Term 3 Week 1 - 20 July 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 3 at Sacred Heart. I hope that you have all enjoyed the holiday period with your families. I would like to thank Mrs Wheen and Mrs McBryde for their management of the school in my absence. They were undoubtedly well supported by our Executive team of Mrs Ngamu and Mrs Williams. I very much enjoyed my Long Service Leave spending time redecorating our home, watching Wimbledon (on TV not overseas!) and spending quality time with my family.

Looking through the calendar for Term 3 we have another interesting term of learning opportunities for the students at Sacred Heart. I am excited to see the progress that has been made with Challenge Based Learning and thinking skills in the classrooms. Some highlights for this term include continuing our learning journey with regards to thinking and challenging our students to make a difference in the world, analysing the Naplan data, Sip N Sip with the Principal, Athletics Carnival, Year 6 Public Speaking competition, Grandparent’s Day, Hub Annual Dinner, Book Week Parade, Confirmation and School Photos.

I would like to wish Mrs Laxale (Yr 1L) a safe trip as she departs for WYD in Krakow, Poland and look forward to hearing about her faith experiences. The Australian contingency is being led by Fr George with many young people including students and teachers from across the Diocese attending. We wish them all a very safe and spiritual pilgrimage.

Prayer for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow

“God, merciful Father,
in your son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
we entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.”

We entrust to you in a special way
young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today
and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.
Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.

Allow the spark of merciful love that you have en-kindled within us
become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.
St. John Paul II, pray for us.”

Unfortunately Mrs Sheehan had a fall on the weekend before the restart of school and will be absent from school in Week 1 to recover. Welcome to Mrs Aguire who will be teaching Year 2S this week.

Welcome to a new family, the Chapmans, who have joined the Sacred Heart community. The family has come from Hobart in Tasmania, Bonnie is commencing in Year 1N and Raymond in Yr 4N.
On Wednesday evening 3 August at the Hub Term 3 General Meeting there will be a discussion regarding a BYODD initiative. The BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) initiative at Sacred Heart is to provide students with the tools and resources to be a 21st century learner.

Essentially students would bring to school a specific device eg: ipad or tablet which has been decided upon by the school. Parents would be advised which device to purchase. At the hub meeting policies procedures and information will be presented. Parents are invited to send in any questions they would like answered regarding a BYODD initiative by email which can then be answered at the Hub general meeting.

This week all grades have been visited by the Police. The focus of visits to Years 3, 4, 5, 6 was around Cyber Safety but also with a focus on Stranger Danger and Civic Responsibility, and the focus for K, 1 and 2 was a Keep Me Safe program. This program assists children to find safe places - whether in their own home or out in the community, as well as safe people they can turn to. It reinforces the message that it is not safe to go with ANYONE unless their parents (or guardian and carer) have given their permission. These presentations cover the schools PDH Cyber Safety focus for Term 3.

Next week the whole school will attend “The Ned Show” a 45 minute presentation which promotes positive attitudes and encourages students to do their best every day. Topics include Keep Kindness Going, You can be an Upstander, Never Give Up, Building Relationships and Healthy Habits.

Sip n Sip with the Principal - In response to requests Sip n Sip with the Principal shall return this term. There will be two sessions Friday 5 August and Friday 9 September commencing after assembly in the library.

Session 1: SIP - To embed a culture of wellbeing....How does SHMV manage bullies?

Session 2: SIP - To support students realise their potential. What is the school’s vision for 21C Learning? How do students use technology in their learning at SHMV?

The sessions will involve a presentation as well as a visit to some classrooms and/or interaction with students.

Kind regards

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

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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.

If you are taking your child/ren out of school for a holiday/extended leave, documentation must be handed in to the school office PRIOR to your child’s leave. Leave forms can be found on our school website here.
Religious Education News

Religious dates to Remember
Thursday 21 July  
Confirmation Parents Meeting 1pm and 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 27 July  
Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea at 9:15am Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 3 August  
Yr 6 Class Mass 9.15am

Monday 8 August  
Mary Mackillop Liturgy in the Hall, 9am

Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator

The Parish Pulse - Confirmation
Confirmation is the next Sacrament after Baptism and is for children in year 2 and above. If you are wanting to enrol your child into our Confirmation program for 2016 you will need to attend one of our parent information sessions, they will be held on Thursday 21 July at 1pm and 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale. Please call me if you have any.

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

Invitation to all Catholics and Non-Catholics of our Parish
RCIA sessions start in early September and will touch on the following questions:

* What does it mean to be Catholic today?
* How can we have a personal relationship with Jesus?
* What do we really believe?
* Why should I pray and how can I?

* How does God communicate with us?
* What can the Bible tell us today?
* How is God present in my life?

Would you please get in contact with Father George or the Parish Office for more information.

The RCIA team ~ The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea

Grandparents are of unique importance in family life generally and particularly in the transmission of faith through the generations. They provide children with a stability and sense of identity and continuity. Many grandparents are also significant carers in the lives of their grandchildren, sometimes even the primary carer.

