



Prayer

Risen Lord, as our school term draws to a close, we pause in gratitude for the gift of Easter. In this sacred season, we see Your promise of renewal mirrored in our students' growth and achievements.

Just as You rolled away the stone to emerge victorious over death, help us roll away the obstacles that prevent us from fully embracing Your love. May we, like the disciples who witnessed Your empty tomb, be filled with awe and hope.

Guide our school community during this break. May families find joy in shared moments, and may students return refreshed. Let the light of Your resurrection illuminate our path forward.

As we depart for the holidays, help us remember that Easter is not merely a celebration but a calling—to live as people of hope, forgiveness, and boundless love.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen

End of Term

It is hard to believe that we have merely reached the end of term 1. We have certainly packed in a lot of activity into the nine and a half weeks. Our Year 7 students have settled in very well and there is a positive atmosphere around the school.

This week we gathered in the church for our Easter Liturgy that was led very well by our student leaders with the support of Mr Ross. Our College Captains, Dimity and Sienna, delivered their speeches in preparation for this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Our Captains are to be congratulated on their efforts which included personal reflections on what ANZAC Day means to them, referencing past family members who had made great sacrifices.

ANZAC Day

All students are encouraged to attend ANZAC Day services on the last Friday of the student holidays, the 25th of April. The College is always well represented at the Dawn Service where our College Captains give their annual address. We would like to see as many students as possible join our student leaders for the morning march. We will assemble outside the Old Fire Station in Piper Street at 10.30pm on Friday the 25th April. Students are asked to be in full school uniform.

College Tours

Following the very successful "Come and Try" day held last Monday, the College has commenced school tours. I was delighted to provide a number of families on Wednesday as they were able to see the College in action. Further tours will be available early in Term 2.

Safety Concerns

Following recent feedback from the bus lines that service the College's daily bus runs and sport days, I have spoken to all students regarding the need to wear seat belts whilst travelling by bus. Students are expected to follow the directions of staff and not move around the bus whilst it is in motion. I would greatly appreciate families emphasising this message at home.

End of Term

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday. Students who are catching buses will be supervised until they are collected at approximately 2.15pm.

Term 2 Commencement

Term 2 will commence for students on Monday the 28th of April. This will be Day 1 on the student timetable. College staff will be participating in 3 days of professional development directed by Catholic Education Sandhurst on Tuesday, April 22nd to Thursday, April 24 inclusive.

Wishing all our students and their families a happy and safe Easter break.

Term 1 Key Dates

Friday 4th April

Last day of Term 1 – 1:30pm dismissal, bus travellers will be supervised until 2:10pm

School Holidays 7th – 27th April

(Three week break)

Teachers onsite from 22/4 – 24/2

Term 2 Key Dates

Friday 25th April

ANZAC Day March 10:30am

Full Uniform

Meet: Old Fire Brigade station in Piper street

Monday 28th April

Term 2 Starts for students

(Three week break)

Teachers on site from 22/4

Thursday 1st May

Yr 10 Immunisations

Friday 2nd May

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 7th – 9th May

Yr 11 CBD Camp

Thursday 8th May

Yr 10 Careers Day Out

Friday 9th May

Mother's Day Mass

Wednesday 14th May

Cuppa for Cancer

Yr 7 – 2026 Information night 6–7pm

Thursday 15th May

College Cross Country

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 4th July

End of Term

Come & Try Day

It was wonderful to host the Grade 6 students from Sacred Heart Primary this week for the Come and Try day.

Students participated in 2 rotations of activities that included PE and minor games as well as Science experiments and cooking in Food Technology. Students completed experiments on acids and bases on everyday items such as soft drinks. Cooking was also popular with students creating pinwheels which were devoured at the end of the lesson.

Our staff were extremely impressed with the Grade 6 students who were enthusiastic and demonstrated excellent manners.



Always be responsible, always be respectful and always be your best.

Year 10 Humanities Incursion



The Gecko Clan, a local Landcare group, hosted a workshop for Year 10 students featuring Seasonal Risk Agronomist, Dale Grey. The session focused on factors influencing local weather patterns, helping students understand the impact of rainfall and drought beyond farmers, affecting everyone. The event was funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal through the Future Drought Fund.

The students then completed a mural painting of a Dreamtime story with Aunty Iris



Kayak trip Outdoor Ed

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class took to the water for an unforgettable kayaking adventure down the mighty Murray River. Launching from the caravan park boat ramp, the group paddled their way downstream towards One Tree Beach, soaking in the beauty of our local river environment.

The journey offered plenty of opportunities to observe the river's natural wonders. As we glided through the water, we spotted fish, ducks and turtles throughout our trip. Along the way, we also took time to examine the erosion of the riverbanks, discussing the impact of natural processes and human activity on the landscape.

