Dear Parents

On Saturday many of our children will be participating in the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Comensoli. You may remember your own Confirmation many years ago, you may have been a little older than the children this Saturday. I was 15 years old. Times have changed.

We can’t really see the Spirit any more than we can see the air around us. But we can feel the air, the wind blowing, and we can see its effects as it stirs the limbs of trees and moves loose leaves across the ground. So, too, we can feel the Spirit in our lives as we are moved to love God and others, to care for our family, friends and neighbours, to offer forgiveness genuinely and sincerely whether or not forgiveness is sought.

In our parent role, we have responsibility not only for the physical and intellectual welfare of our children but their spiritual welfare as well. None of us lives in isolation, particularly our children, who yearn for the company of their peers and are subjected to its various influences. Peer influence and the social influence of our materialistic society provide many challenges to our children and the concept of living a Christian lifestyle can be easily over run.

If we are in the habit of calling on the Gifts of the Spirit within us – wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel – to assist us in our life’s challenges, we can encourage our children to do likewise. Instead of the Holy Spirit being the focus for one day of our life, the Holy Spirit becomes our life companion, always available, never judgemental, always a living act of God’s love in our life.

Our children share or have had passed onto them, many of our physical and intellectual attributes; they are united to us in all aspects of their existence. In much the same way they share with us the same Spirit given fully to all of us through Confirmation. This enables us to be linked to our children in body, mind and Spirit.

“God of all nations,
May the Spirit who inspired the Apostles to know how to live
and teach the message of your Son’s Gospel, be our source of inspiration.
May the gifts of the Spirit be alive in all aspects of our daily living. Amen.”

It was wonderful on Monday morning to be able to raise our Australian flag up a beautiful new flagpole whilst the children sang our national anthem. Thank you to the Wooldridge family who donated the flagpole and installed it beside the play equipment on Saturday. Thank you Vaughan, Evan and Reece Wooldridge and families.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist us with our Term 2 Sport Skills Sessions. Students from Years 4-6 elected to participate in NRL, Touch/Eagle tag, T-Ball, Tennis and Basketball. Thank you to Steph M, Di M, Melinda S, Michelle J, Peter Smyth, Siobhan B, Kammi B, Jade C, Karen W, Emma W, Maggie H, Kim L, Angela C and Angela B.

Kinder enrolments are strong for 2016. All schools in the Broken Bay Diocese follow the diocesan enrolment guidelines and criteria. First round offers for Sacred Heart will go home in the July school holidays. First round offers will be made to families whose children are baptised Catholic, practising and known in the parish. Second round offers will be made if places are still available after take up of first round offers.
Naplan commenced on Tuesday. There is a letter circulating via social media which has some worth for reflection.

“Before you sit these tests you need to know... The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your mum and dad and play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. These attributes cannot be tested. The scores you get from these tests will tell you how you did on this day but will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you brighten up someone’s day. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are. There is no one way to test all the wonderful things that make you, YOU!”

The Director of Schools, Mr P Hamill visited our school on Monday. The focus of Mr Hamill’s visit was to explore how our Learning Support team and classroom teachers support our students with learning and behavioural needs. Mr Hamill commented most favourably on the innovative model of support being implemented at Sacred Heart as well as the apparently happy students that he observed!

Sip-n-Sip no 1 was well attended last Friday and it was reassuring to receive much positive feedback on the morning. The second Sip-n-Sip for 2015 will be held on Friday 29th May. The focus of our second Sip-n-Sip will be Mathematics. Students will be teaching the parents activities/games that are being played in the classroom to improve students learning in areas that have been identified by the school as vulnerable. Parents will be encouraged to continue to play these games at home.

