



Term 1 Week 4 - 21 February

Term 1 Core Value:	Respect
School Rule:	Respect yourself, others and the environment
Expectation of Behaviour:	Have safe and caring hands and feet

Dear Parents

A few years ago there was a hit song which contained these “tongue in cheek” words in its chorus:

*“What’s the matter with kids today?
Why can’t they be like we were
Perfect in every way!
So, what’s the matter with kids today?”*

Of course, “kids”, no matter in what generation they lived, were never perfect no matter how the passing of time might try to have us believe it to be so.

In St Matthews Gospel, Jesus says to His listeners “You must be perfect – just as your Father in heaven is perfect”. At first this seems to be an impossible “ask” of ordinary people, until you realise that what came before these statements were teachings about anger, revenge, loving your enemy, adultery and divorce. How were they to be perfect or complete?

Interestingly, in a Navaho rug there is always an imperfection woven into the corner; it’s where the “Spirit moves in and out of the rug”. The pattern is perfect and then there is one part of it that clearly looks like a mistake. For the Navaho this illustrates that perfection is not the elimination of imperfection but rather the ability to incorporate imperfection.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “There is a crack in everything that God has made”. So, it could be that through the cracks, we learn to see the needs of others. Through the cracks of our painful mistakes, we learn to feel the pain of others.

Parents are not perfect and by admitting to our imperfections. Life is filled with adversity but, by our conversation and example, our children will come to see that difficulty and suffering are part of being alive and can be overcome.

We should live by owning our own lives, be full, responsible participants in our existence and live life then our children will enjoy healthy childhoods and become tomorrow’s healthy adults.

*“Spirit of God,
Be with us as we confront and
accept our imperfections
and be with us as we give unconditional love to our children
as they grow to accept
who they truly are.
Amen.”*

A new idea from the Hub this year is the Welcome Picnic which will be held in the school grounds this Sunday 25 February commencing at 12 noon and concluding at 3pm. Parents and children are invited to come along, bring a picnic lunch or enjoy a BBQ sausage provided by the HUB, with rsvp’s due today. The picnic is to enable parents, especially those new to the school, to mix and mingle in a family friendly environment.

As well as the Welcome Picnic the hub have been busy organising the Parents Golf Day to be held next Friday 2 March at Mona Vale Golf Club. Another great opportunity to get to know the parents of your children's friends at school. If unable to attend the Golf day parents might like to meet up at the "Nineteenth" at Park House Hotel after the game!

All class parents are invited to an information session on Monday 9am in the school hall. This is an important communication role in our school and as the role has been changing over the years we would like to chat about what the role involves.

On Wednesday 28 February children who were eligible from our school carnival will compete in the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. We wish all our competitors the best of luck. Mrs C Remeus and Mrs M Mitford will be supervising the Sacred Heart team at the carnival.

Finally, our wonderful parents and teachers voluntarily assist students at Kiss and Drop in the mornings and afternoons. If however there is not an adult to assist, parents are asked to assist their child and take responsibility to ensure that their student safely moves from the car to the school premises.

Kind regards

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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2018 Welcome BBQ
All families are invited to get together for our 2018 Welcome BBQ!

Sacred Heart
Sunday 25th February
12pm -3pm
Sacred Heart School

Sausage sizzle, inflatables for the kids, cricket, handball tournaments and more.
Lots of fun for the whole family.

RSVP: 21st February to HUB



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Religious Education News

Each year during Lent, the students at Sacred Heart contribute to Project Compassion. Classes have been given a Project Compassion Box. The students are encouraged to give to Project Compassion. Teachers discuss with their students ways that they can make contributions such as: *giving up their canteen money or some of their pocket money, or doing extra jobs at home.*

As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."

On Wednesday 7 March Kindergarten with the assistance of the Mini Vinnies Team will be holding a "Cupcakes for Caritas" fundraiser. This is the Kindergarten Outreach opportunity for 2018.



Project Compassion First Week of Lent



In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.



In Lent 2018, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open during Lent for prayer and Reconciliation on

Fridays 7pm - 8pm
(Feb 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23)

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 28 February Year 5 Class Mass at 9:15
Saturday 3 March Year 3 Family Mass 5pm Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 7 March Kindergarten "Cupcakes for Caritas" fundraiser

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Natasha S and Mick P (parent) and their families. Both are undergoing specialist medical care.



If you have any Good News or if you need our prayers, please see me at school, contact me by phone.

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

Chris McBryde - Religious Education Coordinator

School Awards

TERM 1, WEEK 2

KT	Olivia K, Reilly K, Blair A	KQ	Benjamin J, Oliver L, Estella F,
1R	Charlotte C, Harry E,	1N	Henry R, Claudia R
2D	Gabriella M, Oliver W	2M	James N, Taylor M
3L	Lucas R, Charli S	3M	Adelaide G, Erin C, Kai A
4B		4D	Andreas P, Zara E, Sienna B
5P	Luke O, Chloe H	5T	Anabella N, Ethan H
6N	Nathan O, Dallas L	6F	Kelsey K, Joseph C

TERM 1, WEEK 3

KT	Leanne B, Henry P, Gabriella K	KQ	
1R	Paige K, Cheyne T	1N	Areana A, Tasman C
2D	Byron S, Isabella L	2M	Hamish M, Eaton B
3L	Rocco R, Archie L, Claire M	3M	Isaac S, Ariela P, Isabelle A
4B	Zara W, Gabriel K	4D	Marley H, Patrick B
5P	Alana S, Eliza G	5T	Thomas G, Amelia L
6N	Sophie W, Tyrone K	6F	Matthew S, Gabriella M

NAPLAN information

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting for NAPLAN. For further information, please see attached fact sheet at the end of the newsletter.

