



**SACRED HEART**  
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## CDSSA LIGHTNING PREMS

On Tuesday our students headed over to Sylvester Oval in Coleraine for the annual CDSSA Football and Netball Lightning Premierihsips. Joining with students from Casterton Primary, Coleraine Primary, St Joseph's Coleraine and Merino Consolidated School, it was a big day of sport, teamwork and fun. Despite the wet and muddy conditions, spirits were high and the kids embraced the true winter sport experience! A huge well done to all our players for giving it their best and showing great sportsmanship throughout the day.



### From your Principal...

This week, our hearts are heavy as we hold in our thoughts the families and communities affected by the tragic shootings in Victoria and the recent bus crash. Such events remind us of the fragility of life and the importance of compassion, care, and support for one another. As a school community, we keep those grieving in our prayers and stand alongside them in solidarity.

Amidst this sadness, I was heartened to spend time with our student leaders, who shared thoughtful ideas about leadership, respect, and the ways we can continue to support one another as a community. Their commitment to shaping a positive school culture is both inspiring and reassuring.

I am also pleased to share the installation of our new Buddy Bench - a space designed to help students connect when they may feel left out or in need of a friend. A sincere thank you to Mark O'Brien for making this project possible. We hope this bench becomes a place of kindness and belonging, enriching the daily lives of our students.

Finally, we warmly congratulate Danny Franc on his appointment as Principal of St Joseph's and welcome him to the Western Trinity team!

*Suzie*

**Take note!**

#### WEEK 7

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**LUNCH ORDERS**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
Father's Day Afternoon Tea  
@ 2:45pm

#### WEEK 8

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
Learning Walk - 9am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
SAC Meeting - 6pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**R U OK? Day**

#### WEEK 9

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
4-6 Harrow Excursion

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**  
Last day of Term -  
3:20pm finish

**TERM 4  
STARTS  
MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**





## LEARNING WALK

Come and see learning in action at Sacred Heart Primary School!

**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 9AM**

**ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2026**

**Do you know someone with a child starting school next year?**

Please let your friend group, neighbours or teammates know about our vibrant little school!

**We have another Learning Walk coming up on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Our doors are always open, so if this time doesn't suit, they can call to arrange a suitable time.**

Our Learning Walks are a great way for prospective families to visit our school, meet the staff and see our classrooms in action.

## REFERRALS & ASSESSMENTS

How We Identify and Address Learning Barriers

### Teacher Notices a Concern

- Learning, behaviour, or wellbeing issue spotted in class.
- Checked against regular assessments (PAT, DIBELS, Essential Assessment, work samples).

### Classroom Strategies Tried

- Teacher adjusts tasks, groups, or teaching methods.
- Support programs may be introduced (e.g., reading or maths intervention).

### Referral Made

- If concerns remain, the teacher refers the student to the Learning Diversity / Wellbeing Leader.
- Data and observations are reviewed.

### Parent Contact

- Parents are invited to discuss concerns.
- A plan is developed together.

### Further Assessment (if needed)

- School-based checks (e.g., reading, numeracy, speech screeners).
- Hearing and Vision checks
- Referrals may be made to external specialists (speech, OT, psychologist).

### Support Plan

- An Personal Learning Plan (PLP) or Program Support Group (PSG) meeting is set up if required.
- Goals and adjustments are agreed upon.
- Ongoing Review
- Progress is tracked each term.
- Parents are updated regularly.
- Plan adjusted as needed.

**Our doors are always open – if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please reach out so we can work together to support them.**

## Waste Blitz

**Let's Halve Our Rubbish!**



Our Environment Leaders, Brody and Elsie, have just finished a three-week rubbish collection period where they tracked the amount of soft plastics coming into school.

With this data in hand, they are now launching a three-week blitz to halve the amount of soft plastic waste. As part of this, they will be visiting classrooms to share tips on reducing waste and encouraging everyone to bring nude food lunches.

Parents can really help by packing simple, healthy snacks in reusable containers – think fruit, veggie sticks, sandwiches, cheese cubes, or popcorn.

**EVERY SMALL CHANGE ADDS UP, AND TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOL AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**



## LEGACY WEEK

Legacy is an Australian charity that supports the families of veterans who have given their lives or health in service to our country. Their work ensures these families receive care, advocacy and assistance when they need it most.

Next week, items will be available for purchase at the school office to support Legacy. Badges, wristbands, and other merchandise will be on sale, ranging from \$2 to \$20. All proceeds go directly to Legacy and their important work.

The Australian Childhood Foundation provides vital services to support children and young people who have experienced abuse, neglect, or family violence. Their programs include therapeutic foster and kinship care, trauma counselling, family support, and outreach initiatives to help children feel safe, connected, and able to heal.

Actor Chris Hemsworth, a Patron of the Foundation, has played an important role in raising awareness and funds. He led the #NotAnotherChild campaign, supported fundraising events (including one that raised over \$275,000 for a Trauma Recovery Centre), and even voiced a character in the Foundation's Big Tree App, which helps young children learn calming and coping strategies.

<https://www.childhood.org.au/our-services/>



## SHAPING HEALTHY MASCULINITY Special Report

Boys today are growing up in a digital world filled with mixed messages about what it means to "be a man." Too often, online spaces promote toughness and dominance while discouraging empathy and kindness. **These outdated ideas limit boys' emotional growth and can impact how they relate to others.**

We can support boys by introducing positive role models, encouraging open conversations, and helping them see that seeking help and showing emotion are signs of strength, not weakness. Respectful relationships and cross-gender friendships also play a vital role in shaping balanced, confident young men.

The Australian Government has launched an interactive tool, [The Algorithm of Disrespect](#), which helps adults understand the hidden messages young people encounter online.

Other resources mentioned:

[eSafety Commissioner](#) (Supporting Young Men Online Report)

The hidden meaning behind emojis: [Crime Stoppers](#), and [Kids Online World](#).

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>



### Out of School Hours Care at Casterton

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2026  
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2025



Casterton Primary School  
McPherson Street  
Casterton, VIC, 3311



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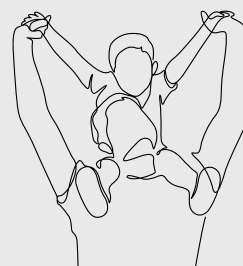
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## FATHER'S DAY SMOKO

2:45PM

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September



# Season of Creation 2025

## 'Peace with Creation'

From 1 September to 4 October, the global Church celebrates the Season of Creation – a time to pray, reflect, and act for the care of our common home. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme, "Peace with Creation", is inspired by Isaiah 32:15–17:

*"The wilderness becomes a fruitful field... The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever."*

Catholic Earthcare Australia (a program of Caritas) is inviting parishes and schools to take part through prayer, liturgy and practical action to live more sustainably and justly. Their resources support families and communities to reflect on how our choices impact the environment and to nurture a spirit of stewardship.

### Prayer for the Season:

**Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.**

Together, let us walk gently with creation, growing in respect, peace and care for the earth and for one another.



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

[CLICK HERE](#)



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## 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.

**PRINCIPAL:** Suzie McManus

**SAC CHAIRPERSON:** Noni Mason

**Western Border – Mary MacKillop Parish:** Co-Pastor – Fr Patrick Mugavin

**Sacred Heart Parish:** Co-Pastor – Fr Cay Trinh

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