Dear Parents

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is the Church’s birthday.

“In the parable of the wild goose we find a goose leaving the flying formation to search for food. By good fortune, it found a barnyard filled with good food; it ate and, when full, fell asleep. When it awoke, it heard the sound of geese honking from above. The sound stirred his spirit but the comfort and plenty of the barnyard kept him there.

The next day he heard the birds in flight; the stirring was there but fainter; again he resisted the calling of his spirit and stayed. A week or so later the birds flew by in “V” formation honking their call in flight; the wild goose felt nothing.

Perhaps the parable is suggesting that our comfortable lifestyle has distracted us from the call of the Holy Spirit within us. Maybe we have failed to listen for so long that we feel nothing. However, the Spirit is still calling us to activate that potential for being Christ to others.”

Adapted from Kierkegood.

For most people their birthday offers the opportunity to have a think about their life over the past year and maybe set out a few achievement objectives for the coming year. Pentecost, the Church’s birthday, could be a like time to have a look at how our life is going spiritually, that is, how the Spirit is active in our life.

“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.”

Our year 5 and year 6 students depart for Hill End, an exciting overnight excursion on Thursday morning. I would like to thank the teachers accompanying the students for giving of their time away from their families to supervise the students and to enable this learning experience.

This evening is our Hub meeting for term 2. 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 to whom?

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

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Religious Education News

Timor Leste Independence Day

Sacred Heart is celebrating Timor Leste Independence Day on

**Wednesday 25 May 2016**

All children are asked to bring a gold coin donation to help build a high school in Timor Leste.

All children are to be wearing the colours of the Timor Leste flag - red, yellow and black.

There will be a stall manned by Mini Vinnies volunteers selling items up to $5.

On the day Tamara will speak to students in Kinder, Yr1 and Yr 2. Ben Wainwright who has been to East Timor will talk to students in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 and show them a video.

*By Emma and Macee*

**Dates to Remember**

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**Good News and Prayers**

For the Munro Family. Jackson’s Grandpa (Greg’s father) recently passed away.
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](#).

The Parish Pulse

**Reflection Day**

This Saturday, 21st of May, we will be holding our Reflection afternoon at 1.30pm-4.30pm, Mater Maria College for all the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. An email has been sent out informing families of which colour group their child will be in on the day. I look forward to seeing you all then.

**Third Ritual for First Holy Communion**

The third Ritual for children preparing for First Holy Communion will be held this weekend at all mass times. The children will all be called to the front by Father where they will gather around the Altar to join in the Our Father prayer.

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](http://www.pittwaterparish.org)

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**Kinder 2017 – Sibling Enrolments**

There will be a group session for sibling parents outlining the opportunities the parish and school have to offer. This meeting will be held next 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.

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**Sports News**

**Peninsula Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the runners who participated in the Peninsula Cross Country on Monday. All the children gave it their best effort and it was great personal achievement to complete the course. Sacred Heart placed 4\(^{th}\) overall on the day!

Thank you to all the parents who cheered on and supported our runners. Thank you to our checkpoint volunteers and the many other parents that offered to help. It’s great to have your support.

Special mention must go to Chelsea S who won the 11 Years Girls race. Chelsea was way out in front for the whole race and demonstrated what a talented runner she is. Macy B (3rd), Charlie M (3rd) and Alex M (4th) were the other children to be awarded ribbons on the day.

Well done to the following children who will now represent Peninsula at the Broken Bay Carnival next Tuesday. Mrs Kerr will bring name stickers for the runners on the day.

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<td>Ryan C .......... 7th</td>
<td>Kaleb G-S ... 13th</td>
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Good luck at the Broken Bay Carnival and enjoy the race.

*Michele Kerr - Sport Coordinator*

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**Term 2 Sports Skills – Years 4-6**

**Tuesdays - 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.

*Jemma Satchell – Sports Skills Coordinator*

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**School WHS**

**Evacuation Drill – Monday 23 May**

We will be holding a whole school evacuation drill on Monday next week. This will include an evacuation of all students, staff and volunteers, testing of our evacuation bells, sirens and the PA system.

All children (except the current kinder classes and students new to Sacred Heart this year) have participated in evacuation drills at school in the past. The drill lasts approximately 15 minutes and involves all students, staff and volunteers moving to the church courtyard.

