Dear Parents

It’s Not the Persecution – It’s the Response from GPBS eNews 15/03/16

For several years I attended a unique Good Friday liturgy in Sydney. It was a prayer walk through downtown. At several stops along the way, we listened while speakers talked about places in our world where people still experience suffering and death. They talked about how poverty strips people of their dignity, about governments that use torture to destroy people’s spirit, and about the countless people each year who face execution.

You know, the “Passion” really started a long time before Jesus. It started the first time in history one person persecuted another. And it has continued without pause since Jesus himself suffered and died.

So where can we find hope if history seems so filled with pain and persecution? We can find hope in the Passion of Jesus. Ultimately, Jesus’ Passion isn’t about suffering and persecution. The Passion is about Jesus’ response.

Focus this Holy Week on Jesus’ response to the people in his life – those who love him and those who reject him. He was fully human. Many scholars argue that Jesus didn’t know he would be resurrected. Just like us, Jesus did not have complete certainty about what would happen to him after his death.

So watch this man during Holy Week. Despite his fear, uncertainty, and agony, he focuses on God and others. Through God’s power he offers the last hours of his life as a lesson for how his friends and followers can find meaning in every hour of their lives.

Then focus on today’s world. Yes, Jesus’ Passion continues. But focus on how God’s power still inspires people to be courageous. Scan the newspapers and the internet – you will find stories about people throughout the world who brave persecution and suffering to help others. Look around your school, church, workplace, or family; you will see people who sacrifice their lives for others. Go to a nursing home or hospital; you will meet people who still love despite tremendous suffering.

Jesus’ death was not that unusual. Our world has been filled with suffering and pain since the first human beings made their appearance. But Jesus’ response was unusual. His response made God’s power even more available for Christians who seek to respond like him. And history is filled with those heroes. Will you join their number?

Who in your life responds to pain or persecution with the same love, courage, and faith that Jesus had in his last hours?

More than half of all current Australian students are training for jobs that will not exist in the future or that will be transformed by automation, according to a new report by the Foundation for Young Australians.

- 44% of jobs will be automated in the next 10 years.
- 60% of students are chasing careers that won’t exist.
- Young people will have an average of 17 different jobs during their working life.
Young people need to be prepared for a working life that could include five career changes and an average of 17 different jobs.

The skills employers most want from staff are digital know-how, management, creativity, entrepreneurship and problem-solving – all abilities unlikely to be replaced by developments in technology.

Some exciting work has commenced at Sacred Heart in some of the classes from years 3-6. The work is an inquiry based model mainly in the area Key Learning Area of History where students creatively solve real world problems as they develop thinking skills and collaborative skills using technology. Year 6 are working towards a solution to the question How can we increase tolerance towards people from other cultures in our Sacred Heart (or Northern Beaches) community? Year 4 are challenged to share Australia’s cultural origins with students from another country.

Parents are invited to join the school community at our Easter liturgical celebrations 9.15am in the church and then to Kitchener Park for our Cross Country/picnic 11am on Thursday 24 March 2016.

Open Day is this Friday 9-11am. We look forward to welcoming families from the local area who may be considering Sacred Heart for their children’s education. Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be ambassadors for Sacred Heart: N Kalil, S Power, T Hayman, A Lewis, G Howard, L Dene, T McConnell, G Stephens, S Avon, B Capell and L Burt.

Sacred Heart is taking part in the National Day against bullying. Today students received wrist bands which they may wear for the week. Students used our PA system to share Bullying No Way messages. During the week classes will be using educational resources to further explore anti bullying messages such as it is not OK to bully at Sacred Heart Mona Vale.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

Like and follow us at: facebook.com/sacredheartmonavale

Like and follow us at: twitter.com/SHMV16
Before enrolling in a Community Health Program young midwife Sreymom lacked experience. Now, she is a trusted midwife, helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region in Cambodia. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region’s indigenous women and children.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion  1800 024 413

Water relay for Caritas
Today’s planned Water relay by Year 2 to raise money and awareness for Project Compassion has been postponed until Monday.

Sewing Volunteers Needed!
We would like to make some gowns that we could use in our Liturgical Celebrations as they are very expensive to buy. I'm hoping there might be a few mums or grandmothers who can sew who would like to help us with this project. If it suits we could hold a sewing bee or you could make them from home. Please contact the office or Chris McBryde if you are able to help.

Year 6 Cluster Mass
Year 6 were proud representatives of Sacred Heart at the annual Year 6 Cluster Mass last Wednesday. Before mass a number of our students were involved in a liturgical movement to the song “Mercy.” The students worked extremely hard to learn and present their movement in a prayerful way. Thanks to Ms Rudd for preparing our students.

