



STAGE 2 PARENT INFORMATION NOTE – 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to the 2020 school year. Our hope is that your child will have a happy year and will be challenged to always perform at his/her personal best. We believe that we are partners with you in your child's education. If you have any concerns at any time please make an appointment to talk to us, so that together we can help address any issues.

Religion

The students will remain in their classes for religion lessons this term. They will participate in a unit centered around the ways the Sacraments welcome and strengthen the members of the Church community.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist will be celebrated this term and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in Term 2.

Please remember that the Sacramental Program is Parish-based. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries that you may have about the Sacramental programs.

First Holy Communion (Year 4 & Above)	First Reconciliation (Year 3 & Above)
Enrolment Open When: Tues 18 February	Enrolment Open When: Tues 19 May
Parent Information Night and When: Wed, 4 March Time: 19:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	Parent Information Night and When: Wed, 3 June Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
Presentation Mass for First Communion Candidates When : Sat, 7 March – Sun, 8 March Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	Presentation Mass for First Reconciliation Candidates When: Sat, 6 June – Sun, 7 June Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
First Holy Communion Session 1 When: Wed, 11 March Time: 19:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	First Reconciliation Session 1 When: Wed, 10 June Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
First Holy Communion Session 2 When: Wed, 18 March Time: 19:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	First Reconciliation Session 2 When: Wed, 17 June Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
First Holy Communion Session 3 When: Wed, 25 March Time: 19:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	First Reconciliation Session 3 When: Wed, 24 June Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
First Holy Communion – Session 4 & Practice Session When: Wed, 1 April Time: 19:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	First Reconciliation – Session 4 & Practice Session When: Wed, 1 July Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce
First Holy Communion Mass When: Sat, 4 April (Palm Sunday) – Sun, 5 April (Palm Sunday) Time: 4 April - 6pm & 5 April - 10am Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce	First Reconciliation When: Thursday 2 July Time: 18:00 Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Pearce

Mathematics

Students will participate in Mathematics each day and will be encouraged to take risks and make connections with existing knowledge. This term students will explore whole numbers and use place value to partition numbers. They will further develop mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students will collect data and construct graphs. They will investigate the functions of time and the relationship between units of time. Students will also discuss metres and centimetres, millilitres and litres. These concepts will be taught by immersing students in an investigation where they will explore problems and have fun.

English

Every day at Sacred Heart, all classes across the school will be engaged in Literacy Blocks. During this time the children will be involved in activities such as Guided, Shared and Independent Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Handwriting and Speaking and Listening. In Writing we will be focusing on writing to persuade and writing to entertain. Students will also learn to speak confidently in front of others and listen effectively. They will be also participating in the school wide spelling program, Sounds Write. Year 3 students will learn to include flicks and exits on their letter formations and Year 4 students will continue to develop cursive handwriting.

Inquiry – Health

The first inquiry unit is about how we work as learners. Students will be learning how to think effectively, collaborate, communicate, research and self-manage learning and behaviour. They will revise the Sacred Heart assets as a basis of their learning. This unit will also incorporate the Rock and Water program, Highway Heroes and Protective Behaviours.

Inquiry – Science

The second inquiry unit this term is about how states of matter can be changed. We will look at the production and transfer of energy. We will also investigate how people use their scientific knowledge and observations to understand the world.

Physical Education

This term for Sport, the students will be doing fitness and athletic skills in preparation for the school's athletics carnival. They will also participate in a gymnastics program every Thursday from Week 1 to Week 8. We also have our school swimming carnival on Friday of Week 3.

iPads (BYOD)

We are continuing to use iPads as a valuable resource that supports your child's learning. Please ensure your child has a heavy duty cover to protect their device. The school website will list all the required apps for each Stage throughout the year. In this pack we have also provided you with this list. Please ensure that you have downloaded these onto your child's device by the end of Week 2 (Friday, 15 February) so that your child can start to use their device in the classroom by Monday Week 3. Any additional apps that are needed will also be advised via the Stage Parent Information Note at the beginning of each term or through a school push notice on SZapp. Apps will be those that Sacred Heart teachers have recognised as being purposeful in enabling students to be productive in their learning.

Learning Assets

In order to be prepared for lifelong learning and to conduct purposeful inquiry, students need to master a whole range of skills which are relevant to all subject areas as well as life outside school. Students need time to develop the following skills for learning;

Thinking Skills

Collaborative Skills (Social Skills)

Communication Skills

Self- Management Skills

Research Skills.

These Learning Assets will be explicitly taught so students can talk not just about 'what we learn' but also 'how we learn'.

NAPLAN

Year 3 students will participate in the compulsory National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) in Literacy and Numeracy. The 2020 NAPLAN assessment will occur during the period 12 - 22 May. Parents are requested not to make arrangements and/or appointments for their children in Year 3 on these dates.

The Arts and Italian

This term, students will have Italian with Mrs Lustri and The Arts with Mr Fox.

