From the Principal

Jesus, you place on my forehead
the sign to
"Remember you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

How not hear her wise advice?
One day my life on earth will end;
the limits on my years are set,
though I know not the day or hour.
Shall I be ready to go to meet you?
Let this holy season be a time of grace
for me and all this world.

"Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart."
O Jesus, you place on my forehead
the sign of your saving Cross:
"Turn from sin and be faithful
to the gospel."

How can I turn from sin
unless I turn to you?

You speak, you raise your hand,
you touch my mind and call my name,
"Turn to the Lord your God again."

These days of your favour
leave a blessing as you pass
on me and all your people.
Turn to us, Lord God,
and we shall turn to you.
Week 5
As we begin Lent, Pope Francis encourages us with something to think about:

God’s world is a world in which everyone feels responsible for the other, for the good of the other....[i]n reflection, fasting, and prayer, each of us deep down should ask ourselves, Is this really the world I desire? Is this really the world we all carry in our hearts? Is the world that we want really a world of harmony and peace, in ourselves, in our relations with others, in families, in cities, in and between nations? And does not true freedom mean choosing ways in this world that lead to the good of all and are guided by love?

But then we wonder, is this the world in which we are living? Creation retains its beauty, which fills us with awe, and it remains a good work. But there are also “violence, division, disagreement, war.” These occur when man, the summit of creation, stops contemplating beauty and goodness, and withdraws into his own selfishness.

— Excerpted from Embracing the Way of Jesus by Pope Francis

“If it is true that we are here to help others, what are the others here for?” Author unknown. It is quite possible that this very question, in times of desperation, might enter the heads of parents as they gaze upon their children. It is likewise possible, that after years and years of repeating questions such as, “Are you out of bed yet?” “Have you started your homework yet?” “Have you tidied your bedroom yet?” you might decide to adopt the motto, “Aim low. Reach your goals. Avoid disappointment.” But no! You would never settle for mediocrity, for these sometimes undesirable traits in your children, the nation’s next generation: you will do nothing short of nurturing them to be the best human beings they can possibly be.

So how will we do this? By taking the lead and acting from strong positive convictions; leadership is a major function of our parenting and teaching role. We can never provide leadership if we are always reactive and constantly responding to crises. When we simply react, it indicates that our children have taken the lead and we are following; we are following children who have little life experience, little wisdom and only a blurred vision of where they are going.

Whatever we want our children to be, we have to demonstrate it to them and be successful models for them, so they can see the benefits of what it is we are leading them to be.

I am currently away with Catholic Leaders discussing strategies for improving Catholic Education. Our goal is to provide “the best education, for every child, in every classroom!” Whilst it is always difficult to be away from my main focus, the school and our students, staff and community, it is great to be able to spend time thinking and discussing how we can make our school and system the best it can be. Hopefully the days will continue to be productive. I also have a workshop to attend in Canberra on Monday and will be back at school on Tuesday next week.

I wish all involved with running activities for the fete next week as final preparations take place. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have committed to helping to run this excellent community building event, which also serves as a significant fundraiser. We hope to see as many of our school community, your friends and family next Friday (10 March).

Mass on Saturday 4 March
Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) will be responsible for the ministries at Mass on Saturday 4 March. We encourage all students (whether they are baptised Catholic or not) to join in this special Mass and represent the school with pride. A note has been sent home and we ask that you return the bottom section if your child is able to attend so we know how many to expect and to distribute the jobs necessary. Please encourage your child to participate. It is a wonderful community celebration. Mass commences at 6pm and students need to meet about 10 minutes beforehand to ensure they are ready.

GRIP Leadership
Our Year 10 leaders will be travelling to Canberra on Monday 6 March to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW.

The goal is that student leaders would leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.
The Core Values (which make up the acronym for GRIP Leadership) are:

**GENEROSITY**
Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

**RESPONSIBILITY**
We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

**INTEGRITY**
A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

**PEOPLE**
Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.

We wish all our students attending a great day and hope that they come back inspired with ideas for our school.

