



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Term 4 Week 8 – 5 December 2019

Term 4 Core Value:	Service
School Rule:	We are of service to others and in the environment when we...
Expectation of Behaviour:	Visit or call a grand-friend

Dear Parents

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together."
– Garrison Keillor

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

We hear a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent?

What will you do for others so that you are ready when Jesus comes?

Congratulations to Luke M and Lacey C who received the Diocese of Broken Bay Primary School Sports Council 2019 Outstanding Sports Achievement Award last night. The awards were presented by Craig Wing. Born and raised in Sydney, New South Wales, Craig has been best known as a star in Australia's National Rugby League. He played 256 games and won a Premiership with the Roosters in 2002. Craig who spoke about the need to always try your best, no matter the circumstances, no excuses, whether it be a practice game, at training or in the grand-final.

"The students have succeeded through their God given talents, determination and hard work."

Well done Lacey and Luke.

On Friday evening the school would love to celebrate and thank the many volunteers from 2019. Please join us at the Park House MONA VALE at 7 pm. Our volunteers include all parents who have assisted at reading groups, excursions, Kiss and Ride, sports carnivals, canteen, library, class parents, musical and uniform shop. There are other events also so please come along for a catch up and accept our thanks for your wonderful efforts assisting our school community in 2019. This will be Grant and Amanda's final Hub Co President event and a handover of the baton to Kate!



Parents are reminded that school semester reports will be available through the COMPASS portal from next Wednesday, 11 December. Families who are leaving our school need to print or download the semester reports as the access to COMPASS for leaving families will be closed at the end of the term.

It is delightful to see our students enjoying and sharing the true meaning of Christmas. On Friday Miss Elodie (our Principal for the Day) along with the SRC have arranged a “Bust the Dust Rairdance” at school to raise funds for the Bushfire Brigades and farmers in drought. Children wear mufti, bring a gold coin and picnic blanket for lunch. On Monday Year 5 will be bringing some Christmas joy to the residents of Mockler House singing Christmas Carols and the many Christmas food baskets that have been filled by families will be distributed to families next week as well. Thank you for your generosity and bringing some love and joy to the hearts of those who may be finding this time of year difficult.

On Tuesday, 10 December students will meet their teachers and classmates for 2020. For some students change can be difficult yet we know that parents can assist students with a smooth transition to their next year group with positive talk and a positive attitude to change.

Next week’s newsletter will be the final newsletter for the year.

Peace to all during this Advent, the season of hope!

Kind regards,

Mrs Suellen Garey
PRINCIPAL

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Religious Education

Prayer for Advent

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.



St Vincent de Paul – Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you to all our families who have supported our St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Mini Vinnies have packed all our hampers ready for collection next week.

Changes to Week day Mass Times

As of this week, week-day masses at Sacred Heart will now start at 9:30.

Christmas Eve Mass

Respect



Compassion



Justice



Service

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. Email your reply, please email chris.mcbryde@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 mass and would like your child/children to be involved, Please email your reply, chris.mcbryde@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the heading:

"Christmas Eve Liturgy Child Participation"

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 11 December @ 5pm Year 6 Graduation Mass, Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 18 December @ 10:30 am Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving, Sacred Heart Church

Prayers

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

Chris McBryde, Religious Education Coordinator

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

Wellbeing

#bustthedust

Friday 6 December, sees the Principal of the Day (Elodie) calling the school community to help the St John's Parish Primary School in Trangie's to Bust the Dust Raindance.

The SRC is calling on all students to dress in Mufti and bring a Gold Coin donation for the Bust the Dust Raindance. We urge everyone to watch the link that has inspired our SRC to support this cause:

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/bustthedustraindance/>

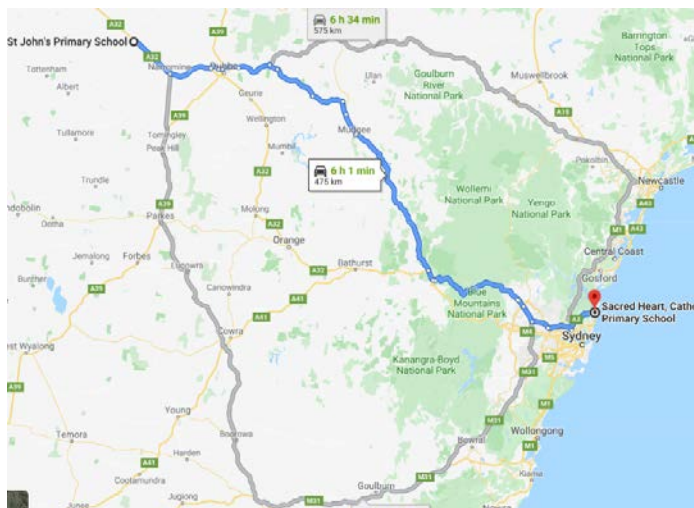
Sacred Heart have been inspired by the work of the St John's Parish Primary School. This school is in the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and last year it had 55 students.

