Term 4 Week 9 - 7 December 2016

Term 4 Core Value: SERVICE
School Rule: Be of service to others and in the environment
Expectation of Behaviour: Bake a treat or make a gift for someone

Dear Parents

One of the joys of preparing for Christmas is the setting up of the Christmas tree. Some of the reasons for that joy have been expressed in this short poem:

“The ornaments upon our tree
  Have secrets of their own,
  Of other trees and Christmases
  That each of them has known.
  They’re all different shapes and colours
  But we know and love them all.
  And if they could only speak
  What joy they would recall.” -Author Unknown.

Another Christmas joy, along with putting up decorations and preparing the Christmas dinner, is the giving of gifts and Leslie Veen gives this tradition a beautiful context when she writes:

“I love to give gifts to people. I get great joy from choosing items that express a good mix of my personality and that of the person receiving the gift. I like to give gifts as a way of letting someone know that I am thinking of them and that I value them as a person. It is my way of recognising that my life is more complete because that person is part of it.” No looking for what I might receive in return in this statement.

In its own way Leslie Veen’s idea of gift giving is close to the reality of God’s gift of His son being gifted to us by His father.

This evening we are so looking forward to celebrating with our Carols evening. Families are invited to arrive at 6.30pm and can purchase ice-blocks and candles (non-flammable) from the canteen. Parents are asked to set up picnic rugs on the dark green areas of the oval with any chairs under the Pepper Tree. Children from Sacred Heart will sit in class groups on the sides of the oval. The program for the evening is that the school band will commence at 7pm with Mrs C McFadden as conductor. The children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will then lead us all in singing some carols and Christmas songs conducted by Ms Susan Rudd. Estimated time to conclude the evening will be around 8pm.

“Loving Father,
  Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
  Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
  Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts.
  Amen.”

Congratulations to our debating team who won the Grand Final of the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Debating competition last Thursday afternoon. It was a difficult debate against very worthy opponents from Dee Why. We were the opposing team for the topic “That technology has made us anti-social”. Congratulations to Bronte C, Dom K, Sam C, Thomas S, Sam S and Jackson M.
Congratulations to Bishop Bernard on his special celebration last weekend. Bishop Bernard celebrated 60 years ordained as a Priest and 21 years as Bishop, an amazing contribution to serving others in the name of Jesus. Thank you to the students from Sacred Heart who dressed smartly in school uniform and represented all past and present students Joseph and Eva H, Brendan L, Thomas S, Taine C and Beau N.

What a day for our swimming carnival! Thank you so much to the fabulous teachers and parents who assisted us through incredibly hot weather and timer malfunctions to ensure that the carnival was completed. Thank you to Mrs Kerr for her organisation so that we could hold a swimming carnival so that our students would be eligible for the Northern Beaches and Diocesan events in 2017. Awards for the carnival will be presented on Thursday morning at assembly.

End of year academic reports will be emailed home on Friday afternoon. Next Tuesday children will meet their teachers for 2017, their class for 2017 and a number of new students to our school. In next week’s newsletter a full list of staff for 2017 will be available.

There are still some important and beautiful ceremonies before end of year. All parents are invited to
• the Yr 6 Graduation Mass in our Church commencing at 5pm on Wednesday 14 December
• Thanksgiving Mass at 11.30am on Friday 16 December.

At this final Thanksgiving Mass we farewell staff who are leaving, the Hub Executive who are stepping down from positions as well as the families who are leaving our community.

Kind regards

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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

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Like and follow us at: twitter.com/SHMV16

Light Heart Theatrics Drama - Monday and Thursday afternoon drama classes finish this week. Please ensure drama children know how they will be getting home next week.
Religious Dates to Remember

Wed 07 Dec  Sacred Heart Christmas Carols Evening
Wed 14 Dec  Yr 6 Graduation Mass (5pm) and Dinner
Fri 16 Dec  End of Year Thanksgiving Mass (11.30am)
Sat 24 Dec  Christmas Eve Children’s Mass (5pm)
Sat 24 Dec  Christmas Eve Youth Mass (9pm)

Good News of the Week and Prayers
We are remembering the Alexopoulos family at this time.
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.