*With blessings,*

*Mrs Janet Cartwright*
*Principal*

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### School Calendar – 2 weeks ahead

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|           | All day | Junior Soccer Coaching Clinic (Mitchell Park) |
|           | 1:30pm – 3:00pm | |
| Tue 14 Mar | All day | Site Meeting |
|           | 11:00am – 12:20pm | |
| Wed 15 Mar | All day | Y: 1 Reflection Day |
|           | All day | S1N Class Mass 10.30am |
| Fri 17 Mar | All day | National Day of Action Against Bullying |
|           | All day | K-4 Writing Celebration |
|           | 11:00am – 12:00pm | |
|           | 11:45am – 12:15pm | |
|           | 6:00pm – 9:00pm | |
| Sat 18 Mar | All day | First Eucharist Preparation 1 - 4.45pm |

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### Class Awards Primary Term 1 Week 5

1C  Austin Hall
    Sarah Lake

1M  Frederik Bell
    Joshua Ismay

1D  Holle Johnson
    Liam Drum

1N  Lucy Shields
    Matilda Campbell
    Henry Fry

2GH Lillian McGuinness

2N  Thomas Peacey
    Sarah Harris
    Evie Leahy

2W  Joshua Harris
    Charlotte Campbell

3B  Macey Leahy
    Jed Guthrie

3M  Xanthe Tozer
    Jake Williams

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*Congratulations*
Faith Matters

1. Sr Angela Jordan & Sr Francis Fitzpatrick: Mercy Works representatives visited Sacred Heart on Friday 24th February. They gave students an update on the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, how that connects to Mercy Works, what the organisation does and who they help. Sr Angela and Sr Francis have commented “that our school is recognised as exemplary for its generous outreach through our fundraising for Mercy Works.” They extended commendations to the students and staff for their wonderful support of those who are much less fortunate than us. Both have been teachers and held executive positions at Sacred Heart in the past and were very happy to revisit. They were appreciative of the warm and generous spirit in the students and staff, and were particularly impressed by the “fantastic students” who assisted in setting up and giving thanks.
2. Rice Day:

Thank you to Year 10 and Mrs Aileen Maher for cooking 13kg of rice on Wednesday for our Rice Day lunch. We were able to raise $444.60 which will go to Mercy Works. The Student Leadership Team will be responsible for choosing the Mercy Works project to which our funds will go.

3. Lent Begins – Thank you Yr 10 and Stage 2:

Year 10 led the school community in a beautiful Burning Branches liturgy on Tuesday. The palms from Palm Sunday last year were burnt to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday Stage 2, Miss Norrie, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Van Kerk Oerle and Mrs Gay, lead us in the Ash Wednesday Mass. The ashes were blessed and marked on our foreheads in a cross which represents our willingness to examine our lives, in the light of Jesus’ teaching, passion and death. Fr Joshy asked everyone to renew their faith through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, just as Jesus would do.
4. Indigenous Stations of the Cross Project:

Thank you to Sally Puckeridge who visited last week to work with our students on creating 14 Indigenous Stations of the Cross and to Aileen Maher and Peter Beath who assisted. There was a very positive atmosphere in St Columbus Hall as our students were given the opportunity to develop an understanding of and respect for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages through participation in this project.

Sally spent time reading stories that connected Jesus’ journey and Aboriginal Spirituality. The stations imagery strongly reflects Jesus in a simplified form with his crown of thorns; the Sacred Heart and aura circling his head; the Rainbow Serpent flowing through all the Stations as he is creator of the land; our life journey along the top of each station; the circles representing ourselves and smaller circles (campsites) that represent the community and lastly the gum leaves which represent our Australian Identity. The Indigenous artwork displayed on the Welcome totem pole, designed by Peter Beath was stunning. This will be our first totem and will sit out the front of our school administration building.

Over the last month, all the staff and students have been decorating a totem pole, representative of each class or year group, which will be placed around the school site and upon which the stations will be hung. They are symbolic of the community’s involvement and the inclusion of each student in the project. They will serve as a constant reminder of our local indigenous history and culture.

A special commissioning ceremony will take place on Friday 24th March.

5. Stage 4 Weekend Mass Saturday 4th March 6pm:

On Saturday night our Stage 4 students will be responsible for the ministries at the 6pm mass. All families are most welcome to come but we would particularly like our Stage 4 students to attend.
Win $200 in the hand just by spending time with your family and supporting your local school and community.