To celebrate the gift of grandparents and special friends we invite all grandparents and special family friends to Morning tea and Mass next term on Wednesday 27 July.

Date: Wednesday 27 July
9:15am: Mass at Sacred Heart Church
10:15-11:00am: Open Classrooms
10.15-11.30am: Morning Tea is served in the hall
11:30-12:00pm: Band

Help Needed for Grandparents Morning Tea

- From each grade we would like 10-15 people to bake a cake/slice. If you could let one of your class parents know if you can make a plate, they will keep a tally for the office. Please label your plate with your name so we can return. Plates of food can be delivered directly to the hall stage on Wednesday 27 July.

- We need approximately 15 people to help on the day with set up, service and clean up (2 per grade) (sorry no toddlers). If you are able to assist on the morning please let the school office or your class parents know.
Sports News

Athletics Carnival
Our School Athletics Carnival will be held this year at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen on Friday 12 August 2016. Hard copy notes were sent home with each student on Monday. Could we please have all forms returned by this Friday. If you have misplaced your form, you can print additional forms from our school website here.

Michele Kerr – PE Teacher

Playground News

Recently, at Sacred Heart, we have been busy thinking of ways to improve our outside play space and we have started to create a space that will benefit our children who prefer a quieter, calmer area to play in. In order to establish this environment we are in need of the following resources:

- material, ribbons and wool for weaving
- small objects to use in our miniature worlds eg plant pots, coloured stones, tree stumps, fairy things
- guttering, tubes, old tyres, sand, pebbles
- chalk boards
- cars and trucks

If anyone has any of these items at home or at work please could you either bring them into the office or directly to me. I have attached some photos of the children already playing in this area to show you how much they love it already! Thanks so much for your help.

Emma Woodward

The NED Show

The NED Show is coming to Sacred Heart on Monday 25 July 2016
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

Everyone is well under way, we have so many talented readers at Sacred Heart. Congratulations to the following children who have already completed their challenge. Well done, AMAZING reading!

The Challenge closes on **19 August**, there’s still time.

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Information from the Premier’s Reading Challenge about how our school can win an author visit:

*Win an author visit for your school. Would you love an author visit from either Belinda Murrell (‘Lulu Bell’, ‘Sun Sword Trilogy’), Christopher Richardson (‘Empire of the Waves: Voyage of the Moon Child’) or Kate and Jol Temple (‘I Got This Hat’)? Thanks to our sponsors *Dymocks Children’s Charities* and *NewsLocal*, we are offering your students the chance to win these terrific ‘prizes’. Students registered in this year’s PRC are eligible to enter in their age category. For more information, head here.* Entries close 5pm Friday, July 29 2016.

Book Week Celebrations at Sacred Heart – 5 weeks to go!

**22-26 August 2016**

Children’s Book Week is an annual celebration of the best books published in Australia, and is the longest running children’s festival in our country!

**The theme this year is Australia: Story Country.**

The activities that have been organised for Children’s Book Week celebrations at Sacred Heart are as follows:

**DEAR TIME**

Monday - Friday

At different times during the week, children will be encouraged to engage in ‘DEAR’ time, ie *Drop Everything and Read*. Children can read from books they have borrowed from the library or bring one of their favourite books from home.

**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK POSTER COMPETITION**

Children will be asked to submit a poster that promotes a love of reading. It must be related to the theme “Australia: Story Country”.

Some ideas:

- A photo, painting or drawing of students or of their family reading.
- A list of favourite reads.
- A story or poem written up on a poster based on the theme: Australia: Story Country.
- A set of logos based on the theme.

These are just some suggestions. Be creative and try to come up with something different and eye-catching.

Prizes will be presented to the most creative entries. I would like all entries to be handed to me by Tuesday 23 August, or earlier. All posters must be marked with a name and class.

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 August
Reading for fun can transform a child’s life as they explore the unknown world or as they venture into imagined ones through the printed page. That is why we are having a Scholastic Book Fair.

Books will be available for PURCHASE ONLY which gives you or your child a chance to buy a book to take home that day. For every purchase made, we earn a percentage which enables us to buy great books for our library. All families, friends and neighbours are welcome. If you are unable to attend, students will have the opportunity to preview the books and make a wish list of the books and the cost. They can bring the wish list and money on the days of the Book Fair and purchase the books themselves, or pay online.

An EFTpos (debit & credit) machine will be available at the Book Fair. Opening hours:

Tuesday 23 August -Thursday 25 August: 8:00-8:45am  1:00-1:30pm  2:50-3:30pm
Friday 26 August will be open all day for Parents only to come in and purchase any special items.

VOLUNTEERS extremely welcome during opening times to help with sales.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE
Friday 26 August, 9:00am

Children’s Book Week is a time to celebrate the wonderful world of books. The whole school will take part in a Book Character Parade. The children can come to school dressed as a BOOK CHARACTER or as something related to “Australia: Story Country”.

