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## From The Principal's Desk

A bit trite but the old phrase 'if life gives you lemons, make lemonade' could be an important message in the coming weeks and possibly months.

We are going to go through a significant historical and social event; the way we choose to face it could be highly influential on the way our children learn and develop.

You are exceptionally powerful as parents and carers. You have the ability to turn a challenge into an opportunity.

If Sacred Heart, along with all schools, closes physically, it will still exist in a virtual setting. Remote teaching and learning can open up a whole new world of possibilities and learnings for students:

- Learning to use video conferencing.
- Learning to speak publicly to the class in a brief and informed manner.
- Learning to be a more independent learner.
- Having time to indulge in creative play even in the upper grades.
- Learning to interact positively with their siblings.
- Being more responsible for chores around the home.

As parents and carers, you may be nervous of your new role as 'teacher' in the home, however you will not be alone. In tandem with your child's / children's teacher/s, we are aiming for your child to keep learning in a meaningful way. We are not aiming for all the syllabus objectives to be met in each Learning Area. We are prioritising the big five: Literacy, Numeracy, Religion, Science, the Humanities with a smattering when time, of all the extras - drama, music, art, PE.

Some important messages for survival:

Setting up routines from the beginning is very helpful in counteracting children's anxiety and will make learning easier.

Just like class, your home is not a democracy. The child should not control or be involved in all decisions.

If things get rocky and learning is at a stalemate, choose your battles and do a different task.

Make it fun, be creative in the kitchen with cooking and Mathematics, sing more, draw more, dance more.

You may have to work from home too and that is a priority. Take care of yourself.

Learn some family mantras:

Everyone else in the world is in the same situation, we can do this.

Let's learn together.

Okay, it's work time for everybody.

Let's choose to be calm.

Pray together.

On another note, I need to mention the extraordinary efforts and creativity of the wonderful professionals at Sacred Heart in recent weeks. I am very proud of the resilient, determined dedication of our team as they pulled together to ensure good planned learning continues, no matter what happens in the future.

Once again take care everyone.

Max Martin

**As you would probably now be aware, next week: Monday 30th to Friday 3rd April, will be designated pupil free days and our children are not required to come to school. If you are part of the essential workforce, we will be providing schooling for your children at Sacred Heart. More details surrounding protocols for next week and into the near future will be sent to each of our families this evening. Thank you.**

### From The APRE

Life can certainly throw us a few curveballs and there has certainly been one thrown our way at the moment. One thing for sure is that we are all in this together. You need to keep updated with what is happening with regards to COVID-19 but do yourself a favour to limit your television so that the children are not watching all day.

As a mother of 6, I figured my best advice for you during this Easter at home was to provide you with skills to 'Keep them Happy' which in turn may keep you sane.

1. Give your children time. Leave the housework and play a game.
2. Let them make a mess. Tidying at the end of the day is always hard. Play a song as you clean and sing loudly.
3. Say a prayer with your children.
4. Dance with your children.
5. Let them go outside and make their own fun. Have a coffee and watch.
6. Limit screen time.
7. Watch a movie together as a treat.
8. Give them quiet time. This can give you a break.
9. Exercise. Go for a walk if you are able or play tiggly.
10. Most importantly, love them and let them know that they are loved (even when you've had enough.)

Last week, someone said to me that it was supposed to be 'The Year of Clarity.' My reply was that maybe it is. Life is not about possessions or money but this pandemic is teaching us that life is about helping others, spending time with our family and slowing down.

Dear Lord

We pray for the sick and their families; for health workers and those who help them; for the authorities, law enforcement agencies and volunteers and our leaders as they guide our way. Protect us all and look after us in this time of need. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Enjoy your children and stay well

Melissa Collins

### From The APC

What an interesting and ever-changing week we have had as staff and learners at Sacred Heart.

To ensure quality learning occurs, should schools close, teachers have prepared packs of materials that will be sent home today with students. Should your child not be at school today, these can be picked up from the office.

These packs have been provided for student learning when our school officially closes. (This does not include next week's pupil free days.)

Google Classrooms have been created as a platform of online learning if required going forward next term. All teachers and students in Year 1 through 6 have engaged in their respective classroom, to familiarise themselves with the process of logging on. A Google Classroom has also been set up for our Preps, as a year level classroom.

The school has purchased licences for Matific, an interactive and online learning tool to support Mathematics for all students in Years 1 to 6.

Phonics Hero, an online app to support phonics and reading, has also been purchased for our Prep to Year 3 students.

All classes have set up Study Ladder, another online tool to support the teaching and learning of Mathematics, English, Science and HaSS.

All login details and passwords for platforms that your child is enrolled in will be sent home.

Teachers will be available through email should you need to contact them.

A copy of a guide 'Google Classrooms for Parents' will be emailed home. It is also available from the following link:  
[Parent Guide Link](#)

While next term may bring a new way for students to engage in learning, teachers at Sacred Heart remain dedicated to the ongoing, quality education of our children.

