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Term 2 Week 4 - 21/05/14

Dear Parents,

Yesterday the Mini Vinnies team visited Maria Regina Avalon to attend their celebration for East Timor Independence Day. Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies team along with our Social Justice coordinators (Mrs McBryde, Mrs Firman and Mrs Virpe Tuite) have joined with the Pittwater efforts to support schools in East Timor. This year the focus was on water. In East Timor children spend much of their day collecting water from the river and taking it home. They don’t have the luxury of clean water on tap. Today they had water cards to remind them of how lucky we are to have clean water on tap. Rob Romer (Julia – Year 5) from Tank Pro showed the children how he has developed a sterilising unit for tanks. He has provided these tanks for schools in Africa and East Timor. The fundraising from the Mini Vinnies day today will go towards putting more water sterilising units in Tasi Fantin, our sister school in East Timor. Congratulations to everyone involved in this project for assisting to make a difference in the quality of people's lives.

Our Cross Country team ran at Fagan Park yesterday and were very successful. Congratulations to the following children who will now compete at Eastern Creek: Chelsea S 1st - 9yrs girls, Luka M 1st - 10yrs boys, Roxi B 2nd - 11yrs girls, Zoey M 3rd - 11yrs girls, Kai D 9th (1st Reserve) - 12yrs boys.

Tonight we will hold our P and F meeting in the hall at 7.30. You are all welcome, your input is invaluable. This year we will hold two fundraising events. The first will be held soon. The children’s Fun Day will be held in the last week of term. The fundraiser for this is the Chocolate Drive. Chocolates will be delivered to school soon and sent home for families to sell. Hopefully you will have work colleagues and neighbours who will snap up these cheap treats for our school.

At the P and F meeting we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved in the co-ordination, support and promotion of events next year as we celebrate our 50th (Golden) Anniversary. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting, please let the office know.

Next week Father George is celebrating his 25th Year of Ordination. A parish dinner will be held on Wednesday evening. Tickets are available through the parish office. A special mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 1st June at 6pm. All are welcome.

Teachers are currently writing reports and preparing for interviews. Information will come home soon re booking in for your interview.

Thank you for getting your pink forms for 2015 back so promptly. It is important information for us to have asap. We have constant enquiries for places at Sacred Heart and we would like to be able to let Catholic families moving into the area if they have a place at Sacred Heart or whether we need to refer them to other local Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

Julie Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Kiss & Drop Reminder

A reminder that if using Kiss and Drop in the morning parents should move on as quickly as possible and, unless absolutely necessary, should not exit their car.
Kinder 2015 Enrolments

Enrolment for Kinder 2015 closes on 31st May 2014. Interviews for new families will start shortly and places will be offered at the end of the term.

Religious Education News

Year 1 Family Mass
Last Saturday Year 1 participated in their family mass. It was a truly wonderful celebration of our faith community that was attended by many families and parishioners. Special thanks to Elle Fisk and Lauren Tyler for preparing the children so beautifully. Also a big thank you to the many parents who assisted with the organising of the barbeque and cleaning up afterwards.

Upcoming Soibada Event
Sacred Heart families are invited to attend the 9.00am mass at Maria Regina Church this Sunday, 25th May to celebrate Timor Leste Independence.

TRIVIA NIGHT!
To support projects in Soibada, Timor Leste

When: 7.30pm Saturday 31 May
Where: Avalon Recreation Centre, 59a Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon
Cost: Tickets $25

Book your table of ten now!
Contact: Paige on 0425499821 or email paigeelizabethgeorge@hotmail.com
Tamara 0403226699 or email tamara.harding@bigpond.com

Byo drinks and nibbles.
Raffles!
There will be great prizes!