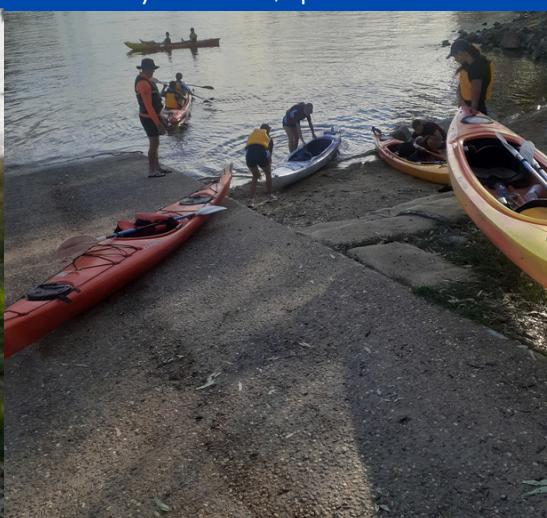
About halfway through our trip, we were greeted by the sight and smell of something truly special— Mr Athanitis had set up to meet us with some well-deserved refreshments. There was nothing quite like the taste of his delicious egg and bacon rolls after a morning of hard paddling. A huge thank you to Mr Athanitis for his hospitality and for giving us the energy boost we needed to complete the journey!

With full stomachs and renewed enthusiasm, we continued down the river, sharing stories and encouraging each other along the way. The experience not only strengthened our paddling skills but also deepened our appreciation for the natural beauty of our local environment.

Along the way, we tackled gentle currents, shared plenty of laughs, and took in the breathtaking scenery. A few surprise splashes kept things exciting, but teamwork and determination kept us moving smoothly.

Thanks to everyone involved for making the day such a success, and especially to Mr Athanitis for his delicious contribution. It's safe to say the Year 12 Outdoor Ed class will remember this trip for years to come!

Jye Brennan, Sports Trainee





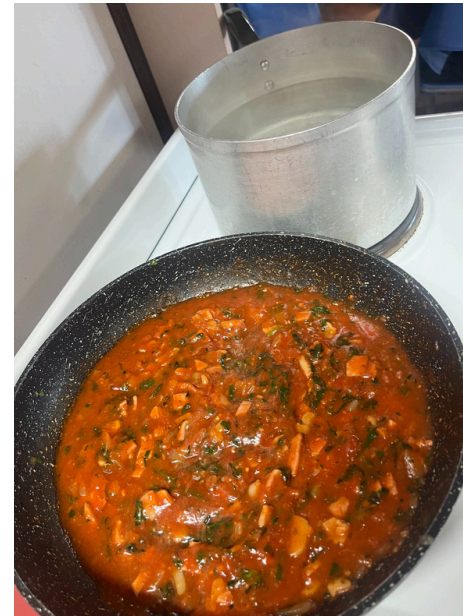
What's COOKING

Students from VCEVM and VPC – PDS class had the opportunity to experience a little taste of Italy by making homemade pasta and sauce.

Getting the dough to the correct consistency was challenging, but we managed to problem-solve with the help of Mrs Morris's expertise.

We added bacon, onion, garlic and parsley to our passata sauce.

Bellissimo!!



Thank You

Farewell from Lacey

As Term 1 comes to an end, so does my time as part of the Learning Support team here at Sacred Heart College. It has been an absolute joy working alongside such wonderful students, staff, and families. Watching the students grow, learn, and achieve their goals has been truly rewarding, and I will cherish the many special moments shared in the classroom.

Thank you to the amazing team and school community for your support and kindness. While I may be moving on, I will always have fond memories of my time here. Wishing everyone all the best for the rest of the year and beyond!

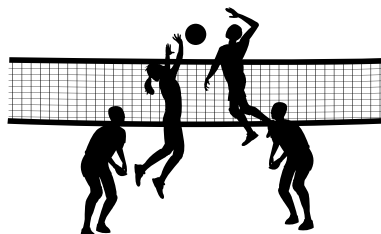
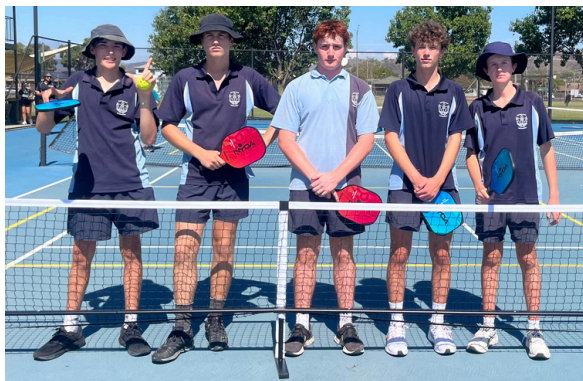
Warmest regards,
Lacey

Junior / Senior Sports Day

Our students did us proud during the end of term sports events held in Wodonga and Wangaratta on March 27th and April 1st. Competing against schools from across the region, our teams showcased exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship in volleyball, tennis, cricket and pickleball.

We are thrilled to report that our students performed exceptionally well, securing impressive victories and demonstrating outstanding teamwork. Not only did our students achieve remarkable results, but they also embodied the spirit of fair play and respect, earning positive feedback from coaches and spectators alike.

