

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL



BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

26th January 2020

Welcome to the 2020 school year, and a very special welcome to our new families, students and staff who are joining us this year. I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas with your family and that the school holidays have been enjoyable. I write to provide you with some important information that you might find useful for the beginning of the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 28 th January	8.30am – 4pm	School Office re-opens
Thursday, 30 th January	9.00am – 1pm	School Uniform Shop open
Friday, 31 st January		School staff return to work
Thursday, 6 th February		All students return to school PE lessons commence All students wear sports uniform
Monday, 10 th February		Public Holiday – Hobart Regatta Day

THE SCHOOL DAY commences at 8.55am and ends at 2.50pm. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

2020 STAFFING UPDATE

Mr Ryan Griffith recently resigned from Sacred Heart to take up an ongoing teacher position with the Department of Education. Whilst we are very sad to see Mr Griffith leave Sacred Heart, we certainly understand the importance of job security for the future. We wish Mr Griffith all the very best for the future and thank him for his service to our school.

Mrs Ruth van der Westhuysen has been appointed as our new Grade 3/4 teacher for this year. Mrs van der Westhuysen is an experience teacher and well known in the Geeveston community. Her most recent appointment was at Geeveston Primary School where she successfully taught Grade 4/5/6 in 2019. We wish Ruth all the very best for her new appointment at Sacred Heart.

Ms Stacey Cooper is our new school Deputy Principal commencing this year. Ms Cooper comes to Sacred Heart from St James Catholic College where she was Deputy Principal and held a number of additional roles and responsibilities.

Mrs Catherine Sandric has been appointed as our Religious Education Coordinator for 2020. Mrs Sandric was most recently an Education Officer with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office supporting many Catholic schools in Tasmania.

Ms Kari Thomas has been appointed as our School Chaplain this year. She will also continue in her role as Aboriginal Key Teacher. Ms Thomas did a great job in these roles during 2019 and we look forward to the continued success of these programs.

Mrs Jenny Ebsworth joins our Grade 1/2 Teaching Team. Mrs Ebsworth is an experienced teacher who worked at Sacred Heart for the majority of 2019.

Ms Jessica Lowe is our new Drama teacher this year. Jessica is an experienced Drama teacher having recently taught at Huonville High, Huonville Primary and Franklin Primary School. Ms Lowe coordinated the Huonville High major Drama production in 2019.

Mrs Beck Cyrus has been appointed as our Music Support Teacher working with Mr Brad Madigan, our Music & Band Teacher. Mrs Cyrus has worked at Sacred Heart as a classroom teacher over the past two years.

Mrs Tracey Dayton, Ms Paige Duggan and Mrs Cynthia Finlay are joining our staff as Teacher Assistants this year. They will no doubt bring much enthusiasm and expertise to our teaching teams at Sacred Heart.

A warm welcome to all our new staff at Sacred Heart.

LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2020

Principal:	Mr Luch Brighella
Assistant Principal:	Ms Stacey Cooper
Religious Education Coordinator:	Mrs Catherine Sandric
Student Support Coordinator:	Ms Ronita Barratt

TEACHING STAFF FOR 2020

Grade 5/6 Team	Mr Daniel McIntosh / Miss Jane Kaica
Grade 3/4 Team	Mrs Kathy Allwright / Mrs Ruth van der Westhuysen
Grade 1/2 Team	Mrs Jenny Ebsworth / Mrs Louise Shaw
Prep	Miss Alice Hayward
Kindergarten	Miss Anna Demarco

Art	Ms Jan Stary
PE	Ms Kari Thomas
Music	Mr Brad Madigan/Mrs Beck Cyrus
Drama	Ms Jessica Lowe

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

- PE & Drama lessons will take place every Thursday.
- Music & Art will be on every Friday.

Sports uniform is to be worn every Thursday.

UNIFORM SHOP SALES

Our Uniform Shop Day is next Thursday, 30th January from 9am – 1pm. If parents cannot make it along to school on that day, please feel free to drop into the school office on any school day and one of our office staff will assist you with school uniform needs.

Parents can also place their uniform shop order using QKR and then just drop in to school and collect your order from the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Kinder – Grade 2:	All students in Kinder – Grade 2 wear the school sports uniform every day
Grade 3 – 6:	All students in Grades 3 – 6 wear the school formal uniform each day, and sport uniform on a Thursday for PE lessons.

Some important reminders:

- Proper black school shoes (Grades 3 – 6) must be worn to/from school every day.
- Sport shoes can be brought along in school bags to slip on at recess/lunch.
- Sacred Heart school bags are available and designed to hold everything your child needs for school

HATS NEEDED FROM DAY 1

Please ensure that your child has their school bucket hat at school from Day 1, Thursday, 6th February. The sun's UV rays can be extremely high this time of year, so your child will need to wear their hat outside. Parents are asked to ensure that hats are also clearly labelled with your child's name.

CANTEEN & LUNCHBOXES

The school canteen operates from Wednesday – Friday. There will be no canteen open in the first week. The School Canteen will open in Week 2 from Wednesday, 12th February.

- Lunch orders can be made by using QKR on our SKOOLBAG App
- Please ensure that your child brings along a healthy range of food in their lunchbox.
- Each child must have their own drink bottle from home for water each day.

STUDENT STATIONERY ORDERS

As previously advised, all student stationery will go straight to classes and teachers will distribute when students commence.

Thanks to parents who have already paid for their child/ren's stationery. Invoices will be sent out shortly to families who are yet to pay.

SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES – DIRECT DEBIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2020

We are very grateful to the many families that have already completed and returned the Direct Debit authority form sent home to all families in Term 4 last year. We ask that families who are yet to complete the form, do so as soon as possible. If you need any help completing the forms, Fiona Donato would be happy to assist.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL?

In Term 4 last year, Sacred Heart introduced its Compass portal. Many of our families have already set up the COMPASS App on their phones and receiving notices and other communications. We are still using SKOOLBAG, however, COMPASS will eventually replace SKOOLBAG. We encourage all families to connect with COMPASS if you have not already done so.

Parents are reminded that our main method of communication with parents and carers is currently via SKOOLBAG. If you don't have it yet, go to the App Store, search SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL GEEVESTON and download. If you need assistance just contact our office staff who are always happy to help.

WHEELS IN THE PARK EVENT – SCHOOL FUND-RAISER – CAN YOU ASSIST?

Each year, Sacred Heart runs a BBQ stall at the Wheels In The Park Event, held at Geeveston Heritage Park. This year's event is being held on Sunday, 2nd February from 10am – 2pm. This event attracts thousands of people and the BBQ stall is a very busy one.

If you can spare 2 hours to either cook or serve at the BBQ, please email / text your availability through to Luch Brighella. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Email: luch.brighella@catholic.tas.edu.au

Phone/text: 0438 342 488

BUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD

Can you please complete the section below for the first 2 days back so that class teachers/school office are aware of after school arrangements.

I am looking forward to another great year at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Please contact me via the school office if you have any queries.

Luch Brighella Principal

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS – WEEK 1

STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

Bus runs: Geeveston – Lucaston – Judbury – Mountain River - Dover

My child's after school arrangements.

Thursday, 6th February Catching the _____ bus home.

I will be picking my child up after school.

Friday, 7th February Catching the _____ bus home.

I will be picking my child up after school.

Parent signature _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY
(Can also be emailed back to school – shg@catholic.tas.edu.au)**