Come along and hear the latest about our community’s work in our sister village Soibada, Timor Leste!
www.pittwaterfriendsonsoibada.org

Dates to Remember:
Saturday, 24th May Year 3 Eucharist reflection Day 1:30-4:30 at Mater Maria
Wednesday, 28th May Year 5 Class Mass at 9:15am Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, 4th June Year 3 Class Mass at 9:15am Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, 11th June Year 4 Class Mass at 9:15am Sacred Heart Church

Christine McBryde – Religious Education Co-ordinator
Positive Behaviour For Learning

Our PBL focus for this week is: 
*Use kind words and actions.*

Respectful Relationships

Our Respectful Relationships focus for this week is: 
*Don’t call people names or use put-downs.*

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**P & F News**

The P&F meeting will be held **tonight, Wednesday, 21st May, at 7.30pm in KN.** Hope you are able to join us. I will be stepping down at the end of this year, after three years, as P&F Secretary, I encourage anyone who might be interested in this role to come along to the meeting or contact me to have a chat. I have found being part of the P&F committee a very rewarding experience and a nice way of contributing to the school. I look forward to seeing you tonight.

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

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**2014 ICAS Competitions**

Students in **Years 2 to 6** have been invited to participate in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (**ICAS**) in English and Mathematics.

The competition is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (**EAA**) of the University of New South Wales. It should be noted that these are **NOT TESTS**. These are competitions and are not necessarily based on the stage outcomes the children are working on, as often, they are set at the stage above. All students receive a Certificate and an individual Student Report indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The Student Report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses.

**These competitions/assessments are not compulsory.** Tests are held at school on the following days:-

- **English competition**
  - Tuesday 29 July 2014
  - $8.80

- **Mathematics assessment**
  - Tuesday, 12 August 2014
  - $8.80

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip at the end of this newsletter and return to school with payment **no later than Monday 2 June 2014**.

*Jayne Wheen - Assistant Principal*

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**ICAS**

I give permission for my child ………………………………………………... in class …………..

to participate in (please tick required competitions/assessments):

- [ ] English - $8.80
- [ ] Maths - $8.80

I enclose total payment of $………………… ONLY cash / cheque (payable to Sacred Heart Catholic School).

Signed: ………………………………………………..…………………………………………..

(Date: …………………………...)

(Parent/Guardian)
This week is **National Simultaneous Reading Week**. Schools and Libraries around Australia stop and read a specially chosen book. This year it’s *Too Many Elephants in This House* by Ursula Dubosarsky. We’ve had a great time sharing this book during Library classes, however, now I have too many elephants in the Library!

We are very excited to be part of the **NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge** again in 2014. Last year more than ½ the school completed the Challenge and we are aiming for an even higher number this year. Starting NOW is the key! Each Grade is set a certain number of books, to read by 22nd August, 2014. Some children have already started ... its easy. Each student will be given a login name and password, once a book is read, it can be entered on to the student’s Personal Reading Log, on the PRC website. Alternatively, students/parents can make a list of books read, and give the list to me. A personal certificate is presented to all children who complete the Challenge later in the year, and your name will be displayed for all to see in the Library. *Book Lists and Rules are found on the official NSW PRC website.*

**Kindy Passwords** will be sent home this week. Please come and see me if you have any questions. Remember the trick with younger readers is any books you read to them can be entered on to their Personal Reading Log.

Thank you to all the wonderful Mum’s (Lynette, Maria, Tracey, Patricia, Fiona, Eloise, Tina, Juliana, Bec, Geraldine and Tatiana), who generously give their time helping in the library. All our new books are arriving in the classrooms and on the shelves in record time. Come up on a Friday and have a cup of tea/coffee and see why the children love this new space.

*Melanie Harrison - Teacher/Librarian*

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**EMU Program**

**EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) Program for 2014**

Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) is a research-based intervention program developed by Dr Ann Gervasoni of ACU in association with the Early Numeracy Research Project (1999-2002), focusing on the early years of schooling. The EMU Program has been shown by detailed research to improve children’s learning and confidence with mathematics.

