



SEMPER FIDELIS

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Choose Catholic Education



The College marked Holy Week with an Easter Liturgy in the church on Monday. The Liturgy, which was beautifully led by our student leaders, involved a solemn procession of the cross led by our House Captains.

College Captain, Sophie Coghill provided the following reflection:

In the stillness of the early morning, Mary Magdalene approaches the tomb where she had earlier seen the body of Jesus being placed inside. Her heart is heavy with grief by the recent trauma of Jesus' crucifixion.

The Gospel story we have just listened to captures a profound moment of transformation – a journey from deep sorrow to unexpected joy, from darkness to light. When Mary found the empty tomb, it shows us how hope can come from sadness. The rolled-away stone wasn't just a physical rock being moved – it shows how God's love can break through our suffering. At first, Mary was confused and scared, but then something amazing happened – she met Jesus, alive again! This totally changed everything she thought she knew about life and death.

The angels in the tomb and the gentle way Jesus revealed himself to Mary shows how God carefully reaches out to us when we're at our lowest. Mary's personal meeting with Jesus reminds us that resurrection isn't just something that happened long ago – it's something real that can touch all our lives today.

Easter tells us an important message: God's love is stronger than human suffering, pain and even death itself. Just as Mary moved from mourning to miraculous hope, we too are invited to see beyond our current struggles.



The empty tomb becomes a powerful symbol of renewal, promising that no darkness is so complete that it can put out God's light.

This gospel story challenges us to look beyond our immediate circumstances. It calls us to believe in hope even when hope seems impossible. Like Mary, we are invited to be witnesses to the unexpected – to recognize that love can resurrect what we thought was lost, that light can penetrate the deepest darkness.

KEY DATES

TERM 1

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

KEY DATES

TERM 2

Monday 20th April

Student Free Day

Tuesday 21st April

Term 2 Commences

ANZAC Day

Saturday 25th April

Thursday 30th April

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Friday 1st May

Athletics Carnival

Thursday 14th May

Cross Country

Wednesday 27th May

YWoka Wola Market Day

Friday 5th June

Student Free Day

Monday 8th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26th June

Final Day Term 2

HAPPY NEWS

Recently we received the happy news of the birth of Hamish Francis Bonat who arrived safely on the 20th of March.



We pass our congratulations and best wishes to our colleagues, Kaysee Gray and Reed Bonat on this very happy occasion.

TERM 2 RESUMPTION

Families are reminded that Monday the 20th of April is a student free day.

All Catholic Education Sandhurst Schools will be undertaking professional development on this day. The focus of this learning and teaching professional development is the Science of Learning with keynotes from world renowned experts Dr Jared Cooney Horvath and Dr Nathaniel Swain.

Students will resume on **Tuesday the 21st of April.**

END OF TERM

Students will be dismissed for the end of term one at 1.30pm this Thursday, the 2nd of April.

Bus travellers will be supervised until the buses depart at approximately 2.10pm.

Term one has been an action-packed positive term with numerous camps, excursions and sporting events taking place.

Wishing all of our families a happy and safe Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for term two.

Mr Nagle



THE HEART OF OUR FAITH: EASTER

As the season of Lent comes to an end, drawing us deeper into reflection, we turn our hearts toward the most sacred celebration in the Christian calendar – Easter. For our school community, rooted in the Mercy tradition founded by Catherine McAuley, Easter is not simply a date on the calendar, it is the very foundation of everything we believe and everything we strive to be.

Easter proclaims that love is stronger than death. In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we find the ultimate expression of God's mercy – a mercy that does not abandon, that does not give up, and that transforms even our darkest moments into new beginnings. Catherine McAuley understood this profoundly. Her life's work among the poor and suffering was a living response to a God who rises, who restores and who sends us out renewed.

As a school community, we are called to carry that resurrection hope into our classrooms, our friendships and our world. May this Easter season deepen our gratitude, strengthen our compassion and remind each of us that we are loved with a mercy that knows no bounds.

A blessed and joyful Easter to all.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Risen Lord,

You who walked through darkness into glorious light, walk with us now. Renew in us the courage of Catherine McAuley, who saw your face in every person she served. May we rise above indifference, above fear, above division and choose mercy – always mercy. Fill our school community with resurrection joy, that we may be signs of your hope in a world that longs for light. Alleluia.

Amen.



DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT IN TERM 1



OPEN
Monday & Friday
at Recess



The College, working with the local RSL subbranch to honour returned service men and women from the region, were involved in securing 400 spikes next to the graves of our returned servicemen at the Yarrowonga Cemetery.

In the first week of term 2, students will attach flags to each of the spikes, symbolising a thank you for their sacrifice.