Where is Trangie?

Trangie is a small country service centre of some 1100 people, situated 493 km north-west of Sydney and 220 metres above sea-level in the Macquarie Valley Irrigation Area. It is located on the main western railway line and on the Mitchell Highway, between Narromine (35 km southeast) and Nyngan (90 km north-west).



As you enter the town from the south you cross the Goan Waterhole which, at certain times, can be a spectacular display of mosses and water plants and home to many birds. The townscape is dominated by the Trangie silo, a testimony to the centrality of wheat to Narromine Shire. There are vast cotton fields outside the town. Sheep, wool, sorghum and fat lambs are also important to the area. The area is thought to have been occupied by the Wiradjuri and Wongaibon Aborigines. 'Trangie' is an Indigenous word said to mean 'quick'.



This Friday everyone can wear mufti and bring a Gold Coin. We will have a 'Bust the Dust Raindance' on our playground from 10:45.

Year 6 Spirituality Day

On Monday students in Year 6 celebrated their Spirituality Day. The students had a day of reflection and prayer. They watched a Gratitude video by Brother David Steindl-Rast who is a Benedictine monk, they were asked to look, listen and be inspired by the gifts that we receive each day. The students spent time reflecting on their educational journey so far. As part of the Year 6 Spirituality Day we invite past students to come and share their transition to High School. This year we had three past students who talked about being 'your true self' and 'finding your own tribe'. By offering experiences such as the Spirituality Day we at Sacred Heart are trying to develop mentally fit students who can prepare for challenges and be resilient in change.



Mathletics Parent Survey

At Sacred Heart the school has used Mathletics for Homework in 2019. We have recently been surveying children and teachers for feedback about this Homework. We really need parent feedback about how your child has used Mathletics. Please click the link and give us your thoughts: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaWvGJ-SuwSUcE9V-LUoxUrAUaSufoxIX_akpt-0cRTk10D_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Skye Nolan-Brown, Co-ordinator

Respect † Compassion † Justice † Service

COMPASS – Parent Portal and Student Reports

Student reports will be available on the parent portal next week, Wednesday 11 December.

A reminder that school reports can ONLY BE ACCESSED via the Parent Portal in COMPASS. Please make sure you can log-in to the Parent Portal beforehand.



Assessment bookings for MAI in January will also be booked through the parent portal, so we strongly suggest you create your log-in that was emailed to you at the end of last term so you can access important information going forward.

Important message for Year 6 Parents and parents of leaving students

Please be aware that you will need to download/print off semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31 December 2019 if you wish to keep a record of these. Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student's details in Compass ceases.

Also, please note that COMPASS has changed its logo, so when looking for the app in your app store, search for Compass School Management and look for these logos:



Other than the logo change, nothing else has changed within the current app, so you do not need to reload the app unless you are having trouble with it. If you are having difficulty with the app, perhaps deleting the app and reloading it, or turning your phone off completely and turning it back on may reset any glitches for you. Otherwise, contact the school office and we will try to assist you.

Carol and Karen

Family Registration 2020 Form

Yellow 2020 Family Registration forms are now overdue. Please complete this form as soon as possible

Please note :

- ❖ **ALL Families** at the school must complete the form. (For children leaving the school, we need to know the school they are going to).
- ❖ **Even if you're child is leaving the school at the end of this year, the form still needs to be completed indicating their school for 2020.**
- ❖ **No discounts** will be given unless this form is completed, signed by both parents.

Carol Bartlett, Senior Admin

Birthdays

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

Amelia A,	Jackson P,	Jordan S,	Albie B
Nash L,	Ruby H,	Jack B,	Owen H
Connor O,	Arlia A,	Chloe A,	Luke O



Canteen News

Basketball Skills Sessions

Sacred Heart has been fortunate to have had many amazing coaches from Manly Warringah Basketball, delivering basketball techniques, skills, drills and fun to all of our students. We also received many new basketballs. This was part of the 2019 Sporting Schools Grant.



Cricket Gala Day

Thank you to Cricket NSW and The Sydney Sixers for delivering a fun filled Sacred Heart School Cricket Gala Day this term. Setting up 11 fields, involving 22 teams. The focus was on fun, being active and team work. They also assisted in delivering #bethebestme program to Stage 3 students.