A big thank you goes out to our teachers and volunteers who played a vital role in preparing our teams and supporting them throughout the events. Your guidance and encouragement made a significant difference



Great new reads in the Library #3

The last seed keeper by Paul Russell 2025

In a world that has forgotten about nature, Ivy ekes a living from the rubble of the past, while Skyler lives above the clouds in a haven of technology. Ivy, as an orphan has a daily struggle to survive on an earth that is a barren wasteland devastated 200 years ago by war, famine and climate inaction.

The first book in a gripping new trilogy about survival, corruption and environmentalism.



Thunderhead by Sophie Beer 2025

Thunderhead is an awkward music-obsessed magnet for bad luck whose favourite thing to do listen to records, record a music blog and hang out with best friend Moonflower. When Moonflower moves school Thunderhead is alone in the world with a secret that will change everything.

Based on the authors own experience of hearing loss.



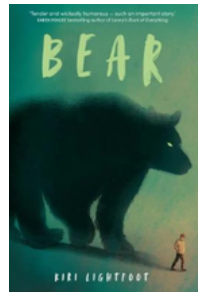
How to be normal by Ange Crawford 2025

Astrid has been homeschooled for most of her school life. When her father loses his job, her homeschooling comes to an end. Her last year of school is also her first! Up to this point her life, and the rest of the family has been dominated by a controlling father. All she wants is to be normal, but when the family must walk on eggshells at home it is very hard.



Bear by Kiri Lightfoot 2025

Thirteen-year-old Jasper is not doing well. His beloved grandparents have passed away, his parents divorced, and his dad hardly ever makes contact. He has no real friends at school and his mum wants her boyfriend to move in. His pet goldfish, Han Solo, is sick and dying. The worst thing he faces though are terrifying nightmares where a vicious bear is trying to destroy his life and possibly end it! His anger and aggression are ruining him and only with intervention from the school counsellor can he start to take back control of his life.



Visit the Library to borrow any of these books.

Discover more in the Library catalogue <https://library.shcy.vic.edu.au/#!dashboard>



End of Term – Early Dismissal

Families are reminded that students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday 4th April.
Bus travellers will be supervised until 2:15pm when buses arrive.

April School Holidays

Reminder that students will have three (3) weeks off in the April school holidays.
Teachers will be completing Staff Professional Learning Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th April.

School commences for students on Monday 28th April.

House Athletics Carnival

The House Athletics Carnival will be held at Vic Park on Friday 2nd May. We are very much looking forward to this great community event following the outstanding success of the house swimming sports which were held earlier in the term.

Before and after school supervision:

Please note that supervision for students commences at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 8.40am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga is seeking applicants for the following position: **Learning Support Officer**

- 3 days a week part time position, commencing Term 2 2025.
- Cert IV in Education Support or willingness to attain would be an advantage.

For more information & to
apply, use the QR code.



BUS TRAVELLERS



DO YOU TRAVEL MORE THAN 4.8KMS TO THE BUS STOP?

If yes, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Log on to the Vic Government website for details.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy>



WHAT IS A SAFETY PLAN?

A safety plan can be used by people when they are feeling unsafe or suicidal – it's a plan to remind themselves of their reasons to live, supportive family and friends they can talk to, and things that can help them find strength during difficult times.

Each person's safety plan is personal and different, but all safety plans can help in the same way. The safety plan will walk someone through different steps to help keep them safe.

Beyond Blue have created the Beyond Now Safety Planning App. This can be downloaded free from the Apple Store or Google Play, and enables people to have easy access to their plan at the times they most need it.

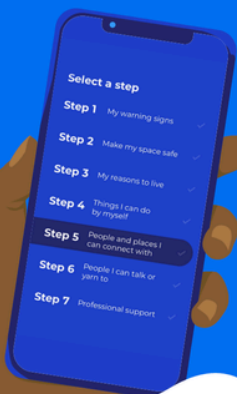
It's also available online.

The app guides people through, step-by-step, and has suggestions for each step. Sometimes people find it helpful if a family member, an Elder or support person works through the safety plan with them. The safety plan can be updated as often as needed, and can be shared with others if the person wants.

Safety plans are a great tool to help people who are struggling, but they are not intended to be the only form of support. Ideally, people should work with a health professional or support person to create their safety plan.



It's time to review your safety plan.



Berry Street's L2P program

Sometimes getting enough driving hours for young people can be challenging for families.

Berry Street's L2P program provides support to young people across the Moira shire. L2P volunteers can support young people to increase their driving experience and gain the required 120 hours.

And its free!

VOLUNTEER AS A LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR

Mentors are urgently needed in your area to support young people with driving experience.

We still have a backlog of learners waiting for a mentor to assist them.

Register your interest with our L2P program today.

Call 03 5822 8100 or
Email L2PHume@berrystreet.org.au



NEED HELP GETTING YOUR P's?

Log your minimum 120 hours of driving experience with the help of a volunteer supervising driver.

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle to attain 120 hours of experience on the road.

Berry Street – TAC L2P Program
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