Term 1 Week 9 - 23 March 2016

Term 1 Core Value: RESPECT
School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: To sit and kneel quietly in church

Dear Parents

You might be forgiven for thinking that Easter occurs when the children go back to school after the Christmas holidays, for the supermarkets are awash with tinselled-up rabbits and eggs and you have to wade through acres of hot cross buns to get to a loaf of bread. But the first Easter had practically no advertising and so when it came it was quite a shock and even years later the Gospel writers had trouble dealing with it.

The Resurrection isn’t just a happy ending to a sad story, it is the beginning of a new story not only for the disciples of Jesus but us today. This extract from a Newspaper editorial, offers real relevance to the Easter Story.

“Easter is essentially a universal story that reflects and reinforces this message: that if we allow it to happen, light can overpower the dark, that despite the fact that we live in an unpredictable world where unimaginable suffering can seemingly appear out of nowhere, it need not in the end overwhelm us. In our society, suffering is seen as uncool. We take great lengths to avoid it and hide it in a pile of tinsel and wrap it in distractions. But Easter is a reminder of the inevitability of suffering and death that is part of the human story. It is also a reminder of the fact that this is not the end of the story. That its final chapter is not an end but the possibility of a new beginning.”

So what will we do with Easter in our lives this year? Confine it to rabbits, eggs and buns, or will we take its true significance into our daily lives and live its message of hope through any circumstance we might have to deal with.

“Whatever our cross, whatever our pain, there will always be sunshine after the rain. Perhaps we may stumble, perhaps even fall, but God’s always there, to help us through it all.” –Author Unknown.

“Lord, we thank You for Your Spirit being patiently with us. Help us to engage Your Spirit in all we do today. Amen.”

Parents are invited to join the school community at our Easter Celebrations commencing with a Holy Week liturgy at 9.15am in the Church and then to Kitchener Park for our Cross Country / Picnic at 11am on Thursday 24 March. Our celebration for the resurrection will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 30 March.

Open Day last Friday was well attended and it appears that we will again have two full kindergarten classes. If current parents have pre-schoolers, who they intend to send to Sacred Heart in 2017, they must submit an enrolment application before the closing date of 31 May. Thank you to the mum’s and dad who acted as ambassadors for our school to the new families on Open Day. Visitors spoke of the welcoming atmosphere. Wishing all our families a happy and Holy Easter

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy Mt 6:7
Religious Education News

A Blessing before the Easter Break
Let us put ourselves in to the hands of the Lord
And pray that God will bless us and our families during the coming holy days.
May each of us help to make our homes places of joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, helping others keep the celebration of the dying and rising of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Water Relay for Caritas
The weather has not been kind to us for the planned water relay! However Year 2 are going to hold the event for Kinder, Year 1 and 2 at the Easter Picnic tomorrow during the cross country. Primary classes will participate in the event after Easter if time does not allow for this event on Thursday.

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.

Holy Week Liturgy
The students have been preparing for our Holy Week Liturgy tomorrow at 9:15am in the church.
Parents and family members are very welcome to join us.

Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, Dhaniram and his community in India have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Religious Dates to Remember
24 March Holy Week Liturgy 9:15am at Sacred Heart Church
30 March Easter Liturgy 9.15am in the school hall

Easter Services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (timetable for Maria Regina can be found here)

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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.
REMINDER – TOMORROW – CROSS COUNTRY AND WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC

Parent Helpers – at the park
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the Cross Country tomorrow. Please see me (Mrs Kerr) when you arrive and I will let you know where I need you to help.

Parent Helpers – walking to the park
Thank you to those parents who have volunteers to walk with the children to Kitchener Park. Please meet outside the class you are walking with. We will be leaving at approximately 10.30am after our Holy Thursday Liturgy (9.15am).

Broken Bay AFL
Congratulations to Kaleb G-S from Year 6 who was selected in the Broken Bay AFL team. The standard of players was very high and Kaleb will now play in the Polding trials early next month. Good Luck!

Michele Kerr – Sports Coordinator

Soccer Gala Days – Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6
A reminder about the upcoming soccer gala days. Information and permission notes were emailed to all families of children in years 3-6 on Tuesday. Please return your notes by Wednesday 30 March 2016. Additional notes can be found on our school website here.

