Term 1 Week 2 - 3 February 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all our families and students for 2016. A special welcome is extended to new staff members Mrs Nolan-Brown (Year 1), Mrs Munro (Learning Support), Miss Zupkovic (Satellite Class), Mrs Mazzitelli (Satellite Class) who have joined our teaching staff.

We also welcome 32 new families to Sacred Heart. Welcome to these students and their families: Behdasht, Brand, Brell, Caicedo-Shanks, Catt, Coles, Dalgleish, De Visser, Gardner, Gleeson, Gojak, Hanrahan, Haynes, Heymann, Kallil, Leech, MacQueen, Mallam, McCabe, McCamey, McKay, Motby, Nemcich, Newman, Quested, Riddle, Sexton, Tanev, Taylor, Tinelli Dunden, Thomson and Tod.

In January Fr Robert commenced his new position as assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Pymble. As school had finished and we were unable to farewell Fr Robert we will invite him back to Sacred Heart so we can thank him for his spiritual support over the past years and wish him all the best for his new parish.

We welcome Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietrusewicz SDS to the Pittwater parish. Fr Bronislaw was ordained by John Paul II on 28 May 1989. After his ordination he worked for five years as a very successful Director of Vocations in Poland. He came to Australia in 1994 and spent two years helping in Greenmount Parish. Since then he has worked as Parish Priest of Bruce Rock Parish, Archdiocese of Perth and Parish Priest in Ocean Reef Parish (2001-2006), Parish Priest of Carnarvon Parish, Diocese of Geraldton (2007-2012) and since the beginning of year 2013 as Parish Priest of Greenmount, Archdiocese of Perth. Fr Bronislaw was re-elected last September for his third consecutive term as the Vicar-Superior of the Salvatorians of the Australian Region. We welcome Fr Bronek to the Sacred Heart school community.

We have had a busy start to the year. On Friday, Tuesday and again today we have responded appropriately to some situations that have needed our school to go into either full or partial lockdown. At Sacred Heart we have regular drills for evacuation and lockdown and our children and staff are very practised in responding to emergencies. Sometimes it is necessary to move into an emergency response eg: evacuation or lockdown so as to then assess the situation and put necessary procedures in place. We were very satisfied with our student and staff response to the issues this past week and thank parents for their support.

Each term in 2016 we will be focussing on a core value that links with our Good Samaritan charism. Children will be given daily reminders about the term’s core value and how they can live that value at school and at home. The values for the terms are Respect, Compassion and Justice. So that the children better understand the Good Samaritan value each week in the term there will be a new expectation of behaviour related to the value that explains what it means to live that value.

Term 1 Core Value: RESPECT
School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: Wear your school uniform with pride

Badges for our 2016 student leaders will be presented this Friday at our Opening School Mass which commences at 9.15am in the church. Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2016.

School Captains: Thomas Shanahan, Brooke Lindfield
School Vice Captains: Naomi McCarthy and Aaron Pluck
Meet the Teacher Evening Tuesday 9 February
Next Tuesday evening there is an opportunity for parents to meet their children’s class teacher. Teachers will speak at both 6.00pm and then again at 6.30pm in the classroom regarding their expectations for the students in their care. The two sessions allow for parents to attend both of their children’s teacher’s session.

All parents are then invited at 7pm to attend the first Hub (P& F) meeting for 2016 in the library where all teachers will be introduced to the parents. Also at this first Hub meeting Mrs Wheen and Mrs Ngamu will explain a new Mathematics homework initiative to be implemented at Sacred Heart this term.

Parents are reminded to register for Wednesday 24 February to listen to Michael Grose in the Sacred Heart hall. Michael Grose is a leading parenting educator who appears on TV and radio frequently discussing issues relevant to modern parents and professionals. [http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/)

Congratulations to Jackson Munro 5N who has been successful in obtaining a place for 2016 in the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) which comprises 60+ primary and high school students. Jackson will be playing the alto saxophone in the brass section. Congratulations Jackson.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy Mt 6:7
Year of Mercy 2016

Like us on Facebook or follow us on twitter
Welcome Back to 2016!

Pope Francis has called an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, commencing 8 December 2015 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and also the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. The year will conclude in November 2016.

A Jubilee is a great event. It is a year of reconciliation and conversion, of hope and justice. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wishes the Church to grow deeper in awareness of the Father’s merciful and forgiving love, and to bring that mercy to the world.

The theme of this Jubilee Year is “Merciful like the Father.”