Ovens & Mitta
Division



**Year 7
Boys &
Girls**



TENNIS



Congratulations Noah Cox, Jackson Prosser, River Burns & Tyler Farey, the Intermediate Boys O & M Tennis Champions.

The boys competed in Wodonga yesterday and will now compete at the Hume Regional Championships in Wangaratta.

YEAR 8 BOYS TENNIS

Well done Jimmy Robinson, Taylor Lewis, James O'Kane & Tyler Buerkner.

Winners of the Year 8 Boys Tennis final at the O & M Sports on Tuesday.



SCIENCE IN ACTION

When science gets messy, learning gets exciting! Ms Shannon's Year 8 Science Class. Who knew science could be this much of a crowd-pleaser?"



PSYCHOLOGY



In Unit 1 Psychology, we are looking at the brain.

Today we dissected a sheep brain. The most interesting bit was looking at the cerebellum, which looks like a cauliflower. This helps maintain balance, posture and motor control.

Abbi McClarty



LIBRARY *News*

HARMONY WEEK

Over the past fortnight we have been celebrating Harmony Week in the Library. Harmony Week celebrates our diversity and aims to bring together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

It includes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination which remembers the Sharpeville massacre of 1960 in which 69 unarmed black South African people, protesting against Apartheid, were killed by police.

Today we use this day to celebrate how far we have come but also acknowledge areas which still need to be improved.

In the library we had a book display of stories about famous multicultural people, stories of refugees and first nation people. We also discussed our connections to other countries.

Students were asked to write on a leaf for countries where they or their ancestors were from, or where they had family connections.

We had some students who have family members who have moved to other countries or relatives who were adopted from other countries, some who they or their parents came from other countries, and others whose ancestors had come to Australia up to over 200 years ago. We even had students who identified as part Aboriginal.

Our resulting display shows we have connections to every continent in the world other than Antarctica.



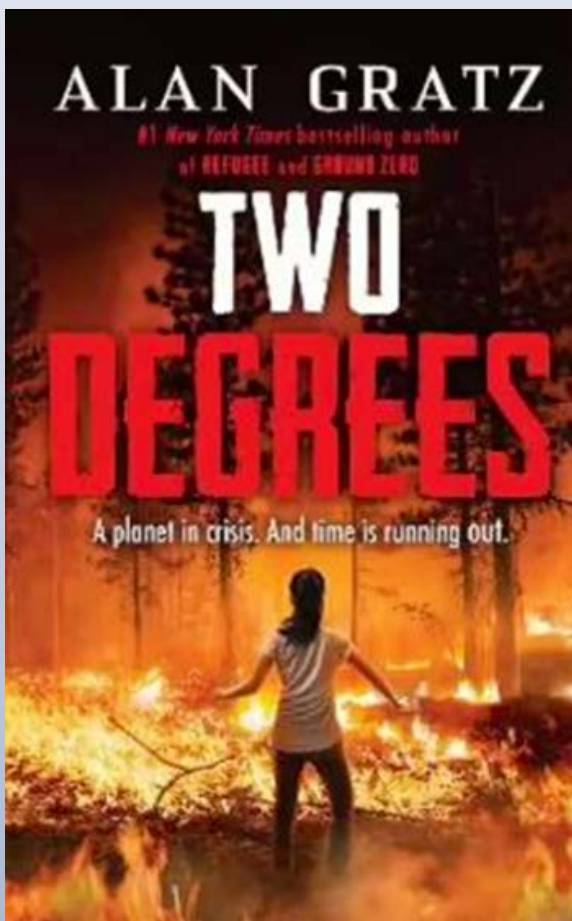


Great Reads #3

This fortnight's student book review comes from Year 8 student Sophie Hicks. Hopefully this review encourages other students to read this book or write their own book review.

There will be a prize mid year for the Individual student who writes the most book reviews and for the class who have the most members submit book reviews. If you are interested, please pick up a book review form from Ms Kelly.

TWO DEGREES BY ALAN GRATZ



This book is about kids surviving different natural disasters and problems.

I like the fire section because it kept me really interested. My favourite character was Akira because she survived the disaster, helped her family and another girl, while also on a horse. I didn't really like the hurricane section because it kinda just bored me out.

I enjoyed basically the whole book and I learned that surviving natural disasters is hard. People who enjoy learning about problems in the world would enjoy this book.

I give this book 4 stars out of 5.



Located in the Historical Fiction section - GRA

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

REMEMBER

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!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION:

Please note that supervision for students commences at:

8.30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday &
8.40am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM? OR THINKING ABOUT COMING BACK TO CHURCH?