I will be attending the Australian Catholic School Principal’s Conference in Dubbo next week and will be away from school from Tuesday to Friday. If parents have any major issues please contact Mrs Wheen, the Assistant Principal.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

Forward Planner
14-15 May Confirmation - Compulsory Rehearsal (Thurs 5pm; Fri 5pm or 6pm)
16 May Sacrament of Confirmation (2pm Sacred Heart; 11am Maria Regina)
19 May Broken Bay Cross Country (Fagan Park)
20 May Yr 2 Class Mass (9.15am)
20 May East Timor Independence Day
20 May P&F Meeting (7.30pm)
26 May Parent Information Evening – Kinder 2016 Sibling Parents (7.00pm)

Our full school calendar can be accessed on our school APP or on the school website on the Significant Dates page: here

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Sibling Enrolments, Kinder 2016 - Reminder – Parent Information Evening
Thank you to those families who have submitted an application for kindergarten 2016. Our parent information evening for sibling families outlining the opportunities the parish and school have to offer will be held on Tuesday evening, 26 May 2015 from 7.00 to 8.00pm in the School Hall. Father George and I will be there to talk about the faith opportunities the school and parish have to offer and answer any questions regarding our approach to faith development. It is compulsory that one or both parents attend as this is an integral part of the enrolment process.
In the spirit of Pope Francis’ joyful and action-oriented pastoral approach, here are two ways to live the Joy of the Gospel.

1. Slow down enough to allow the ‘slower’ person to reveal his/her goodness and gifts. Take the time to listen to this person’s story, hopes and anxieties.
2. Review your weekly spending on non-essentials and take steps to simplify your lifestyle. Give gifts which are simple and which express the generosity of your heart rather than the capacity of your bank balance.

**Walk of Joy**

Pittwater Parish is celebrating the Year of Joy with a “Walk of Joy” on Saturday the 23rd May. The walk is 8.3 kms and will begin at Maria Regina Church and finish at Sacred Heart Church. Breakfast will be served at Sacred Heart at the conclusion of the walk. Everyone is welcome to participate. Participants can meet at Maria Regina Church at 7am for a 7:30 start. Breakfast will be $10 for adults and $5 for children. See flyer at end of this newsletter.

**East Timor Independence Day**

On the **22 May** Sacred Heart will be celebrating East Timor Independence Day. **We are asking everyone to bring in a gold coin donation and to wear the colours of East Timor which are red, black and yellow.**

We are going to have a special visitor from East Timor. Her name is Sister Lourdes.

*At morning tea the Minnie Vinnies team will be holding a stall where you can purchase franklets/anklets made by year 4 and year 6 and also items made in East Timor. The costs of the items will range from 50c to $5.00.*

**Written by Maya L and Laura G on behalf of the Minnie Vinnies Team**

**Religious Dates to Remember**

- **Wed 20 May** Yr 2 Class Mass at 9:15 Sacred Heart Church
- **Sat 23 May** Confirmation 1pm at Maria Regina and 2:30 at Sacred Heart
- **Wed 27 May** Yr 3 Class Mass at 9:15 Sacred Heart Church

**Good News of the week and Prayers**

If you have any Good News or if you need our prayers, please see me at school, contact me by phone.

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN** can be found [here](#).

*Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator*

**Sports News**

In week 10 years 3-6 will compete in the Eagle Tag and Rugby League Gala Days. The year 3/4 gala day will be held on Tuesday 23 June and the year 5/6 gala day will be on Thursday 25 June, both events will take place at Pittwater Rugby Park.

Please note that only those students who are currently participating in the Rugby League sessions on a Tuesday afternoon at school will be eligible for the Rugby League team at the gala days. The permission notes will be emailed this week to be signed and returned to class teachers no later than Friday 30 May. Permission notes can also be found on the school website [here](#).

*Jemma Euers - Sport Coordinator*
**Sports News**

**Tuesday Afternoon Sports Skills**

Our Sports Skills afternoon sessions commenced yesterday. Here are some pictures of the basketball and tennis clinics in action at school. Thank you to Steph Munro for volunteering to run this program as a Sacred Heart parent and to all the parents who responded to our call for assistance. We love having you participate in our learning and fun.

