



SACRED HEART
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



feast of the SACRED HEART



The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a special day in the Catholic Church that celebrates Jesus' deep and unconditional love for all people. The image of the Sacred Heart reminds us of His compassion, kindness, and care—especially for those who are struggling or in need. At Sacred Heart School, this feast holds extra meaning, as it reflects the values we strive to live by every day: love, service, and community.

To mark this occasion, we invite all families to join us for a Family Breakfast. This is a time to come together in a spirit of warmth and connection, share a simple meal, and celebrate the strong, supportive relationships that make our school community so special.



Please join us

FRIDAY
7:45AM

JUNE
27
2025

SACRED
HEART
HALL



Storytime fun at Playgroup!

This week, Suzie was invited to read a story at the Casterton Playgroup, and she brought along Rose and Nate to help! Together with Jane from Glenelg Libraries, they shared a story, sang songs and encouraged the little ones to dance and join in the fun.

It was a beautiful morning full of giggles, music, and movement – and a special way for Sacred Heart to connect with our youngest friends in the community!



Take note!

WEEK 10

Friday 27th June

Sacred Heart Feast Day
Family Breakfast 7:45–9am

WEEK 11

Monday 30th June

Reports released on PAM

Wednesday 2nd July

LUNCH ORDERS

SAC – P&F Meeting – 6pm

Friday 4th July

LAST DAY OF TERM – 2:20pm FINISH

TERM 3 – WEEK 1

Monday 21st July

Students return to school

Friday 25th July

Grandparent's Day

From your Principal...

With two weeks still to go, there's a great sense of momentum across the school. Reports are nearly finalised, and staff are busy preparing for our Sacred Heart Feast Day celebrations and setting plans in motion for Term 3. This week, our teaching teams have also been working closely with our Western Trinity colleagues, meeting for planning days to share ideas and strengthen term planning. It's been energising to see the creativity and thoughtfulness going into designing engaging, purposeful learning experiences for our students. From hands-on maths and writing units to integrated inquiry topics, next term is already shaping up to be full of rich learning.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support as we head toward the end of a busy and productive term. There's still much to look forward to before the holidays!

Suzie

This week, our Mini Vinnies team completed their first leadership project under our new student leader model, which includes regular meetings with the Principal to plan, reflect and grow as leaders. The mission was to raise awareness during Refugee Week, helping the school community build empathy and understanding. As this was their first project, a clear model was provided to guide the team – demonstrating how to take complex information and “drip feed” it through engaging and meaningful activities such as stories, art, discussions and prayer.

The students followed this model and helped with:

- **Storytime** sessions using books like ‘The Little Refugee’ by Ahn Do
- Supporting and contributing to the senior **art activities**
- Holding a Refugee Week **prayer** service
- Sharing facts and **reflections** at assembly
- Encouraging **conversations** about where we all come from and what it means to feel safe and welcome

This experience has given the team a strong foundation to reflect on and build from, as they prepare to take more ownership in their next project—NAIDOC Week.



BLENDED FAMILIES

“Many people suffer the “Brady Bunch delusion” – the notion that everything's going to be peachy and perfect. The reality is, there isn't a step-family on the planet that actually works like that.”

Dr Michael Carr Gregg

In the past, step-parenting has always had a bad rap. Throughout history, fairytales have often depicted characters by describing them as the evil step-mother or step-sister. Today, this family demographic is becoming the fastest-growing in the world! On average, one in five families is a ‘step’ or ‘blended’ family. These two terms are now used interchangeably to remove some of the negative stigma. For many step-parent’s, the greatest challenge lies in determining what their role is within the family. It is important to allow this role to develop organically with time and patience being key.

Follow this link to our school landing page where you will find a valuable array of resources on varying topics for school aged children.

<https://shcasterton.catholic.schooltv.me>



Thank you to everyone who has already sold tickets for our Redgum Wood Raffle – your support means the world! **BUT...WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

We’ve still got until next Friday to raise as much as we can for our new cubby house village, and every ticket sold really does make a difference. So, if you’ve got time to help, please consider...

Taking a book to work and sell to friends or colleagues, or Setting up down the main street for an hour or two. Pop into the office to grab the tin and sign for down the street, or shoot me a message for an extra book to take to work and i’ll send it home with your child. With winter well and truly here, this is the perfect prize! 🔥

Thank You

FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT

At Sacred Heart, keeping students safe online is a priority—and it's a team effort between school and home. As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in helping your child build safe and responsible habits when using technology.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- Talk openly with your child about their online activities.
- Set boundaries around screen time and online platforms.
- Review privacy settings together to help protect their information.
- Encourage respectful online behaviour and being a positive digital citizen.
- Stay connected with the school if you have any questions or concerns about e-safety.