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN can be found here

Fiona Ngamu - Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Sports News

Broken Bay Sports Awards
Last night Mrs Garey and myself had the pleasure of seeing Alana R and Chelsea S receive a Broken Bay Sports Award for their sporting achievements in 2016. Only 35 students from across Broken Bay were selected to receive this award.

Alana R received her award for:
- representing NSW in Touch Football
- representing Polding in Touch Football and Athletics
- representing Broken Bay in Basketball and Swimming

Chelsea S received her award for:
- representing Polding in Touch football and Cross Country
- representing Broken Bay in Athletics

As part of this award, the girls had to prepare a piece of writing about their sporting achievements, sporting heroes and what they like most about sport. This was published in an awards booklet and below is an excerpt of Chelsea and Alana’s writing;

"My Future goal is to go to the Olympics for Rugby Sevens or for the 800m (running) and then to be a sports journalist. I think I have been so successful throughout my sporting life because I get pushed harder and harder at trainings every week. But what I love about sport is I have fun and I make lots of new friends." (Chelsea S)

"My success is because of many things. I love to play with friends and keep fit and active. But my biggest strength is that I work hard and listen to my coaches. My goal is to keep working hard to represent Australia one day. This would be my dream." (Alana R)

Chelsea and Alana were presented their award by Dylan Macallister who is a former Socceroo, Maria Regina Avalon past student and his mother is a former Sacred Heart Mona Vale Principal. He spoke about the high and lows of sport and what motivated him to become a professional soccer player.

Congratulations girls, you are exceptional representatives of Sacred Heart and we are very proud of your achievements.

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Swimming Carnival
It was wonderful to see everyone participating in the Swimming Carnival on Monday, it was a great day to be swimming! Thank you to all the parents who helped with jobs at the carnival, we really can’t run the carnival without you. Your help was really appreciated on Monday as most parents did their job for the whole day and many parents volunteer year after year.

A reminder that the awards for the carnival will be presented tomorrow (Thursday) at morning assembly.

AASCF National Cheer & Dance Championships
Congratulations to the following children who represented Highrise Allstar Cheerleading at the National Cheer & Dance Championships on the Gold Coast last weekend:

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<td>Eve S</td>
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Michele Kerr – Sports Coordinator

2017 Grade Parents
We are still in need of a few more Grade Parents for 2017. 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/code will be published in our final newsletter for 2016, on Wednesday 14 December, and on our school website. Students attend only for their booked time slot. Kinder 2017 will be emailed class/teacher details and Kinder booking code.

Students will be advised their teacher / class for 2017 next Tuesday (13 December). Assessment bookings will open on Wednesday 14 December (after newsletter is published). Bookings close Wednesday 25 January 2017 (you have six weeks to book your assessments).

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

2017 Vacations
Term 1 | Return to School for Students | Last Day of School for Students
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See above | Friday 7 April |

Term 2 | Wednesday 26 April |
Term 3 | Monday 17 July |
Term 4 | Monday 9 October |

Last Day of School for Students
Friday 7 April
Friday 30 June
Friday 22 September
Friday 15 December (TBC)

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

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

Abigail L  Milana G  Indi F  Isabella C  Angelica K  Taylor M
Ashton P  Conor B  Harry W  Adrian S  Luke O

