Term 4 Week 5 - 4 November 2015

Dear Parents

‘Life isn't about how to survive the storm, But how to dance in the rain.’

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who have been assisting with the Kiss and Drop in the mornings. This morning it was raining and there they were standing in rain coats and with umbrellas smiling and greeting parents as students climbed safely out of cars. We appreciate what you do for our community!

At present all classes from Year 1-6 are completing a set of assessments online. The online assessments are just one tool being used to assess and record student achievement for the current year which is then reported to parents in the end of semester report. Some students in Year 1 will be participating in the Observation Survey collection of data over the next two weeks. Semester reports will be emailed home on Friday 4 December.

We are presently making staffing decisions re classes for next year. If parents have a valid request re classes please put it in writing. Requests need to be resubmitted each year.

All classes have been preparing for our “Whole School Speaking Celebration” next Tuesday morning. One representative from each class will speak. Parents are invited to attend.

It was affirming to receive positive feedback about the school Facebook and twitter initiative. The comments included that the parents had a springboard for conversation about what is happening at school with their child, another great way parents can become engaged with their students learning!

Like us on Facebook or follow us on twitter

Many working parents have been requesting before school care and it is pleasing that Catholic Care can now offer this service to our community. Please note that Catholic Care will be offering before school care in 2016 as well as after school care. It is suggested parents book early to secure a place for their child.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL
Peace Within

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.
- attributed to St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Theresa of Avila

Catholic Mission Fundraising – Friday 13 November 2016

Year 4 are raising money for Catholic Mission. This money will go towards providing clean water in schools in Madagascar and also for families in Madagascar who don’t have clean water, which the families desperately need.

So we all got into groups of two, three or four and then the groups decided on a game, activity or stall to run. Year 4 will also run a Crazy Hair Day and children will bring a Gold Coin Donation to participate and extra money for the stalls, games and activities. The games and stalls will be run at lunchtime and will cost 50c to $1. Please wear your school uniform and create a crazy hair do for the day!
The day will be held on Friday 13 November in Week 6 (next week).

Amber K, 4N

Christmas Hamper Appeal

It seems too early to be thinking about Christmas! However, the rest of the term is busy and families are being stretched in many different directions. Now is a good time to think about how your family can support those families and people who are less fortunate than us. Your support with our Christmas Hamper Appeal is very much appreciated.

Each year at this time we run our Christmas hamper appeal. The Mini Vinnies Team is organising a collection of non-perishable food, which will be distributed to families through the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Students are asked to donate goods to families and people in need, so that they too may enjoy the delights that Christmas brings. The following are the requests:

KE – SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT
KP – SAVOURY BISCUITS
1D – TINNED FRUIT
1F – FRUIT CAKE
2B – SHORTBREAD OR BISCUITS
2D – LONG LIFE JUICE OR MILK
3L – TINNED TUNA OR SALMON
4N – PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE
5N – BOX OF 100 TEA BAGS
5S – 250g JAR OF COFFEE
6F – CORNCHIPS/SALSA
6W – LOLLIES

Please be generous with these appeals as your care and compassion is a powerful message for your children to witness. In our own small way, we can make a difference at Christmas time.

Religious Dates to Remember

Wed 11 Nov Yr 1 Class Mass at 9:15am
Sat 14 Nov First Communion at 5pm
Sun 15 Nov First Communion at 9:30, 11am and 6pm
Wed 18 Nov Yr 2 Class Mass at 9:15am

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Natasha S from 1D and her family. Natasha is undergoing medical treatment for reoccurring leukaemia.

If you have any good news or if you need our prayers, please see me at school, contact me by phone.
Helpers for Christmas Eve Mass!
Pittwater Parish is renowned for its 5pm Children’s mass on Christmas Eve and of course we need lots of helpers and children to participate. Included in this newsletter are slips for people (to return) who are able to assist with setting up on Christmas Eve and children who will be attending so we can begin to organise readers and actors.

There will be Christmas Eve Mass in the school grounds at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve. We are seeking a team to work with us in preparing and assisting with this Christmas celebration. We will be working closely with the Parish for co-ordination. Help will be needed with ushering/crowd control, stage setup, the nativity play, chair set up and putting away chairs after the 9pm Mass, decorating etc. If you feel you would be able to help in any way, we would very much like to work with you in making Christmas Eve a special evening. **We will hold a meeting closer to Christmas to discuss details.**

Please fill out the form below if you can assist and return to Chris McBryde. Thank you in advance! If you would prefer to email your reply, please email to shmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the heading “Christmas Eve Mass Helper”.

