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We acknowledge and pay respect to the peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation, including the eight clan groups, as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which we gather today and we recognise that it continues to be sacred to them. We Hail them:

As guardians of the earth and of all things that grow and breed in the soil;

As trustees of the waters – the seas, the streams and rivers, the ponds and the lakes and the rich variety of life in those waters.

Commitment to Child Safety

Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College.

As a Catholic school, we are entrusted with the holistic education of the child, in partnership with parents, guardians and caregivers who are the primary educators of their children. Sacred Heart College will implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Child Safe Standards

All schools in Australia are mandated to comply with the eight Child Safe Standards.

The standards are in place to keep your children safe. In order for us at Sacred Heart College to comply, it is imperative that we know who is on site between 8.30am and 3:30pm, the reason for their visit and how long they will be on site for. As such, any visitor to our school (including parents, volunteers and trades people), must enter via the front Administration Office and cannot simply enter any of the learning areas before doing so. Please do not be offended if a staff member asks you the reason for your visit or if you have signed in. This is for the safety of all children. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the College.

A Prayer for the Community

Embracing God, You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.

Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities.

Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference.

May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.

Amen From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice



From the Principal

End of Term

This Friday marks the end of Term for Victorian schools and what a Term it has been.

Regional Victoria is opening up and what great news that is for our school and wider community. The current advice received today is that the return of face to face classes will remain as Monday October 12.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their enormous efforts in meeting the challenges as they presented during the second round of remote learning. The improving weather combined with the ability to move around with more freedom will make the term break a special one indeed.

Term 4

Week 1 of Term 4 will be the final week of remote learning. Wednesday, October 7 is an important day for all of our senior students who are sitting the General Aptitude Test, (GAT). Examination centres will be the Shire Hall in Yarrowonga and the Mulwala Football Netball Clubrooms. I hope to provide some up to date information to families early in the Term regarding College events and functions that are normally held during the term. As the environment is constantly changing, the College is developing a number of plans and will be ready to act when advice around this is given.

Sustainability Garden

The garden has continued to develop thanks to the assistance of many generous people and organisations in our community. Phase 1 of the garden is nearing completion with the construction of six raised garden beds and the planting of citrus and olive trees. The garden beds will be planted out by students when they return in Term 4.

I wish everyone a safe and restful term break and once again congratulate you on your efforts.

Lew Nagle



Catholic Identity

Write a Letter to an Elder in our Community

Across Year Levels 7,8 & 10 and three Units in Religious Education, connections have been made between Faith, Interfaith, Creation, Endings and New Beginnings, and Community. This has culminated in students recognizing the important connection with our elders who have forged paths and opportunities and offer wisdom to this and forthcoming generations.

Aware of the isolation many of our elder parishioners are experiencing owing to Covid restrictions, students have eagerly embarked on writing letters enquiring about their well-being and sharing some of their own experiences of Covid restrictions and their implications.

Students are hoping that receiving a letter brings joy and makes the recipients feel that people are caring for them and looking out for them. This is teaching community and pastoral care and an act of kindness. It also creates a bridge between generations and provides important connections – often bringing the joy of youthful memories to the forefront of the minds of our elders and the importance of elders in the awareness of our youth.

We thank in particular Eileen Thorpe and members of the Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrawonga Pastoral Care Committee for encouraging and supporting this initiative.

Lucienne Camenzuli

Catholic Identity Leader

Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- * school camps or trips
- * swimming and school-organised sport programs
- * outdoor education programs
- * excursions and incursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. If successful, the payment amount for secondary students is \$225 in 2020.

The CSEF application closing date has been extended to Friday 27th November. Please contact the College office for an application form prior to that date.