This year, there will be a focus on the “Year of Mercy” as part of the Religious Education Curriculum. We are also expanding our social justice program at Sacred Heart.

Mini Vinnies for students in Year 4-6 will run alongside opportunities for each grade to be actively involved in organising a social justice activity offering opportunities for our students to become more compassionate people.

**Year Group Family Masses**
Please add to your home calendar the date of your child’s family mass. Family Masses are held once a year for each grade and provide a wonderful opportunity for your child and family to enrich their faith.

- **Yr 3** Family Mass Saturday 20th February @ 5pm
- **Yr 6** Soul Mass Sunday 13th March @ 6pm with Maria Regina
- **Kinder** Family Mass Saturday 28th May @ 5pm
- **Yr 5** Soul Mass Sunday 26th June @ 6pm with Maria Regina
- **Yr 2** Family Mass Saturday 13th August @ 5pm
- **Yr 1** Family Mass Saturday 22nd October @ 5pm
- **Yr 4** Family Mass Saturday 5th November @ 5pm

**Sacraments**
- First Reconciliation: Wednesday 16th March @ 4:30pm and 6pm
- First Communion: Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June
- Confirmation: Sunday 11th September

**Religious Dates to Remember**
- 5 February: Opening School Mass at 9:15am
- 11 February: Ash Wednesday Mass at 11:00am
- 17 February: Year 6 Class Mass at 9:15am

**Please keep in your prayers...**
Please keep in your family the Burt Family. Mitchell Burt’s mother (grandmother to Phoebe and Emma) is very unwell.
If you have any good news or if you need our prayers, please see me at school, contact me by phone.

*Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator*

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN** can be found [here](#).
Forward Planner
05 Feb - Opening School Year Mass (9.15am)
09 Feb - Parent Information Evening (6.00pm & 6.30pm)
09 Feb - The Hub Meeting (P&F) – 7.00pm
10 Feb - Ash Wednesday
11 Feb - Swimming Carnival (Yrs 2-6) and Water Safety Day (infants)

Our full school calendar can be accessed on our school APP or website on the Significant Dates page: here. Dates are constantly being added to our calendar and should be checked regularly by parents.

Sports News

Polding Trials
Good luck to Alana R, Julia N, and Kaleb G who will represent Broken Bay at the Polding Basketball Trials, and Charlie M who will represent Broken Bay at the Polding Cricket. All children will be travelling to Lismore for this exciting event. It is a great achievement to be selected for these trials and I'm sure they will enjoy the experience.

Swimming Carnival - Thursday 11 February 2016
The first exciting sporting event for the year is the swimming carnival for years 2-6 and will be held at Manly Pool next Thursday. It is essential for a successful day that all entry forms are returned by Friday so the program can be finalised. Please remember that Manly pool is 50m and children need to be able to swim without stopping if selecting 50m events. 15m and 25m events are in the shallow end with assistance in the water if required.

Thank you to families who have already returned their forms and to parents that have volunteered to help - we can't run a fantastic carnival without you! If you have not returned your form, please download from our school website here.

A program with event numbers and more information about the day will be sent home next week.

Michele Kerr – PE Teacher
Swimming carnival coordinator

2016 Grade Parents

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Volunteer Needed - Chess

Do you have a love of Chess?

If you have the time to share your knowledge and work with a group of children during lunchtime once a week then we would love to hear from you. Parents or Grandparents if you can assist could you please contact Mrs Wheen as soon as possible.
Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who celebrated their birthday in January, and who have their birthday during the coming week:

Georgia J
Alice T
Natalie M
Maya K
Emily C
Matilda L
Florrie B
Ella K
Bianka S
Charlotte C
Indianna M
Ollivia B
Alana S
Lani M
Indeanna R
Ella M
Stephanie B
Abby D
Claire D
Kirra N
Charlotte S
Thomas D
Sion G
Liam S
Byron S
Charlie M
Jai Q
Zac S
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Jackson M
Toby W
Ashley D
Jesse C
Dominic K
Billy S

Canteen News

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Help needed: This Friday 5 February, either 9.30am-1.45pm or 11am-1.45pm. Please contact Kay.
Welcome back to our existing families, and to all the new families of Sacred Heart, we look forward to meeting you throughout the year. The canteen is open this week for all lunch orders and counter service.

Volunteers: The term 1 roster has been sent home and we kindly ask that all volunteers check and note down their scheduled day.

Menu: Our term 1 menu has a few changes / additions and will be sent home this week. The menu can be viewed on the school web page at any time.