The purpose of the drill is to reinforce our commitment to student and staff safety in all areas.
EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) Program for 2016

Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) is a research-based intervention program developed by Dr Ann Gervasoni of ACU in association with the Early Numeracy Research Project (1999-2002), focusing on the early years of schooling. The EMU Program has been shown by detailed research to improve children’s learning and confidence with mathematics.

As part of the Broken Bay Diocesan Numeracy Improvement Strategy, teachers have been trained as specialist intervention teachers who implement the EMU program in their schools with targeted groups of children who require some support in their numeracy learning.

Mrs Caroline McNally is currently training in the Early Years Intervention program working with three Year 1 students. Miss Elle Fisk is an Early Years EMU Specialist and is also currently implementing the EMU program into our school working with another group of Year 1 students. This is our fourth year of EMU, involving intensive 30-minute daily sessions for groups of 3 children over a period of 20 weeks.

Mrs Wheen and Mrs Ngamu are also EMU Specialists who are trained in both the Early and Middle Years intervention programs. They will commence working with two groups of Year 3 students towards the end of this term.

Over the years, Mrs Ngamu and Mrs Wheen have continued to share the professional learning from their ongoing EMU training with the Sacred Heart teaching staff. Such benefits from this intensive program have already spread throughout the school, whereby fun number games differentiated to the needs of the students can be seen being played from classes K-6!

A special mention must go the dedicated EMU students who skip their way to each EMU session and the hard working EMU Specialist teachers mentioned above, who prepare, assess and analyse data constantly to enhance the EMU program’s impact on the student’s learning. We thank Mrs Wheen, Mrs Ngamu, Miss Fisk and Mrs McNally for making time to run the daily EMU sessions, often taking place in their own spare time and look forward to watching this wave of intervention continue to make its way throughout our school!

Fiona Ngamu

Little Einstein’s Club

Yesterday some children from Sacred Heart participated in the Digital Technologies ICAS competition. These competitions are a wonderful opportunity as they assess children’s ability to answer challenging questions that focus on a specific area such as Technology, Science, English or Mathematics.

The competitions are created to stimulate children and require them to use higher order thinking skills. At Sacred Heart, University competition data is one form of data used in identifying students that are achieving beyond their grade level.

Not only do these competitions challenge our students, they are a great opportunity to practise test taking skills in a secure environment.

We congratulate all students who take part in these opportunities. It is also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate some of the gifts that our children have here at Sacred Heart, Mona Vale.

Michaela Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator
Happy Birthday

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

Grace D      Ariela P      Presley F      Solomon P
Holly L      Gemma R      Cameron L

School Awards

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Principal’s Awards: Joel P & Annika O(Yr 5)

Canteen News

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

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Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Please feel free to contact us via email at: sshm.cvanteen@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.

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The Hub News

A friendly reminder that our Hub Committee Meeting is on tonight, Wednesday 18 May at 7pm. This meeting is being held in the school Library. We will be discussing a range of topics which include the future of the uniform shop, upcoming Hub social and school events, just to name a few so we would love to see as many parents there as possible.

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

Juliana Johnston – Hub President

Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary
Messages from the Office

Forward Planner
18 May - The Hub Meeting (P&F) – 7.00pm
19 & 20 May - Yr 5 & 6 Overnight Camp
21 May - First Eucharist Reflection Day (Mater Maria)
24 May - Kinder 2017 Sibling Parents – Information Evening 7pm
25 May - Yr 3 Class Mass (9.15am)
25 May - East Timor Independence Day
28 May - Kinder Family Mass (5pm Church)

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.

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).

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
Federal Election 2016

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High School Notices

ENROLING NOW for YEAR 7 2019

If you wish to enrol your daughter at Stella Maris College, Manly for Year 7 2019, the Registration Form needs to be received by the College Registrar no later than Friday 23 September, 2016.

To download a registration form please visit our website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Interviews for Year 7 2019 will be conducted early in Term 1, 2017.

If you would like to visit the College, tours can be booked by contacting the Registrar, Mrs Kerrie Dudley on 9976 1802

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High School Notices

Mater Maria Festival - Friday May 27, 2016 1.00pm-7.00pm

Please mark in your diaries the Mater Maria Festival which is scheduled for Friday May 27 from 1.00pm to 7.00pm at the College (5 Forest Road, Warriewood). All are welcome to join us under the Stars as we eat, drink and be merry! Enjoy international foods, rides, performances by our musicians and dramatists and to pick up some bargains at a heap of stalls. For further information visit www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au