



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Term 4 Week 3 - 20 October 2021

Term 3 Core Value:

School Rule:

Expectation of Behaviour:

Service

We are of Service to others and in the environment

Help to carry a heavy load

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome back our Kindergarten and Year 1 students on Monday. The balloons, welcome signs, flags, music and tinsel streamers along with the smiling faces of Mrs Garey, Mrs McBryde and familiar teachers greeted each child as they entered the school. After receiving a colourful heart they chalked their names on the playground and danced to music before re-entering their classroom to meet their friends. Iceblocks at lunch time and afternoon lessons based on reconnecting to friends and managing emotions capped off a fabulous day for all.

Next Monday we are excited for the Year 2-6 students to return and we will do it all again!

Last night at the Term 4 Hub meeting, parents were given the opportunity to share their thinking and concerns about returning to school. There was some excellent discussion about feedback to parents from the extra support being offered for all students through our Learning Plus program.

We are gradually getting a Hub team together, we are still in need of a President! I ask that all parents seriously consider this position. There are so many incredible volunteers in our school who assist at each and every event we hold but we do just need that figurehead, that one person to co-ordinate, not do all the work, but coordinate the teams.

The Gala Dinner is going ahead this year and wow are we looking forward to a party. Titled "Let's Party" it's a cocktail event, not a fundraiser. Limited tickets are available on QKR! at \$75. Public Health Orders and the Long Reef Golf Club require attendees to be double vaccinated. We are dancing! Pop the date in your diary, book the babysitter, grab a ticket and come along.

This Thursday evening at 7:00pm, Year 6 parents have received an invite to discuss the Graduation event. Please check your Compass notifications for the Zoom number.

Next Wednesday 27 October will be the first Stepping Into School transition morning for our Kindergarten class for 2022. Children may like to wear their Sacred Heart T-shirts. Just a reminder to parents to wear a mask when they bring their pre-schooler to the foyer at 9:00am. Children may be collected at 11:00am. Current restrictions at schools require that parents are not permitted on site.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay has now directed the resumption of public Masses in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Therefore, as of Monday 18 October 2021, our Parish has reinstated our ordinary schedule of Masses. Places of Public Worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. Given that both vaccinated and unvaccinated may be present at Masses, it will be up to each individual to discern what may be in the best interests of their safety and that of their families.

As we need to follow all the NSW Government COVID safety requirements, the Parish will begin using Trybooking to book a place for our weekend Masses.

Mrs Suellen Garey

PRINCIPAL

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Like and follow us at: twitter.com/SHMV16



Respect



Compassion



Justice



Service

Religious Education

Super Hero Five for Vinnies on the 5 November

On **Friday 5 November** at Sacred Heart we will be having **Super Hero Five for Vinnies**.



In the past the Sacred Heart school community have generously donated hamper items for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. This year due to COVID-19 we are going to raise money for gift cards for Vinnies. This means that each child can come dressed on 5 November as a Super Hero and donate \$5 to Vinnies.

Friday 5 November will be the Friday of the second week when all children have returned to school. The theme of Super Hero's comes from the idea that the children have been Super Hero's whilst learning from home. We ask that you generously support St Vinnies as we come into the season of Advent and Christmas.



Conversations with our Priests

During Home Based Learning our students have had connection with our Parish Priests- Father Richard and Father Paul. The children have seen Father Richard in the form of videos during Grandparents Day and Father's Day Zoom Liturgies. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have taken part in zoom sessions asking Father Paul and Father Richard questions.

This week 2 Green had their zoom with Father Richard. The children asked some very interesting questions which is food for thought for us all, such as:

What is it like to work in the church community? - Imogen

How is the celebration of Halloween connected to our God? - Emma

How did God make the world? - Tyler

Why was Jesus the one that was chosen? - Damian

How did St Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus die? - Elodie

Masses Resume

Bishop Randazzo has now announced that Public Masses can resume after the 18 October 2021. The children at Sacred Heart will be attending the Wednesday morning mass once all children have returned to school on their classes allocated week. This is an exciting time for our school and Parish community to celebrate the Eucharist and traditions of our Catholic Church.

