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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 Yarrawonga 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 sign in 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.

Prayer for the beginning of Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,

may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

From the Principal Mr Lew Nagle

Opening Mass

It was a very positive occasion to have an Opening Mass involving all staff and students last Friday in the Multi Purpose Building. The following is an excerpt from the Principal's address.

Today we gather to acknowledge our student leaders from Year 7 to 11 and also to reflect on the themes for this year: Mercy for our Common Home and Faith in our Future.

As I mentioned at our first full school assembly recently, this does not only refer to our physical environment and what we can all do to make a sustainable future, but also how we relate and interact with each other positively and respectfully, so we can make a society that is socially more welcoming and sustainable as well.

My father had many sayings and I think two of these are particularly appropriate today.

The first one is "leave the place better than when you found it" and "think about the person coming after you".

Like most pieces of wisdom that parents bestow on children, it is probably not until I was much older that I understood the full intent behind these words. As a teenager I thought he was talking about not putting an empty milk carton back in the fridge or not leaving an empty toilet roll on the holder. Now I understand he was talking about what actions could I do today to make tomorrow a better day for others. In other words, what will your legacy be?

How will Sacred Heart College be a better place tomorrow by what you do today? In the grand scheme of things, over a lifetime, the greatest achievements happen when people work together to achieve a common goal. Sure, we can accomplish things working alone, but our success is multiplied when we work together.

Congratulations to the following students who will form the student leadership body for 2021.

Faith & Justice

Lucas Towner, Caitlin Brew, Mabel Cope, Danielle Coulter, Jetta Norrish, Eliza Whiteley, Ella Skehan and Amy Barnes

Class Captains

7A	Archie Ward
7B	Bella Dwyer
8A	Isobel Osborne
8B	Maddison Lawrence
9A	Lilly Walls
9B	Mia Kennedy
9C	Ella Skehan
10A	Dom McInness
10B	Bridget Hamilton
11A	Mia McCully
11B	Ethan Lay



Student Representative Council (SRC)

Lachlan Conway, Alani Peterson, Lachlan McDonald, Victoria Laffan, Michael Hughes, Mitch Adkins,

Emma Richmond, Emma Hamilton and Stephanie Munro



Project Compassion

Caritas Australia has launched their 2021 Project Compassion, which encourages millions of Australians to join their campaign to end poverty and injustice in our world. For over 50 years, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion through their parishes or school communities. Caritas Australia has developed comprehensive resources to help students learn about social justice in a fun and inspiring way including year based classroom resources and prayers and reflections. The Project Compassion initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965. Caritas Australia CEO, Kirsty Robertson, said as a young girl she grew up in New South Wales and attended a Catholic high school right in the heart of Sydney. "Like many young Catholics, Lent in my family meant a Project Compassion box sitting on the kitchen bench," Kirsty said in a video message. "The Project Compassion box was for me then and still is today a little box that makes enormous change in the world." School communities are encouraged to start a fund raiser or make a donation to Project Compassion, as one of many ways to put your compassion into action during Lent.



Sandhurst Switches Off!

Sandhurst Switches Off is an annual event that takes place in our Diocese. Its focus is to promote a sustainable future for all by turning off all lights for 1 hour on 26th March. This is an important initiative given the current frailty of our planet.

From the Wellbeing Desk Marg McKay Wellbeing Leader

Youth Live4Life

Youth Live4Life (YL4L) is an innovative, evidence-based, local community driven response to youth mental illness. It empowers rural Victorian communities to support, improve and invest in young people's mental health and wellbeing through the implementation of the Live4Life vices. The purpose is to:



- Reduce youth suicide in rural communities,
- Reduce barriers to seeking help for emerging or current mental health issues in young people,
- Decrease stigma,
- Increase awareness of local, professional help,
- Build community resilience to address common mental health problems.

In 2021, Lucy Mansfield, Ella Skehan, Kealy House, Jack McQualter-Whyte, Torah Duffy and Xander Smith will form THE CREW. Their first official duty will be attending the induction day with all other CREW members from throughout the Moira Shire to be held at the Cobram Civic Centre on Wednesday 10th March.

We look forward to hearing back from THE CREW on the theme and initiatives for promoting Youth Live 4 Life in our school and local community over the next twelve months.