School Awards

| KD  | Sion G, Aisling M, Ethan H |
| 1L | Lachlan C, Abby D |
| 2R | Ella K, Cameron L |
| 3F | Ethan H, Hannah B |
| 4B | Jack W, Harry W |
| 5B | Koko T, Charlie D |
| 6D | Mia Z, Alice R |
| 3-6S | Fergus H, Matthew N |

| KS  | Juliette N, Ivy P, Preston B |
| 1N  | Joshua G, Archie L |
| 2S  | Ashley D, Crew of the “Big Gun” boat construction! |
| 3P  | Niamh B, Conor B |
| 4N  | Sophie W, Emily G |
| 5N  | Blanka S, Alex M |
| 6W  | Julia N, Nick B |

Principal’s Award | Frank M, Piper L (Kinder)

Canteen News

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

| Mon 12 Dec | Bec B, Jacqui B, Karen W, Christine H |
| Thurs 15 Dec | Kelly F, Jacqui C, Emma W, Adele V |
| Fri 16 Dec | Gloria M, Kylie M, Tracey L, Sarah-Jane R |

Volunteers: Last reminder to please send in your 2017 slips for the canteen roster to either the office or black letterbox located outside the canteen. The term 1 roster will be sent home at the end of this week. We kindly ask that you check your rostered day and note it down especially if you are scheduled for the first week back!

The canteen will be open the last week of term 4 for all on line lunch orders and over the counter service.

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

Kiss & Drop Roster

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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

School WHS

Head Lice
With the warmer weather approaching, head lice can return. The school holiday break is a great time to check your child’s hair. If your child has head lice, it is recommended that hair be checked each day for three weeks following infestation, to break the cycle. Please advise the school office and a general email will be sent to your child’s grade requesting all parents check their child’s hair (no students identified).
Online Uniform Shop Now Open!!

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). You can also exchange instore at the shop.

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.

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](#).

The Hub News

Volunteers are needed for tonight's Carols to help sell icy twists and battery operated candles which will be available for purchase. Please come see the Hub team in the canteen at 6.30pm if you can help out.

We are still very keen to find a parent volunteer to help run the 2nd Hand Uniform shop in 2017. Please contact the Hub to express your interest and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about this role. Please email sacredhearthub@gmail.com.

We are wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and blessing for 2017. As the school year is now coming to a close we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community who has supported the Sacred Heart Hub. It is a joint effort given by all and we really appreciate it. Looking forward to an exciting 2017, see you next year, happy and safe holidays!

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
2017 Student Stationery Lists

Back to School 2017
Kindergarten

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 4 large glue sticks
- A paint shirt
- A library bag

Back to School 2017
Year 1

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 6 large glue sticks
- A calculator
- A paint shirt

Back to School 2017
Year 2

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 8 large glue sticks
- Pencil Case
- A paint shirt
- A library bag
- Textas

Back to School 2017
Year 3

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- A pencil case – reasonable size and cost
- Highlighters x 4
- Coloured pencils and pencil sharpener
- Textas
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 4 large glue sticks
- A calculator
- A paint shirt
- A library bag
- USB
- Dictionary – Macquarie Children’s
2017 Student Stationery Lists

Back to School 2017

Year 4

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- A pencil case – reasonable size and cost
- Highlighters x 4
- Coloured pencils and pencil sharpener
- Textas
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 6 large glue sticks
- A calculator
- A paint shirt
- A library bag

Back to School 2017

Year 5

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- Geometry set - including protractor and compass
- A pencil case - reasonable size and cost
- Textas
- Highlighters x 4
- Coloured pencils and pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 5 large glue sticks
- A calculator
- USB
- A paint shirt
- A dictionary

Back to School 2017

Year 6

The school will provide your child with many of his/her basic needs for learning when he/she arrives next year. There are a few things that need to be brought from home for the first day back to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

Please send to school:
- USB stick
- Geometry set - including protractor and compass
- A pencil case - reasonable size and cost
- Textas
- Highlighters x 4
- Coloured pencils and pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 4 large glue sticks
- A calculator
- A paint shirt
- Head Phones

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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”

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)

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: ________________
Child’s name: __________________________________ Class: ________________
Child’s name: __________________________________ Class: ________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________ Date __________________