Dear Parents

Today the children at Sacred Heart ate 1 cup of rice for lunch! The gold coin donation is going to Mission Australia to help underprivileged children in Cambodia.

The following is a reflection from one priest on answering the question about how come children are starving in Africa?

Many questions about God, church, or whatever, seem to start off with “How come...?” But this particular question kind of hit home. ‘Paul,’ my questioner said, ‘how come God lets so many of the little children starve in Africa?’

A fair enough question. But the premise is wrong. God doesn’t let the children of Africa starve. God has a system set up to take care of all the needs of the world. God has organised God’s people into a network of caregivers and then given them a directive: Feed the hungry. So there you go. God doesn’t let the kids of Africa starve. God says, ‘Feed them.’ The real question is: How are we doing? God gives us everything we need. We certainly have enough to share and the means through which to share it.

We spend billions trying to kill people; it would seem we have the resources to save a few. We’ve got way more than enough food, unless we eat twice as much as we need, which is often the case. So when we see tragedy, like the disaster in Darfur, unfold, we know that God is trying to stop it. We just have to realise who God is calling to do the work.

‘Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.’ (Luke 16: 20 – 21)

This week the Khalife and Bamford families joined the Sacred Heart community. Welcome to Tyrone, Caitlin and Juliet.

In response to parent suggestions about using technological devices for 2017 we have made some changes to our BYODD implementation for 2017. Our aim is to keep parents well informed about current educational trends and engaged with their students learning as well as providing optimum learning opportunities for students. The following changes have been made to the implementation of the BYODD initiative for 2017.

- K-3 will continue to use technology, provided by the school in the classroom, to meet the digital technology outcomes as required by BOSTES and will not be a part of the BYODD program.
- The BYODD initiative will be **optional** for students in years 4, 5 and 6.
- Families with more than one student in years 4, 5 and 6 may **share** the one family device. Parents would need to speak to the school about this option and any implications.
- For families who choose not to be involved in the BYODD option please note there will be some shared devices available for your student.

The minimum specification of the device, recommended by CSO, is one level down from the latest model. For 2017 the device will be iPad Air 2 with 32GB-WiFi.
The Catholic Schools Office is assisting Sacred Heart develop a site, using Google applications, with information for parents regarding this program and also a survey to ascertain how many parents will be opting into this program. Parents who opt in will be asked how they plan to purchase the device. Devices may be brought from home if they have the school specifications, purchased through the CSO or another retailer. CSO orders will be placed before the end of the school year so as to be ready for 2017.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Fiona Ngamu who has been appointed as Assistant Principal to St Kevin’s Dee Why. Mrs Ngamu begins in her appointment at the start of 2017 and we will acknowledge her contribution to our community and give thanks for the gifts she has generously shared with us at the end of year Thanksgiving Mass Friday 16 December.

In more staff news Miss Elle Fisk is moving to Western Australia in the new year and thus has resigned her teaching position. Miss Fisk will complete her teaching time at Sacred Heart on Friday 25 November, end of Week 7, when she goes on leave for her wedding.

Today three companies tendered for the school uniform business from Sacred Heart. The process undertaken by CSO was comprehensive and a panel of 6 people listened to and debated the presentations. The panel had representatives of the parent, school and CSO communities. The decision will be finalised next week.

World Teacher’s Day was celebrated this week - thank you to “The Hub” for the awards for teachers presented at assembly and the lovely morning tea. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Kind regards

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy Mt 6:13

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Religious Education News

‘Reach out. Give Life’ – Catholic Mission

Well done to Years 4 and 6 who today lead our Catholic Mission fundraiser. The students participated enthusiastically wearing a variety of ‘Crazy Socks’ and showed empathy towards those children in our world less fortunate, when eating a cup of rice for their lunch. We will collect and calculate the total amount raised and announce this later in the week. Thank-you so much for your wonderful support for this most important cause!

Christmas Hampers

Each year at this time we run our Christmas Hamper appeal. The Mini Vinnies Team will be organising a collection of non-perishable food starting next week, which will be distributed to families through the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Students are asked to donate goods to families and people in need, so that they too may enjoy the delights that Christmas brings. Each class has been given the following items to collect:
Religious Education News

Please be generous with these appeals as your care and compassion is a powerful message for your children to witness. In our own small way, we can make a difference at Christmas time.