For more tips and resources, you can visit:

- 🌐 [eSafety Commissioner](#) – Advice and tools for parents, carers and families.
- 🌐 [Raising Children Network](#) – Helping families navigate digital media and online safety.

By working together, we can help create a safe, supportive online environment for all students.

Let's stay engaged and keep the conversation going!

Cooking Up a Storm!

Our Skills for Life group, led by Gabby, has been busy putting their learning into action! Over the past few weeks, they've explored healthy menus, smart shopping, budgeting and meal planning — all while cooking up some delicious treats. Last week, the team prepared mini shepherd's pies with homemade pastry and French toast with stewed apples for our Friyay canteen lunch. Today, they got cracking on the first batch of egg and bacon muffins for our Family Feast Day breakfast, using fresh eggs from Ms Mac's chooks!

To top it all off, Gabby brought in fresh produce from her vegetable garden for a blind taste test. The students tried a range of smoothies she whipped up — a fun and tasty way to explore new flavours and learn about nutrition. It's been wonderful to see the students gaining confidence, building new life skills, and having lots of fun along the way!



STEPHANIE
KITCHEN
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ALEXANDER
GARDEN
FOUNDATION
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

CASTERTON LITTLE ATHLETICS

Please join us

**AGM - 4TH JULY
GLENELG INN HOTEL
@ 5:30PM**



Community
NOTICE
#lovewhereweliveandlearn

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JUMPS BLUES AND BREWS

SUN 10 AUG



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Refugee Week

Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia

15th - 21st June 2025

FINDING FREEDOM:

Diversity in Community

This week we join schools and communities across Australia in marking Refugee Week, a time to raise awareness, deepen understanding, and celebrate the remarkable contributions of refugees to our nation.

The 2025 theme, Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community, reminds us that every person deserves safety, belonging, and the freedom to thrive. It calls us to listen to stories, build inclusive communities, and welcome the stranger – all of which reflect the values of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly:

- **Human Dignity** – every person is made in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect
- **Solidarity** – we are one human family and are called to stand with those in need

At Sacred Heart, we honour this week through prayer, learning, and compassion.

LOVING GOD,

YOU TEACH US TO WELCOME THE STRANGER AND CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

HELP US TO HAVE OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, AND OPEN HANDS.

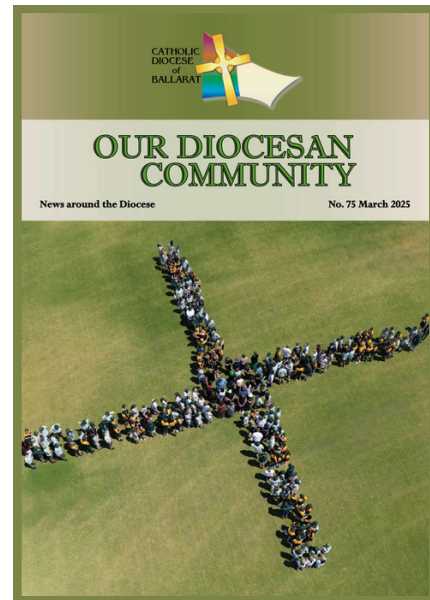
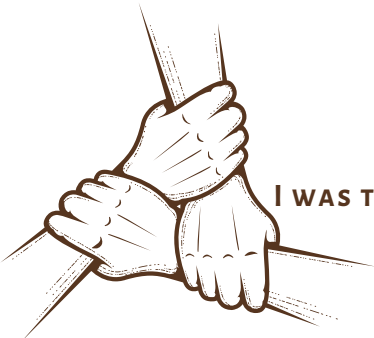
MAY WE LISTEN TO THE STORIES OF OTHERS WITH COMPASSION AND COURAGE.

BLESS ALL REFUGEES AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM.

AMEN.

**"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK,
I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME."**

MATTHEW (25:35)



**Please find the link here
for the latest edition of
"Our Diocesan
Community"**

[CLICK HERE](#)



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MASS TIMES

1st Sunday - 9am Mass | 2nd Sunday - 10am L.L.A

3rd Sunday - 5pm Mass | 4th Sunday - 11am Mass

5th Sunday - 9am Mass

We acknowledge the Gunditjmarra people who are Traditional Owners of the land where we play and learn. We respect their to Elders -past and present- and recognise thier deep connection to the land, water and sky. At Sacred Heart, we are dedicated to walking on the path of reconciliation.

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