Dear Parents

Congratulations to our children who will be receiving their First Communion this Saturday and Sunday. Thank You to Mrs Angela Smit, our Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator, parents and teachers who have supported the children and prepared them for this beautiful sacrament.

“Jesus, when we are united in the Eucharist, inspire me to be bold with my life and to carry to others Your message of love, care and forgiveness. Amen.”

It was a wonderful experience for all students and parents to witness the excellent public speaking skills of k-6 students from Sacred Heart at our Annual Public Speaking event. Congratulations to all students who prepared speeches. Public speaking is considered to be a very difficult task and our adjudicator, Mr Peter Sheehan from Berowra Toastmasters Club, spoke of his need to attend Toastmasters to learn the skills of Public Speaking to overcome a stammer. Lauren B was awarded the senior school trophy, Conor B the junior trophy and Fergus H the encouragement award.

Thank you to parents for their understanding regarding the locking of gates during school hours. We realise there may be some inconvenience for parents who will need to use the "kiss and ride " gate but the children's safety is always a priority in decisions.

May I encourage all parents to attend the Parent Hub Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 November. It will be a celebration of the wonderful work initiated by our parent community in support of the school, in order to engage parents and improve student outcomes this year.

Staffing for 2016 will be published in the final newsletter for the year.

Students will meet their teachers for 2016 on Tuesday 15 December 2016.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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Catholic Mission Fundraising – Friday 13 November 2016 – THIS FRIDAY!
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!

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:

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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
Sat 14 Nov  First Communion at 5pm
Sun 15 Nov  First Communion at 9:30, 11am and 6pm
Wed 18 Nov  Yr 5 Class Mass at 9:15am (note change: Yr 2 Class Mass now on 2 Dec)

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.
Religious Education News

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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Child’s name: ____________________________ Class: ________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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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
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.

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:
BE A JUST AND FAIR PERSON

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.

Wednesday, 27 January Staff Development Day (SDD)
Thursday, 28 January SDD / Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6
Friday, 29 January Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6
Monday, 1 February Assessment Day for Kinder
Monday, 1 February Yrs 1-6 commence
Tuesday, 2 February Kinder commence

2016 VACATIONS

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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.

**School WHS**

A friendly reminder to parents and carers that **all students must be signed out at the school office** if they are to leave school early. The “sign out” book must be completed even if a note has been given to the class teacher. Office staff will then contact your child’s class and request your child come to the office. This is to comply with student attendance guidelines and WHS requirements.

**School Security - Gates**
To comply with recommended best practice for school security and safety, our school gate and carpark gates are locked between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm on school days. Accessible pedestrian access to the school is via the gate at Kiss & Drop on Waratah Street.

**Evacuation and Lockout Drills** - All students will be participating in a “lockdown/lockout” drill this Friday.

**Head Lice**
Do you know the life cycle of head lice? If your child has head lice, it is recommended that hair be checked each day for three weeks following infestation, to break the cycle. Please advise the school office and a general email will be sent to your child’s grade requesting all parents check their child’s hair (no students identified).

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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:
Lacey C   Kiarna O   Julia N
Charlotte N   Lily W

School Awards

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Principal’s Awards: Jack M, Molly M (Yr 2)

Canteen News

**CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)**

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Volunteer morning tea: Please send in your RSVP’s even if you are not attending on the 24th Nov so we can include you in our lucky door prize.

Also, for all volunteers returning next year please return your 2016 slips asap.

Help needed: Thursday 19 November 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. 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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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.
Uniform Shop News

If your child has a broken zipper on their school bag, please bring to the uniform shop this week for repairs.

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

In 2016 during the **first week** of school, the uniform shop will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mon 1 Feb – 8.30-am  
Tues 2 Feb - 8.30-9.00am  
Wed 3 Feb – 2.30-3.00pm  
Fri 5 Feb – 8.30-9.00am

Normal opening days and hours will apply from Monday 8 February 2016.

**Veronika & Clare**

Pittwater Parish News - The Parish Pulse

Holy Communion Rehearsals

Rehearsals for First Holy Communion will be held this Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November. Your rehearsal time will depend on your First Holy Communion session time so please check your emails as I have specified your rehearsal time in them.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated this weekend 14-15 November at Sacred Heart Church in Mona Vale at the following times:

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9.30am, 11am & 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 are filling up fast. Please visit the website [http://catholiccaredbb.org.au/childrens-services11/before-after-school-and-vacation-care/mona-vale](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.

Doctor Dolittle Photo Compendium

Professional Musical Photo Compendium CD Available

Over 1000 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 COMPLEMENTUM CD ORDER FORM**

**NAME:** .................................................................  
**MOBILE:** ...........................................................

**ELDEST CHILD:** .......................................................  
**CLASS:** ............................................................

**NUMBER OF CDs:** ................. @ $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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The Hub News

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. The AGM will be held on 18 November at 7pm. As always, all are welcome – tea and coffee and some nibbles provided.

Lynette Suchanek – The Hub Secretary (shpandf@gmail.com)

Diocesan Parent Council

Information from the Diocesan Parent Council can be found on their website here.

For more information on Michael Grose seminars, please visit here.