Year 6 Soul Mass
Thank you to the year 6 families who assisted with organising and planning the sausage sizzle after our very successful Soul Mass with the Bishop and students from Maria Regina. Thank you to the many families who attended.

Reconciliation
Our year 3 students have been preparing with their families and in their classes to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students are making their Reconciliation this afternoon in the church. We offer our prayers and blessings to these students.

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love
commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.
Amen.

Religious Dates to Remember
16 March  Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 4:30 and 6pm at Sacred Heart Church
17 March  St Patrick’s Day Liturgy 9am school playground
24 March  Holy Week Liturgy 9:15am at Sacred Heart Church

Good News and Prayers
Please pray for Natasha Sljokic who is undergoing further medical treatment
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.
Cross Country and Whole School Picnic
This year the Sacred Heart Cross Country Event will be combined with a whole school picnic. All children will be involved in games and activities at the park. Children turning 8 or older this year are also eligible to enter the Cross Country event.

When: Thursday 24 March 2016
Where: Kitchener Park, Mona Vale

The whole school will attend the Holy Thursday Liturgy and then walk to the park. It will be a fun day for the school community before we head off for the Easter break.

Please read the Permission Note which has been emailed separately for more details about the day (also available on our school website here). Please complete the form and return to school no later than Monday 21 March.

Broken Bay Trials
Good luck to all the children who are trying out for Broken Bay teams over the next few weeks. I will report back with results after all the trials have been completed.

Michele Kerr – Sports Coordinator

NSW Interschools Snowsports 2016

CALLING ALL SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS!!
WE WANT YOU TO JOIN OUR SACRED HEART SNOWSPORTS TEAM ... THIS SEASON!

We are back again this snow season to compete in the NSW Interschools competition. So come and join our growing snowsports team!! After growing from 4 to over 10 people last year, the snow team is an exciting and fun event to be part of. This year it is at Thredbo from 6 -9 July (school holidays).

We are part of the “NORTHERN NSW” Competition

Date: 6 – 9 July 2016
Place: Thredbo
Cost: The cost to enter is $40 per race and $30 Rego per child

There are 3 divisions this year. Boys and girls compete separately.
DIVISION 6 is for Kindy to year 2  |  DIVISION 5 is for years 3 and 4  |  DIVISION 4 is for years 5 and 6

RACE OPTIONS
• Ski Alpine (downhill around flags) and skier cross (a set out downhill track)
• Snowboard GS (downhill around flags) and snowboard cross
• Moguls (ski)

Accommodation is booking out quick so you will have to act soon! You will have to find your own transport and accommodation.

This event is not organised by Sacred Heart School.
Please contact Michelle Jennings (0402 265 616) if you are interested so she can start to form the teams.
**Student Achievements**

Last Monday night, a team of Sacred Heart boys from years 2 and 5 won the Grand Final of the Pittwater Summer Futsal competition. Their team, the Heartbreakers, held a strong position throughout the competition and were victorious in a nail-biting hard-fought final which they won with a brilliant goal from Taine C – the only goal scored in the game given the strong defence and some outstanding goalkeeping.

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart ‘Heartbreakers’ – Tom T, Alexander H, Seth M, Gabriel K, Jesse C, Taine C, James C, and Marik V. We were impressed by your skill and effort, but most of all we were proud of your wonderful sportsmanship. **Sally T**

**Little Einsteins’ Club**

Calling all Geologists!

Year 5 have rocks in their heads! As a group the Year 5 students have decided that they would like to research all about Geology during Terms 1 and 2. So the next question I have for the Sacred Heart community is: Does anyone know of any Geologists that would like to assist us on our journey of discovery? Any input would be greatly appreciated.

Writing groups are becoming more complex as we have been experimenting with rhetorical questions and adverbial phrases to improve the quality of our writing. Each week the children are becoming more confident in experimenting with their own writing techniques.

This week we had a few kindergarten children take part in Chess & Checkers club. Strategy and tactics are coming along beautifully. It’s not too late for children to join - we are located in 1L on a Wednesday at lunch time.

**Michela Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator**

**The Parish Pulse**

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 5pm on Tuesday the 15 March at Maria Regina Church in Avalon and 4.30 pm and 6pm on Wednesday 16 March at Sacred Heart Church in Mona Vale. All children who are going to be receiving the Sacrament have been emailed with their session time. Please arrive 15 minutes early to collect your certificate and to be seated.