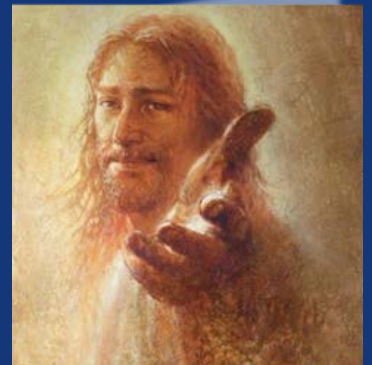
Whether you're seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith or considering returning to the Church, we invite you to join us at the Parish of the Sacred Heart here in Yarrowonga.

Our welcoming programme is designed to guide you through the teachings of Jesus Christ, helping you discover or rediscover the profound sense of home and belonging that our faith offers.

Led by our parishioners, this is an opportunity to ask questions, explore Catholic beliefs, and grow in your spiritual journey.

Come, and see how the Church can be a place of peace and hope for you.

Contact Michael Ross – michael.ross@shcy.vic.edu.au or Fr. Junjun on 0459 356 917



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Sacred Heart College, Yarrowonga

Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300

Sacred Heart College

33 Witt Street

PO Box 286 Yarrowonga Vic 3730

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www.shcy.vic.edu.au

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

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

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OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

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

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE 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 DFFH and provide it to my child's school 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 DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can 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 ___/___/202__

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF **must meet both** of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the **APPLICANT 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.
2. Complete the **STUDENT DETAILS** section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)

Apple Cinnamon Muffins



Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 apples
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons canola oil

Makes 12



1 PREHEAT

Preheat oven to 180°C and line a muffin tray with patty cases.



2 COMBINE

Add flours, sugar and cinnamon to a large bowl and mix until combined.



3 GRATE

Wash and grate the apples.



4 ADD

Add grated apple to the flour mixture and mix through.



5 MIX

In a small bowl, mix together egg, milk and oil.



6 POUR

Make a well in the centre of the flour mixture. Pour in wet ingredients. Mix until just combined.



7 SPOON

Spoon mixture into muffin tray.



8 BAKE

Bake for 20 minutes, or until lightly browned.



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- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
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1300 610 355



Are you aware of what services are available in your area for young people to access?
Check out the Yarrowonga Youth Contacts for details.



www.nesay.com.au

Yarrowonga Youth Contacts

Crisis & Emergency

Police, Fire, Ambulance 000
Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
Lifeline 131 114

Hospitals

Yarrowonga District Health Service 5743 8111
Nurse on Call 1300 606 024

Youth Services

NESAY 5720 2201
The Bridge Youth Service 5831 2390
DFFH 5722 0555

Health

NECAMHS 5723 8900
Community Health Centre 5743 8500
Yarrowonga Denis Medical Group 5744 1777

Family Violence

Goulburn Valley CASA 5831 2343
Safe Steps 1800 015 188

Alcohol & Other Drugs

Yarrowonga Health & Community Services
5743 8111

Financial

Centrelink 132 490
VincentCare 5744 2460
Primary Care Connect 5823 3200
Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House 5744 3911

Food assistance

St Vincent De Paul 5744 3083

Legal

Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre
1800 310 900

Housing

Beyond Housing 5722 8000
Urgent assistance 1800 825 955

Yarrowonga Library

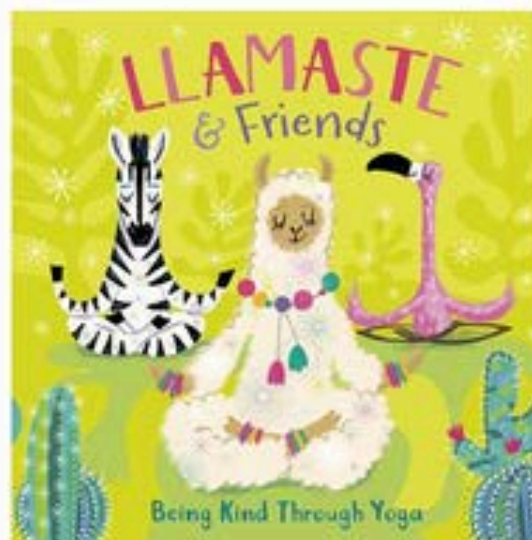
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Friday 10th April, 10:30am



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Yarrowonga Library

Holiday Program



Twister

Friday 17th April, 10:30am



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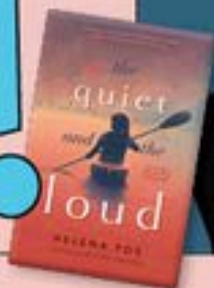
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


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