Term 1 Week 2 - 05/02/14

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new parents and students and our continuing parents and students. I hope you have all had a restful break and have settled into the routines of the term well.

It has been a typically Australian summer – bushfires, sun, sand, cricket, tennis and lazy beach days. In her poem My Country Dorothea MacKellar describes the “beauty and the terror” and the “wide brown land” that she loves that gives so much back to her. In our often harsh Australian summer conditions we see evidence of all the wonder of God’s creation as well as the heroic response of people in communities helping others. We see similar things in our own community, the joy and beauty of new members (babies and new students) the struggles we have with illness, loss and everyday life and the response of those who support love and nurture others. We thank God for all his creation.

This year we pray that our students experience community (Living), compassion (Loving) and balance (Learning) in a safe, loving and nurturing environment. This takes a commitment from all of us to be positive, to communicate well and to support each other in our endeavours for the children. A community event that we celebrate each year is the Welcome BBQ – Friday, 28th February 5.00pm. This year we would like to launch KidsMatter at our Welcome BBQ in order to acknowledge the building of a positive school community. We have invited Andrew Chinn to work/sing with the children and to perform with them in the evening. Please put this date in your diary as it will be an important and fun event for our community.

One of the ways we can build a positive school community is to communicate well with each other. There are many opportunities:

- Optional Term 1 parent interviews – interview timeslots are available on the interview website.
- Parent teacher evening, Wednesday, 19th February, 6.30pm - one session only this year.
- P and F meetings (one each term)
- Our school website – this is now managed by the school and is immediately updated and so can be used to inform you of late changes eg wet weather sport cancellations etc
- Curriculum notes each term
- Reports twice a year
- Interviews in Term 2
- Request an appointment with teachers or through the office
- Parent inservices run by the school
- Teachers are in rooms at 8.30am in the morning (not Friday or when they are on duty) for a quick chat
- Email the school office – this can be forwarded to other staff
- Class parents will communicate opportunities to get together
- The newsletter will be emailed home each week and will be uploaded to the website on Wednesday afternoons
- Class notes will be emailed home
- Morning assemblies/Friday assemblies /awards.

Congratulations to all children on their settled behaviour in class and on the playground. Year 6 have begun their buddy duties and have been caring and diligent in their support of the Kindergarten students.

Thank you to all parents who brought their children to appointments on the testing days. All children in the school will be interviewed using the Mathematical Assessment Interview. Parents will receive an MAI report later this term. The interviews provide us with valuable data as to the learning needs of all children. The Kindergarten children also were tested on the Best Start assessment interview that assists us to meet their literacy needs. Kinder parents will receive a Best Start report as well.
Some reminders that assist us in the smooth running of the school and safety of the children.

- Appointments, holidays in school time and regular sessions with outside providers should, as far as possible, not be made without documentation being sent to the Principal to request the absence, eg elite athlete programs documentation, doctors certificate, curriculum covered while not at school.
- Please drive safely and park legally around the school and church. Please don’t block or drop off in the church driveway. Do not reverse into the street or do a U turn. There are very heavy fines for parking too long in Kiss and Drop and in the 5 and 10 minute zones.
- Seniors may bring mobiles to school if parents need to contact them before or after school but they should remain turned off and in bags for the day.
- Please ensure all children are in the correct uniform every day.

The process of sending out school fees to parents has been handled by the Catholic Schools Office. If you are experiencing genuine hardship, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Please see school website for 2014 Schedule Fees and Tax Invoice explained.

Thank you to Mater Maria College for the gift of our silver seats that have been relocated to our playground.

Thank you to the parents who sent us photos of our Year 6 students from 2013 who have all settled excitedly into their new high schools. We wish all our ex students well in their endeavours this year.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Date Claimers

All dates are available on our school website: [Sacred Heart Website : Dates]

Friday, 14th February - Opening Mass
Wednesday, 19th February - Parent info Evening, 6.30pm (1 session only) and
   - P and F Opening of Library, 7.30pm
Monday, 24th February - Swimming Carnival Years 2-6
Friday, 28th February - KidsMatter Launch and Welcome BBQ, 5.00pm

P & F News

Welcome back everyone and a big welcome to our new families. Sacred Heart’s Parents & Friends committee meet once a term with the first meeting for 2014 to be held on Wednesday, 19th February immediately after the Parent & Teacher information evening. The P and F will be hosting the Opening of the newly renovated school library in which the meeting will be held and everyone is welcome. You will meet the members of the P&F and be able to learn about what we have planned for 2014 and offer your ideas as well.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lynette Suchanek – P&F Secretary (shpandf@gmail.com)

Uniform Shop News

SALE: Girls Socks – 3 Pack (usually $16.50) now $10 per pack until sold.

Please note a change to the School Uniform: When purchasing new socks, all students (boys and girls) are to wear the UNISEX CREW SOCKS.

Veronika and Clare – Uniform Shop Co-ordinators
Welcome back to another school year. During the holidays I had time to reflect about the previous year and appreciate the wonderful community that we are part of. A community such as Sacred Heart exists because of the generosity and gentleness of its people. I have included the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Through the story of the Good Samaritan, You taught us about compassion and mercy.  
As we travel through life's journey, we will meet all kinds of people  
- many of these in need of our help.  
We ask you Lord to open our eyes, hearts and hands to go and do the same.  
Help us all - students, families, friends and staff to develop as a loving community.

Amen.

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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, 12th February - Parent Meeting for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church
Friday, 14th February - Opening School Year Mass at 9:15am
Wednesday, 19th February - Year 1 and Yr 2 Class Mass at 9:15am
Saturday, 22nd February - Year 3 Family Mass at 5pm

Good News of the week
If you have any Good News or if you need our prayers, please see me at school or contact me through the office.

