Term 3 Week 2 - 27 July 2016

Term 3 Core Value: JUSTICE
School Rule: Show Justice for self, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: Tell the Truth

Dear Parents

Our Grandparent’s day celebration was a lovely opportunity to welcome these precious people who are in our lives, to celebrate Mass with them and to share with them our learning environment. Thank you to the many families who provided the delicious morning tea and served the many, many grandparents. Congratulations to our Senior Band and Training Band who performed on the playground and it was so enjoyable to hear their music filtering through into the classrooms.

A Prayer for Grandparents

Heavenly Father,
I thank you for the gift of grandparents.
In their love I see a picture of your love.
Thank you for their wisdom which comes with the passing of years.
Thank you for the time they generously give to children and grandchildren.
Help us not to be in such a hurry that we cannot spend time with them.
Teach us to number our days so that we use the days and hours you give us to show our grandparents how much we love and appreciate them before it is too late.
Keep every generation in the one true faith so that we can look forward to an eternal reunion in heaven
Amen

The Year 6 boys who won the Northern Beaches NRL Gala Day in term 2 are off to the next level of competition at Penrith on Monday 1 August. We wish them all the best as they compete against other teams from around the state. Please ensure permission notes are returned as soon as possible.

At Sacred Heart we are exploring a BYODD program and on Wednesday evening 3 August at the Hub Term 3 General Meeting information will be presented and questions answered. Parents are asked to submit any questions prior to the meeting to the office please.
Congratulations to Kindergarten on reaching the milestone of 100 days at school. They celebrated yesterday with a bring your bicycle/scooter to school experience.

Remember to place in your diary Sip n Sip with the Principal. 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.

On Monday we will welcome to our school, for a workshop, a number of teachers and Principals who have been trialling Challenge Based Learning (CBL) as a way of implementing 21st Century Learning principles.

The workshop will be run by Mark Nichols - an international speaker who is one of the founders of this approach. Intertwined with his experience in public and private education Mark has over a decade working with and for Apple in a variety of roles including Apple Distinguished Educator, contractor, a Development Executive and Manager of Online Content. Mark has degrees in political science and economics, theology, education, public policy, and is currently pursuing a degree in graphic Information technology. We look forward to welcoming Mark to Sacred Heart and listening to and sharing with him what we have been doing with CBL at Sacred heart.

Year 2 are holding a fundraising dinner to further assist the Sljokic family as Natasha in Year 2 recovers from her second bout of leukaemia.

The dinner is at 7.30pm at the Hong Kong Restaurant in Newport on Saturday, 6 August, and there are 27 remaining seats available at $50 per head (this is a child-free night). For those who would like to join us on the night, please contact either Theresa Gan on 0412 702 506 or Katie Zelic on 0403 595 53.

Kind regards

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

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Religious Education News

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardian of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of love without end. Amen!

This Universal Prayer For Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for the Catholic Grandparents Association.

Religious dates to Remember

Wednesday 3 August  Yr 6 Class Mass 9.15am
Monday 8 August    Mary Mackillop Liturgy in the Hall, 9am
Wednesday 10 August Yr 5 Class Mass 9.15am
Saturday 13 August  Yr 2 Family Mass, 5pm at Sacred Heart Church

Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum News

This week’s staff meeting saw teachers select and use a range of resources to engage students in their learning around Writing and Oral Language Development. Barrier Games are a great way to develop precise vocabulary, listen carefully and follow instructions, clarify information all while working cooperatively with a partner.

Jayne Wheen - Assistant Principal

School WHS

Message from the CSO - Use of SMS to inform School Community of Incidents

Schools and the CSO have the capacity to send a bulk SMS to all parents/care givers at an individual school using parent contact details in the student information system. Many schools use this facility routinely to send updates about school events, arrangements and student absences. Occasionally the CSO will send a message out on behalf of a school, for example, to alert parents to a particular urgent situation eg school communications are down, a storm or bushfire is impacting on the school, or the school is in lockdown. The message will be to alert parents to a situation, to inform them of children’s safety and to indicate any changed arrangements that may be put in place for student collection. This is a ‘no reply’ SMS. Parents would need to contact the school for further information.

Occasionally a few parents may experience significant delays in receiving the message. Different mobile networks operate at different speeds on different days so there can be a significant variation in delivery times between providers. The make and model of the mobile phone receiving the message can also affect speed of delivery as can whether the phone is switched on or off. If the phone is switched off there is a possibility that the message will not be received. If only a few students are affected by a situation individual parents would be rung. It is considered however that a bulk SMS is the most practicable way to get an urgent message to all parents at a school. It is also for this reason that we encourage parents/caregivers to ensure that the school has their correct contact numbers.
**Sports News**

**NSWPSSA Cross Country**
Congratulations to Chelsea S (5B) who came 8th place at the NSW Primary School State Cross Country. This is an amazing achievement to come 8th in the State and I know Chelsea is very pleased with her result. Well done Chelsea.

**Athletics Carnival**
Our School Athletics Carnival will be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen on **Friday 12 August 2016**. If you have misplaced your entry form, please print forms from our school website [here](#).

