



Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

30 January 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school for 2018. We hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break and that everyone is looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences. The focus for 2018 is based on The Learning Challenge and building strategies to work through problem solving and inquiry based tasks.

The information below provides an overview for all primary classes for 2018.

Communication Diary & Reading Log

Students in K to 4 are required to have their Communication Diary at school each day. The diary will be sent home each fortnight on a Monday. Please write any comments you would like to inform the teacher/s about through the diary if required, or send the teacher an email. Students in Stage 3 will use google classroom on their iPads.

It is imperative that all students continue to read each night to consolidate and improve their reading skills. Students in ES1 to Year 2 will use a home reading log to track their nights of reading. Students in Stage 2 will use their Communication Diary to track their reading nights and the Stage 3 students will email their class teacher/s once they reach 25 nights.

Parent helpers are invited into the classroom. If you would like to be involved in the classroom, a letter will be sent home early in Term 1 to indicate your availability. Your support is greatly appreciated by all teaching staff.

Sports Uniform & Library Days

		Sports Uniform	Library
ES1M	1 Mudyi	Monday & Friday	Tuesday
1GH	1 Girragirra Heart	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
1M	1 Miima	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday
2N	2 Niyambaa	Monday & Thursday	Thursday
2C	2 Cootamundry	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday
3W	3 Wayarang	Monday & Thursday	Wednesday
3M	3 Maliyan	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday

Homework

Homework will begin in week 3 of Term 1 and run through to week 8 of Term 4. Each week, the students are asked to complete Maths Mentals from ES1 to Year 2 and daily reading. Students in Years 3 to 6 will have weekly Mathematical inquiry based activities and daily reading. If your child is experiencing difficulties in Mathematics with the homework requirements, please contact your class teacher/s.

The students will again be offered special homework projects during each term. These homework tasks will be acknowledged and celebrated in the school community. Below is an outline of the programs:

- Term 1 – Contextual spelling and reviewing NAPLAN style questioning
- Term 2 – Public Speaking and Talking Topics
- Term 3 – Integrated Matrix (Students select project based activities from a grid)
- Term 4 – Times Tables Challenge

Community Evenings

There will be three community evenings through the year for all parents and students from ES1 to Year 6. These sessions are designed as family fun nights and will focus specifically on Literacy and Numeracy involving practical games that can be incorporated in the home. These sessions will only run if sufficient interest is shown by parents. More information will be sent home closer to the date and all families will need to register for the interactive sessions.

- Term 1 – Tuesday 6 March 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Week 6)
- Term 2 – Tuesday 5 June 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Week 6)
- Term 3 – Tuesday 28 August 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Week 6)

Parent, Teacher and Student Goal Setting Conferences

The primary interviews and conferences will be held in Term 1 and Term 3. The students will also continue to set goals and these will be sent home through the year.

- Term 1 – Week 11 Tuesday 10 April 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- Term 3 – Week 2 Thursday 2 August 3:30pm to 5:30pm & Week 3 Tuesday 7 August 5pm to 6:30pm

All conferences will need to be booked using the PTO (Parent Teacher Online) system. Information regarding your login details will be sent home prior the interviews.

Important Primary Curriculum Dates

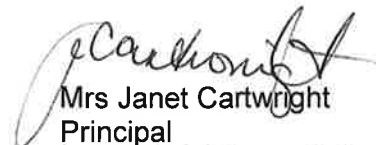
- Writing & iPad Celebrations – 6 April, 15 June, 31 August
- NAPLAN – 5 to 17 May
- Science Fair – 17 August
- Book Fair – 31 July, 1 and 2 August
- Book Week – 18 to 24 August

Please continue to check the school calendar for regular updates, as extenuating circumstances unfortunately necessitate some changes throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding the primary curriculum/events or would like to provide any feedback, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards,



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