Dear Parents

This coming Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent. The season of Advent has its own special mood, colours, sounds, words and joys. Advent’s colours are violet, mauve or magenta. The readings in church reflect ancient prayers called ‘O Antiphons’ These are prayers of longing in which we call Jesus by seven titles and which ask that he will come soon.

O come, O come Emmanuel

Congratulations to all children who presented themselves for leadership positions for 2017. The children spoke so confidently and passionately about their school and all would be worthy leaders. Due to the swimming carnival being held this December and so as to give the colour house leaders the opportunity to lead their colour house at a swimming carnival, we announced the 2017 Colour House leaders yesterday.

All other leadership positions will be announced at the conclusion of our Thanksgiving Mass, as is our tradition, on Friday 16 December 11.30am.

Congratulations to the 2017 Colour House Captains:

- **Polding**: Jessica W and Will M
- **Crawford**: Cayla S and Brendan L
- **Gilroy**: Luciana C and Ryan C
- **Keenan**: Alana R and Alex M

On Friday, Sienna C will take up her prize of being The Principal for the Day which was auctioned at our Annual Dinner. Sienna has a few surprises in store for the students at Sacred Heart and has declared a mufti day for all students. *All children may wear their play clothes/mufti on Friday this week.*

Children have been practising and the band rehearsing for the Sacred Heart “Carols Evening” next week. Parents may like to bring a picnic rug and some dinner and enjoy the carols on the oval. Children are required to be at school from 6.45pm. The band commences playing at 7pm.

Kind regards

*Mrs Suellen Garey*  
PRINCIPAL

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy

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Year 5 Mission Visit
Year 5 travelled to George Mockler House in weeks 6 and 7 to spend time with the residents as part of our mission program. The students shared photo albums of their lives and spoke to the residents about how things were when they were growing up. Both students and residents got so much out of both visits, the younger and older generations seem to be such a natural fit when it comes to sharing stories. We thank Stephanie from George Mockler House and all the residents for allowing us to spend time with them.

Christmas Carols / Christmas Eve Mass
RSVP slips for our Christmas Carols next Wednesday, and participation/helpers for Christmas Eve Mass can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Good News of the Week and Prayers
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.

Religious Dates to Remember
Sunday 4 Dec      Bishop Bernard’s Celebration Mass – Maria Regina @ 9am
Wednesday 7 Dec   Sacred Heart Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 Dec   4B Reconciliation

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN can be found here

Fiona Ngamu - Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Sports News

Broken Bay Basketball Trials
Congratulations to Taine C and Alana R from Year 5 who have been selected for the Broken Bay Basketball team. They will now play at the Polding Trials in Newcastle in February. Well done!

Swimming Carnival Information
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help at the swimming carnival, your help is much appreciated. A confirmation of your job will be sent home in the next day or two.

Attached with this newsletter is the Swimming Carnival Program and Information. Please read through with your child/ren. There is a lot of information that may help especially if this is their first swimming carnival. A copy of the program is also available on our school website here.

Children will be swimming according to the age they turn THIS YEAR 2016, however the age they turn in 2017 will be applied for the Representative team and records.

The presentation assembly will be held on Thursday 8 December at morning assembly.

Michele Kerr – Sports Coordinator
Library News

Thank you and congratulations to the Driver family who were successful in winning *Librarian for a Day* at the recent Sacred Heart Fundraising Dinner.

Jarvis(KS) and Addison(2R) spent last Thursday helping out in the Library. We presented the Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates, read to 2017 Kindy students, checked books out and in, made a trip to Berkelouw Books to purchase new books for the library and accessioned these new books.

It was great to have such hard workers for the day, thank you, you are welcome in the library any time!

2017 Grade Parents

A very big thank you to our grade parents who have performed the valuable service of welcoming and social networking to enable everyone to feel part of the Sacred Heart community.

If you are interested in the position for *next year*, please contact the office.

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2017 School Terms, Staff Development Days & Holidays

To assist parents who are planning holidays in January, please note school dates below. All children are required to attend a compulsory assessment in January. Assessment booking details will be published in our final newsletter for 2016, on Wednesday 14 December. Students attend only for their booked time slot.