*Jayne Wheen – Assistant Principal*

**Library News**

**WORLD BOOK ONLINE** is an amazing tool for Sacred Heart students to access. Children can access this site while researching at school **AND** at home. To login in go to: [http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU12061](http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU12061)

Id: shcs11
Password: school

World Book Kids is the premier general reference Web site developed especially for young students. The site features simple navigation, easy-to-read articles, thousands of illustrations, videos, comparison tools, and a wealth of engaging games and activities.

World Book Kids features:
- A variety of simple search and browse navigation options
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- Engaging images, illustrations, and videos
- A tool for exploring and comparing animals
- An Important People feature to help students search and browse through several thousand biographies
- A collection of age-appropriate science fair projects
- Atlas, interactive maps, and outline maps and flags

World Book Student includes all the articles from the print versions of the World Book Encyclopaedia, plus thousands of additional articles, learning resources, and research tools.
- More than 40,000 encyclopaedia and reference articles
- World Book Biography Centre, with more than 10,000 biographies
- Thousands of links selected by World Book editors and expert contributors
- Rich multimedia
- Historical features
- Extensive dictionary and atlas

*Melanie Harrison – Teacher / Librarian*
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who celebrate a birthday during the coming week (and last week):

Ryan C   Charlie S   Claire B   Grace D
Ezekiel G   Kayla R   Sophie W   Holly L

School Awards

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Principal’s Awards: Thomas S (5N), Natalie M (5S)

Canteen News

Canteen Roster (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)

| Mon 18 May | Kristina K, Angela S, Bessie M |
| Thur 21 May | Kammi B, Juliana J, Linda M, Clare B |
| Fri 22 May | Chantelle B, Leonie S, Selina N, Karen N |

Mother’s Day gifts: If you would like to purchase extra Mother’s Day gifts we still have rose gold wrist wraps available at a cost of $5.00 each. These can be purchased from either the canteen or front office. We would like to thank Lisa Caterina who is an ambassador for Pink Hope Day Association for supplying the beautiful candles for our Mother’s Day gifts. It is a privilege to be able to support and give back to such a wonderful organisation.

Price increase: For all our parents that purchase the butter chicken in 2.5kg bags for home, there has been a price increase. The bags are now $45 each($2 increase). This slight increase also applies to some of their other products that are available.

Help needed: This Thursday 14 May either 9.30am-1.45pm or 11am-1pm. Please contact Marie.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Kiss & Drop Morning Roster

Thank you to the volunteers on the Kiss and Drop roster. If you can fill one of the vacant spots please contact Selina Nichols on nicholsselina@gmail.com

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Help Needed – Knitting Club – Wednesday lunchtime

If any mums or grandmothers would like to help with knitting club on a Wednesday from 12.50-1.30pm, we would love some help.
Last Friday we had the first Sip and Sip session. Its main aim was to tell parents about how the School Improvement Plan relates to teaching writing, but we also got a chance to talk to other parents and Mrs Garey over a cup of tea/coffee. We learnt how the ‘writing continuum’ is a set of examples from the most basic to advanced writing for that year. The children and teachers together have critiqued each example – describing what is good and what could be done to improve it – this is all up on the wall of the class. The children use these examples to help them with their writing – they compare the examples to the work they are doing to see what they could do to move them up to the next level in the continuum – eg use paragraphs, capital letters, more adjectives. This is in place for Kinder to year 6.

The other techniques we talked about were ‘what good writers do’ and ‘editing code’. If there is writing for homework, one approach is early on in the week they write the piece – no editing – just the creative process. On a later day they then go back to that piece and edit/proof read – using the same code they use in class. Good writers edit their own work and ask others to proof read.

We were also given a leaflet about how to help your child with writing. It was a fabulous insight into how writing is taught. The next Sip and Sip will be about maths and games we can play with our children. It’s on 29 May – please try and come along.

Ask your children about the writing examples on their classroom walls, what good writers do and the editing code. Start a conversation with your child about their learning...

_Eloise Critchley (DPC rep), Fiona McCallum (KidsMatter parent rep)_

You can visit the Diocesan Parent Council website here.