Online orders: For our new families that would like to register for online ordering of lunch orders, please refer to the school24 information sheet provided in your kinder packs. If you do not have a sheet you can print from the school website here, or if you need help with registering, please contact either Kay or Marie. The last day for canteen this year will be Monday 14 December for all online lunch orders and over the counter service. We will re-open on Monday 1 February 2016.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Kiss & Drop Roster

Thank you to the volunteers on the Kiss and Drop roster. We still require additional volunteers, if you are able to assist please contact Selina Nichols on nicholsselina@gmail.com for further information.

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School Buses Information

Transport NSW are still processing Opal card applications. They have advised they have processed over 300,000 and are still continuing. Students in year 3 who used the online application form should have received passes in the mail at home. Students who used the blue carbon copy form are yet to be processed by Transport NSW. All applications from Sacred Heart were forwarded together on 18 December 2016.

Students who have not received cards yet can still catch the school special buses. Transport NSW understands there are still may cards to be provided.

Any further new applications for School Opal cards must now be made via the online application form at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Forms should then be printed, signed and dropped into the school office. Our next batch of forms will be posted this Friday. For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS) please visit Transport NSW’s website above.

A reminder that bus numbers on the Government Buses have changed. Forest Coach Lines have not changed. If you are unsure about your bus number, please check the Sydney Buses website here.

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The Hub News

A BIG welcome back to existing, and new families of our Sacred Heart School Community. A friendly reminder about our Hub Info night which will be held next week on Tuesday 9 February. It will follow on from the parent information evening. All welcome. Please join us in the school library. See you there!!

Below is a list of our 2016 Hub Committee members.

President:...............................Juliana J
Vice President .......................Rebecca C
Treasurer/s .......................Vanessa D & Elizabeth H
Secretary ..........................Kellie C
Parish Council Liaison ......Alexia B
Diocesan Parent Council ......Eloise C
Uniform Shop.......................Veronika S & Clare B
Social Justice .......................Virpi T

We have a new email address for the Hub. For correspondence please forward to us at sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary

Uniform Shop News

Opening hours:  Monday  8.30-9.00am  Wednesday  2.30-3.00pm  Friday  8.30-9.00am

If you have a school bag with a faulty zipper, please drop it into the uniform shop for repairs. A loan bag can be provided.

Veronika & Clare – Uniform Shop Coordinators
**Student Medication** – A reminder to parents that all medication (prescription, over-the-counter, herbal) must be accompanied by either a [Request to Administer Medication](#) form completed by a doctor, or the chemist prescription label on medication. Asthma management plans prepared by a doctor must be provided with Ventolin. School staff cannot administer any medications without written advice from a doctor.

Parents are welcome to attend the school office during the day to administer medication if doctor permission cannot be provided.

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**Diocesan Parent Council**

Michael Grose is one of Australia's leading parenting educators and author of 8 parenting books including, *Teach your Child to Shrug* and *Does Your Child Learn the Hard Way?* Michael appears regularly on television and radio discussing relevant issues for modern parents and professionals. Raising and teaching kids to become resilient, confident and self-sufficient is just some of the expert advice you can expect to receive from Michael! In fact he'll even have you working towards redundancy! (as a parent that is.)

The **Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)** provides seminars and workshops each term for all parents & carers and are thrilled to be working with Michael in 2016 and having him present at **Sacred Heart Primary, MONA VALE** on **Wednesday 24 February, 2016 at 7pm** – put it in your diary. All parents from schools across our diocese are welcome so spread the word.

To get an insight into Michaels approach to parenting or to register you interest in attending go to the DPC website to RSVP [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com).

Information from the Diocesan Parent Council can be found on their website [here](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com).

Did you know DPC are now on Social Media:
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/BrokenBayDPC) - Follow, retweet, mention
- [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayDPC) - Like & share our page & posts

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**The Parish Pulse**

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Communion**

First Reconciliation and First Communion, the Sacraments after Confirmation, are open to all children in year 3 and above and children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015. All parents interested in enrolling their child must attend one of our information sessions which will be held on Thursday 4 February 1pm and 7pm at Sacred Heart, Mona Vale (sessions start on time and run for approx. 1 hour). If you have any questions regarding the Sacraments please call Angela Smit at the Parish office on 9997 7311 (ext 13).

*Angela Smit – Director of the Sacramental Ministry, The Catholic Parish of Pittwater*
SAVE THE DATE – OPEN DAY

Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood
Sunday 6 March, 2016
11am – 2pm