Important Dates

Staff Development Day Tuesday 3 April (Pupil free Day)

Please make sure you have Tuesday 3 April in your diaries as a Pupil Free Day, making the Easter long weekend a five day break for our families. A reminder there will be no supervision on this day as the staff will all be in attendance at an English Professional Learning Day at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara.

Vegetable Week and the Big Vegie Crunch – Monday 26 February to Friday 2 March

Did you know that currently only 5.4% of Australian children are eating enough vegetables? In order to work towards improving this percentage, we need to increase children's knowledge, exposure and positive attitudes towards vegetables. That's why we need your help!

Vegetable Week, featuring the fun event 'The Big Vegie Crunch'. The aim of the event is to increase children's knowledge, exposure and positive attitudes towards vegetables.



Vegetable Week 2018 will run from Monday 26 February to Friday 2 March 2018, with The Big Vegie Crunch to be held at 10am on Thursday 1 March at Sacred Heart Mona Vale.

This means that all children are asked to take part in the Big Crunch during our Fruit and Vegetable Break on Thursday 1 March.

Choir news

Australian Girls Choir – February Open Classes

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February.

Ph 02 9922 6733 or email sydney@aspagroup.com.au

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)	
Mon 26 Feb	Lynne T HELP NEEDED – call Marie 0410 566 777
Thurs 01 Mar	Michelle C, Michelle N, Fiona S
Fri 02 Mar	Yasmin A, Angela S, Vanessa S

Also, help needed on the following dates, from either 9:30am-1:45pm or 11am-1:30pm.

Monday 5 March – please contact Kay

Thursday 12 April – please contact Kay

Term 1 2018 Roster

Kay & Marie – Canteen Coordinators

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

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday from all at Sacred Heart to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this week:



Jack D	Lucas H	Indiana L	Catalina P	Dylan H
Leila S	Piper W	Benjamin F	Jack R	

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
			22 February	23 February
			Kellie C	Karissa M
26 February	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March
Rebecca M	Leonie S	Tatiana N	Amber L	Eloise C

HUB

Don't forget this weekend is the Welcome BBQ, Sunday 25 February, 12noon – 3pm. Bring swimmers, as there will be a water slide and also a jumping castle. Please RSVP on Facebook as we need to order sausages tonight. This is a great opportunity to meet new families. <https://www.facebook.com/events/165188267594771?ti=ia>

Year 6 will be holding a lolly stall at the BBQ to help raise funds for their end of year graduation, so make sure you bring a few gold coins along as well.

We look forward to seeing you all there for an afternoon of fun.

Amanda Lewis / Grant Howard
(Co-Presidents)

Email: sacredhearhub@gmail.com

Website: www.shmvparents.com



Year 6 will be holding a lolly stall at Sunday's school welcome BBQ

Please bring a few gold coins to help them with their
graduation fundraising efforts

Looking forward to seeing you there!!



If you can spare 20 minutes once a week before or after school and would like to join the team please contact us.

admin@shmvp.com

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School Uniform Shop

OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Morning & Afternoon

Friday
Casually open most afternoons

PARENTS GOLF DAY

Friday the 02nd March
MONA VALE GOLF CLUB

ALL WELCOME

The annual Sacred Heart Parents Golf Day is on again & you're invited!

\$130pp

Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, burger and salad + a complimentary beverage prior to tee off
There is a maximum of 10 teams of 4 players so get in quick to reserve your place. If you can't form a team of 4 but are still wanting to play, please contact Grant Howard on 0408 706 312.

Meet at the Golf Club at 12pm for a 1.26pm tee off

Following golf...

We have reserved a function space for golfers and guests at the recently opened Park House Hotel (a short walk from the Golf Club). The Park House has kindly donated the hot food to kick start the celebrations.

EMAIL GRANT.HOWARD@LIONCO.COM TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

If you have a business and you would like to be the official sponsor please contact Grant on email or on 0408 706 312

NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

From 2018 NAPLAN tests will begin changing from pencil and paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online will bring new benefits for teachers and students.

Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with pencil and paper tests.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools and teachers.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Student engagement

In August and September 2017, around 2,800 NSW schools took part in the school readiness test (SRT). SRT was a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technical and administrative readiness for NAPLAN Online, and gave students an opportunity to become familiar with online testing.

Feedback from SRT shows that students are more engaged with NAPLAN Online than the current pencil and paper format:

- Of the 317,876 students who completed the test, 77% said they liked doing the test online.
- Of the 2,463 schools who completed the SRT survey:

- 90% said students were more engaged with the online combined numeracy and literacy test than the pen and paper version
- 79% said students were more engaged with the online writing test than the pen and paper version.

The NAPLAN Online website provides more information about the school readiness test: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/school-readiness-test>

For more information

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online>

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's demonstration site, which includes sample online mini-tests for each NAPLAN year: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au

Frequently asked questions

When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020. In 2018, around 500 NSW schools will transition to NAPLAN Online.

Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests>

How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the pencil and paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with pencil and paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018?

Pencil and paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2018. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the pencil and paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in pencil and paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit pencil and paper tests.

Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements>

What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including pencil and paper test and NAPLAN Online.

Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.



OPEN DAY

Thursday 8 March 2018 - 4pm to 7pm

Come and see the Mater Maria spirit
Year 7, 2020 applications close on Wednesday 4 April 2018
Please contact our Enrolment Registrar (Deborah Fitzgerald) on
02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Applications welcome for Years 8-11

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