Take care everyone.

Lisa List.

### Reflection

Each week, we provide a link to Sr Kym's reflection. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance.

Link to [Sr Kym's reflection](#)

### Important Dates

#### April

Friday 10th – Good Friday

Sunday 12th – Easter Sunday

Monday 13th – Easter Monday. Public holiday.

### NAPLAN Testing

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has cancelled NAPLAN testing for 2020 which was to be undertaken by our Year 3 and 5 children.

### Student Awards

<b>Prep</b>	Dakota Henry-Hopkins, Toby Apps
<b>Year 1</b>	Charlotte Grob, Connor Dixon, Lucinda Warrick, Preston Williams, Hamish Mesman
<b>Year 2</b>	Maya Read, Felix Shammall, Jett Hawkes, Flynn Palairet, Jai Ray, Ollie Palairet, Brendan Gilbride
<b>Year 3</b>	Georgia Carige, Ashton Finch, Cooper Moylan, Marley Williams, Cooper O'Rourke, Dayna Cook Olivia Kronk, Samuel Miller
<b>Year 5</b>	Mackenzie Blackwood, Mikuni Park, Macey Elliott, Logan Young
<b>Year 6</b>	Benjamin Miller, Xander Kelly, Charlie Bone, Amber Johnson, Alex Collins, Abby Robertson, Katelyn Kleinhans, Ryan Hendrie

### MJR Awards Week 9

Congratulations to the following children on receiving an MJR award for this week:

Jess Ramm Year 3 for being a wonderful friend and being caring of others. Well done.

Luke Shepherd Year 4 for always displaying good sportsmanship at lunch times.

Riley Timperon Year 5 for working extremely well during STEAM lessons.

Cash Warner Year 4 for always displaying wonderful manners. Thank you.

Sophie Wilczek Year 1 for showing great dancing skills and for being so enthusiastic during PE lessons on Wednesday.

Emmett Symonds Year 1 for playing so well with others at lunch times.

Jaxon Mitchell Year 3 for looking out for others at play time and for your Good Mornings each day.

Lula Hart Year 2 for your fantastic writing and diligent work this week.

Hazel Hovey Year 3 for including as many people as possible in your mud play at lunch times.

Morgan Bridgeman, Ben Richardson, Tyson Rose, Jayden Jackson, Laith Elkhishan Year 6 for displaying good sportsmanship at lunch time cricket.



## Frankie Awards Week 9

Ava Goodger and Sage Nielson Year 2, Brienna Brandish Year 6 and Renee Field Year 5 for being very vigilant in ensuring our school garden is always well watered.

Owen Harris Prep for showing great initiative in building a container provide water for our possum.



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## Year 2 Stories

Four years ago, I went camping near a creek. We had a swim and I caught a fish. I went with mum and dad. We had a swim for a long time. It was fun. When we finished, we packed up and drove home.

Charlie

I went to Hervey Bay for five days to see my family. We went swimming in the pool. One day, we saw my cousins, my Grandma at the park. Then we went swimming again and it was fun.

Aria

One year ago, I went to Agnes Waters. I stayed in a hotel. There was a pool and a spa. I slept on a queen bed with Piper. Kai and Asha slept in single beds. We lived on the bottom floor. We jumped on a pillow and swam in the pool. It was very cold.

Saige

Last year, I went to visit 1770. It was amazing. I went with my dad. They had a pool that was shaped in a circle with a hot tub in the middle. I met a Prep from Sacred Heart there and we made friends. We sat in the hot tub. I had a great time.

Brendan

One year ago, I went to Tasmania for a holiday with my family. I saw my cousins and we went to a lookout on a high hill. We went for lots of bush walks and went to a lolly shop. They had heaps of lollies there. We had to stay in a hotel and it was so cold. My brother and I hopped in the pool and it was freezing. It was the best holiday ever. I really liked the bush walking.

Ivy

In India, I went to my cousin's house, and we ate rice for lunch. The second day, I was ready to go to my Grandma's. She hugged me when she saw me. I drank some lemon juice. I really wanted to play with my cousin's toys. My Grandma even washed my clothes. I had the best time.

Therese

When we went to Tasmania with my cousins, we went to their farm. We rode their horses on the beach. Then we went into the forest and then to their house. We rounded up their pigs and fed them. When we were walking in another forest, we saw a big lizard and then we saw a big bird. We went back to their house, saw the cows and fed them.

Lula

I went to New Zealand and I got to play in the snow and I made a snowman, I also went hiking with Rio and Rum, my mum and dad. We went to the beach and played. I had my birthday there. My grandparents live in New Zealand and we went on a plane to see them.

Raven

Two weeks ago, I went to the turtle lookout with my family. It took a long time. I reckon we walked 200 metres and then we reached the top. On the way down, we saw some beautiful flowers. When we finished, we got in the car and drove home.

Kane