, the sound it makes and associated words. Additional activities will enrich children’s knowledge and challenge them further. We will introduce high frequency words each week within the context of what we are reading. We will explore the process of writing through recording personal experiences, developing fine motor skills, correct pencil grip and letter formations. The Literacy program, involving parent helpers, will begin for Prep in Term 2. Although we will not send readers home until term two, we encourage you to read with your child each night to set positive routines and nurture a love of reading.

**Show and Share**

Oral language is a major focus in Prep, therefore we encourage children to share news and items from home. Each child will have an assigned day for Show and Share. We suggest you prepare your children for this time by helping them to choose one item to show, practise sharing three things about this item at home and discuss possible questions peers might ask. This will make for a more enjoyable experience for your child.

**Show and Share time table:**

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Please note: Show and Share will start week 5
**MATHEMATICS**
In mathematics this term we will be focusing on Number.
**We will:**
* Model, count, compare and order collections up to 10.
* Recognise and write numerals up to 10.
* Count orally forwards and backwards between 0 and 20.
* Look at basic 2D shapes such as triangles, squares, circles and diamonds.
* Compare lengths. (e.g. longer, shorter, wider.)
**IDEAS to help your child at home:**
* Counting practice (0–20)
* Looking at dates on a calendar.
* Learning to say the days of the week and the months of the year.
* Different seasons of the year.

**INQUIRY UNIT**
*Me, My Family and My Community* (History)
We will be basing our inquiring on the following questions:
* What are the names of my new classmates, the people in my family, some people in my school?
* What is my role/place in my family and my school community?
* What can I do to get to know the people in my school?
* How can I care for others?
* How can we deal with conflict?

**BRAIN FOOD/FRUIT SNACK**
Children are reminded to bring a water bottle to school. This is extremely important especially as the weather will continue to be warm this term. We have also introduced ‘brain food. Each child is asked to bring fruits or vegetables to school every day ready to eat at 10:00am. Children cannot manage to eat a whole apple/orange in the short time so please cut these into quarters.
Please remember that at Sacred Heart we have a "non-sharing of food" policy. Also we ask that you do not send to school any nut-based products such as Peanut Butter, Nutella, Snickers, etc.
### SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

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### PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

This is a chance for us to get to know each other and for you to tell us anything you think we need to know about your child e.g. allergies, special needs/interests etc. It is too early for us to talk about your child’s progress so far. We are available for these meetings on Tuesday 12th February from 1:30 – 7:30 and Wednesday 13th February 3:45—6:30.

### ART SMOCKS

All children will need a named art smock to protect their clothing during Art activities. Please send this in as soon as possible if you haven’t already.

### POUCH

Each night all children will take home a pouch. Please look inside this each night for items such as: notices, phonics song book and eventually readers. The pouch is to be returned each day in your child’s school bag.

### PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

To encourage the children to be independent, as of next week (Monday 13th) you may drop your child off at their line and pick them up from their teacher at the end of the day from just outside the foyer (near the small playground). In the mornings, children are supervised in the playground from 8:30—8:45. They need to wait until the bell goes before entering the classroom.
OPENING SCHOOL MASS
The Opening School Mass will be held on Sunday February 17th at 9am.
All Prep children, new children and teachers new to the school will be presented at this Mass. We will be meeting in the Church Foyer area at 8:45am, please be prompt so your child can enjoy the experience and not feel flustered. The Children will process down the aisle with Father Michael. Parents will be asked to collect their children from the front of the church so that you can enjoy the mass together.

SHROVE TUESDAY
We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist the Preps with making (and eating) pancakes on Shrove Tuesday from 9:00am (12th February).
If you are interested please let us know by Thursday 7th February.

Please note: A list of dates outlining when Prep children are to attend school is displayed on our foyer door downstairs.

STATIONERY
Thank you to all those parents who have brought to school everything on the book List. It is very important that all items are returned to school ASAP. Particularly items like...
* Art Smock
* Reader Pouch—Bought from Bob Stewart’s
* Wet day activity book
* Handwriting book
If you are unsure about any items on the book list or whether or not you have bought the correct items please feel free to come and see us. If items are on back order please send them in as they arrive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to make a time to come in and see us. We look forward to a happy and rewarding year working with you and your child.

Kind regards,
Courtney Drough and Megan Wirth