

Semper Fidelis 2025 Issue 5, May 2025

Prayer

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday sent a shock through the Catholic community all over the world. During Easter, he made an appearance in St. Peter's Square which led us all to think that his recovery was progressing. Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina (1936), became the 266th pope in 2013, the first from the Americas and the first Jesuit pope. His time as pope (papacy) was defined by his devotion to the marginalized, choosing the name Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the poor. He consistently advocated for economic justice, welcomed refugees, and reached out to those on society's peripheries. His landmark encyclical "Laudato Si" addressed environmental stewardship, calling climate change a moral issue, highlighting how the poor are predominantly impacted, and urging global action to protect "our common home" for future generations.

Following a pope's funeral, the Church observes nine days of mourning called the "Novemdiales". Cardinals worldwide then gather in Rome for the conclave, entering the Sistine Chapel where they remain sequestered until selecting a new pope. Voting occurs in complete secrecy through paper ballots. Included among the cardinals will be the Melbourne based Cardinal Mykola Bychok, the youngest cardinal and who leads the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in our part of the world. When a candidate receives a two-thirds majority, white smoke from the chapel chimney signals "Habemus Papam" ("We have a Pope"), and the new pope (pontiff) appears on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.



CARITAS FUNDRAISING

Last week marked the end of the Caritas fundraising period. Once again our Sacred Heart community has succeeded in raising much needed funds for this worthy cause. This year we set ourselves the ambitious goal of reaching the 2024 record amount of \$2500. I am extremely pleased to announce that we have eclipsed that amount raising a whopping

\$2,662.63

A big thank you to everyone for supporting this great cause and a special thank you to our learning advisor groups who continue to come up with new initiatives to raise funds. Thank you to Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club for their donation of the Golf Simulator experience.





2026 Year 7 Information Session

The College will be holding an information session for families looking to enrol their child at the College in 2026. The session will commence at 6pm in the Mercy Administration building and all are welcome.

Mr Lew Magle



Staffing Update

This term we welcome new staff to our Sacred Heart community. We are delighted to have 3 new members of staff comprising Jordyn Elliott (teaching), Melissa Roberts and Sienna Mullavey (learning support). I am sure you will join me in making them most welcome.

Term 2 Key Dates

Wednesday 7th - 9th May Yr 11 CBD Camp

Thursday 8th May Yr 10 Careers Day Out

Wednesday 14th May

Cuppa for Cancer Yr 7 - 2026 Information night 6-7pm

Thursday 15th May College Cross Country

Wednesday 28th May Woka Wola Market Day

Monday 9th June King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 17th June Student Free Day

Friday 20th JuneSacred Heart Feast Day

Friday 4th July End of Term

Term 3 Key Dates

Monday 21st July
Students Return - Term 3

ANZAC DAY

Once again ANZAC services were extremely well attended across the region with the Dawn Service attracting close to record crowds. Our College Captains' addresses were exemplary and drew very positive feedback from veterans and public alike. As a community I know we are all incredibly proud of Sienna and Dimity in the way they represented themselves, their families and the College.

I have included their speeches for your interest.

<u>View Sienna Ross Speech</u> <u>View Dimity Connell Speech</u>



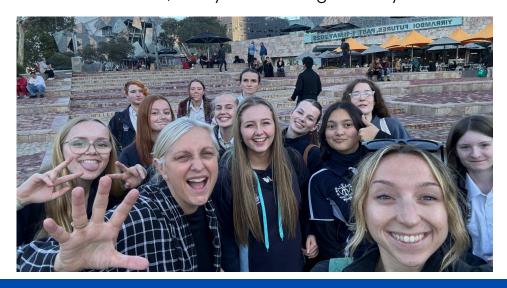




VCE Arts & Media Excursion

On Thursday 1st of May, VCE Arts and Media students had a massive day trip to Melbourne. Accompanied by Ms Schreiber and Miss Carmody, the students viewed the Top Screens and Top Arts exhibitions to inform their own folio work in class. Everyone enjoyed a sunny day in the city, including a Melbourne brunch. We also learned to embrace the art of patience after an hour and fifteen minute V-Line delay on the way home.

All in all, everyone had a great day!



Year 9 Students Explore Local Industry

in Woka Wala

On Wednesday 30th April, our Year 9 students took part in an exciting excursion focused on careers and community connections. Half the group visited the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club, while the other half explored the Black Bull Golf Club and The Sebel.

At each venue, students were given guided tours and gained valuable insights into how these local businesses operate. They learned about the vital role these organisations play in supporting the local economy, creating jobs and offering career pathways in hospitality, tourism and recreation.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see behind the scenes of well-established businesses and begin thinking about future employment possibilities right here in our region.





Year 10 Stem

Our Year 10 students have recently been developing a stand-up bench around one of the poles in the Sacred Heart Grounds.

The students were challenged by making the measurements, drilling the holes and then finally finding durable materials to survive the weather.

It has been well received across recess and lunch today by our junior students on Wexford.

Thank you Mr Morriss!!







Homework Club

Year 7 -10 Every **Wednesday** in the Library Open from **3:10pm - 4:45pm**

STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN AND OUT



Year 10 - 12 Every Tuesday & Wednesday in the Senior Study Open from 3:10pm - 5pm



START Building Great Habits

Homework club is a **FREE** program to help your child with their homework, catch up if they are behind or help them get ahead. Completing homework or reviewing work is an important skill.



Homework club gives students an opportunity to review, practice and develop skills. Supportive environment.

One to one or small group support.

Providing valuable guidance and tutoring from experienced educators.