Sports Uniforms

Stage 2 will be having Sport days every Tuesday and Thursday except for Weeks 7, 8 and 9 where sport will occur on Monday instead of Tuesdays.

Library Days

3/4 Red - Wednesday

3/4 White - Wednesday

3/4 Navy - Wednesday

Students are required to have a library bag with their name clearly labelled on it for Library book borrowing. Without one the students will not be able to borrow books.

Fruit Break

Please send a substantial fruit break of **fresh fruit or vegetables** each day.

Attendance

We ask that students be punctual and present for morning assembly at 8.55am. It is important that the school be notified by way of a written note or email as soon as possible giving a reason for your child's absence. This is then recorded for legal reasons in class rolls.

Signing In/Out

When dropping your child off after the morning bell or when collecting your child early from school students need to be signed in/out through the Front Office with a reason given.

Interviews with Teachers

Your children are important to us. If you come to discuss your child when we are in class, on duty or at morning assembly it is difficult for us to give you our undivided attention and we would be concerned about confidentiality. For everyone's benefit, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher if a need arises. If it is an emergency, please contact the Front Office.

Activities and Excursions

Students will be involved in excursions and activities as part of their enrichment activities throughout the year. Notes will be sent home with details as events arise.

Medical Alert Forms

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that you have filled in and returned a medical alert form. All medications must be handed in and administered through the Front Office. There are a number of children in the school who are anaphylactic or have food allergies. We request that nut products are **NOT** sent to school.

Home Learning

We believe that children can begin to develop a sense of responsibility for their own learning and time management skills through Home Learning. Home Learning can be a means for creating an important and appropriate link between home and school, directly involving parents in their child's education. Home Learning is an opportunity to develop existing skills through practice. We believe that Home Learning is also:

- A positive reinforcement of learning done at school.
- An opportunity for open-ended research for children who want to be extended.
- An opportunity for parent/child discussion about what the child is learning.
- A means of providing the teacher with feedback as to how concepts and skills have been grasped.

Home Learning requirements take into account the diversity of expectations placed upon children outside school hours by family and social commitments. Home Learning is given out on a Monday and expected back to school on the following Wednesday.

All children are expected to read for a minimum of 10 minutes each night

<i>Stage2</i>	<i>Numeration skills/ Mathletics Tasks and an Inquiry Task</i>	<i>60 minutes per cycle</i>
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Mathletics

Mathletics is compulsory and students will be expected to complete set tasks. It is an excellent resource that is included in the school fees. Your child has access to this both at school and at home. The website is tailored to the student's development level and tasks are set by the teachers regularly in line with what they are teaching in class. Tasks are designed as practice and should be completed three times before moving onto the next. Each time, after completing a task the concept stays the same but the questions will change to ensure the student masters the process required. Teachers will monitor participation and expect that this component is completed. Live Mathletics games are not part of compulsory Home Learning.

Times tables are an important skill for Stage 2 students and we encourage students to practice regularly to develop rapid recall of these facts.

Home Learning Inquiry Tasks

Students may also complete an inquiry task. These tasks are open-ended and can include questions that the students would like to inquire about such as when a particular sport was invented or why does the sun set. Such tasks can be presented to the class and the way tasks can be presented are flexible. For example, a speech, PowerPoint presentation or on cardboard. This is an optional task.

We would also ask that you please sign your child's Home Learning sheet/book at the end of each fortnight to acknowledge the completion of their reading, Mathletics and Inquiry project. Home Learning will begin in Week 3. It will be set on Monday and be due on Wednesday of the following week. If your child is unable to complete their Home Learning, please record a message in your child's book or send a note/email to their teacher.

Bookwork Guidelines

Please familiarise yourself with the Sacred Heart bookwork expectations. We suggest all books be covered and clearly labelled. Sacred Heart bookwork expectations have been pasted at the front of student work books.

Items to bring in

We also ask that every child in Stage 2 be supplied with the following items that are not purchased in our Stage 2 supplies:

- 1 Paint shirt (paint smock) clearly labelled with name
- 2 Box of tissues for classroom use
- 3 Earphones for iPad/laptop use clearly labelled with name
- 4 Baby/antibacterial wipes

Email Times

During school hours teachers will be unable to read and respond immediately to emails due to their classroom commitments. However, teachers will endeavour to answer emails as soon as possible. Appropriate business times apply when sending emails to teachers please.

(8:30am – 5:30pm) If it is an emergency, please contact the Front Office. **Please ensure all correspondence relating to your child goes directly to their teacher.** It is imperative that we know what is going on with your child, including any medication.

Email addresses as follows

patricia.iles@cg.catholic.edu.au (Mon - Thurs)

brendan.mitchell@cg.catholic.edu.au

nichola.leitao@cg.catholic.edu.au (Mon and Tue)

joanna.filardo@cg.catholic.edu.au (Wed - Fri)

Classroom Assistance

If you would like to help in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher and fill in the appropriate Classroom Assistance Agreement forms from the Front Office. It is also a requirement that parent helpers have a Working with Vulnerable People card.