Cost to enter $10 (some minor additional costs may apply in the process of completing challenges).

Pay your entry and receive your list from the 3rd of March, at the office at Sacred Heart Central School. Hunt Lists 1 (20 items) will be released 7 days prior to the Sacred Heart School Fete.

To complete your hunt and win the prize attend the Fete on the 10th of March to present your items and receive the final 5 items on the list.
$444.60 was raised on Wednesday for the Mercy Works Rice Day.

School Photo envelopes will be sent home today along with Student Information checklist, Student Medical Condition Checklist and General Consent for Excursions and Medical History forms which must be completed for all students and ASAP.

Thank you
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Thank you
Pam Gehrig
Sacred Heart Central School Librarian
From the Sport’s Desk

Congratulations to the Jed Guthrie on being selected in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocesan Cricket team to compete at MacKillop Trials later in the year.

Well done to all the students who competed at Archdiocesan Swimming trials this week. Congratulations to Evie Leahy (Primary) and Lachlan Sedgwick (Secondary) on qualifying to compete at MacKillop and CCC swimming trials later in the term.

Students wishing to do Primary Winter Archdiocesan sports trials must complete the forms sent home last week by Monday week 6.

Secondary students who have been given nomination forms for Secondary touch trials please hold off on nominating online. The CE has decided to do a paper nomination for this level. It will be sent home tomorrow.

Primary Dates:

School Triathlon - 2/3/17 Cootamundra
Winter Sports Trials - 27/3/17 Queanbeyan
Sacred Heart Cross Country - 31/3/17 Cootamundra

Secondary Dates:

School Triathlon - 3/3/17 Cootamundra
7-9 Tag League - 7/3/17 Young
Sacred Heart Cross Country - 31/3/17 Cootamundra

Permission notes that are sent home for sporting events have a return date stated on them. This date helps the organiser arrange the correct number of teams and travel arrangements. Please ensure permission slips and payment are returned by this date or your child may miss out on the event.

Parents who offer to transport any students or manage teams must obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) from the RTA. It is free and you need it to do volunteer work for the school. Instructions on how to obtain your WWCC can be picked up from the front office. Once you have received your certificate please leave a copy at the front office with your date of birth.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Some CCC Individual sport nominations will be completed on line. Parents interested in nominating their child for particular sports need to visit the website to nominate their child. www.csss.nsw.edu.au
Canteen News

Also we have a few places available on the canteen roster if you can spare an hour or two. Please contact Kylie during school hours on 6942612. Your time is much appreciated.

P & F News

I would like to thank Tracy Burgess and Emma Damirchi for their time in clearing out old stock, dusting and vacuuming the Clothing Pool room. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

We will be having a stall at the Fete, Friday 10 March for families to purchase uniforms.

Thanks again ladies.

Mel Finnigan
P & F President

P & F Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29th March 2017
@ 5.30pm in the school library
All Welcome to attend
Sacred Heart Fete

From 10th March

CAKES & LOLLIES

COFFEE

Fun Activities

FACE PAINTING & FAIRY FLOSS

Jumping Castle

BBQ & FOOD STALLS

Lots of Stalls

Chocolate Wheel With fantastic prizes

All these and more at the Secondary School Cola
Other Events

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
PHILIPPINES
Am I being unfair to you?

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017
Time 7:00 pm
Place Scofts Pres. Church
Speaker

Everyone Welcome
COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

Registration and BBQ

Friday 3rd March
4.30 – 7pm
Country Club Oval

$75 per player
Under 7’s – Under 16’s

VIVA 7’s
Girls teams Under 10’s, Under 13’s and Under 16’s
$60 per player

All registered players are entitled to free entry into Brumbies home games
New players to please bring their birth certificate and they will also receive shorts, socks and a sports bag.

For more information please contact Alice Crawford ph: 0418 286 757
REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 4 March
9 – 12 noon
Front of Rudd’s Sportspower, Parker Street

REGISTRATION COSTS - $70 per player

Please Note: Registrations close Friday 7 April. Registrations will not be accepted after this date.

Players must be turning 5 to 16 in 2017 to register.

All enquiries to cootajuniorsoccer@gmail.com