Altar Server Training
The training for new 2017 altar servers will be commencing from week 5. More information and permission slips will be given in next week’s newsletter.

Save the Date – Sacred Heart Christmas Carols Night!
When: Wednesday 7 December 2016 (6.30-8pm)
Where: Sacred Heart School Oval
Who: All families are invited to share in the Christmas Spirit

Religious Dates to Remember
Tuesday 1 Nov ‘All Saint’s Day Liturgy’ in the Hall at 9.15am
Wednesday 2 Nov Year 1 Class Mass at 9.15am
Wednesday 2 Nov 4B Reconciliation
Saturday 5 Nov Year 4 Family Mass at 5pm

Good News of the Week and Prayers:
Please keep Bishop Bernard and Natasha S in your prayers both have recently been unwell. If you have any Good News you would like to share or if you need our community’s prayers, please see me at school, email me or contact me by phone.

Pittwater Parish News
SOUL sessions is a combined youth group for all students year 5 to year 9. The group runs each Friday night during school term, starting at 6pm and finishing at 8pm. The usual venue is the Marana Centre (gym) at Mater Maria College, Forest Rd, Warriewood.

Further details can be found on the Pittwater Parish website here, or the Soul Sessions flyer here.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN can be found here

Fiona Ngamu – Acting Religious Education Coordinator
Sport News

Touch Football Trials
Sacred Heart will be entering the 2016 NSW Touch Association Primary Schools Gala Day at Rat Park on Wednesday 9th November. Peter Smyth will be attending School this Friday 26/10/16 to assist in the selection process. It is open to students in Years 3 to 6 for both girls and boys. The carnival is a non-competitive carnival allowing students to enjoy the day and play touch football in a fun environment.
If you would like your child to trial for one of the teams please make sure they have their sports shoes on Friday. Mrs Wheen will gather the names of children trialling on Friday morning.

Mathematics News

Stage 3 Mathematics – Problem Solving and Critical Thinking sessions
In response to the engaging and successful sessions participated in 2015, a selection of students from our Year 5 and 6 classes were again given the opportunity to work alongside one of Sacred Heart’s Grandfathers (who had travelled from England). Mr Critchley is a talented Mathematician and expert on critical thinking and problem solving. The students shared their thoughts on the sessions:

• ‘Mr Critchley’s lessons inspired me to think outside the box and solve problems more creatively and efficiently. He is a wonderful inspiration to young mathematicians. Everyone who attended the lessons discovered how to be effective Maths Detectives. One of the problems we solved was a shape problem where we had to make an irregular 4 sided shape out of paper. Then after lots of measuring, halving and connecting we ended up with a regular parallelogram. Mr Critchley is a superb role model to me and many others.’ (Thomas 6D)

• ‘The Maths extension session definitely lived up to its name! Although we faced great challenges, the problems were was extremely enjoyable as well as fascinating. The session open my eyes to what Maths really is all about, beyond the surface of basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.’

(Thomas 6D)

Fiona Nga - Mathematics Coordinator

Debating News

Congratulations to our debaters Sam S, Thomas, S, Sam C, Jackson M, Dominic K and Bronte C for winning their first debate in the Peninsula Catholic Schools debating competition. The topic was “That everyone who drives a car should plant a tree”. Our students put up a very convincing argument and won the debate. A great start to the season. Well done Kids! Thank you to Mrs Nolan Brown for preparing these students.

Michaela Browne - Gifted Education Coordinator

End of Year Messages

School Calendar – We are gradually adding more and more dates to our 2017 school calendar which can be found on our school website here or via our school App (scroll down past 2016 calendar). This calendar should be checked regularly for updates.

Family Registration Forms – Please complete front, sign back of form and return to the school office by 4 November 2016. If your form has been misplaced, please print from our school website here.

