



Term 1 Week 1 - 1 February 2018

Term 1 Core Value:	Respect
School Rule:	Respect yourself, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour:	Be Cyber Safe and use the internet appropriately

Dear Parents

Do you know the difference between an optimist and a pessimist? Well, the optimist laughs to forget and the pessimist forgets to laugh. Perhaps during the holiday break, you found yourself moving in and out of the two camps. Whatever your state of humour, welcome to the 2018 new School Year.

Even though the holidays are over, our role as parents continues and picks up again on being co-partners in the education of our children. As we all know, education goes beyond imparting facts and information, it also entails the imparting of the values of the community. Because of our choice to send our children to this school, SHMV, the values that are imparted are those of a Christian community.

We live in a time when the broader community's values and Christian values continue to diverge; more than ever there is a need for Christian values to be lived and witnessed equally in the school, the Church and the home. If we simply exist within the broader community, we can come to a point where we give up our Christian beliefs, values and ideals and eventually stand for nothing.

In her book, *North of the Orient*, Anne Lindbergh tells about the oriental symbolism of trees: the bamboo stands for prosperity; the pine for long life; the plum tree suggests courage, because it puts out blossoms while the snow is still on the ground. Christians might adopt the plum tree as their symbol and show Christ-like attitudes when they are needed most: be kind and forgiving to those who hold opposite opinions and might be aggressive towards us; stand up for moral ideals when it is contrary to popular opinion; have the courage and strength to do the difficult things by "putting out our blossoms" when it is not easy to do so.

The Dalai Lama, when commenting on religious beliefs, had this to say: "Each of us is free to believe or not to believe. But once you follow a religion and believe in what it teaches, you should give it great importance in your life and avoid having faith on every other day. Do not act erratically and make sure your thinking corresponds to what you say and do."

Each of us parents is free to send our children to this school but once we have made that choice, we need to be fully supportive of its ethos and values. We all know the effect on children, if parents are not in harmony with each other within the family. The same effect is present if there is a lack of harmony between teacher and parent, between school and the home.

The chief purpose of this Catholic school is to help parents bring up their children in the Catholic faith as well as providing a sound comprehensive education. The whole school community is responsible for creating a climate in the school that is permeated by the Gospel Spirit of freedom and love. When students observe their parents sharing common beliefs, attitudes and values, they feel more secure and purposeful within their own lives.

"God, we ask You to be ever with us in our role of Christian parenting.

As Christian parents, we have chosen to proclaim You to our children in a clear and unmistakable manner. May Your truths be strong within us and may Your Spirit enable us to nurture our children with wisdom and authority.

Amen."

Yesterday morning we welcomed new staff and children to Sacred Heart. We introduced to the community Alexander G in Year 1, Leila S, Max S, Izabella L and James N in Year 2, Tilly L and Rory M in Year 3, Indi L in Year 5 and Ashley D, Archie B, Oliver B and Rafael C in Year 3-6S. We also welcomed Mrs Remeus (Assistant Principal), Mrs Mitford (Year 3), Miss Quinlan (Kindergarten), Mr Felsman (Year 6), Mrs Calleia (Administration) and Miss Tapson (3-6S).

This morning we welcomed and introduced to the school community the kindergarten students and their families at morning assembly. Photos have been taken in the kinder rooms and our Hub team hosted a "Tea and Tissues" morning tea in the hall. The morning tea was very special and even four generations of family attended. Thank you to the year 1 parents who provided the refreshments.

Our school swimming carnival is to be held at Manly Boy Charlton pool next Thursday, 8 February in week 2. Forms are due back to school today, 1 February 2018. These were distributed on the assessments days to students. **This is a quick turnaround for Mrs Munro** and our administrative staff to complete organisation for the carnival, **so please assist by returning forms asap.** Children must have written permission to participate in each event at the swim carnival. Children in years K - 1 do not attend the swimming carnival but do have a water safety awareness day at school.

The boys and girls bathrooms were renovated in the holidays and the children appear to be delighted with the lovely refreshed spaces.

I look forward to again working with all parents to ensure the best outcomes for their children throughout the year.

