Dear Parents

A Father’s Day Prayer

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

This Father’s Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.”

May our Heavenly Father bless all earthly fathers today and every day. Their influence as teachers and role models should never be underestimated.

Amen

What a lovely morning it was this morning seeing our students sharing their learning environment with their dads. Thank you to our year 6 students and teachers for their prayerful liturgy. Thank you to the mum’s who helped prepare the delicious breakfast and raffle. Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Band for another professional performance. Congratulations to the winners of our Father’s Day Raffle - Mr Wise, Mr Huxley, Mr Catt and Mr Finch, we hope they enjoy their prizes. Thank you to the Krainer family who donated a voucher to Cantina Pizzeria and to the Bayview Golf Club for a voucher for four games of golf for four players.

Many parents have heard Dr Dan Flemming speak at the Confirmation and First Eucharist retreats at Mater Maria. Dr Flemming has been invited to speak in our school hall during Mercy Week which is being celebrated in our Parish from Monday 12 September. Dr Flemming has a PhD in moral philosophy and theology. At 9am he will be speaking on “Mercy and Moral Transformation: On Making Mistakes and Growing from them.” All parents are welcome to come along, have a cuppa, make some new friends and just listen!

Sip n Sip with the Principal
Friday 9 September at 9am “What is the school’s vision for 21C Learning? How do students use technology in their learning at SHMV?” Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about our proposed BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) initiative.

Staff News
It is pleasing to share with parents that Mrs Sue Neasmith has been successful in her application to teach year 2S commencing Week 9 Term 3. We welcome Mrs Neasmith to this full time position.

Term 3 Core Value: JUSTICE
School Rule: Show Justice for self, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: Let others learn
Congratulations also to Mrs Ngamu who has been successful in her application for the Acting REC position for Term 4. Mrs Leanne Wood who already teaches one day a week on 5N has graciously accepted the extra work and therefore will be teaching Year 5N for 2 days a week.

Huge congratulations to Thomas S for winning the Northern Beaches North Division Public Speaking Competition. Six schools competed at Sacred Heart last week and after a three minute prepared speech, Thomas was given 10 minutes preparation time to present a one minute speech. Thomas will now participate in the Diocesan Grand Final at St Patrick’s Asquith on 6 September, we wish him all the best!

**Naplan Results to Celebrate**
We are especially pleased to see the improvement in numeracy results in year 3 considering our School Improvement Plans in Mathematics. Well done students and teachers.

Year 5 Numeracy – 50% of students in the top two bands. 100% of students had positive growth in numeracy in 2016!

Year 3 Numeracy - 66.7% of students in top two bands.

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**

Wishing all our dads a very happy Father’s Day on Sunday.

**Confirmation Reflection Afternoon**
Our students who attended the Confirmation Reflection Afternoon at Mater Maria last Saturday were so excited and participated enthusiastically in the afternoon’s activities. Thank you to parents in supporting your child in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Fourth Ritual for Confirmation**
The Fourth Ritual for children preparing for Confirmation will be held this weekend 3 and 4 September, at all mass times. The children will need to bring along their Sacramental journey books.

**Religious dates to Remember**

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**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN** can be found [here](#)

*Christine McBryde – Religious Education Coordinator*
2017 Term Dates
To assist families with planning their holidays, school term dates for 2017 are listed below. Please note that staff development days in 2017 are yet to be set, and will be advised in due course.

Start of school year
Thursday 26 January    Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January    Staff commence / Compulsory Assessments for K-6
Monday 30 January    Compulsory Assessments for K-6
Tuesday 31 January    Years 1-6 commence + Compulsory Assessments for Kinder
Wednesday 1 February    Kinder commence

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School Photo Day is Thursday 8 September 2016
Envelopes (including family photos) were sent home last week with all children. Please read instructions regarding online payments and cash payments. Unfortunately cheques are not accepted.

Speciality photo orders (captains, sports captains etc) will be organised after photo day on a separate form.

All photo envelopes are due back to school by Friday 2 September 2016.

Kinder 2017 – Request for Class Parents
We are looking for four (4) parents to volunteer to be our Kinder 2017 class parents, to assist our new families joining the Sacred Heart Community in 2017.

Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Diocesan Notices

National Child Protection Week (4-10 September)
National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

“Protecting children is everyone’s business.”

To assist parents learn about online safety risks, a fact sheet has been produced about online grooming which can be found on our school website here.
**Sports News**

**Broken Bay Athletics Carnival**
Congratulations to the Senior Boys relay team (Kaleb GS, Joel S, Kai K, Luka M) who placed 2nd, Chelsea S who placed 2nd in the 800m, Alana R who placed 1st in shot put and 4th in long jump, and Ryan Colver who placed 3rd in discus at the Broken Bay Athletics Carnival. These students will now progress to Polding Selection Trials to be held on 9 September 2016.

**Results of Polding Representatives at NSW PSSA Carnivals**
Congratulations to Alana R who has been selected to represent NSW in the CSSS Touch School Sport Australia Championships in Perth on 23 October 2016.

**2016 NSW State Interschools Snow Sports Championships Report**
The Sacred Heart Snow Sports Team was represented by Bailey J at the recent NSW State Interschools Championships. Bailey competed and placed 3rd in both Snowboard GS (Giant Slalom) and Snowboard BoarderX. We would like to wish Bailey good luck as he will now be representing Sacred Heart at the National Championship next week.

**External Achievements**
Congratulations to all our students who have been participating in external sport, dance and fitness teams. Many have had great success at the end of their seasons and major competitions, and we congratulate you all.