Opal Card Reminder – Please refer to information in our newsletter dated 12 October regarding 2017 Opal Cards. Eligible children in year 2 must update their details and submit a new application form. A street map showing the eligible distance from Sacred Heart school for a free School Opal Pass can be viewed at the school office. An information flyer from Transport NSW can be found on our school website here.
Happy Birthday

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

Jasmine W  Millie B  Isabella C  Izabella L  Natasha L  Zoe D  Juliet B  Otis D
Preston B  Otis D  Joshua G  Henry B  Austin D  Brendan L  Bodhi P  Ethan W

School Awards

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Principal's Award: Charlotte C, Abigail L (Year 6)

Canteen News

CAFE ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)

| Mon 31 Oct | Bec B, Kellie C, Claire R |
| Thurs 3 Nov | Gwen S, Kim L, Selina N |
| Fri 4 Nov | Virpi T, Jo B, Angela S, Geraldine T |

HELP: Urgently needed Friday 11 November. Please contact Marie.

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators
Please feel free to contact us via email at: sshmv.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Kiss & Drop Roster

We have a number of gaps in our Kiss & Drop roster in Term 4. 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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Kiss & Drop Safety & Etiquette

A friendly reminder to parents to enter the Kiss & Drop queue of cars from the West end of Waratah Street. Cars heading East on Waratah Street should NOT make a right turn into Keenan Street and “queue-jump”.

Please continue further up Waratah Street, make a U Turn at the roundabout and then join the queue. This will ensure cars already in the queue are not left “hanging” in the “No Stopping” zone.
The Hub News

As advised in recent newsletters our uniform shop is going to tender and will be outsourced from 2017. We do need to start putting things in place for our 2nd hand uniform shop which will remain at the school. If you have expressed that would like to be a volunteer in our 2nd hand uniform shop next year, or if you are interested in being a part of the team, we would love to hear from you. Please email The Hub at the below address and advise your contact details so rosters and further information can be provided.

Please continue to support our wonderful uniform shop for the remainder of the year. If you have any 2nd hand items we would really appreciate your donations.

Please take note of the "Hub AGM Election Notice" below as nominations are now open for the Hub Committee 2017 "Save the Date" for our Hub Meeting on 16 November at 7pm which will be held in our school library.

If you would like any items added to our agenda please forward to the Hub at sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Juliana Johnston – Hub President

Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SACRED HEART HUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Sacred Heart Hub Committee will be held immediately after the Hub meeting in Term 4 on 16 November 2016 at 7.00pm in Library. The Hub meeting / AGM is an important opportunity for our school community to engage in, and discuss, the ongoing operations and functional needs of our school community.

At the AGM, all positions on the Hub committee will be available for nomination and election. Nominations are called for from any parent who would like to participate in the running and development of the Hub committee.

Positions on the Executive are usually held for a three year term. The positions to be voted on at the AGM are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Joint Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPC Representative
- Parish Liaison

The Committee members of the Hub shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years in the same position, except in extenuating circumstances, however members may nominate for an alternative position. The following members will be vacating their roles at the end of 2016:

- Juliana Johnston stepping down President
- Rebecca Capell stepping down Vice President

The following Committee members have indicated that they will nominate/seek re-election for 2016:

- Kellie Carroll seeking re-election to President
- Vanessa Sharkey seeking re-election to Secretary
- Elizabeth Huxley seeking re-election to Joint Treasurer
- Eloise Critchley seeking re-election to Joint Treasurer
- Virpi Tuite seeking re-election to DPC Representative
- Alexia Bembrick seeking re-election to Social Justice Representative
- Joanne Huxley seeking re-election to Parish Liaison

The following positions will become vacant at the end of 2016. Nominations welcome.

- President
- Vice-President
- Joint Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPC Representative
- Parish Liaison

Handover will be provided by former members to new members.

This information is provided in the interests of transparency. All Committee positions are declared vacant at the AGM and the current Committee members actively step down from the above positions, irrespective of whether or not they are seeking re-election.

Please feel free to contact a Committee member if you would like to discuss a position you are considering nominating for or want to find out more about it or the Committee in general.

If you would like to nominate for a position, please complete the slip below and return to the school office.

Kellie Carroll, The Hub Secretary (sacredhearthub@gmail.com)

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO SACRED HEART HUB COMMITTEE 2017

I nominate .............................................. for the following position on the 2017 the Hub Committee:

- President
- Vice-President
- Joint Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPC Representative
- Parish Liaison

Signed ........................................... Print Name ........................................... Date