*Michele Kerr – PE Teacher*

**Northern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships**
During the recent school holidays the Sacred Heart Snow Sports Team (SHSST) competed at the Northern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships held at Thredbo. Our small team of Sienna C, Georgia J, Dom K, Bailey J, Eliza K, Lily W, Bodhi P, Ava W and Andy L all performed well in the trying conditions. The standout performer of the SHSST was Bailey J, our only snowboard representative. Bailey finished 2nd in the Down Hill event and 7th in the Boarder X event, qualifying himself into the NSW State Championships for both events.

The SHSST members combined to finish 10th overall out of 32 schools in the Primary Co-Ed Skiing teams championships. Championship points were awarded on results in the teams events and the outstanding performance of our senior girls Sienna and Georgia boosted the SHSST up the ladder. Despite the rain and lack of snow a fun time was had by all, including our younger SHSST members who experienced their first taste of competitive racing. We have 3 of our team leaving for high school next year so we look forward to seeing some new faces for next year’s event which will be held at Perisher in the June holidays.

*Michelle Jennings ~ Sacred Heart Snow Sports Team Co-ordinator*

**Literacy News**
Participate in 'the most fun and awesome word building competition in Australia.' Build as many words as you can from a given selection of letters. How many words can you make in 3 minutes?

All students in Years K-6 have been registered to participate in the program. Each child has been issued a user name and password this week from their teacher. There are 2 rounds of the competition and a final round as per the following dates:

- Registration & practice period - Now until 31st July
- Round 1 Aug 1 – Aug 5
- Round 2 Aug 8 - Aug 12
- Final Round Aug 22 - Aug 24

This is a great ways for all students to practise their writing vocabulary skills. Access the site at [http://www.wordmania.com.au/](http://www.wordmania.com.au/) and have students click on Log In at the top right hand corner and use their provided user name and password. You can access the site from home or school, so practise as much as you can! Students can start practising straight away, and be ready to participate in Rounds 1-3 with more than $100,000 in prizes to be won! See the above website for more details. Good Luck!

*Liz Williams – Coordinator*
Little Einsteins’ Club

Debating club will commence Wednesday of week 3 in 1L. Children in years 4-6 are welcome.

ACER General Ability Tests (AGAT)

At the end of last term, the students in years 2-6 completed an on line AGAT assessment.

The ACER General Ability Tests (AGAT) is a test of general ability, designed to assist teachers in their assessment of students’ learning potential and aptitude.

Covering Years 2 to 10, the AGAT is a thoroughly researched and nationally normed assessment instrument. Each test includes verbal, numerical and abstract reasoning items, giving a comprehensive picture of students’ general ability.

Provides a multifaceted estimate of students’ general intellectual ability and aptitude using verbal, numerical and abstract reasoning items.

The reason why we administered this test to the students of Sacred Heart was because this test helps to:

- Identify students who could be selected for extension programs
- Identify students who may need special diagnostic assessment
- Compare results on AGAT with curriculum based assessment
- Provide information that may be used in setting realistic goals and planning effective programs of work
- Locate areas of weakness and strength for individuals or within a class
- Monitor the development of a range of students’ reasoning ability over time
- Provide an indication of learning potential.

(ACER, Australia.)

If you have any questions around this testing, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher.

Michaela Browne ~ Gifted Education Coordinator

Library News

Book Week Celebrations at Sacred Heart – 4 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! Full details of book week activities at Sacred Heart can be found in our newsletter published 20 July 2016.

Melanie Harrison ~ Teacher Librarian

The Hub News

Wishing all our Sacred Heart Grandparents a wonderful time at our "Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea". We are sure one of the highlights will be visiting the classrooms, and also a special treat seeing the School Band perform.

Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting term and the Hub are looking forward to Mrs Garey’s Sip-n-Sip returning, with the first session being on Friday 5 August. The subject will be "To embed a culture of wellbeing... How does SHMV Manage Bullies?". We encourage as many parents to attend as possible.

We have our upcoming Hub Meeting on Wednesday 3 August at 7pm in the library, don’t forget if you have any items to add to our agenda please email them to sacredhearthub@gmail.com. Mrs Garey will be discussing a BYODD Initiative. We look forward to welcoming many parents to this meeting.

The amazing Committee looking after the Hub Annual Dinner "Back to the Eighties" on Saturday 17 September are busy bringing everything together for this fantastic night. Make sure you look out for the list of hamper items required for the silent auctions. We look forward to sharing more information very soon regarding ticket prices.

Juliana Johnston – Hub President

Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary
Happy Birthday

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

Eaton B    Georgie C    Arlei F    Allie R

School Awards

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Canteen News

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

| Mon 1 Aug       | Amy M, Christine H, Jacqui B, Jade C |
| Thurs 4 Aug     | Claire W, Simone K                  |
| Fri 5 Aug       | Justine O, Matt S, Wendy S          |

Reminder: If your child is celebrating a birthday, the canteen now supplies chocolate iced birthday muffins at 50c each. We require at least 24 hours notice prior to date required.

Help needed: Friday 5 Aug and Monday 15 Aug 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.
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** (items will be collected no later than Friday, 2 September)

**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, **Vouchers** - homewares, house cleaning, carpet cleaning, window cleaning.

**YEAR FIVE – GAMES** - Board games, pool games, beach games, cards, puzzles, **Vouchers** - electronic games, Ten Pin bowling, Putt Putt golf.

**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.