As part of the Broken Bay Diocesan Numeracy Improvement Strategy, teachers have been trained as specialist intervention teachers who implement the EMU program in their schools with targeted groups of children who have been identified as being at risk in their numeracy learning.

Mrs Jayne Wheen and Mrs Fiona Ngamu are currently implementing the EMU program into our school working with two groups of Year 1 students. This is our second year of EMU involving intensive 30-minute daily sessions for groups of 3 children over a period of 20 weeks. The students have already shown a greater depth in their mathematical understanding.

Mrs Wheen and Mrs Ngamu have then been able to share the professional learning from their ongoing EMU training with the Sacred Heart teaching staff. Such benefits from this intensive program have already spread throughout the school, whereby fun number games differentiated to the needs of the students can be seen being played from classes K-6!

A special mention must go to the dedicated Year 1 students who skip their way to each EMU session and the hard working Mrs Wheen and Mrs Ngamu, who prepare, assess and analyse data constantly to enhance the EMU program’s impact on the student’s learning. We thank Mrs Wheen and Mrs Ngamu for making time to run the daily EMU sessions, often taking place in their own spare time and look forward to watching this wave of intervention making its way throughout our school!
Band News

Both the Concert Band and Training Band will be attending the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Schools Concert this Wednesday morning - we are all very excited! Thank you to Leonie Scarlett for her help in organising this.

Please find an update received from our sponsor, Nick Scarf (RE/MAX), regarding our Practice Rewards Program at Sacred Heart. Thank you Nick for your encouragement and support to our musicians!

Hi Clare...
I've been wanting to write and offer a GREAT BIG 'Congratulations' to you and ALL the musicians of the Sacred Heart Training and Concert bands for their wonderful performance on Mother's Day. What a fantastically talented group of musicians.. ALL the parents were clearly impressed by the performance - well done to everyone.

I also want to congratulate all the members of the Concert Band who have committed to their weekly practice - just 15 mins four days a week - and the results are really showing.

We should also make a special mention of the Term 1 Practice Champions - Joe G, Alex B, and Thomas S - who topped the charts with their consistent effort to practise throughout Term 1. Well done boys! Given the "Brass Boys" (trumpets and trombone) clearly held the lead in Term 1, I think its time to put a challenge to the girls and see if they can bump the boys from the top spots.. what do you think?

Joe, Thomas and Alex - 'The Brass Boys' - >> Term 1 Practice Winners

Well done everyone.

Nick Scarf - RE/MAX Property Specialists (0411 197 486)

Sacred Heart Fun Day Fundraiser

THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2014
“It’s all about the Kids….. It’s all about fun”

All Children are invited to participate in

Disco
Jumping Castle
Kids raffle
Face painting
Nail polish
Cake stall
Guessing comps
Obstacle course
Instant photos
Dress in RED and bring lots of $1.00 coins on the day to support the action-packed Fun that is planned.

Ordering lunch from the canteen menu will not be available on this day.

Please fill in the preferences below for each child and return to school office no later than Friday the 6th of June in an envelope with money marked “Fun Day”.

LUNCH MENU= Hot dog, drink and gelato

*The canteen will also be serving yummy party food for morning tea over the counter*

Lunch must be pre-ordered $10 for 1 child or $20 for family

Please complete and return to the school office by FRIDAY 6th JUNE. Thank you.

Sacred Heart “Fun Day”

FAMILY NAME: ___________ No. of children: ___________

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: $__________

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Sacred Heart Fun Day Fundraiser Volunteers

We need volunteers for the following jobs:

I am able to help:

Name: …………………………………….. Best Phone No. ……………………………………..

Child’s Class: ……………………..

☐ General Helper to set up on the day.
☐ Hair Spray Stand
☐ Tattoo Stand
☐ Nail Polish Stand
☐ Obstacle Course
☐ Cake Stand
☐ Guessing Competition Stand

Please send this form back to the school office or text / email to:

Tatiana Nicholas 0414 816 817 / tat_dolphin@hotmail.com
Louise Ellis 0402 362 778 / brett_lou@bigpond.com
Hi everyone,

We have come across a hot pink plastic bag that was left in the canteen pantry. There is an item of clothing (new) with a receipt from Divine Collections, Mona Vale enclosed. If this belongs to you or anyone knows who may have left it there, can you please contact either Kay or Marie.