Mass times over the weekend are as follows:

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

**Angela Smit – Director of the Sacramental Ministry**

The Catholic Parish of Pittwater ~ 02 9997 7311 (Ext 13) - [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org)

**School WHS**

**Breezeway Gates**

We have implemented a new system with the gates in the breezeway which are to remain closed at all times. Thank you for your understanding.

**Safety first!**

Please remind children to walk when entering school on these wet days, the ground is very slippery.
The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held this Friday, 18 March 2016. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

Sacred Heart is recognising and promoting this National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence to share our school’s anti-bullying policy, strategies and programs with our community. Each class has focused upon the topic of anti-bullying and discussed various strategies and ideas about how a student can report and / or deal with a bullying situation.

Today all students, teachers and staff were given a ‘Bullying No Way – Take a stand together’ wrist band to remind us all that Sacred Heart Mona Vale is a caring and supportive community that says “No Way” to Bullying.

Many students have created posters which you will see around our school to deliver this crucial message. Have a good look at them. Let’s show our support not just through words – but through our actions towards each other. Help deliver the powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.

So far over 1860 schools throughout Australia have registered for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 18 March 2016. That’s nearly 830,000 students participating on the day!

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

Link for parents: National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence [website](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)
Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who have their birthday during the coming week:

Lauren K  Aisling M  Antonio Z  Gabriel K  Flynn S
Anabella N  Alice R  Joseph C  Myles N  Declan T

School Awards

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Canteen News

**Canteen Roster (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)**

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Mother’s Day breakfast: Our annual Mother’s Day breakfast is fast approaching. Please see invite on following page, as well as all the details on how to order online at School24 for this event.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators
Please feel free to contact us via email at: sshmv.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

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

Winter Uniform Reminder: Children will start term 2 in their winter uniforms.

Veronika & Clare – Uniform Shop Coordinators

Kiss & Drop Roster

Thank you to all our fantastic Kiss and Drop volunteers. We are on the look-out for new volunteers for next term. So if you can help in this rewarding role please contact Selina Nichols on nicholsselina@gmail.com

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Sacred Heart Mother’s Day Breakfast

Please join us for a delicious breakfast to honour our wonderful mothers, grandmothers and special woman in our children’s lives

Wednesday 4 May 2016

7.00AM – 8.15AM  Breakfast (breakfast will be on the table at 7.00am. Food will stop at 8.15am)
8.15AM – 8.45AM  Open classrooms
8.45AM  Assembly with prizes
9.15AM  Mass, please come and share the Eucharist with us as we celebrate the gift of some very special people in our lives that take on the role of mothering our children.

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY FOR MOTHER’S DAY EVENT

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY MANUAL PAYMENTS

Adults:  $8.00 per person
Children (5-12 yrs):  $2.50 per person
Gift:  $6.00 per gift (gift stall will be on Thurs 5 May)

IMPORTANT - HOW TO ORDER:
1. Order under your registered school 24 account (www.school24.net.au). Please refer to the “How to Order Online” flyer on the canteen page of our school website here if you have not yet registered.
2. Place your order under the SPECIAL EVENT ORDER SECTION (on the right hand side of your home page) for MOTHERS DAY.
3. Select STUDENT – place order under your eldest child only then select START ORDER.
4. Select RSVP PAYMENT on the left hand side of the page under Mother’s Day Category.
5. Select QUANTITY attending for ADULT TICKET select ADD TO CART.
6. Select QUANTITY attending for CHILD TICKETS select ADD TO CART.
7. Select QUANTITY of gifts (optional) ADD TO CART.
8. Press the checkout tab, check your order, then scroll to the end and submit your order.

Any enquiries please contact Marie Nero 0410 566 777 or Kay Neale 0416 262 458
or email us at sshmv.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Volunteer helpers – We would love to have lots of dads, grandfathers or special men to help out on the day. Please fill out the volunteer note below if you are able to help

Volunteer HELP

Name________________________________________ Phone & Email:____________________________________________

Times Available:  Tuesday (day before) 3 May  1.30 pm – 3.00pm □

Wednesday 4 May  6.00 am – 7.00am □  7.00 am – 8.00am □

8.00 am – 9.00am □  6.00 am – 9.00am □
The Hub News

Golf Day - Friday 1st April
Great to hear that interest and teams have already started forming for our Golf Day on Friday 1st April. It’s guaranteed to be a FUN day for all and worth having a long weekend for!

If you are keen to go application forms are available on the school website here to gather your team of 4 or just put your name down and a team will be made for you!