Friday, 27 January ................. *Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6*
Monday, 30 January ............... *Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6*
Tuesday, 31 January ............. *Assessment Day for Kinder*
Tuesday, 31 January ............. Yrs 1-6 commence
Wednesday, 1 February........... Kinder commence

**All students must attend a compulsory assessment. Booking details will be included in our newsletter on 14 December 2016.**

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Pupil Free Days in 2017
Fri 27 Jan  Mon 30 Jan  Mon 24 Apr  Fri 28 Apr  Mon 18 Dec  Tues 19 Dec

School WHS

**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.
Cowan and Lewis, our new uniform providers, are now up and running and ready to begin retailing our uniforms, with orders to be delivered to school every Tuesday and Thursday. Orders can also be delivered to alternate addresses.

Uniforms can be purchased online at their store here. Hover over the SCHOOLWEAR link, click ON CAMPUS and look for the Sacred Heart School logo.

Uniforms can also be purchased from their retail store at 1315 Pacific Highway, Turramurra (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm or Saturday 9am-12noon).

Items can be shipped to school (free of charge, twice per week) or to a home address for an additional postage charge.

Returns/Refunds can be arranged by completing the Exchange Form found on our school website here and returning to the school office with your clothing to be exchanged. The replacement item will be delivered to the school office on the next delivery day (Tuesday and Thursdays).

We have a dedicated page on our school website for uniform ordering and links to Cowan and Lewis here.

All enquiries regarding school uniforms should now be directed to Cowan and Lewis by email or telephone.
Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who have their birthday during the coming week:

Addison D  Skye S  Ruby H  Byron B  Oliver P  Albie B  Nash L  Jackson P  Jack B  Jordan S

School Awards

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Principal’s Award | Lucas R, Isla F (Year 1)

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)

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Yesterday morning we enjoyed the company of some of our wonderful canteen volunteers at our thank you morning tea. It’s always lovely to share a conversation, tea and goodies in a relaxed environment. This year we have our biggest group of volunteers moving on in 2017 and we are certainly going to miss them. Some of our parents have been supporting the canteen for over 10 years and it has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside them all. Thank you to the following families:

Jennings  Smith  Pluck  Zemann  Bowtell  Bohm  Locke  Nichols  Maras

Reminder for all our 2017 volunteers to please return your slips ASAP to either the canteen or front office.

The canteen will be closed next Monday 5 December due to the swimming carnival, and will reopen on Thursday 8 December.

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 and Drop roster for the last few weeks of school. Your duty would take half an hour. If you can help, please email nicholsselina@gmail.com. We’d love to hear from you.

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Kiss & Drop in 2017

We are seeking more volunteers for 2017! You will be required to help on a 3 week/monthly basis between 8:15am to 8:50am. All you have to do is collect your orange safety vest from the before school care area and away you go!

It is a wonderful way to start your morning, greeting students and parents. If your circumstances have changed and you can assist in 2017 please email Rebecca Molinaro on becmolinaro@outlook.com
We from the Hub would like to dedicate this weeks messages to two amazing mums at our school, Veronika and Clare. They have been our Uniform Shop Coordinators for the last number of years and will be stepping down from this role at end of 2016.

We have such gratitude for all their "years" of service given to our great school. This was all done as volunteers and the uniform shop would have not run so amazingly like it did without these two wonderful and giving parents.

Thank you both very much, we really appreciate it and I would encourage all parents if you happen to run into them at school please thank them in person for their fantastic contribution. So much time, love and hard work has gone into their years of service. They were there to greet new parents and to help make us feel welcome buying our first set of uniforms for kindy kids, plus being there to farewell us at the end of year 6 when we purchased that one last hat or sports uniform when it got lost or no longer white!

It has to be mentioned that by having the uniform shop on site and run by volunteers helped us to raise funds significantly for our school so for that we are forever grateful and to all past volunteers who have assisted too. We look forward to thanking Veronika and Clare formally at the end of year school Mass.

Thank you Veronika and Clare we wish you well in all that you do for your future.