Summer Sport Trials 2019/2020

Congratulations to the students who trialled for Tennis and Basketball at the recent Broken Bay Catholic Primary Schools Summer Sport Trials. A special mention to Marik V and Luke O who were selected in Basketball to attend the Polding Trials in Lismore early next year.

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)	
Mon 9 Dec	Helen K, Sally W
Thur 12 Dec	Vanessa F, Jacqui B
Fri 13 Dec	Beth G, Kelly F, Amy Motby, Leanne K



Volunteers: Attached to the newsletter is the 2020 canteen volunteer slip. If you would like to volunteer please complete the slip asap and send into the office or drop off to the canteen. It would be lovely to have some more mums on board whether its once a month, once a term or once a year any help is very much appreciated. If you are unable to commit to 9.30am-1.45pm there is always the shorter shift of 11am-1.30pm. The term 1 2020 roster will be sent home at the end of next week.

Kay Neale – Canteen Co-ordinator



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APPLICATION FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

- WHERE:** Sacred Heart School Canteen
- HOURS:** 9.30am and finish at 1.45pm, however if you are unable to commit to these hours, please contact Kay to discuss options (eg.10:50 to 1:30pm). I will be happy to accommodate you.
- WHEN:** The canteen is open 3 days a week - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- SALARY:** A light lunch. Plenty of tea and coffee. New friendships.
- BONUS:** Your children/grandchildren are happy to see you.
You get to meet their friends and classmates.
You meet new people and make good friends within the school community.
You get to spoil your children by spending a little extra money.
- BENEFITS:** Supporting school activities.
Being part of your children's educational environment.
Meeting other parents and families.
Hearing and keeping up to date with school news.
Experience in the hospitality industry.

**** All canteen volunteers must complete the necessary volunteer paperwork and be inducted****

If you are able to assist, please tick your preferred options and return to the office.

If you have any questions, contact Kay on 0416 262 458.

Kind Regards

Kay Neale - Canteen Co-ordinator

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CANTEEN ROSTER 2020

Name: _____
(Please print)

Eldest Child's name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Number: _____

I am able to help in the canteen on a:

DAY

☐ Monday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

I would like to be rostered on:

☐ Once a month (2-3 times a term) ☐ Once a term

☐ As an emergency contact for ☐ Mondays ☐ Thursdays ☐ Fridays

Dates that I cannot volunteer: _____

Kiss & Drop Morning Volunteers



Kiss and Drop Roster 2020

Dear Parents,

Kiss and Drop was introduced to ensure the safety of students and to reduce congestion on Keenan Street. To be a volunteer at Kiss and Drop is to help the students get safely out of the cars and assist them by opening and closing car doors and help them with getting their school bags out etc.

We ask for your help on a 3 week/monthly basis between 8:20am 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 you are able to assist, please fill out your preferred options below and return to the office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Rebecca on 0414 416 874 or email becmolinaro@outlook.com

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Molinaro

Kiss and Drop Co-ordinator

Kiss and Drop Roster 2020

NAME:	
ELDEST CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS:	
CONTACT NO:	
EMAIL:	

PREFERRED DAY (PLEASE TICK)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ROSTERED ON: (Please Circle)

WEEKLY

EVERY 3-4 WEEKS

I'M AVAILABLE TO BE ON A STANDY BY LIST: (Please Circle)

YES

NO

December Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			5 December	6 December
			Melinda B	Eloise C
9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December
Amber L	Rebecca M	Tatiana N	Rebecca M	Georgina D
16 December	17 December	18 December		
Karissa M	Leonie S	Tatiana N		

Rebecca Molinaro – Kiss and Drop Co-ordinator

The Hub

Volunteers Cocktail Party



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers. Your time and support of our school is valued and greatly appreciated. There are so many areas that parents help and we want to acknowledge that by invitation for you to an end of year celebration. Please RSVP to your class parent if you can make it.

Please join Amanda and Grant in celebrating their final event as Co-Presidents.

Amanda Lewis / Grant Howard (Co-Presidents)

Email: sacredhearthub@gmail.com

Website: www.shmvpaparents.com



Volunteers Thank you Cocktail Party

Canteen helpers	Library Helpers	Uniform shop helpers
Classroom helpers	Class Parents	Mothers and Fathers
Reading Group helpers	Mass helpers	Day helpers
Excursion helpers	Sacramental Program	Graduation and year
Gala Day helpers	facilitators	book helpers
Sport helpers	Hub Team	Bakers
Creative Arts helpers	Event helpers	BBQ helpers
Lunch Club helpers	Fundraising helpers	Artwork helpers

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Parents

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