Term 2 Week 3 - 11 May 2016

Term 1 Core Value: COMPASSION
School Rule: Respect yourself, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: Include someone who is alone in the playground

Dear Parents

There is a story told of a farmer so down on his luck, that he was forced to accept handouts to survive. Each day, as he looked after his remaining sheep, he worried about his own survival. One day, he was visited by a scientist who sought his permission to test-drill for oil. An arrangement was made and, within a week, a drilling crew arrived. Two days later a huge oil reserve was found. The poverty-stricken farmer was now a millionaire. All along he owned all that oil with its great potential, yet he was unaware of it.

It could be said that we are somewhat like the farmer. We plod along through our Christian lives unaware of the potential of the Spirit that is available to us, that is lying just below the surface in our minds and hearts. The disciples at the first Pentecost were a group of demoralised people, whose future was uncertain after the death of their inspirational leader. Yet, after the coming of the Holy Spirit, they were transformed into persons with remarkable abilities and courage to take Christ to the people around them and to people in other lands and cultures.

"Spirit of God within us,
we ask You to help identify
the gifts that You have given
separately to each of us.
Help us to celebrate these gifts
and to make positive use of them in our daily activities.
Amen."

This week Mrs Williams, Miss Perry and myself attended a Wellbeing Conference where Professor Donna Cross and Associate Professor Toni Noble presented on the Social Emotional Learning of children. This conference was very informative especially considering our School Improvement Plan for 2016 in the area of Pastoral Care is about Social Emotional Learning. At our staff professional learning meeting yesterday we began to research and discuss the ages and stages of the emotional development of children. The staff will continue to explore this interesting area which impacts the cognitive learning of students.

The Camp Quality Primary School Education Program performed at our school today for the year 2 students. The Education Program, the Camp Quality Puppets, help children learn how to create a supportive school community for children affected by cancer. The program consisted of a live, educational performance focusing on cancer education, optimism and friendship. The performance aimed to dispel common misconceptions about cancer in a safe, open environment; giving us a shared knowledge and language to call upon.

May I invite as many parents as possible to our next two Hub meetings. At the term 2 Hub meeting (Wednesday 18 May) we would like to discuss the uniform shop and what we could do about staffing this service. It has been a wonderful service to our community by the parents at Sacred Heart for many, many years. Is it still viable to organise with volunteers? Should we outsource? If so who to?
At the Term 3 Hub meeting (Wednesday 3 August) I would greatly appreciate to hear the views and questions of parents on a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) plan for technology for the future. At present I am researching this possible initiative. Some areas of my research include: NSW curriculum requirements for technology, staged implementation, online safety, storage, home/school use, agreements, expectations, devices, purchasing options, costs etc.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

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Pilgrimage for Year of Mercy – Saturday 14 May 2016

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we as a community are invited to participate in this pilgrimage “Walk of Mercy” from Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale through the Holy Door at St Mary’s Church, Manly. We will celebrate Mass at St Mary’s and enjoy a light lunch after.

Sacred Heart School Mona Vale is joining with the parish in a walking “Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy” to Manly! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Walkers may join the pilgrimage at different starting points. The walk commences at Sacred Heart Mona Vale church at 7am on Saturday May 14th. Start points are at Dee Why Beach at 9.30am, Harbord Diggers 11am and Queenscliff Surf club at 12 noon, arriving for Mass at St Mary’s Manly at 12.30pm. Lunch will be at 1pm.

Walkers must be registered on try-booking https://www.trybooking.com/198614

All walkers are asked to wear red signifying the Sacred Heart and Year of Mercy. There is no cost to participate!

While Pittwater Parish has endeavoured to ensure safety at this event, you voluntarily assume the risk of serious injury or death by attending this event and release Pittwater Parish from any claim arising from this risk.

Curriculum Notes – Term 2, 2016

Curriculum Notes for term 2, 2016 can be found on our school website here.
Religious Education News

Mission Project Day
On the 5th of May the Liturgy Team went to Our Lady of Good Counsel in Forestville to meet up with children from the Diocese of Broken Bay to come up with a mission project for their parish. Students from Mater Maria and St Pauls also did presentations about their past mission projects. We also learnt about the Year of Mercy. Teresa Pirola came to talk to us about how to keep the environment clean.

Later on we got to work with Maria Regina about a mission project plan to help East Timor. We decided to focus our project on helping to raise money for the high school being built for the kids in East Timor. There are over 700 primary school students that don’t have a high school to go to after primary school. The way we can raise money to build this high school is to build a Lego version of the school. We are going to focus on this project when we celebrate East Timor Independence day on the 25th May.

*Tahnee, Julia, Beau, Hayden, Elio (The Liturgy Team)*

Dates to Remember
- Friday 13th May  Liturgy for Pentecost led by year 4 in the hall at 9:00am
- Saturday 14th May  Pilgrimage to Manly
- Wednesday 18th May  Yr 5 Class mass at 9:15am
- Saturday 21st May  First Communion Reflection day at Mater Maria 1:30-4:30pm
- Wednesday 25th May  East Timor Independence Day
- Wednesday 25th May  Yr 3 Class mass at 9:15am

Good News and Prayers
Please pray for Natasha Sljokic who is undergoing 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](#).