If you have any items that you would like to forward to the Hub Committee, or include in a Hub meeting agenda, please email sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Juliana Johnston – Hub President
Kellie Carroll - Hub Secretary

Opal Card Information from Transport NSW

Transport NSW have now moved the “endorsement” aspect of School Opal Card applications to an online portal. All applications completed after 24 November no longer need to be printed and handed to the school office. Applications completed after 24 November will be electronically endorsed by the school. Transport NSW will advised the school when an application is awaiting endorsement.

Printed application forms which have already been handed to the school office for 2017 Opal Cards have already been endorsed by the school and forwarded to Transport NSW.

Eligible children in year 2 who have not already updated their details, must update their details and submit a new online 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.

Students in year 6 who require an Opal card for high school should complete an application for their high school to endorse.

Additional information for parents can be found on our school website here.
Sacred Heart Christmas Carols Evening

To assist with placement of children on stage during the performances, would you please return the RSVP slip below to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Christmas Carols Costumes
For our Carol Concert, we have clothing suggestions for the children- Please keep it simple, there is no need to buy new clothes.

Kindy Dress as favourite toy, animal or action figure.
Year 1 Summer Pyjama’s!
Year 2 Beachwear- not bikinis please.
Year 3 Any Christmas style outfit-Santa hat/red/green shirts/ t-shirt, Christmas t-shirt etc.
Year 4 All black t-shirt/shorts/skirt/dress or leggings.
Year 5/6 All white t-shirt/shorts/skirt/dress or leggings.

Mannequins Light heart theatrics. Own choice outfit.
Band students Wear whatever is your class items outfit.

Many thanks
Susan Rudd - Creative Arts Teacher

Sacred Heart Christmas Carols
All families are invited to join us to share in the Christmas Spirit
Wednesday 7 December 2016
6.30pm–8.00pm
Sacred Heart School Oval
BYO rugs, dinner/snacks
Children to wear Christmas themed clothing—red/green/tinsel
Carols will commence at 7.00pm

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**RSVP ~ Christmas Carols Evening ~ Wednesday 7 December 2016**

CHILD: ............................................................................. CLASS: .............................................................

☐ My child **WILL** be attending the Christmas Carols evening

☐ My child **WILL NOT** be attending

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Parent Name ........................................................................ Parent Signature

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 Helpers for Christmas Eve Mass!
Pittwater Parish is renowned for its 5pm Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve and of course we need lots of helpers and children to participate. Included in this newsletter are slips for people (to return) who are able to assist with setting up on Christmas Eve and children who will be attending so we can begin to organise readers and actors.

There will be Christmas Eve Mass in the school grounds at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve. We are seeking a team to work with us in preparing and assisting with this Christmas celebration. We will be working closely with the Parish for coordination. Help will be needed with ushering/crowd control, stage setup, the nativity play, chair set up and putting away chairs after the 9pm Mass, decorating etc. If you feel you would be able to help in any way, we would very much like to work with you in making Christmas Eve a special evening. **We will hold a meeting closer to Christmas to discuss details.**

Please fill out the form below if you can assist and return to Fiona Ngamu. Thank you so much in advance! If you would prefer to email your reply, please email to shmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the heading: **“Christmas Eve Mass Helper”**

Christmas Eve Liturgy/Play Participation (Children)

Children participation in our Christmas Eve Mass is part of the magic of this special occasion. I would like to include the children from our school who will be attending the Christmas Eve Liturgy/Play to take on roles. We will need readers, dancers, singers etc. If you know that you will be attending the liturgy and would like your child/children to be involved, please indicate on the slip below and return to school via your class red bag or straight to Mrs Ngamu.

If you would prefer to email your reply, please email to shmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the heading: **“Christmas Eve Liturgy Child Participation”**

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**Christmas Eve Mass Helpers**

I, ____________________________ am interested in working with the Parish/School in coordinating/helping with the Christmas celebration to be held in the school grounds on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

My contact details are: ____________________________ (phone)

______________________________ (email address)

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**Christmas Eve Liturgy / Play Participation (Children)**

I will be attending the 2016 Parish Christmas Eve Liturgy and my children are able to participate.

Child’s name: ____________________________ Class: __________________

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Parent’s Signature: _________________________ Date _____________________