Welcome back for the last term of 2014! We are looking forward to yet another productive and fun filled term.

**Religious Education**
The R.E topics for Year 5, Term 4 are:
~ Being the People of God
~ Waiting for the Messiah
~ The People of God in Australia – this will be taught by Mr Hollamby

The R.E topics for Year 6, Term 4 are:
~ The Mass: Sacrifice and Meal
~ Be Compassionate, Choose Justice!
~ Wait for the Saviour – He Will Come!

**Inquiry Unit**
Our main Inquiry Unit for this term will be based on the Economics domain. Students will be producing goods, marketing and managing their stall at a Christmas Fair which will be held on Wednesday 10th December. The money raised will support our social justice program.

**Literacy**
Year 5
During term 4 we will revisit the writing planning process through explicit teaching along with continued focus on editing and revising skills. These will be explored through the procedural genre.

In reading, comprehension will be a specific focus with a particular emphasis on inferential and evaluative skills. The children will use Literature Circles again to delve deeper into a story using their thinking skills.

Year 6
The focus will be the analysis of the book *Blueback* by Tim Winton. This book will be the basis of all reading and writing activities throughout the term. The children will also be writing their Prep to Year 6 memories.

Both classes will continue to focus on spelling, grammar and language conventions throughout the term.

**Numeracy**
Year 5 will be covering the following areas throughout numeracy this term:
~ Measurement and Geometry – Mr Hollamby
~ Graphing and Probability
~ Number – exploring patterns and ordering decimals and fractions, simple budgeting

Year 6 will be covering the following areas throughout numeracy this term:
~ Revisiting or extension of number skills
~ Angles
~ Timetabling
~ Problem solving

**Leadership**
Towards the end of term Year Fives will discuss student leadership positions for 2015. The requirements, expectations and selection process for such positions will be outlined towards the end of term.
Year Sixes will be compiling a memory book of their time at Sacred Heart and preparing for their Graduation evening.

**Homework**
Year Six students will be recording all homework tasks in their school diary in readiness for Secondary school. We ask for your support in helping your child manage their time effectively to complete all tasks within this new format.
Year Five will continue with the homework format as it has been during term three.
Reading is still an expectation each night, for a minimum of twenty minutes and the students have a reading log to complete in their homework book.

Dance Fever
Dance Fever is back for 2014!! Students will be taking part in dance classes every Thursday afternoon. We will let you know as soon as possible when the final performance date is set.

**End of Year Testing**
During the middle of this term the students will undergo post-testing in the areas of Mathematics and English. The results are then reviewed and compared with their pre-test scores undertaken in February 2014.

**Dates for the Diary**

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Thanking you,
Sarah Duffy & Sara Borghesi