Important Dates this Term

- Opening School Mass – Friday 14 February
- Swimming Carnival – Friday 21 February
- Canberra Day Monday 9 March
- Think U Know Parent Information Night – Cyber Safety – 24 March

- Interim Reports – Thursday 21 March
- 3 Way Conference – Tuesday 1 April
- Holy Week- Week 10
- Easter Sunday Celebration- 12 April
- Ash Wednesday – 6 March
- Athletics Carnival – Friday 22 March

Communication

The school's calendar with all school events can be found at the Sacred Heart SZapp App (SHP Pearce). If you don't have SZapp, please see the front office on how to get this App. The Sacred Heart school website communication section has many key dates also.







As always, please ensure that you check your emails, download the Sacred Heart School App and read the weekly newsletter for information relating to school events.

We look forward to working with you so that your child will have a happy and productive year.

Stage 2 Teachers

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Essential apps for your child's participation in classroom learning:

App icon	Cost	Description
Google Drive 	Free	Get started with Google Drive, free of charge, and have all your files within reach from any smartphone, tablet or computer. All your files in Drive – like your videos, photos and documents – are backed up safely so that you can't lose them
Google Docs 	Free	Create, edit, and collaborate with others on documents from your iPod, iPhone, or iPad with the free Google Docs app.
Google Classroom 	Free	Google classroom enables us to set tasks, provide feedback and information on subjects.
Google Chrome 	Free	Easier, more intuitive search engine that is compatible with different plug ins and security applications.
Google Sheets 	Free	Learn to create and edit spreadsheets in collaboration with others and to access any time, anywhere on any device.
Google Slides 	Free	Create, edit and collaborate with the use of media in short or long presentations. Similar to power point, easier use and access anywhere from any device.
Google Earth	Free	



Explore the globe with a swipe of your finger, identifying significant geographical landmarks and information about the history of the world.

Google Arts & Culture



Free

Children can access and review different artworks and cultural practices from around the world with ease.

Youtube Kids



Free

A more secure and safe way for children to access YouTube videos.

Book Creator



\$7.99

Publish stories incorporating media such as photos, videos and audio recordings. PLEASE NOTE: There is a free version available, however the restrictions with the free version is that the app only enables you to create one book. We will need to be able to create multiple books for various tasks.

iMovie



\$7.99

iMovie enables the culmination of digital media to create short and long videos. This app is used regularly in the classroom to assist in the publishing of stories and key assessment items in different curriculum strands.

QR Reader



Free

Enables the user to read QR codes that act as a link to media or a website.

Mathletics Student



Free

An app that will allow students to use Mathletics in an offline environment however it does not have the same features as Mathletics on the computer.

Free

Pic Kids is a safer version of Pic Collage which enables children to create interesting posters and collages with images from their personal gallery or the web.

Pic Kids



Scratch Jr



Free

Scratch Jr is a coding app that enables students to develop their programming and coding skills. Coding is becoming more and more prevalent in the education system and is a skill that will assist students in future endeavours in technology streams.

Sphero Education



Free

Create your own programs and commands for the sphero robots.

Edison robots-Edware



Free

Programme the Edison bots.





Makers empire



Free

Create your own designs for 3D printing.

	Dictionary & Translator Pro Free - Bravolol By Bravolol Limited	Free	The best dictionary app is now on iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch.
	Epic Books	Free	Epic is a leading digital library for kids, where kids can explore their interests and learn with instant, unlimited access to 25,000 high-quality ebooks, audiobooks, learning videos, and quizzes for kids 12 and under.
	Creative Book Builder Publisher: Tiger Ng	\$5.99	Creative Book Builder enables everyone to create, edit and publish ebooks in a few minutes on the go. All published ebooks can be read by any ePub reader including iBooks. Everyone is professional writer now!
NOTE: If you have already purchased <i>Book Creator</i> and don't want to invest in this App that is fine. <i>Creative Book Builder</i> just has more functionality			

	<p>Google Street View</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Create photo spheres to add your own Street View experiences. Start with your phone's camera or add a one-shot spherical camera for easy 360° photography.</p>
	<p>Do Ink</p>	<p>\$4.49</p>	<p>Do Ink makes it easy to create incredible green screen videos and photos. Classroom-tested by kids and teachers, this app emphasizes ease-of-use and simplicity while still enabling fantastic results. With Green Screen by Do Ink, you can tell a story, explain an idea, and express yourself in truly creative and unique ways.</p>
	<p>Photo Fox</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Take an idea and make a masterpiece, from the palm of your hand. We're here to empower you with artistic tools that make creating & designing on iPhone fun.</p>
	<p>Sora Overdrive</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Sora is a new reading and listening app from OverDrive and Granite School District. With Sora, students and staff can access a large collection of ebooks and audiobooks for independent, self-directed, or teacher-assigned reading.</p>