Well Done!!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Chelsea Kerr who competed at the Victorian State Age Swimming championships between the 4th and 9th of March at MSAC. She had five events achieving personal bests in four of these event with a highlight being 7th in the State 100m Butterfly.



SA State Championships

Olivia and Cameron Ford competed in the South Australia state Down The Line Clay Target Shooting Championships where they both placed highly over the four day carnival.



Year 8 Camp by Sophie James

From the 3rd to the 5th of March, myself and six teachers, our amazing bus driver Russell and Cathrina Shaw set off on the Year 8 Camp.

Camp started when we arrived in Myrtleford where we all jumped on our bikes to do a 30km ride. When we got to the caravan park, the students set up their rooms and swags and had some free time before dinner and night activities. For dinner, we were lucky enough to have homemade lasagna made by the lovely team at the Mulwala Bakery and hot chips from the Bright local fish and chip shop. For the first night's activities, campers had to split into two groups one went to the movies and one to play trivia. From all reports, both activities were a success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

After waking up early on the second day of camp, we sent off to Mount Buffalo and got there at about 8:30am to proceed with more activities. When we got to the top, I think everyone can agree with me that it was freezing! We participated in three different activities; kayaking, hiking and abseiling. As the day went on it did get warmer, but the wind was still there and it was still cold. By the time we finished up, it was about 5pm and we were exhausted! But the day wasn't over yet, we still had to swap groups and do the opposite activity to the previous night. On the last day, we did another bike ride to the football oval and had a bit of free time and morning tea. Then we got on the bus, set off to Wangaratta had some lunch and traveled back home. We unpacked the bus, got the bikes off the trailer and went home. I can speak on behalf of all the staff and say we are very proud of every single student that attended this camp and how well they participated in all the activities.





Canteen EFTPOS

EFTPOS is now available at the Canteen. Student will now be able to pay for their recess or lunch order.



Guitar and Vocal Lessons

Private guitar and vocal lessons are available at the College. Past students, Boyd Preston, (guitar) and Keryn Walters (vocal), are offering 30 minute lessons at a cost of \$25 a session. If you would like further information please contact the College.

Contact Details

If you have recently moved house, changed your mobile number or email address, can you please contact the office so that the College records are up to date. Thank you.

email: info@shcy.vic.edu.au or phone: 03 5742 1300

PAM

Families are reminded to log into their PAM accounts on a regular basis to ensure they are receiving current communication from the school. The College uses email and sms to advise parents of any important information, sent via the Simon Communications platform. Once logged in, you will be able to access information relating to your child, including timetables, excursion information, and Daily Notices, just to name a few. If you have forgotten your password and user, or are unsure of how to go about logging in, please contact the office. Parents and guardians are encouraged to download the Simon Everywhere app as a shortcut.



Parent Access Module

Immunisation

The 2021 Secondary Schools Vaccine Program, Round 1 begins on Monday 15th March. A big thank you to those families who have sent their forms back to school, but there are still a number of Year 10s who have not handed theirs in. Please, these need returned ASAP. Call the office if you need a replacement.

Unwell Students

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, they should not be sent to school.

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Chills or sweats
- Shortness of breath
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

If any child is found with the above symptoms, parents will be contacted to come and collect them from school. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this.

School Hats for Sale

School hats can be purchased at either office for just \$12.



Key Dates

NB: Some dates may be subject to change

March	
Monday 8th	Labour Day Vic Public Holiday
Wed 10th	Year 8 & 9 Vic Police Information session
Thursday 11th	Sacred Heart Primary Photos
Friday 12th	Sacred Heart College Photos
Monday 15th	Year 7 & 10 Immunisation P & F AGM 7.30pm
Tuesday 16th	Hume Swimming
Wed 17th to Friday 19th	Industry And Enterprise Camp
Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 25th	O & M Senior Intermediate Sport
Tuesday 30th	O & M Junior Sports Day
April	
Thursday 1st	End of Term 1
Monday 5th to Wed 7th	Deb prac in the MPB
Monday 19th	Term 2 begins
Friday 23rd	ANZAC Day Assembly
Sunday 25th	ANZAC Day
Friday 30th	Athletics Carnival

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2021 closes on 25 June, 2021.
CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

