A message of gratitude from Mrs Baird

The last few weeks of term are the most hectic with a full calendar of day and evening events as well as reports, programs, meetings and System agendas that need to be addressed. In a way I am very grateful that I have been so busy attending to these tasks as it has replaced the sadness I feel everytime I think that these are my final days as Principal of Sacred Heart.

From the day I walked through the gates three years ago I have felt an overwhelming sense of acceptance and anticipation. This journey has been an absolute blessing. Not only working along side such exemplary and faith filled staff, but the humbling experience of sharing in the lives of our children and their families. With this role comes great responsibility, but also enormous fulfilment. My time here can only be described as perfection because of this loving community. We always say we are a family school. I can attest to this, that yes I have felt like a part of a very loving and giving family. I will always remember my time here, the happy faces of the children, the constant stream of people walking outside my office always yelling out “Hey Yvette how are you going” and the success of our student learning agenda. You have etched a place in my heart forever. My God live in your hearts always.

Your friend
Yvette xx

Farewell from Mrs Fortini

Dear Parents,

It is with mixed emotions that I say goodbye to the community of Sacred Heart after 11 years of developing special bonds of friendship with you.

I have had the great pleasure of serving you as Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart since 2003. Working here has been the unquestioned highlight of my career. Since my initial visit before starting at Sacred Heart I have experienced a very warm welcome to not only a school, but also a true community who consistently demonstrates the Sacred Heart of Jesus through word and action. Together, we have worked for the benefit of our students to grow as active, engaged independent learners who are willing to take risks and move forward from these mistakes. Our students are a pleasure to teach and know. They are respectful, unique individuals who consistently bring joy into the lives of everyone they interact with.

During all my years at Sacred Heart I have been fortunate to work alongside some exemplary, dedicated and hard-working staff, no matter what their role within the school may be. Thank you for the laughs, tears and friendship I have enjoyed over the past 11 years.

The parent community is a vital component of the Sacred Heart community. I am grateful for the opportunity over the past years to have worked closely with such a caring, co-operative and supportive group of parents.

Everyone at Sacred Heart has touched my heart and life. I will treasure my memories as I enter a new learning journey in another school community.

God Bless
Cheryl
Newsletter Week 10

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to express my deepest thanks and best wishes to the staff that will be leaving our Sacred Heart family.

Mrs Gordon has been a very respected and loved teacher here at Sacred Heart for over 30 years. During this time she has undertaken many teaching roles. Although she is an exemplary teacher, her biggest gift is the love she has given to the children and families over these many years. Mrs Gordon will always be remembered for her welcoming smile and sense of humour. It will be a very different place without the presence of Mrs Gordon. Mrs Gordon will be taking leave for a year to decide if it is time for her to retire and spend time pursuing other interests. Our school community would like to sincerely thank you Mrs Gordon for your contributions to making Sacred Heart the success it is today. God’s choicest blessing to you and your family.

Another very loved teacher is also leaving us but for very different reasons. Mrs Fortini has been our little treasure over the past 11 years. Mrs Fortini has been asked to share her gifts with the community of Our Lady of the Rosary, St Mary’s. Mrs Fortini is an exemplary teacher and leader and a genuine disciple of Christ. Mrs Fortini has shared so much of herself and has left a mark on us all. Her dynamic and vibrant personality will be very much missed in the corridors of our school. I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Fortini for being part of the Sacred Heart Story. There will never be another chapter like it.

Although Miss Boules, Miss Godwin and Miss Sukkar have only been with us for a short time, their contribution to our school has been significant. These remarkable teachers have shared their unique gifts and talents with the children and the school community. I sincerely wish our friends prosperity is all their future pursuits. God bless you and thank you.

Mrs Partington will be taking leave during 2015. Mrs Partington is an exemplary teacher and has worked tirelessly supporting many of our students. I am sure Mrs Partington will enjoy her time away with her family and we wish her a speedy return in 2016.

Mrs Espulso has been on leave from Sacred Heart for 2 years. Mrs Espulso has decided to pursue other interest and enjoy special time with her family. Mrs Espulso is a dearly loved member of Sacred Heart and she will be missed. God bless and thank you for all you have contributed to our family at Sacred Heart.

The name O’Flynn has been synonymous with our school for many , many years. Mrs O’Flynn was secretary when my husband was a student at Sacred Heart. Mrs O’Flynn has retired several times but the pull of such a great school has always lead her back to us. Mrs O’Flynn has left a legacy of very special memories over the MANY years she has served this parish and school community. There will only ever be one Mrs O’Flynn, her smile, compassion and love for all is unsurpassed. I say a very sad good bye today to Mrs O’Flynn but you never know........ I am sure we will see this beautiful lady again. God bless and thank you for being you.

Our Graduating Class of 2014

It is with great pride that I say a sad farewell to our much loved Year 6 class of 2014. Last night we celebrated the culmination of seven spectacular years of primary education with family, friends and staff. There are so many people to thank for last night’s celebration.

