



SACRED HEART
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



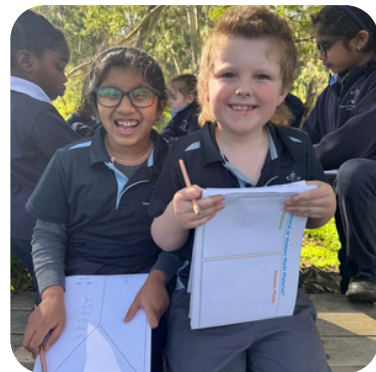
NEWSLETTER

The Wild Thornberrys GEOGRAPHY ADVENTURES (F-3)

This term, our Foundation to Year 3 students are setting off on a Geography adventure inspired by the 90s TV show *The Wild Thornberrys*! As junior explorers on the Commvee Team, they're learning about the features of different places, how to care for them and how they change over time. With field journals in hand, students will investigate our school grounds, local environments and iconic Australian landmarks. Each week, they'll receive 'messages' from Eliza Thornberry, inviting them to explore, question and record their discoveries through mapping, drawing, storytelling and play-based learning. It's hands-on, adventurous and filled with curiosity... just like the Thornberrys themselves!

This week the Eliza and our team headed to the Great Barrier Reef... some investigations included mystery boxes with ocean like objects inside them and a walk down to the Glenelg River to distinguish the distinct differences between our rivers and oceans.

We can't wait to find out where they're heading next week!



From your Principal...

It's been a positive and purposeful start to Term 3, with students settling back into routines and engaging well in their learning. Our student leaders have hit the ground running with several exciting initiatives. The Mini Vinnies team is currently planning an awareness campaign for Jeans for Genes Day, including a special morning tea and informative messages to help raise awareness. Flynn has also revamped our student question and suggestion box to make it more accessible for younger students—ensuring every voice in our school can be heard.

In addition, our Environment leaders are preparing to conduct a whole-school rubbish audit to better understand how we can reduce waste. Once the data is collected, they'll explore creative ways to reuse some of the materials—turning everyday rubbish into something cool, like sculptures, decorations, or even practical items for around the school. It's a great way to combine sustainability with student-led creativity and action!

Suzie

Take note!

WEEK 3

Thursday 7th August
Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 8th August
Mary MacKillop Day

WEEK 4

DENTAL VAN VISIT

Tuesday 12th August
Learning Walk 9am

WEEK 5

BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 19th August
Book Week Parade
& Kinder Visit

The 2025 Book Week
theme is...

"Book an Adventure!"

Start thinking about
your costumes for
Week 5

LEARNING WALK

**A GUIDED LEARNING WALK
FOR PROSPECTIVE AND
CURRENT PARENTS**

- *Watch*
learning in action
- *Discover*
how our kids learn
- *Talk*
with our team

**TUESDAY 12th AUGUST - 9AM
MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - 9AM**

If you can't make it on these dates, please give us a call
and we can arrange a time that suits you.



SPREAD THE WORD

Do you know someone with a child starting school soon?

Let your friend group, neighbours or teammates know
about our upcoming Learning Walks!

It's a great way for prospective families to visit our
school, meet the staff and see our classrooms in action.

Let's share the Sacred Heart spirit!



Jeans for Genes Day Thursday 7th August

Next Thursday, we're pulling on our jeans and
baking it blue to support Jeans for Genes Day—a
national fundraiser helping to find cures and
treatments for children living with genetic disorders.

**Students are invited to wear jeans and can bring
along a gold coin and enjoy some delicious blue-
themed treats and smoothies at recess & lunch for
\$1 each.** All proceeds will be donated to Children's
Medical Research Institute.


Jeans for Genes Pocket Facts

More than 6,000
different genetic
conditions affect
Aussie children and
families.

Jeans for Genes
Day has been
running since
1994 and has
raised over \$100
million.

**1 in 20 kids face a
birth defect or
genetic disease—
that's 2 in our
school!**

**Funds raised help
scientists discover
treatments and
cures through
medical research.**

#SayNo2FamilyViolence 

Youth and sport leading the way on respect

Join us wearing something purple on August 2
- CSFNC Home Game vs West Gambier

Until then, we'll be sharing facts, stories
and resources to raise awareness and
spark conversation around domestic and
family violence



**FOLLOW US TO LEARN MORE
AND HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE**
#CastertonCares #EndDV #CommunityStrong



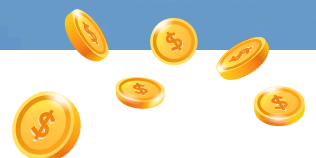
RAISE MONEY. FIND CURES. JEAN-IUS.



**Help support and
wear your jeans on
Thursday 7th August**

You can help find treatments
and cures for the 12 kids born
every minute with a birth
defect or genetic disease.

**GOLD COIN
DONATION**



This week, our senior students wrapped up the final two sessions of the LifeChanger Program, coordinated by Hands up Casterton, at Casterton Primary School.

In **Session 3 – Understanding Emotions**, students explored how to identify and manage their emotions in healthy ways, while **Session 4 – Resilience and Change** focused on bouncing back from challenges and navigating change with a positive mindset.

A big thank you to the LifeChanger facilitators for delivering such an engaging and valuable program!

The sessions sparked some great conversations and reflections.

"I liked learning that everyone feels different emotions and that's okay."

"I learned that even when things don't go to plan, you can keep going and still do your best."



SchoolTV

Diet and Nutrition

"Studies relating to the diet and nutrition of young people have determined that there is a direct affect on brain development and learning. This can directly impact academic outcomes." Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Families today, with school-age children, have very busy schedules. This can sometimes make it hard to sit down to homemade meals every day when there is such an abundance of pre-packaged and processed food at the available.

However, it is still important to teach your kids healthy eating habits. Diet and nutrition is crucial to your child's development. Not only can it prevent many chronic diseases, but it also impacts on your child's brain development and learning abilities.

There are many benefits to incorporating a healthy diet and good nutrition. It can stabilise your child's energy, improve their mood and maintain a healthy weight. Not only will it improve their general wellbeing, but it can also have a positive impact on their mental health helping prevent anxiety, depression and ADHD.

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>

CHILD SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Protecting Privacy in Child Safety

At Sacred Heart, keeping your child safe includes protecting their personal information. When we respond to child safety concerns or support student wellbeing, we carefully manage sensitive information to ensure privacy and confidentiality at all times.

Only staff members who need to know something to support your child's safety and learning will be informed—and even then, only what's necessary is shared. We also follow strict legal and ethical guidelines when it comes to recording and storing student information.

Families play an important role too. Please be mindful when sharing photos, stories or information about other children, especially online or in public spaces.

By working together, we can protect not just our children's safety—but their dignity and privacy, too.

For more about how privacy is protected in schools, visit the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC).

www.oaic.gov.au



SCAN ME

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

REFLECTION

This parable reminds us that life is about more than possessions. The rich man places all his trust in wealth, believing it will secure his future. But he forgets what truly matters—relationships, generosity and the impact we have on others.

His focus is inward: my crops, my barns, my goods. There's no mention of sharing, gratitude, or using his abundance to support those in need. In the end, all his storing up is for nothing, as life proves unpredictable. The message for us today is to live with a sense of purpose beyond material gain. Instead of constantly accumulating more, we are invited to value connection, live generously and consider how we use what we have for the good of others.

It leaves us wondering—what are the true riches in our own lives? What do we treasure? And how might we share those gifts with others?



SACRED HEART PARISH

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 Gunditjmara people who are the Traditional Owners of the land where we play and learn. We pay our respects to Elders -past and present- and recognise their 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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