Be creative, think ‘outside the square’, surprise everyone! Parents welcome. Children can come to school dressed in their outfits on the day. Prizes will be presented to the most creative costumes in each grade.

On Friday we will give some very special reading awards, the Fiona Graham-Coffey literary Awards.

Our Hub present these awards to children who have been nominated by their teachers as ‘lovers of reading’. The award includes a gift voucher from Berkelouw Books.

All in all, it promises to be an exciting week and I look forward to seeing you at our Children’s Book Week celebrations in Week 6 this term.

Happy Reading!  Melonie Harrison ~ Teacher Librarian.
Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who have their birthday during the coming week: Taija W, Kira B, Lilieta P, Raymond C, Tom T, Joel S

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Canteen News

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

| Thurs 21 July | Michelle N, Michelle C, Karen L |
| Fri 22 July | Margaux Z, Virginia T |
| Mon 25 July | Maggie H, Siobhan B, Alexia B |
| Thurs 28 July | Fiona S, Shauna R |
| Fri 29 July | Virpi T, Bec C, Jo B, Angela S |

Hello and welcome back! Urgent help is needed this Friday 22 July and Thursday 28 July either 9.30am-1.45pm or 11am-1.30pm. Please contact either Kay or Marie.

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. Orange safety vests for volunteers 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

Welcome back to term 3 to all our Sacred Heart families and we trust that you all had a wonderful holiday break. Term 3 has lots of upcoming exciting events so please watch this space for further details to be advised in the coming weeks.

Friendly reminder of "Grandparents Day" next week on Wednesday 27 July, this is always such a special day at our school.

Our term 3 Hub meeting will be on 3 August at 7pm located in the school library. If you have any Agenda items to be added please forward to our email at sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Juliana Johnston – Hub President  Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary
The Hub News

Sacred Heart Goes ...
Saturday 17 September

Theme: Dress up... Back to the 80s!!! So get the fluro and bubble skirts out of mothballs, dust off the hairband, t-shirts and wigs, or perhaps an old school uniform would suit the task better.

Cost: TBA (Tickets will sell fast! So that you don’t miss out you will need to get in early!)

Tables: 10 people to a table (start talking to people now to see if you can get a table together!)

- Why have a fund raiser? The school fundraiser is an opportunity to raise important funds for our school. These funds go towards, school equipment, computers and other important learning tools and equipment.
- What do we need from you? Help!!! We need.
  - Hamper items: We have allocated themes for these hampers for each year group. Suggestions for items are listed. You are not limited to the allocation for the year(s) your child(ren) is/are in. Feel free to donate items you wish. We ask that all donated items not be used or opened, only new items please.
  - Silent auction items: We are also looking for any one off items that could be raffled or auctioned (eg photography vouchers, dinner vouchers, holidays, jewellery, beauty vouchers, alcohol, paintings etc). If you would like to donate any such items please contact the committee through the schools email address. Perhaps you have a business and would like to donate your time and services. This could make a great raffle item!
  - An odd request: Does anyone have any old cassette tapes or 80s records gathering dust that you would be prepared to donate to the cause for decorating purposes? Or any material/ribbon in fluorescent colours? If so, please give to the office.
- What if I can’t make it on the night but would still like to help? Please consider helping out by donating a silent auction item. Bids can be placed on raffle items for those who cannot attend the event on 17 September.
- More Information? More details will follow shortly regarding ticket prices and tables etc.

It’s going to be an amazing night!! We welcome you all to attend!!

The Major Fundraising Committee

List of Hampers for Silent Auction

KINDY – BEACH HAMPER - Beach towels, beach games, beach chairs, beach umbrellas, surf board, boogie board, goggles, flippers, Wahoo toys, Vouchers- surf shop, sport stores.

YEAR ONE – GOURMET KITCHEN HAMPER-(NO NUTS) - Gourmet tea, coffee, teapot and cups, gourmet biscuits, gourmet chocolates, platters, gourmet magazines, recipe books, Vouchers - homewares, gourmet food.

YEAR TWO – DAD’S HAMPER - BBQ tools, apron, wine, stubby holders, picnic chair, Vouchers - dinner, wine, car wash, golf, hardware, nursery, books, magazine subscriptions, music vouchers.

YEAR THREE – MUM’S HAMPER - Candles, Champagne, hair products, perfume, jewellery Vouchers - pamper, nails, hair, facials, dinner, homewares, magazines, wine, books, movies.

YEAR FOUR – HOME HAMPER - Storage, candles, BBQ stuff, Vouchers - homewares, house cleaning, carpet cleaning, window cleaning.


YEAR SIX – KIDS FUN SPORTS PACK - Tennis racquet, cricket bat, football, soccer ball, basketball, netball, Wahoo toys, skateboard, caps, water bottles, sports bag, Vouchers - tickets to sporting event, sport stores.