To our Year 5 students and parents who did outstanding work organising the supper after the Mass. The decoration, food, cake and atmosphere was electric. My sincere thanks to all the parents, especially Mrs Irena Nehaime and Mrs Mary Nasr for coordinating the decorations, flowers and food. Special thanks to Miss Harb, Mrs Kingsley and Mrs Iuliano for co-ordinating the Mass and the night.

Lastly I would like to make special mention of our Year 6 children and their families. Sacred Heart is successful because of the amazing students and families. Your support over many years has been outstanding. For those families leaving our school, I wish you God’s choicest blessings and that the road ahead is ladened with God’s love, peace and prosperity.
**It is with confidence that I announce staffing for 2015**

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| Creative Arts Specialist                                     | Miss Misa Yamamota |

| Senior Finance officer                                      | Mrs Tina Ward   |
| Office Administration                                       | Mrs Nadia Esposito |
| Library Aide                                                | Mrs Yvette Takchi |
| Teachers Aide                                               | Mrs Shirley MacDonald |
|                                                             | Mrs Jill Rajca   |
| School maintenance and cleaner                              | Mr Peter Horvath |

**2015 Dates**

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**Uniform Expectations**

As many of you will be purchasing new school uniforms and sport shoes for your children over the holidays — a reminder that the uniform expectations are:-

- Black leather school shoes
- Predominantly white sport shoes (No coloured sport shoes allowed.)

**Hair Styles**

For boys  
- School appropriate hair cuts no shorter than a number 2, no steps or colours.

For girls  
- Neatly tied back, no colours and only navy or black hair ribbons
YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2014
Christmas message from the staff

We have had a lot to be grateful for this year. On behalf of the staff we would like to wish you all a very safe and holy Christmas and hope the new year is filled with many surprises. God bless you all until we meet again.

Merry Christmas, love the staff at Sacred Heart xx
Catholic Education Office

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge
The Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge is happening again! Students are encouraged to read a minimum of 10 books over the school holidays, upload their details online at parra.catholic.edu.au and they’ll go into the draw to win one of four iPads.mins!
Entries close on Friday 6th February and the winners will be announced on the Catholic Education website on Monday 16 February.

Bishops Office

Inside Catholic Outlook’s combined Dec/Jan issue (distributed Friday 12 Dec)
- Readership survey – tell us what you think about Catholic Outlook
- People with disability fear ‘fatal consequences’ of euthanasia bill
- Sisters of Mercy Parramatta’s legacy at Mamre lives on
- Sherry Weddell calls on all Catholics to share their faith
- Archbishop Anthony installed as Archbishop of Sydney
- Barbara Weir from Utopia the artist in resident at Indigenous Art Show
- 2014 facts, stats and highlights from our Catholic schools

Lights of Christmas at St Mary’s Cathedral
The real spirit of Christmas will be celebrated in a spectacular free light and sound display at St Mary’s Cathedral during December, closing on Christmas Night. Bring your family and friends to the digital imagery and animation based on the theme of ‘service’ at 8.30pm in Cathedral Square following a series of live performances.

Call for Pastoral Care Volunteers
Do you have some spare time on your hands and enjoy spending time with seniors and the elderly? St Hedwig Village is a German and English speaking, aged-care facility in Blacktown and is currently looking for volunteers. Prior training in pastoral care work, or a willingness to undertake a course would be advantageous. Support will be given in the role, days and hours are flexible to suit your own commitments. For further information please contact Maria Lynam on 02 8822 9928.

Prepare for Christmas this year using Caritas Australia’s 2014 Advent Calendar.
This year Caritas Australia’s Advent Calendar features stories which highlight our 50 year journey of working with vulnerable communities around the world. It uses the symbol of the Advent wreath to help you Learn, Pray and Act daily with and for Caritas Australia’s partners around the world.
Caritas Australia’s 2014 Advent Calendar is available as an iPhone and Android app. It is also available as an online web calendar and as an interactive PowerPoint for primary school students and families with young children.
Join us as we use the Advent Wreath to learn, pray and act for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy, love and Light – this Christmas.
Visit www.caritas.org.au/advent to view and download the calendar today!