Cost is $125 per person and this includes lunch, 18 holes and carts. **Please note carts are may be limited - so get in early or you could be walking!** Lunch is from 11:30 with tee off at 12:30pm. All are welcome to what will be another great day. BIG thanks to Luke and Sam Downs for organising.

Mother’s Day Children’s Stall – Thursday 5 May
This year we are planning a stall for the children to choose out of four different items a gift to purchase for their wonderful mums! We will arrange it so that no mum receives the same gift from siblings.

To ensure the smooth running with the purchase before the day, we are adding it onto the Mother’s Day Breakfast online order that you will complete on the schools24 website. The cost of each item will be $6 PER CHILD. This is not compulsory however from previous years most, if not all, children like to participate in choosing and the giving of a gift via school.

If there is a concern with this cost please come and see me or email the Hub and we will discuss other options. We would like this to be an ‘inclusive’ experience not ‘exclusive’ as you all deserve something for the wonderful job you do! If some children need to buy two for specific family set ups that will be accommodated.

Unfortunately this is not a stall to buy for grandmothers as well, as volume is limited to the number of mums in the school only. We look forward to sharing in this special event and if any mums would like to assist after lunch on Thursday 5 May we would welcome the help!

*** SAVE THE DATE ***
Sacred Heart Annual Parent Dinner Dance ~ Saturday 17 September 2016, Bayview Golf Course

Preparations have already begun for our parent social night of the year. A BIG thank you for the team of mums who kindly agreed to organise this great night. Art works are already being planned and prepared so another BIG thanks to those mums too! The children’s artworks are always something special and exciting to see.

So keep watching this space for more details...

Juliana Johnston – Hub President
Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary

If you have any items that you would like to forward to the Hub Committee please email sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Diocesan Parent Council

Information from the Diocesan Parent Council can be found on their website here. Did you know DPC are now on Social Media:
- Twitter [https://twitter.com/BrokenBayDPC](https://twitter.com/BrokenBayDPC) - Follow, retweet, mention
- Facebook ... Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council - Like & share our page & posts
Parents with Optus email addresses - please note that some (but not all) emails from school are currently being directed to the SPAM folder in “Webmail” by Optus. This is a spam filter prior to emails reaching your Outlook inbox or junk folder. If you have not been receiving emails (particularly newsletters over the past two weeks), please check your webmail settings or contact Optus for assistance.

Forward Planner
16 Mar - Sacrament of First Reconciliation (4.30pm & 6pm SHMV Church)
17 Mar - Celebrating National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
18 Mar - Open Morning – New Families & Kinder 2017 (9-11am)
24 Mar - Sacred Heart Cross Country + Easter Picnic
25 Mar - 28 Mar – Easter weekend
31 Mar - Polding Swimming Carnival
05 Apr - Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day
07 Apr - Yrs 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day
08 Apr - Last day term 1

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

Our school newsletter is published on the school website and APP every Wednesday afternoon.

Messages from the Office

Sibling Enrolments – Kinder 2017 - Enrolment Applications must be received by the school office by Tuesday 31 May 2016 to be considered for enrolment in 2017. If possible, we would like sibling enrolments returned prior to the April school holidays.

There will be a group session for sibling parents outlining the opportunities the parish and school have to offer. This meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 24 May 2016 from 7.00 to 8.00pm in the school hall. Either one or both parents must attend as this is an integral part of the enrolment process.

School Fees – All families should have received their 2016 tax invoice by email. This was sent direct from the Catholic Schools Office. If you have not received your tax invoice, please contact the office.
Standard Instalments: First payment was due on 26 February 2016 - now overdue if not already paid.
Monthly Instalments: Payments are due on the 15th of each month.

Email - All correspondence from the school is sent home via email. If you find you not receiving our emails, your mailbox could be full or your security or junk mail settings may need changing. Please advise the school office if you change your email address.

School Buses / Opal Cards - Applications for School Opal cards must 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. Forms are posted each Friday to Transport NSW. For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS) please visit Transport NSW’s website above. All enquiries regarding Opal cards should be directed to Transport NSW.

Children who do not qualify for a free school Opal card can still catch a school bus provided they have a “Child Opal Card” which has credit on it (available to purchase/top up in Woolworths).

APP – Links to download our school APP are below. A Tip Sheet for the app can be found here.

Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2018 close soon

We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5 for Year 7, 2018.

Please visit the College website http://maternaria.nsw.edu.au/ or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus, Application for Enrolment or to register for a College tour.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 close on April 6, 2016