*Michele Kerr – Sports Coordinator*

**Library News**

Congratulations and thank you to all our students, parents and staff on your wonderful creativity for our book character parade. It was a wonderful celebration of Sacred Heart’s love of reading.

Our book fair was a huge success, and our school will receive a percentage of the sale profits which will fund library resources. A special thank you to Tina M, Maria S and Juliana J for your assistance in running the book fair.

*Melanie Harrison – Teacher / Librarian*

**Little Einsteins’ Club**

Debating Club will now be on a Tuesday at lunch time instead of a Wednesday. We are currently in the midst of preparing for our first debate. The children are developing great skills of organisation, research and refutation.

Next week Mrs Kerrie Besgrove (Gifted Education Officer for the Catholic Schools Office) will be running a staff meeting for our teachers focusing on our AGAT data recently collated after testing students in Years 2-6. As a staff we will look at individual results and how we can accommodate the needs of students within our classes. Differentiation of class programs will be a major focus. We look forward to this professional learning opportunity.

*Micheala Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator*
Healthy Kids Association – Fruit & Veg Month

Healthy September is coming! Fruit and Veg Month: Vegetables are Funky
During September Sacred Heart will be participating in the Healthy Kids Association Fruit and Veg Month promotion. The theme for 2016 is Vegetables are Funky.

During the month, starting Monday 5th September (Week 8) and going through to end of term, there will be a big emphasis in eating fruit and especially, vegetables. The promotion is all about letting the children identify the positive attributes of vegetables – including amazing facts, interesting growth habits and tasty flavours. Although we encourage healthy eating every day, each Wednesday from 7th September we will be having a special focus on the inclusion of fruit and vegetables in the our lunches. There will be a class check of the children’s lunches and each piece of fruit or veg will be given a point. There will be stickers for the children in each class with the most points and a weekly reward for the class with the most points. There will also be bonus points for nude food ie NO plastic wrapping.

To kick start Fruit and Veg Month, we will also be taking part in THE BIG CRUNCH. On Thursday, 1st September at 11:00am the whole school will assemble together and on a countdown – crunch their vegetable – to see healthy September get off to a flying start. Could you please ensure your child has a piece of vegetable to “crunch” on that day!! NOTE: for the Big Crunch activity ONLY a vegetable: Not a piece of fruit.

For further information about Fruit and Veg Month and THE BIG CRUNCH see here:

Fruit and Veg month will be a great way for Sacred Heart students to continue to develop healthy eating habits and ensure positive eating habits that last a lifetime.

Sarah Russell – Yr 2 Teacher

Social Justice: Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout

Year 6 Social Justice Initiative : Mini Vinnies ‘Mini’ Winter Sleepout
This year all Sacred Heart year groups are supplementing our Mini Vinnies program by organising their own social justice initiatives to reach out to those in need, just as Jesus did. Mini Vinnies is a student-based program of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which promotes the values of social justice and introduces children to the spirituality of the Society. Mini Vinnies introduces children to the many good works that the St Vincent de Paul Society does and encourages the students to live their faith through action.

Our major social justice initiative in Year 6 will be a “Mini Winter Sleep Out” to be held this Friday 2nd September (Week 7) in the school Hall.

Year 6 students will experience some of the circumstances that homeless people in our community endure and will participate in activities to raise their awareness about the plight of others less fortunate in our world.

The children have been seeking sponsorship from their families and friends for their participation in the mini sleep-out and would welcome donations from our greater Sacred Heart community as well. Our community has already been very generous and we thank everyone for their contributions. All donations will be collected through the SMHV Year 6 2016 Vinnies Fundraising Page at the following link if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause:

Donations made online will be directly transferred to the St. Vincent de Paul Society NSW and each donor will be sent a tax-deductable receipt via email. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Keep an eye out around Woolies and the Library on Friday during the day for some of our Year 6 students who will be out and about raising awareness about homelessness in our local community.

Louise DeBressac and Liz Williams - Year 6 Teachers
Happy Birthday

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

Zara E  Emily G  Samantha K  Matilda S  Gus S  Xavier V
Ethan H  Archie L  Samuel C

School Awards

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Principal’s Award  Alberto J, Liam S (Year 2)

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)

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Father’s Day Breakfast – thank you to Alexia B, Anna R, Juliana J, Christine H, Jodie D, Shannon M, Lee D, Linda M, Mel S, Ros L, Bec B and Kirsten W for your help and support in making this event such a lovely morning for our Sacred Heart families.

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.

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Student Safety
To ensure the safety of our students, parents should not be using the school driveways (staff carpark and bottom playground) to drop off / collect children, or make turns.
The Major Fundraiser is approaching. It won’t be long before Sacred Heart goes Back to the Eighties! Additional ticket order forms can be found on our school website here.

A reminder that we need everyone’s help to make the fundraiser a success. Please bring in any hamper items – see the list on our school website here. Also if you have items for auction or to raffle these would be much appreciated. These can be goods or services. Some ideas:

- a boat that can be used for few hours
- a vacation house that can be used for a weekend
- can you donate a service – a massage, a car tune up, handyman hours
- an offer of babysitting or pet sitting services
- do you work for an employer who may be able to donate an item or a gift certificate

If you personally do not have a donation, think about the contacts your network. The auction and raffle items are a very important part of the event and any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated.

The Major Fundraising Committee

Artwork Auction sneak peek… All artworks are now on display in the school office.

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