Catholic Institute of Sydney – Ten Australian Catholics course
The Catholic Institute of Sydney will be running the course ‘Ten Australian Catholics’ as an extensive from January 28 – 30 and May 16 – 17, 2015. The course looks at the history of the Catholic Church in Australia through the lives of ten Catholics. A book of Readings will be provided. Registrations close Thursday 11 December. Costs are $1700 for award students; $500 for audit students and $10 CISSA fee. For more information, contact Dr John Luttrell fms, luttrell@cis.catholic.edu.au or 02 9752 9513. Website: www.cis.catholic.edu.au

Youth Summer Schools of Evangelisation 2015 – A Great Summer Retreat!
What are your plans for this summer? The Summer School of Evangelisation will run their week-long retreat for young people wanting to grow in faith and share the Christian challenge with others in Bathurst from January 11-18. The theme will be “Let Your Light Shine” 1 Peter 3:18. The week will consist of lectures and seminars, prayer, music, loads of fun and meeting new friends. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community for over 25 years, for ages 16-35. For more information see www.summerschool.org.au or contact Joshua Wicker Bathurst@summerschool.org.au
Seeking Mentors: Do you want to give something back to your community?
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking volunteer mentors who would like to give something back to their community and host secondary students in the workplace. The mentor hosts the student in the workplace one day per week for two school terms (May to September, excluding school holidays). All mentors are offered free TAFE mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment, ‘Mentoring in the Community’. Mentors can be from any industry, an individual in any trade area: clerical and administration, hairdressing and beauty or a large company. Please consider this call for assistance so that the program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities. Contact: Leoni Jeavons-Fellows – Coordinator Post School Options ph: 0424 750 583.

2014 Advent Calendar and App Now Available
The Archdiocese of Sydney social network Xt3.com has released its 2014 Advent Calendar. The online calendar, also available as a free App for iPhone, iPad & Android devices, features daily reflections and multimedia resources to help you make the most of the season of Advent. View the Calendar online at www.xt3.com/advent or search "xt3 Advent" in the Google Play or App Store.

Positions Vacant
The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for the position of Chief of Operations and Finance. For a confidential discussion and a copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au. Applications close 19 December 2014.

Pastoral Care – Accredited Qualifications
Certificate IV in Pastoral Care and Diploma of Ageing and Pastoral Care
Pastoral Care attends in a sustained way to the emotional and spiritual needs of people through a ministry of presence, companionship and support. Nationally recognised qualifications:
- CHC41112 Certificate IV in Pastoral Care
- 91561 NSW Diploma of Ageing and Pastoral Care
For further information contact: Holy Family Services Registered Training Organisation. Ph: 02 9678 8200 or email: educator@holyfamilyservices.com.au
www.holyfamilyservices.com.au

Advent and Christmas books, cards, CDs, DVDs & gifts
St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre in Parramatta publishes religious books, CDs and DVDs for adults, teenagers and children in the following areas: Bibles and biblical studies, liturgy and liturgical resources, parish bulletins, theology, spirituality, Australian Church, ecumenism, prayer, devotions, Vatican documents, educational resources for schools and parishes. Visit St Pauls for all your Advent and Christmas books, cards, CDs, DVDs & gifts.
Where: St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre, 238 Church St, Parramatta.
Mass: Mass from 1pm-1.30pm, Monday to Friday, in the Mary MacKillop Chapel above the Centre.
Contact: Ph: 02 9126 8912, bookcentreparra@stpauls.com.au Order online: www.stpauls.com.au

Noël! Noël! Christmas concert
The Brandenburg Choir and Australian Brandenburg Orchestra will perform this annual concert in St Patrick’s Cathedral. Noël! Noël! features Gregorian chant, medieval carols, French and German hymns, English Christmas songs and many favourites such as Christmas Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, Once in Royal David’s City, and Stille Nacht. With its timeless and ageless appeal Noël! Noël! is the perfect gift to share with family and friends.
Date: Thursday 18 December, starts 7.30pm.
Venue: St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.
Tickets: Adults $72, Concession $52, Under 30 $45, Student $42, Child $25. Transaction fees apply.
Bookings: www.brandenburg.com.au

World Day of the Sick Celebration
St John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick celebrations on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Diocese will celebrate World Day of the Sick with a Healing Mass in Blacktown on 11 February. The priests of the Diocese have been invited to help with the anointing and it is expected that many sick and frail-aged will be present, supported by relatives and nursing staff. It is expected that many people from the healing professions will be present, doctors, nurses, ancillary and administrative staff from our major hospitals and nursing homes will attend.
Date: Wednesday 11 February 2015, commencing at 7pm.
Where: St Patrick’s Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.
Contact: Monsignor John Boyle, the priest co-ordinator for diocesan health matters, ph: 02 9634 2622
Fortis Partners

Fortis Partners specialises in commercial finance including franchise, development, medical and equipment from trucks and earth moving to mining.

The majority of our clients are self employed so we stay together with you as your business grows and your finance requirements change. This means we have no problem reading financials and balance sheets. Our ability to deal with complex transactions is not a problem.

However, for the greater Sacred Heart community, if you simply require a home loan we are happy to assist. Home loans are quite easy transaction for our team and we can guide you in structure to meet your goals and objectives. Whether it is to save money, pay off your house sooner or buy investment properties we have the skills you need.

If you simply require a car loan you are more than welcome to call us as we are directly accredit with major funders.

*Lastly we would like to advise that we are committed to supporting the school and your children by making a donation to the school for each transaction we settle.*

Fortis Partners would like to thank the school and its community for its ongoing support.

King Regards

James Kingsley