**P&F News**

BIG thanks to ALL who assisted with Mother’s Day Breakfast and gift organising especially Kay and Marie in the Canteen. AND what a BIG success the Sip and Sip was with Mrs Garey! We would love your feedback from those that attended either by email to the P and F address below and/or anonymously via letter drop in to Office.

Next Wednesday 20 May will be the P&F meeting for term 2 – 7.30pm, in the Library. We are lucky to have Carmel Hewitt from the Catholic Schools Office presenting on the topic ‘Ages & Stages’.

“Social and emotional skills are important factors of well-being and social development. Children can learn some of these skills which help them to manage friendships, work better with others and develop their understanding of how to be responsible for themselves and their emotions.”

The session will cover

- Social & Emotional Stages of Development
- Brain development and learning
- How to develop your child’s social & Emotional Skills

Carmel is a very engaging speaker and this promises to be an informative presentation, we hope you can make it.

Our annual Chocolate Drive has started - please take the chocolates to your sporting events, your neighbours and parent’s/carer’s workplaces to sell. If you are anything like me I find this weather perfect for eating a Freddo (or two!).

Jubilee Dinner - Tables are selling out fast as of Friday last week only 9 tables left out of 20! Get your table of 10 organised ASAP so you don't miss out as no more tables can fit into the venue!!

Have a look at the fabulous artwork to be auctioned on the next few pages!

_Lynette Suchanek – P&F Secretary - shpandf@gmail.com_
Sacred Heart Mona Vale
GOLDEN JUBILEE dinner
“A Touch of Gold”

Number of Tickets Required: ............................................ (Maximum 10)
Names of People on Table: ...................................................................................................................

Name & Class of Contact Person for the Table: ......................................................................................
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Please advise any dietary requirements: ..............................................................................................

Artworks to be auctioned at “A Touch of Gold” (photography: Ian Waldie):

Kinder: Duck Duck Goose  
Year 1: Starfish
Year 2: Eagle

Year 3: Leaves

Year 4: Kookaburras

Year 5: Dragonflies

Year 6: Feathers
Sacred Heart Mona Vale
Turns 50 years old
Join us to Celebrate
at our
“Touch of Gold”

GOLDEN JUBILEE dinner

Saturday 13 June, 2015

Time: 6.30pm till 11.30pm
Place: Bayview Golf Club
Cost: $75.00 per person Includes a sit down dinner and a drink on arrival
Dress: Smart with a “Touch of Gold”

Organise your table of 10 or allow us to do this for you.
RSVP on the attached form with payment to the school office by 13th May, 2015.
As there are a limited number of tables available, please be prompt in responding so as not to miss out.

The night will include the Auction of the Children’s Yearly Artworks.
Community Notices

Walk of Joy at Pentecost
23 May 2015
Church 2 Church

Celebrate Pentecost with our communities with the Walk of Joy, 8.3km starting at Maria Regina Church and finishing with a hearty breakfast at Sacred Heart Church. Meet other parishioners, take in the beauty of our beaches and with a little bit of luck our native wildlife.

Saturday 23rd May 2015.
Arrive at 7am • Start at 7.30am from Maria Regina Church. End at Sacred Heart Church for a hearty breakfast • Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
Cost: $5 (under 16 years)
$10 adults
$10 breakfast only (if you are not keen for the walk, you can still register to join us for the breakfast.
Register at www.trybooking.com/134721 or at the Parish Office.

Closing date: Thursday 21 May 2015
Volunteers needed for the day please contact the Parish Office 9997 7311 if you are able to help.

Please pack a small backpack, water, hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes.
Organise transport back to Avalon if needed. (L90 from Barrenjoey Road Mona Vale to Avalon.)

Free two day workshop and information sessions
for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2015NSWPC5 Location: Epping

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

Workshop details

Venue: The Epping Club
45 – 47 Rawson Street, Epping NSW 2121

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 May 2015
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration available from Thursday 9 April 2015 and closes two days prior.

We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You will receive confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations are preferred through our secure website: www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Please phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline if you have any enquiries: 1300 881 971