




Topic	Key Points
<p>Enacting our Living Vision</p>	<p>Whilst Term 2 has been a shorter term, it has been a very busy one.</p> <p>Examples of our Living Vision enacted throughout the second half of the term include:</p> <p><u>Community of Faith</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Confirmation We celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart by coming together as a community in prayer. We expressed our love and faith for Jesus through art and song. <p><u>Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 and 5 excursion to Emmanuel College <p><u>Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff supporting, laughing and empowering each other, especially during report writing time. 
<p>Visit from MACS Executive & Board 14th June 2023</p>	<p>Over two years ago, Sacred Heart was selected to host one of the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Board and Executive Team meetings that occur throughout the year. The purpose of the visits to schools is to ensure those who make significant decisions about Catholic Education and issues that impact our schools have an opportunity to learn more about what is happening at the grassroots level.</p> <p>On Wednesday last week, after many weeks of careful planning, a group of approximately 25 people spent the day at our school. Guests included Dr Ed Simons (Executive Director of Catholic Education MACS), Gerard Dalbosco (Chair MACS Board), Dr Mary Oski (MACS Director Learning & Regional Services), Juliette Cox (MACS Western Region General Manager) and many others.</p> <p>As School Principal, I was invited to prepare a presentation about Sacred Heart Primary School & arrange a tour of the school for the Board and Executive team. Along with the leadership team at Sacred Heart, I saw this as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many aspects of our school that make it such a wonderful place to be for our students, families and educators.</p> <p>It was a unique opportunity for those who come from diverse professional backgrounds (and often not an educational one) to experience first hand a contemporary Year Prep Literacy lesson, a Year 1 Discovery lesson and a Year 5 Maths lesson. Kirstyn Morgan, Breanna Formosa, Nicole Harbach & Caitlin La Rosa did an outstanding job in designing and implementing rich learning experiences for the students and adults to engage in.</p> <p>I would also like to thank Hamish George (Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Chair) & Marlene Monahan (Fr Binh's Parish representative) for attending the Morning Tea and building connections with others in Catholic education.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to share with you all an email I received from Dr Ed Simons</p> <p><i>Congratulations to you and the whole school community on hosting such a great day today. Thank you for all the extra effort that I know must have gone into preparing for and organising the day - including the school tour where the board and executive team witnessed rich teaching and learning experiences in engaging Faith filled classrooms. The catering and hospitality were excellent - and the leadership team presentation was informative and showcased all the hard work and dedication that you and your staff have led.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you very much and on behalf of us all at the MACS office - well done!</i></p> <p><i>Best wishes, Ed.</i></p>

Letter from Gerard Dalbosco



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19 June 2023

Dear Kaylene

Re: Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Board of Directors Visit

I write to thank you for hosting the MACS Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday 14 June. The visit was a wonderful occasion for the Directors to experience the Living Vision of Sacred Heart Primary School Newport and to learn about your strategic goals to establish a culture of learning, innovation and improvement within a community of active learners who flourish.

The warm welcome received by the MACS Board and staff from everyone at the school, your generosity of time and willingness to support and enable the Board meeting were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your exceptional hospitality and the opportunity to engage with you, your leadership team, your staff, and representatives of the Parish Pastoral Council and School Advisory Council. The school tour, observation of the children in their learning environment, and presentation by you and your leadership team helped provide the Board with an understanding of your school's unique aspirations and achievements.

We look forward to continuing to work with Sacred Heart Primary School to realise the bold and ambitious plans set out in the MACS 2030 Strategy, and to enriching the lives of all our students across the Archdiocese.

Yours sincerely

Gerard Dalbosco
MACS Board Chair

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**School & Local
Community initiative**

- Introducing a playgroup in Term 3, in the library and facilitated by Family Engagement & Community Partnerships leaders, Michael and Andrea
- Cuppa and Chat held on the 7th June was held to invite families into conversation with the school - only a few parents attended but it was an enjoyable hour and one that we will continue once a term for 2023 to see how successful or not it is.

Prep Enrolments 2024

- 50 places available for 2024
- 55 interviews conducted, approximately 60 applications
- 49 accepted

In response to the question, what draws you to Sacred Heart, the following answers have been given:

- Small school, community, everyone knows each other
- Did the tour and loved the school. So Sacred Heart was first choice
- Neighbours have attended sacred heart and spoken highly about it.
- Loved the culture, the feel around the care for the students, referred to ways of being together. The tour was fantastic and showed so much
- Keen for him to come to a Catholic School
- School feels warm and welcoming
- Small school appeals, beautiful rooms, felt inviting
- Values of the school were important to us
- Religious routines
- Liked the targeted learning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Loved the tour, values communicated and child centred approach. ● Strong focus on intrinsic values rather than superficial
<p>OHS, Maintenance & Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OHS report completed to high standard and noted to be exemplary by the OHS auditor ● New Evacuation Plans have been constructed and will be distributed and displayed this week ● New school signage has been commissioned for the eastern facade of the school, facing out to Melbourne Road. We expect the new signage to be in place early next term. The logo and colours remain the same. Fence signage will also be added, directing visitors to the reception entrance on Newcastle St. <div data-bbox="545 378 1182 763" data-label="Image"> <p>The image shows the exterior of Sacred Heart Primary School. The building is a multi-story structure with a mix of brick and grey panels. A prominent sign on the brick facade reads 'SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL' with a circular logo to the left. The sky is overcast, and there is a paved area and some greenery in the foreground.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Getting odd jobs done can be a challenge in the absence of maintenance staff. Suggestions welcomed
<p>Thank you</p>	<p>On behalf of the Sacred Heart School community, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the educators and administration staff of our school for their tireless work and commitment over the first semester of 2023. Whilst a very rewarding profession, teaching can also be very demanding and we are fortunate to have a group of people who are so dedicated to fostering an educational setting that provides a high standard of education to our students, as well as an environment that is warm and connected. Thanks to all and have a restful break in readiness for Term 3.</p>

Kaylene Carlin June 2023