**Christmas Eve Liturgy/Play Participation (Children)**
I would like to include the children from our school who will be attending the Christmas Eve Liturgy/Play to take on roles, eg readings, dancing, singing, etc. If you know that you will be attending the liturgy and would like your child/children to be involved, please indicate on the slip below and return to school for the “red bag” or to Mrs McBryde.

If you would prefer to email your reply, please email to shmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the heading “Christmas Eve Liturgy Child Participation”.

**Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator**

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

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**Christmas Eve Mass Helpers**
I, ____________________________ am interested in working with the Parish/School in coordinating/helping with the Christmas celebration to be held in the school grounds on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

My contact details are: ___________________________ (phone)
__________________________________________ (email address)

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**Christmas Eve Liturgy / Play Participation (Children)**
I will be attending the 2015 Parish Christmas Eve Liturgy and my children are able to participate.

Child’s name: ___________________________ Class: __________________
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Parent’s Signature: ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Yellow Family Registration Forms
These forms are now due back to the school office. If you are yet to complete, could we please ask for these to be returned as soon as possible.

Forward Planner
10 Nov    Whole school public speaking
11 Nov    Yr 1 Class Mass (9.15am)
14 Nov    Sacrament of First Eucharist (5pm Sacred Heart Church)
15 Nov    Sacrament of First Eucharist (9.30, 11am and 6pm Sacred Heart Church)
18 Nov    Yr 2 Class Mass (9.15am)
18 Nov    P&F Meeting (7.30pm)
23 Nov    Wellbeing Week

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.

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2016 School Terms, Staff Development Days & Holidays

To assist parents who are planning holidays in January, please note school dates below. All children are required to attend an assessment in January. Assessment booking details will be published in our newsletter towards the end of term.

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**SCHOOL VACATIONS - 2016**

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016:**  Wed 27 Jan  Thurs 28 Jan  Mon 18 Jul  Mon 19 Dec  Tues 20 Dec

**2016 Grade Parents**

A very big thank you to our grade parents who have performed the valuable service of welcoming and social networking to enable everyone to feel part of the community. If you are interested in the position for next year, please contact the office.

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Changes to School Student Travel Scheme / Introduction of School Opal cards

From term one 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme via a new online application process. Most parents, guardians and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016 **EXCEPT THE CURRENT YEAR 2 STUDENTS**.

Current year 2 students **MUST RE-APPLY** to receive an Opal card for 2016. An application form has recently been sent home with eligible year 2 children who currently hold a bus pass, to be returned to the school office no later than Monday, 30 November for processing. Alternatively you can complete an online application form at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) and return to the school office.

All future new applications for School Opal cards must be made via the online application form at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students). For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS) please visit Transport NSW’s website above.

2016 Band Expressions of Interest

On **Thurs 5 November** at 9am (tomorrow) there will be a band performance in the hall. This will be aimed at year 2 students, however students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are also welcome to join the band in 2016. Students will hear the band, get a chance to talk to the performers about their instruments and get applications to join the band. Parents are welcome to attend this session if your child is thinking of joining the band. Band registration information can be found on our school website [here](http://www.sacredheart catholic school). If you would like further information, please contact Clare McFadden - mcclare@tpg.com.au.

**Clare McFadden – Band Conductor**

“Last Sunday on Mona Vale Market Day, five students from the Sacred Heart Concert Band went busking outside the Memorial Hall and the Inch Café. The “5 Peas in a Pod” raised over $200 and donated half to the St Vincent de Paul Society. We had a great time and we hope to do it again in the future.” Andie H (member of “5 Peas in a Pod”)

**Doctor Dolittle Photo Compendium**

Professional Musical Photo Compendium CD Available

Over 400 beautiful character shots of Sacred Heart students is available to purchase. A CD of still photos by photographer Andrew Hall can be purchased for $10. Please complete the order form below and return to the school office.