Christine McBryde – Religious Education Co-ordinator
**Band & Choir News**

**CHOIR NEWS:** Welcome back to another year of great songs and great fun at Choir Club! All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to attend choir every Friday at lunchtime. We have a new program of songs to learn in preparation for upcoming performances. Children are reminded that they must be committed to attending rehearsals EVERY Friday in order to be part of our choir.

**BAND NEWS:** Welcome back to our Concert Band and also the members (and their parents) of new Training Band of 2014! Our Sacred Heart Band rehearsals will commence next week. Please see a note below from your parent co-ordinators, Juliana Johnston and Leonie Scarlett.

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**Dear Band Parents,**

Welcome and welcome back to band at Sacred Heart 2014. Please read on regarding rehearsal schedules for this year.

Band rehearsals will commence from week 3 in term 1 (Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th Feb). Training Band rehearsal will be every Wednesday, and Concert Band every Thursday. A prompt arrival at 7.45am is necessary for the smooth running of the morning rehearsal.

All children in training band need to have the ‘Essential Elements’ book for their particular instrument, as rehearsals will commence using this text. It can be purchased from Billy Hyde, Mona Vale Music or Mall Music.

Can concert band children please start practising the following four pieces prior to the first week of rehearsals.

- Funkytown
- In the Hall of the Mountain King
- Viva
- Don't Stop Believing

Private lessons should commence prior to rehearsals please parents. Please feel free to contact Juliana or myself if you are having trouble finding a tutor.

Looking to another fun year for the kids in band.

Best wishes

*Juliana and Leonie*

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**Sacred Heart Little Hearts Playgroup**

Our Parish Playgroup will re-commence on Monday, 10\(^{th}\) February between 9.30am and 11.30am in the Parish Centre.

All children between the ages 0-6 years are most welcome. NO NEED TO REGISTER. Break the daily routine and treat the kids and yourself to some social interaction, make new friends and have fun.

For more information phone Maureen Wooldridge on 0421 907 469 or Marie Bockman on 0419 010 247.

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Hello and welcome to all the families of Sacred Heart.

**Lunch orders:** When sending in a manual lunch order please remember to write clearly on the front of the bag, your child’s name, class and order. If you are ordering a drink, another bag will be required. Please do not sticky tape or staple the lunch bag, simply fold into half twice which will hold any money in place. Please help us by reminding your child to either drop their lunch order in the black box located outside the canteen on arrival or into their class basket.

Please remember that we **do not** sell frozen items such as ice blocks in lunch orders. These items are only available over the counter at lunch time.

We have sent out a term 1 menu with up to date prices on all food items. If you misplace your menu you can view it on the school web page at anytime or school 24.com.au if you are registered.

**Price Increase:** Please read through the menu carefully as we have had a price increase on certain items. This increase **only** applies to all manual lunch orders. It does **NOT** apply to school 24 on-line users.

**Volunteers:** Our term 1 roster and contact list has been sent home to all our volunteers. Please read through carefully and check your scheduled date. If you cannot make your canteen day please use the contact list supplied to find a replacement or swap with another parent. If you would like to volunteer and haven’t put in a note please contact either Kay 0416 262 458 or Marie 0410 566 777

If you have any concerns or questions regarding anything, please feel free to contact either of us at anytime.

*Kay and Marie 😊 - Canteen Co-ordinators*

**Happy Birthday**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who celebrated a birthday during the January holidays and in the coming week:

- Thomas D
- Ashmita N
- Billy A
- Renae B
- Georgia J
- Anelise F
- Carla F
- Emma T
- Lachlan S
- Alice T
- Liam S
- Natalie M
- Soleil S
- Maya K
- Charlie M
- Amy E
- Alec P
- Angelina G
- Corey D
- Ella K
- Bianka S
- Tennyson L
- Daniel P
- Charlotte C
- Cruz D
- Andie H
- Bella W
- Samuel
- Indianna M
- Olivia B
- Alana S
- Indeanna R
- Thomas O
- Gabriella M
- Jackson M
- Stephanie B
- Ashley D
- Brooklyn C
- Dominic K
- Mia O
- Bryn W
- Kirra N
- Charlotte C
- Ella W
Thank you to the following Class Parents for volunteering. We will meet shortly to have a chat about 2014. In the meantime we would love to fill the spaces for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6.

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Community Notices

Meet the Sydney Swans at Brookvale Oval: Monday, 10th February from 4.00pm – Come and Try Junior Clinic, 5.00pm AFL 9s Celebrity Match, 6.00pm Competitions.

Registrations:

Narrabeen JRLFC Sharks - Saturday 9am-1pm, Sharkies Club House.

Narrabeen Tigers Rugby Club - Saturdays 8th & 15th February, 9am to 12 noon at Rat Park Clubhouse, for more info. Sue Barry-Cotter 0422 493 022.


Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club - Saturdays 8th & 15th February at the Club House 10am to 2pm or register on-line www.pittwater afl.com or ring Liz on 0422 503 149.

Manly Warringah Basketball – The Potter League - Registration each Saturday during school term at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jackson Rd, Warriewood.

Pittwater Rugby Club are looking for kids to play in their under 6 team. Games are Saturday morning between 8am and 10am along the Peninsula. No body contact, just two handed touch and lots of air swings and laughter. We supply the shorts, socks and jumper, you supply the child and oranges. NO registration fees. Contact David Hawkins 0419 410 103 or email pittwaterrugby@gmail.com as all registrations are done on-line (too easy!).
Back to school safety tips for parents and carers
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
Look out for buses pulling out – watch for wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.
It’s safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school
Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
• Stop one step back from the kerb.
• Look for traffic to your right left and right again.
• Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic.
• Think whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au