ATHLETICS DAY

The annual school athletics carnival was held on a bright and energetic day filled with team spirit, outstanding effort and impressive achievements from students across all year levels. The atmosphere was electric as students competed in a wide range of track and field events, from sprints and long-distance races to high jump, long jump and relays.

This year's carnival was especially memorable, with a remarkable 14 school records broken across various age groups and events. These record-breaking performances showcased the incredible talent, determination and preparation of our student-athletes. Students also displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day, cheering on their peers and giving their best in every event. Staff and volunteers worked hard to ensure the carnival ran smoothly and safely, creating an enjoyable day for everyone involved.

House Points – Final Results

After a full day of competition, the final house scores



Fatima - 1127 points

were extremely close:



Mercy - 1126 points



Loreto - 1112 points

Congratulations to Fatima House for narrowly taking out the win! Well done to all students and staff for making the 2025 Athletics Carnival a huge success.

Broken Records

Heleena Shaw -Triple Jump (8.27m), 400m (1:10.00), 200m (28.99), 100m (14.22)

Nancy Thomas - 400m (1:10.50), 200m (29.81)

Damon Thomas - 400m (59.95)

Alannah Smith - Shot Put (14.13m)

Winnie Heffernan - 200m (29.59)

Kiera Freeman - Discuss (21.78m)

Jayden Arnold - Javelin (34.10m)

Lenny Lonergan - High Jump (1.56m)

Sophie Coghill - Javelin (20.32m)









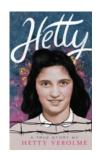


Great new reads in the Library #3

Hetty: A true story by Hetty Verolme 2025

A true story of the struggle and survival of a group of children in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Hetty lived in Amsterdam with her two younger brothers and well-off Jewish parents.

Her father, an important textile trader paid the SS for what he thought was protection for his family. This was not the case and what follows is a powerful memoir of survival.



The paperbark tree committee by Karys McEwen 2025

Twelve-year-old Art has recently moved from a small town in Queensland to Melbourne with his brother Hilary, to live with their dad and stepmum. Their dad is an author who gets caught up in his work and often has trouble doing his 'father duties'. The brothers are very close and started the committee before they moved to discuss 'issues'. Art is being bullied at school and is struggling to get support. Looks at the issues of moving from primary to secondary school whilst also moving to a new school and town.



How to be a good enough kid by Alice Peel 2025

Written in a way that is easy to read, engaging and funny. It is packed with great advice on how to be mentally fit and resilient and how to deal with jealousy among other emotions. How to make up your mind, be brave when you are terrified and how to be more of a legend.



Unhallowed halls by Lili Wilkinson 2025

A teen girl travels to an exclusive boarding school located deep within the Scottish moorlands after a deadly incident at her old school, but the wood-panelled halls of Agathion are built over centuries of secrets—including an ancient society which may have ties to demonic magic. Paige has been given a scholarship to this posh school for troubled rich kids. For the first time in her life she has a group of friends.



Unfortunately, they are all keeping secrets from her.

Visit the Library to borrow any of these books.

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



Student Arrivals and Early Departures

To help maintain a focused and uninterrupted learning environment, we kindly ask that parents communicate any early pickup plans with their child before the school day begins.

We understand that unexpected situations can arise. If an early pickup becomes necessary during the day, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience so we can make arrangements with minimal classroom disruption.

Additionally, if a student arrives late to school, they **must sign in at the office** before heading to class. This ensures accurate attendance and helps us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school day run smoothly!

Monday 9th June

Reminder that Monday 9th June is a Public Holiday for the King's Birthday. Enjoy a long weekend with family and friends.

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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eSafety Webinars

Did you know e-safety online hold regular webinars for parents/carers/guardians?

These webinars provide information and guidance for parents related to technology, as well as ways you can keep your children safe in the online environment. They're free to register!



Term 2, 2025

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 2 topics:

- Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes). For parents and carers of children in primary school.
- Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (30 minutes). For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- eSafety 101 how eSafety can help you (30 minutes).
 For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

YMAA Junior Art Competition 2025

The Yarrawonga Mulwala Artist Association (YMAA) is pleased to announce the 2025 Junior Art Competition to be held from 28 June to 12 July. The competition is free and open to all students from Yarrawonga College P-12, Yarrawonga Sacred Heart Primary School and College, and Mulwala Public School.

The theme for this year's competition is 'Express Yourself'. Your mind is important. Unleash your artistic creativity to express who you are, what you feel. The style of work may be a painting, drawing, print, textile, mixed media, collage or any other 2D medium.

The competition will have four categories: Prep to Grade 2, Grade 3 to Grade 6, Year 7 to Year 9 and Year 10 to Year 12. A 'Best in Show' and 'Encouragement Award' will be presented for each category. All entrants will receive a 'Certificate of Participation'. The entries will be judged by local artists from YMAA with winners announced at the Grand Opening on Saturday 28 June, 3pm.

The entry form, conditions of entry and important dates are available from your school, the YMAA Gallery, or click on https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/AhdaBtXu6s.

For further information please contact Wendy on 0421593621 or Afsheen on 0409369699.

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!





UPCOMING EVENTS

To be hosted by Brenda Spilva & Paula Fernandez at 2/88 Belmore St

TICKETS
FROM \$25

Screen Time Reset - With Pat Noonan For Parents & Teens 13th & 20th May 6pm - Yarrawonga

Understanding your child's emotions With Brenda Spilva
3rd June
6pm - Yarrawonga

Young Men's Program - With Pat Noonan For Parents & Teens 16th & 23rd June 6pm - Yarrawonga