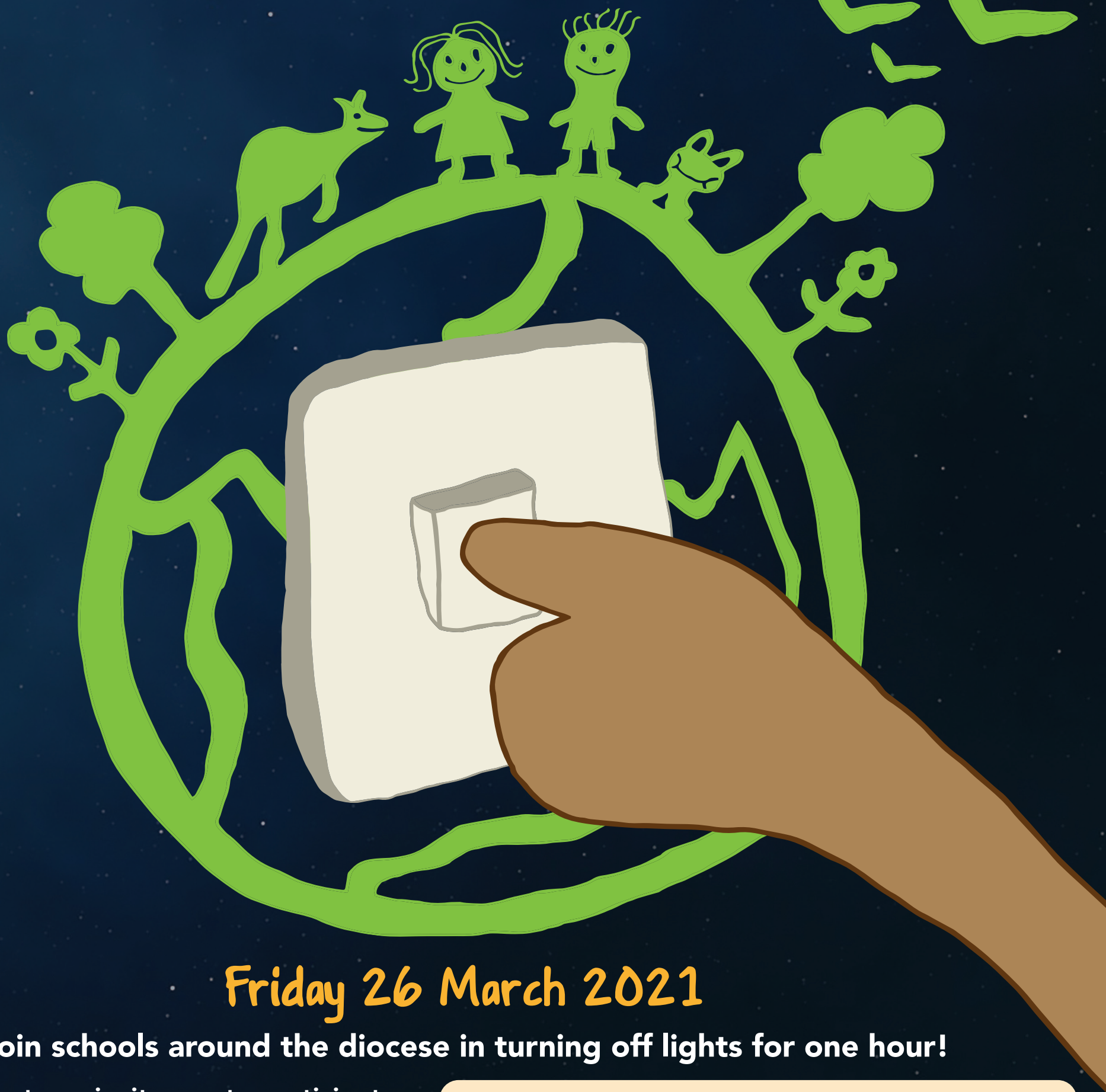
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



Sandhurst

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Friday 26 March 2021

Join schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour!

In Sandhurst, we invite you to participate in **Sandhurst Switches Off**. All Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices will be encouraged to turn off their lights and any other electronic devices for part of the day or a whole day. This action is symbolic of our commitment to the preservation of God's fragile creation. It is also symbolic of our solidarity with those who are suffering due to climate change. Let us reimagine our partnership with all of creation.

'If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs.'

Laudate Si, Pope Francis, p. 17

