Creation and Noah’s Ark

During Term 3, the Year Four students were exploring the inspiration, contents, structure and literary forms in the Bible. They read stories from the Bible and the children created story maps to describe the important events in some of the stories.

A Prayer for Biblical Insight

O Jesus, greatest Teacher of all times, thank you for Your gift of the Holy Bible. You inspired the prophets and the apostles, guiding them to eternalise the Sacred Word. Always maintain our faith in the Holy Word, believing it originated from the Holy Spirit, not authored by man. Continue to guide us through its Books, granting us the required insight and wisdom to thoroughly digest Your many mysteries. Thank you for these righteous teachings. Your generosity is superabundant! We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

7 DAYS OF CREATION

NOAH’S ARK
Honour Awards – Commitment

Welcome back to another exciting and busy term. I remember not so long ago writing these same words in February. It is shocking how quickly the year is progressing.

On Tuesday, after a day of examining closely the curriculum content outlined in the new English document, the teachers joined together in prayer. Miss Harb prepared a very moving liturgy on the theme, Dare to believe in yourself. This theme mirrors the value the children will be reflecting on this week. The messages, so vivid through out the liturgy invited us to examine ourselves in the magnificent image of our Lord and through believing in ourselves and challenging ourselves, our passion and commitment will call us to the service of others.

The Gospel of Matthew tells us…..

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” By our commitment to our Lord we will live a life that matters, a life without reservations, a life of faith, love and truth. We, as a staff, are committed to our faith, our students and in serving our community.

We welcome Fr Jojo

We officially welcome Fr Jojo to our Sacred Heart family. Fr Jojo began his new role as spiritual leader and parish priest last week. I am looking forward to working closely with Fr Jojo to continue our mission in making the presence of God alive in each other and in our faith community.

We are currently in the process of organising a farewell event for Fr Dado. Information will be sent home in the near future.

Staff development day
I am sure the children enjoyed their extra day of holidays as the teachers worked hard on Tuesday preparing and organising the new English curriculum for 2014. I sincerely congratulate the teachers for their passion and commitment to providing the students at Sacred Heart with focused learning opportunities.

Summer Uniform
The children return back to school in full summer uniform. The weather seems to be warming up considerably. Please provide your child with sufficient water during these hot months.

NAPLAN to be sent home next week
NAPLAN results to parents were delayed at the end of last term. We are anticipating that the results will be sent home next Monday.

I wish to congratulate the students and teachers for once again achieving very strong results across all test domains.

Crazy Hair Day—Mufti Day—Year 6 fundraiser
On Friday the 18th of October Year 6 will be organising a crazy hair day to raise funds for their end of year gift to the school. Children are invited to donate a gold coin and be creative in designing a wacky hair do for the day. I look forward in sharing the fun with our school community.

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting
We welcome our new Kindergarten families next Tuesday the 15th of October at 7pm in the Stage 3 learning space for our Orientation meeting for 2014. This is a special time for all our new and existing families to meet each other and discover the exciting learning experiences and journey as a faith community.

Families returning to Sacred Heart in 2014
I ask families to notify the office in writing if they will not be returning to Sacred Heart next year.

Working Together
Respecting the dignity of the individual is a vital part of our school life. Occasionally issues will arise at school between the children. It is important that all issues are handled respectfully and in accordance with our school and CEO policies. I ask parents to please discuss any matters of concern with your child’s teacher. The school will thoroughly investigate all concerns and inform all stakeholders of the outcome. It is important that we model to our children the correct way to solve conflicts.

Sport Term 4
The children will be participating in Dance Lessons this term as part of their PDHPE Curriculum. These lessons will be held in the hall each Friday and the children will need to wear their school uniform and school shoes for these lessons. A dance concert will be held late in the term for the children to showcase their wonderful dance moves.

This term the children need to wear their sport uniform on Thursdays for fitness except Stage 3 who will wear it on Wednesdays.
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Important School Information

- Please make note of the changes to administering medication at school as the completed forms need to be presented to Mrs Ward before medication will be administered at school. Please be aware that one form requires your doctor’s signature. I thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students at Sacred Heart.

- School starts at 8.50am and concludes at 3.10pm. If your child arrives late to school a parent must walk the child into the office and sign their child in. Children leaving early will only be discharged to a parent unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.

- Parents are to report directly to the office when they have entered the school grounds. Under no circumstances are parents to go directly to their child’s classroom. The safety of all our students is a priority.

- If students are absent from school due to sickness, a note must accompany the child when they return to school.

- Parents and friends are expected to conduct themselves respectfully at all times while on the school grounds. Appropriate language and behavior should reflect our Gospel values.

- Parent concerns regarding school issues are to be handled respectfully at all times. If you have a concern, please contact the classroom teacher to make an appointment to discuss the matter. Any abuse toward a member of staff will be directed to the appropriate authorities.

- Kiss and drop is a service we provide for families. Please remember to use this service following the procedures outlined.
  1. Do not leave your vehicle parked in the allocated drop zone area.
     Please display on the dash area of your car, in large print, your child’s name or family name.
     Follow the directions from the teachers on duty.
     Do not cue past the designated zone. You may need to drive around the block and rejoin the car line.
     Do not do U-turns in Ralph Street.

- Be aware and vigilant while driving in Ralph Street as children can be unpredictable.

- Please consider planning your overseas trips to coincide with scheduled school breaks. It can be very disruptive to your child’s learning if they miss a significant length of time away from school. Due to changes in student leave all leave periods must have approval from the Principal. Parents are required to fill in a student exemption form before their intended holiday period.

- Children are to wear their full school uniform with pride. A letter must accompany the child if a part of the uniform is not worn for a particular reason.

- No extreme hairstyles and girls are to have their hair tied back.

- Please label all uniforms

Student Safety

Morning supervision begins at 8.30am. Every morning children are arriving at school well before this time. If you need to drop your children early in the morning due to work commitments, please look into before school care. This service has been provided for our Sacred Heart Community

Canteen Roster—Term 4

Week 1
11th October  
Friday  
Lunch Snacks -

Week 2
14th October  
Monday  
Lunch Snacks Irene Kaleda
15th October  
Tuesday  
Lunch Snacks Katrina Cooper
16th October  
Wednesday  
Special Treat Kerry Urut
17th October  
Thursday  
Lunch Snacks Sathiyanaray John-Baptist
18th October  
Friday  
Lunch Snacks -

Community Donation

I wish to sincerely thank Mr Kingsley from Fortis Partners for donating $500 to our school. The funds will be used to purchase new portable sporting shade structures for the children. The generosity of our community is greatly humbling.

Parish News

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Children who are 7 years and over are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Enrolment to the Sacramental program will take place this Sunday 13 October during the 9:30am Mass. Parents and children are requested to attend Mass.

Following Mass the parents will meet in the hall for an information session whilst the children will be taken by a Sacramental Team member to the basement for Catechesis. If you require an enrolment form, please download from the parish website.

The first preparation session for the children and at least one parent will be held on Tuesday 15 October at 7:30pm. Your attendance to all sessions is COMPULSORY.
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- Week 10
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**October 2013**

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  - 4th week of October

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