

## **End of Year 2019**

**Where did 2019 go? It seems like yesterday we were lining up ready to start the year and now it is the end! It has been a busy and exciting year and we are now all ready to take a break and prepare ourselves for Christmas and the advent of Jesus' birth.**

### **Thank you to all the staff at Sacred Heart**

Recent media reports say that the results from schools in Australia are going down. This is not so at Sacred Heart in fact it is the opposite. Why?

- We have a group of highly educated, adaptable and committed teachers who are all lifelong learners.
- We have a group of leaders and teacher leaders who create professional learning experiences for our teachers, set goals and expectations and commit to action.
- We closely track and monitor our students learning in order for them to get the best academic results they can achieve
- And we use the most up to date research to ensure that we are maximizing our teaching and learning time.

But a good school is not just about the best results, it is about how happy our students and staff are. So thank you to the staff at Sacred Heart who make this school such a wonderful place to work. Thank you for always going above and beyond for the children in your care. Thank you for what you do every day, your courage to teach in a world that constantly tells us we should do better. Every staff member contributes so much to ensure that our school is a place of love and care for all. You are the gifts God gives us to ensure his presence is felt in our school.

A special thank you to our admin staff and our learning support officers who are an integral part of our school and ensure that the children's needs are always foremost.

### **Parents**

Thank you to our parents who support the school through the things you do and your engagement with the school. We thank you for continuing to build our school into a community where families feel valued and supported. Thank you for all you do for your children at school and at home. Thank you for contributing to all aspects of school life...sport, literacy groups, excursions, homework, P and F members, class parents, the 100s of volunteers at our big events, the event organisers, the uniform shop organisers, helping with Cana community, St Vincent de Paul, angels and all of the other ways you contribute. A very special thank you to the class parents and members of the P and F led by Chris Janes for working with the school to continue to make Sacred Heart a family with the same values and goals.

### **Students**

To all our students, from our youngest members in Kindergarten to those in Year 6, thank you for your efforts in class this year, for your hard work and for the way you take up Jesus' challenge to try to show faith, generosity and courage. This year we have tried to establish expectations and the students have risen to this. Well done! This year our students have also taken up the challenge to share their voice. They have done so through the Student Representative Council, the Pastoral Care Team and many other leadership positions. We are proud of our students who will hopefully take up the challenge to engage the world and change the world.

## **Parish**

Thank you to Father Phil, Father Kene and Deacon Noel for leading us on our faith journey especially through our celebrations of the Eucharist. We appreciate your support of our school and the work we do in partnership. We are very lucky to have our priests who have a deep faith, who make connections with our daily lives and our God. Many thanks to the Parish Team who support Father and also the school. Thanks to Theresa and Thomas who have ensured that the hundreds of children from the Catholic and State schools are well prepared and organised to receive their Sacraments. A very big thank you to Mr Nick Brierley our Religious Co-ordinator. Thank you to Mrs Mary Lozina our Family Educator who brings faith from our church to our school and into your homes.

Thank you for all you do for us to assist us on our spiritual journey. Thank you for guiding us, supporting us and working with us to build a faith community that is richer because of your presence.

Some families in our community leave us this year. Thankyou to the following families. Many who have given so much support for our school:

Rodrigo Santamaria  
Charles Berry  
Tobias Veitch  
Hugo Deman  
Daisy Jackson  
Alexandra James  
Harrison Lorello  
Ruby O'Donnell  
Theodore Stackpool Habel  
George (Sam) Sutton  
Kiana Wilkins