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**DOCTOR DOLITTLE PHOTO COMPENDIUM CD ORDER FORM**

| NAME: | …………………………………………………………………………………….. |
| MOBILE: | …………………………………………………………………………………….. |
| ELDEST CHILD: | …………………………………………………………………………………….. |
| CLASS: | …………………………………………………………………………………….. |
| NUMBER OF CD: | ………………….. @ $10.00 each = $……………….. |

- I have paid by **internet banking**
- I enclose $.............. cash
- I enclose a **cheque** payable to ANDREW HALL

Name: AT Hall and EP McGonnell
Bank: Bankwest
Branch: Brookvale
BSB: 302171 A/C: 0082106

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Happy Birthday

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

Xavier R  Anna B  Hayley M  Macy B
Samuel R  Luciana C  Natasha S

School Awards

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Principal’s Awards:  Tennyson L (Yr 4), Jack W (Yr 4), Jack W (Yr 3), Ebbeny H (Yr 3)

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)

| Mon 9 Nov  | Alexia B, Wendy S, Amber L |
| Thur 12 Nov| Kris M, Jan B, Keiran E, Mel S |
| Fri 13 Nov | Belinda W, Danielle C, Caroline R, Matt S |

Volunteers notes: If you have completed your 2016 form to volunteer in the canteen, please drop to either the canteen letterbox or front office asap.

Volunteer morning tea: An invitation will be sent home shortly for our annual Thank you morning tea, to be held on Tuesday 24 November from 9am.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Kiss & Drop Morning 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.
Garden Club News

Hi there Garden Guardians, it has been a busy month at Sacred Heart, with our 50th Jubilee Celebration, book week, Year 5/6 Canberra excursion and Kindy 2016 orientation (Yay more gardeners!).

The Garden is thriving! The last of our winter veggies have been harvested and our spring/summer produce planted. The Garden Guardians have planted three different varieties of tomatoes, Lebanese cucumbers, snow-peas and zucchini.

Low-rainfall and above average Spring heat have made for dry conditions and a thirsty garden, however a big thank you to James C 1F, Luke O 1F, Lucinda and Felicity T Year 2, and our reliable Garden Leader Stephanie A Year 6, who diligently water and care for our school garden. They are a very patient group waiting four long months for our first blueberry - mmm berryliscious.

Jane Lhuede – Garden Guardian

Garden Club is on second half of lunch Tuesday and Thursday, all welcome, come and learn about organic and sustainable gardening.

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will have their final day for 2015 on Friday 4 December 2015. Please ensure all purchases have been made by this date as we will not re-open until school returns in 2016.

Opening Hours: Mon 8.30-9am Wed 2.30-3pm Fri 8.30-9am

Veronika & Clare

Golden Jubilee Book

We still have a few Jubilee Books available to purchase. Order forms can be found on our school website here. Please complete slip and return to the school office.

Jubilee tea towels have sold out.

Pittwater Parish News - The Parish Pulse

Mass times over the weekend are as follows:

Maria Regina Avalon: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am
Sacred Heart Mona Vale: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 6pm

Angela Smit – Pittwater Parish Sacramental Coordinator

CatholicCare Before & After School Care

CatholicCare before and after school care have opened enrolments and bookings for next year and are filling up fast.

Please visit the website http://catholiccaredbb.org.au/childrens-services11/before-after-school-and-vacation-care/mona-vale or contact Kylie directly monavale.oshc@dbb.org.au for more information.
Would you like to be part of a proactive team of parents/carers getting together once a term to be informed about what is going on at school and learn what you can do as part of the Hub?

We are happy to talk to anyone who may interested in shadowing a role with a view to nominating in 2017 particularly for the roles of:

- President – oversees the team as a whole, keeps the Exec informed and gets things done.
- Vice President – President’s right hand for the above.

Or sharing roles including:

- Uniform shop – learning the computer system, ordering and inventory management
- Social Justice – liaising with our sister school in Timor Leste and working with the mini vinnies

If any of the above appeal to you we would love to hear from you. As with any new Hub members we always plan for smooth transitions with shadowing opportunities and/or comprehensive handovers and support. Over the years we have worked really hard to make all roles as simplified as we can to fit into today’s busy lifestyles such as job sharing.

If there is anything you would like to discuss at the Hub meeting on 18 November, or if you have suggestions on where to spend our fundraising for this year, either short or long term projects, please email me so we can add it to the agenda no later than 11 November.

The Hub’s AGM Election Notice advising the intention of the Executive for 2016 can be viewed on our school website [here](http://www.sacredheartcatholicschool.com). The AGM will be held on 18 November at 7pm. As always, all are welcome – tea & coffee and some nibbles provided.

*Lynette Suchanek – The Hub Secretary* ([shpandf@gmail.com](mailto:shpandf@gmail.com))

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**Diocesan Parent Council**

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

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For more information on Michael Grose seminars, please visit [here](http://www.sacredheartcatholicschool.com).