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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2018 Class Parents – All Grades

A very big thank you to our 2018 grade parents who will provide the valuable service of welcoming and social networking to enable everyone to feel part of the Sacred Heart community.



K 2018	Yr 1 2018	Yr 2 2018	Yr 3 2018	Yr 4 2018	Yr 5 2018	Yr 6 2018	Yr 6 Graduation
Bec J Trinity W Jasmine R	Joanne E Alison G Cassie L Kevin C	Nicole K Michelle H Karissa M	Melanie G Melinda S B Nga Thi Kim N	Angela C Julie L	Tennille H Michelle C Jess L	Grace S Rita Z Vanessa S Liz H Tracey L	Kirsten W Tracey L Angela S Bec D Bec C

Office News

Important: Qkr – Just a reminder to update your child’s new class details to ensure payments are correct.

Sport News

School Swimming Carnival

Reminder for the School Swimming Carnival for Years 2-6 being held on Thursday, 8 February.
Forms are due back today, Thursday 1 February.

Sport with the PE Teacher for Term 1. (Details to follow for Sport with the class teacher)

Thursdays: KT, KQ, 1N, 1R, 3M, 3L, 4D
Fridays: 2M, 2D, 4B, 5P, 5W, 6F, 6N

Steph Munro – PE Teacher

Band News

Band Rehearsals

Welcome to a new year of exciting music with the training and concert bands and also our lovely choir.

Training Band:

Rehearsals will be held in the hall each Wednesday from 7:45am to 8:45am, commencing Week 2. For our younger musicians, rehearsals will be more of a familiarisation of their instrument, rather than a formal rehearsal. Players will require their “Essential Elements” book for their instrument for next week (or Week 3 if you have had ordering delays).

Concert Band:

Welcome back to all our senior musicians. Rehearsals will be held in the hall each Thursday from 7:45am to 8:45am. I look forward to a great year of beautiful music, we have some exciting pieces to learn.

Choir:

Choir will also commence next week, and is open to anyone from Yr 2 to Yr 6. Rehearsals for choir will be held in the hall each Wednesday at 11am.

Clare McFadden – Band Director

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who have had their birthday during January and this week:



Thomas D	Noah S	Jessica C	Sion G	Liam S	Byron S	Hayden S	Tate W
Emily C	Charlie M	Jai Q	Matilda L	Billy P	Florrie B	Ella K	Zac S
Cara H	Filippo P	Indianna M	Charlie R	Emily C	Alana S	Charlie H	Indeanna R
Gabriella M	Tobias W	Ashley D	Abbey D	Claire D	Andrea P		

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)	
Mon 29 Jan	Closed
Thurs 1 Feb	Julia D, Sonja S
Fri 2 Feb	Jenny O, Leonie S
Mon 5 Feb	Christine H, Georgia G
Thurs 8 Feb	Closed (Swimming Carnival)
Fri 9 Feb	Angela S, Vanessa S, Kate W

Hello and welcome back to all the families at Sacred Heart. We hope you all enjoyed the wonderful holiday break. Just a reminder that the canteen is open this THURSDAY 1 February for all online lunch orders and counter service.

[Term 1 2018 Roster](#)

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

Please feel free to contact us via email at: sshmv.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Kiss & Drop Morning Volunteers

The morning Kiss and Drop Zone ensures that students arrive to school safely. We could not do this without our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to be added to the Kiss and Drop Roster please email Rebecca Molinaro at becmolinaro@outlook.com

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		31 January	1 February	2 February
				Georgina D
5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February
Melinda B	Leonie S	Tatiana N	Amber L	Eloise C

The Hub News

If you are interested or would like more information please don't hesitate to contact Amanda and/or Grant via email: admin@shmvparents.com.

A reminder that the second hand uniform shop is open on Monday's (am) and Tuesdays (am and pm). **Everything is \$3 so pop in and grab a spare dress or shirt.** Thank you very much for all the donations.



We particularly have a huge supply of **boys shorts and trousers available** for purchase and, for a short period, **we are selling them at \$2.00 each.**

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(Co-Presidents)

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