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**Term 2 Sports Skills – Years 4-6**

Years 4-6 will start their sport skill sessions next Tuesday 17 May. Children will be advised of their sport next Monday.

Please note we still require parents to assist with our Athletics/T-ball skills as well as Eagle Tag. Please advise the office or Mrs Satchell immediately if you can help with either of those sports. No coaching experience is needed.

*All children are to wear their full sports uniform. Children playing league MUST bring a mouthguard with them every Tuesday otherwise they WILL NOT be able to participate.*

*Football boots are optional however they must bring their boots to change into.*

Additional forms can be found our school website [here](#) if you have not already returned your form.

*Jemma Satchell – Sports Skills Coordinator*
World Book eBook Series
Good news! Our library now subscribes to the World Book eBook Series with over 160 titles currently available. Our World Book eBook subscription allows us to give you and your family access to all the eBook titles at home 24/7, using your computer or mobile device on a 3 week loan cycle.

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2016 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
Theme “Australia: Story Country”

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Please encourage your children to participate in the 2016 Challenge. I have given all students login and password details.

Should you have any questions, take a look at the Website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html, or come and see me in the Library.

Melonie Harrison - Librarian

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.
Little Einstein’s Club

Watch this space! Calling all Mathematicians. Gateways will once again hold an interest day around the topic of Mathematics. Students have been chosen according to Mathematical Assessment Interview days, University Competition data and teacher recommendation. Students who have been identified need to have returned their forms to be eligible.

We are fortunate to have Kerrie Besgrove, Diocesan Gifted Consultant, in our school over the next couple of weeks. She will discuss enrichment opportunities and help design student adjustment plans. We look forward to sharing and benefitting from her knowledge.

Michaela Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator

The Hub News

We hope all our Sacred Heart Mothers and Grandmothers had a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday. There were wonderful celebrations for this special event held at school last week with Mother’s Day Breakfast, Mass and of course the children had such fun choosing a Mother’s Day gift from the stall. A big thank you from the Hub to all those involved to help make these celebrations a great success.

We are looking forward to welcoming as many Sacred Heart families as possible to attend our Hub meeting next Wednesday, 18 May, in the Library commencing at 7pm. See you there! We will be discussing the future of the school uniform shop - your opinion counts!

If you have any items that you would like to forward to the Hub Committee, or include in a Hub meeting agenda, please email sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Juliana Johnston – Hub President Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary

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

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 - Follow, retweet, mention
- Facebook ... Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council - Like & share our page & posts

The Parish Pulse

First Holy Communion (Second Ritual)
This weekend, 14 and 15 May we will be holding our Second Ritual for the children preparing for First Holy Communion. The children will receive a special blessing from Father. This will be held at all mass times over the weekend.

Mass times over the weekend are as follows:
Sacred Heart Mona Vale: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 6pm
Maria Regina Avalon: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am

Angela Smit – Director of the Sacramental Ministry
The Catholic Parish of Pittwater ~ 02 9997 7311 (Ext 13) - www.pittwaterparish.org
Happy Birthday

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

Illuka O  Claire B  Bronte C  Charlie S
Kayla R  Sophie W  Ryan C

School Awards

| KD | Kai R, Max D, Gabriella M | KS | Solomon P, Lucas H, Sienna E |
|    |                          | 1L | Kayla R, Jordan S, Erin C |
| 2R | Lily C, Tom D           | 2S | Naomi K, Kayla P, Oliver N |
| 3F | Illuka O, Hannah B      | 3P | Lily W, Conor B |
| 4B | Charlotte M, Matthew M  | 4N | Jahla F, Patrick D |
| 5B | Olivia B, Will M        | 5N | Jessica W, Allie R |
| 6D | Abigail L, Saxon C      | 6W | Maya K, Matthew B |
| 3-6S | Jeremy R, Connor L | |

Canteen News

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

| Mon 16 May | Di M, Bec B, Karen W |
| Thurs 19 May | Gwen S, Kim L |
| Fri 20 May | Angela S, Leonie S |

Help needed: Friday 20 May either 9.30am-1.45pm or 11am-1.30pm - please contact Kay.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Please feel free to contact us via email at: sshmv.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Kiss & Drop Roster

Calling on more volunteers for this important service to the school community. We have a number of gaps in our Kiss and Drop roster. Your duty would take half an hour every three to four weeks. If you can help, please email nicholsselina@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Please note volunteers: orange safety vests need to be collected from the before school care room. They are located on a coat hanger just inside the door.
Messages from the Office

Forward Planner
13 May - Pentecost Liturgy
16 May - Peninsula Cross Country
17 May - ICAS – Digital Technologies
18 May - Yr 5 Class Mass (9.15am)
18 May - The Hub Meeting (P&F) – 7.00pm
19 & 20 May - Yrs 5 & 6 overnight camp

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. Please note we have a new link to the newsletter page of our website, please update any “bookmarks” or “favourites”.

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

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.
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: Second payment was due on Friday 6 May 2016.
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.
Email is our preferred channel of communication. Staff members may be contacted by email however it is essential that parents understand that due to the nature of their work parents should not expect an immediate response. A response will be made within 72 hours. Email addresses can be found in our newsletter dated 2 March 2016 on our school website.

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 new and/or replacement 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).