Kay and Marie 😊

Capsicums Garden Club

Hi everyone, Garden Club has got off to a great start in Term 2. Our winter veggies have been planted (broccoli, beetroot, carrots and spinach), and are all doing well. After a very successful Summer/Autumn crop of tomatoes, eggplant and capsicum, the children are really enjoying the fruits of their efforts. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Russell 3R, who has kindly donated a lemon tree to our garden, and to Peter (our maintenance man) who planted it for us, it already has new shoots!! Also thank you to all the garden guardians, you are doing a superb job!

Jane Lhuede

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who celebrate a birthday during the coming week: Eliza M, Aaron M, Gemma R, Thomas M, Beau N, Carisa S, Matthew K, Sarah K.
School Awards - Term 2 Week 3

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Principal’s Awards: Charlotte S (5B), Ruby R (5S)

Community Notices

FESTIVAL NIGHT
Friday 30 May, 2014, 1:00pm to 7:00pm
Courtyard & Marist Complex at the College

Enjoy an exciting evening of entertainment, rides and foods

TRIVIA NIGHT!
To support projects in Soibada, Timor Leste

When: 7.30pm Saturday 31 May
Where: Avalon Recreation Centre, 59a Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon

Cost: Tickets $25

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Contact: Paige on 0425399521 or email paigeelizabethgiekie@hotmail.com
Tamara 0403226099 or email tamara.harding@bigpond.com

Byo drinks and nibbles.
Raffles!
There will be great prizes!

Come along and hear the latest about our community’s work in our sister village
Soibada, Timor Leste!
www.pittwaterfriendssoibada.org
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC8  Location: Northern Beaches

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
• a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
• knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
• specific strategies on how to:
  • advocate for your child
  • support your child’s participation at school
  • develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
• information about your local school system’s processes
• opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
• opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Bayview Golf Club
1825 Pittwater Road, Bayview NSW 2104

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 June 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Monday 28 April 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info line number: 1300 881 971

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Registration Form

To Register please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet.

This form allows you to register to attend the Parent/Carer Workshops and some information sessions
Each person attending must complete their own form even if from the same family.

The locations and dates for each of the Parent/Carer Workshops and Information Sessions were chosen through
a collaborative planning process in each state and territory.

For more information, please contact parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au or call 1300 881 971
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop

Code: 2014NSWPC8   Location: Northern Beaches   Dates: Tues 3 & Wed 4 June '14

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title: □ Mr  □ Mrs  □ Ms  □ Prof  □ Dr.  □ Other:______________________________
First Name: ___________________________ Last Name(s):______________________________
Email 1:________________________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)
Email 2:________________________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)
Mailing address:______________________________________________________________
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______________________________________________________________
City/Suburb:________________________________ State:________ Postal Code:________
Phone (daytime): (  )________________________ Phone (home): (  )________________
Mobile Phone:____________________________
Access to internet: □ At home  □ At work  □ At home and work
Computer internet skills: □ Low  □ Moderate  □ High
How many children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum do you have/care for:
□ Zero  □ One  □ Two  □ Three or more
What type of educational program is your child/are your children receiving?
□ Mainstream with support  □ Autism specific special class  □ Non autism specific special class
□ Autism specific special school  □ Special school  □ Other
□ Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS  □ Atypical autism  □ Autistic Characteristics  □ No Diagnosis
□ Other

GENERAL INFORMATION
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop.

Please answer by ticking (√) the appropriate box
1. Are you □ Male?  □ Female?
2. Would like to attend the workshop as □ Parent?  □ Grandparent?  □ Fulltime Carer?