Date: Tuesday 5th April - Years 3 & 4
Thursday 7th April – Years 5 & 6
Time: Play begins on both days at 9:45am and concludes at 1:45pm
Location: On both days the gala day will be held at Pittwater Rugby Park, North Narrabeen (fields behind Rat Park).
Requirements: All students must wear their full school sport uniform.
Needed: Parent helpers to look after each team. Please indicate your availability on your child’s permission note. No knowledge of soccer required.

Jemma Satchell - Gala Day Coordinator

Student Achievements

“Congratulations to Roxanne R, her work has been accepted and hung in the Royal Easter Show! This is a huge achievement, as only the best of the best entries are accepted to be hung. Congratulations! Kind regards, Michelle Delaney”
– Delaney Studios

The Arts and Craft Exhibition held during the Sydney Royal Easter Show, is the biggest Arts and Crafts Competition in Australia, attracting over 4,500 entries in a total of almost 300 classes. All works are judged before hanging, then chosen works are hung and prizes are awarded in each section sponsored by Derrivan and Epson.

Opening night was Tuesday 15 March, and Roxanne’s work will be on display during the show, which is open 17-30 March.
Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who have their birthday during the coming week:

Ava D  Sarah C  Ebbeny H  Edie C  Kai F
Camila H  Jahla F  Ivy P  Bailey J  Jack W

School Awards

| KD | Elvie H, Otis D, Camila H | KS | Sienna E, Zac M, Alex T |
| 1L | Erin C, Lucas R | 1N | Lucas H, Charli S |
| 2R | Zara W, Jesse C | 2S | Isabel B, Anabel R |
| 3F | Elena C, Lucinda T | 3P | James M, Albie B |
| 4B | Lauren K, Matthew S | 4N | Brooke K, Bailey J |
| 5B | Michael N, Jasmine W | 5N | Joel P, Dom N |
| 6D | Samuel C, Alice R | 6W | Maia P, Georgia J |
| 3-6S | Jeremy R |

Principal’s Awards: Mateja G (KS), Dylan H (KD), Olive M (1N), Charlie L (1L)

Canteen News

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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
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.

ORDERS CLOSE 3PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016

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 ☐
Little Einsteins' Club

Wow ! What a busy term so far.

In between the Chess & Checkers club, Writing Groups, Library Research Groups, Geology Groups and Mathematics Mentoring Groups we have been flat out using our Little Einsteins' minds !

On Monday 4 April, the budding Geologists group will be fortunate enough to listen to Joel P’s Grandpa talk all about mapping Sydney Harbour. He is going to share his knowledge of Cartography and has many maps to show us exactly what’s beneath the Sydney Harbour Ocean floor. We can't wait to meet him.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Michaela Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator

The Hub News

The Hub would like to wish all Sacred Heart families a very Happy Easter.

Golf Day - Friday 1st April
Last chance to submit your entry for the 4th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Day. Entries close this Friday, 25 March 2016. Entry forms can be found on our website here.

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

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:
  o Twitter https://twitter.com/BrokenBayDPC - Follow, retweet, mention
  o Facebook ... Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council - Like & share our page & posts

School WHS

Students leaving school early
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.
Forward Planner
24 Mar - Easter Liturgy (9.15am)
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

School Calendar - 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.

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

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.

**The Parish Pulse**

**First Reconciliation**
A big congratulations to all the children who celebrated their Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week. May God bless you and guide you all as you now prepare for the next Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**Easter Mass Times**
Please follow the link for our mass times over the Easter long weekend: [https://www.pittwaterparish.org/en/relatively-fixed/easter/menu-id-784](https://www.pittwaterparish.org/en/relatively-fixed/easter/menu-id-784)

**Italian Night – A World Youth Day Fundraiser**
Come and join us for our Italian Night, 7pm Saturday 30 April at Mater Maria Catholic College. Tickets are $60 per head or enjoy our special offer of a table of 8 for $440 (a saving of $40). Ticket includes a 3 course meal and entertainment provided by Simon Hyland, Samantha Shaw, Scott Irwin and other fantastic performers. Plus a special performance from the children’s cast of the recent production of The Sound of Music. Please call the Parish Office on 9997 7311 to purchase your tickets.

*Angela Smit – Director of the Sacramental Ministry*
The Catholic Parish of Pittwater ~ 02 9997 7311 (Ext 13) - [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org)

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**High School Notices**

**Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2018 close on April 6, 2016**
We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5 for Year 7, 2018. Please visit the College website [http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/](http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/) or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus, Application for Enrolment or to register for a College tour.