Religious Education Dates

Friday 29 October-	All Saints Liturgy in classrooms
Wednesday 3 November-	Year Masses Resume
Wednesday 17 November-	Year 5 & Year 6 Leadership and Spirituality Day
Friday 3 December –	Suellen's Thanksgiving Mass @ 5:30pm (Parents Only)
Thursday 9 December-	Year 6 Graduation @ 1:30pm
Wednesday 15 December	Thanksgiving Mass/Liturgy (TBC)

Religious Education Dates

Wednesday 20 October - 2Green Zoom with Father Paul/ Father Richard
From Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, public masses will resume.

Prayers

If you have any Good News or if you need our prayers, please, contact me by email:

skye.nolanbrown@dbb.catholic.edu.au

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN can be found at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/bulletins>

Skye Nolan-Brown

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

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Tips for Transition Back to School:

Re-establish your routines

- Routines help to provide certainty and increased feelings of security.
- Bring back the usual wake up, bed and breakfast routines.
- Check supplies and uniform: school Summer uniform, school hat, stationery.
- Back school bags the night before.
- Initially allow more time than usual in the morning to calmly get ready.
- Make sure your child knows how they are getting home in the afternoon and any changes to their arrangements.

At the end of the school day

- Talk to your child about their day and what they are looking forward to tomorrow.
- Provide opportunities for your child to relax and play at the end of the day. Transitioning to school may lead to tired and emotional reactions at the end of the day.
- Help re-establish after school routines to review the day's learning, complete any home reading or homework tasks.
- Consider having extra family time together as your child may have missed being at home with you.

Adapted from NSW Department of Education: education.nsw.gov.au



This week we were so excited to welcome back our Kindergarten and Year One students. We look forward to having the whole school back on Monday 25th October.

Year One students have started writing in a personal journal as part of a daily Wellbeing and Social Emotional Learning program.



Canteen



Hello and welcome back!

Exciting!! The canteen will re-open Monday 25 October for on-line lunch orders and over the counter service. Due to minimal volunteers, I will be operating on a reduced menu until further notice. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me anytime.

Volunteers: As there is no formal roster for Term 4, I am in need of some volunteers. If you are able to help in the canteen Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays either 9.30am-1.45pm or 11am-1.30pm please contact me asap.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

CANTEEN ROSTER (start 9.30am - finish 1.45pm)	
Mon 25 Oct	Amber L
Thur 28 Oct	Sally W
Fri 18 Jun	Nikki H, Kylie M

Kay Neale, Canteen Co-ordinator

SSHMV.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

The Hub



The Sacred Heart HUB invites you to attend The Cocktail Party. Join us at Long Reef Golf Club for an evening of socialising & celebrating the end of lockdown & homeschooling! Welcome drink on arrival, yummy cocktail food, great tunes by Ben Fox Band & lucky door prizes. Get in quick to purchase your tickets as only 100 tickets are available, NSW Health requirement to be fully vaccinated to attend. Dress code - smart casual. \$75 per person, tickets available on QKR.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand Uniform Shop is, unfortunately, currently closed to parents to visit.

If you are looking for second hand items, please email the office with size and type of uniform and we will do our best to help you out.

All items \$3.00, payable via QKR! only (no cash).

Student Travel – Student Opal card / travel pass 2022



School Travel for 2022

2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

School Crossing Reminder

With students returning to school, it may be timely to remind parents and carers of a few tips around the school crossing area:



Please wait near the kerb for the school crossing supervisor, who will determine when it is safe for students and parents/carers to cross. The crossing supervisor will walk to the centre of the crossing, stop the traffic and indicate to you when it is safe to cross. Occasionally, the crossing supervisor may wave cars through and keep you waiting, to ensure there is little congestion of traffic and to keep vision clear for safety.



Be mindful of the 40kmh school zones. Please use the kiss and drop zone appropriately and do not use the staff car park, especially for u-turns – little people are hard to see when they are walking across the driveway. Enter the kiss and drop zone by turning left from Waratah Street. Watch out for buses pulling out from bus stops.

Student safety is important to everyone, so your co-operation is much appreciated.

Northern Beaches Council – Return to School message

Dear Schools

With the return of students to school this month. We anticipate drop off and pick up congestion around the schools.

The Department of Education had produced a wonderful and funny video on getting back to school safely. I feel it is one of the best YouTube videos that have been produced in relation to school road safety.

[Primary School Champs of Getting to School Safely](#)

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education/news/getting-to-school-safely-champs> - Department of Education page - for more information.

We also recommend that families are NOT to congregate near the school gate, from a Covid-19 safety perspective.

It is wonderful that the students will finally be able to return to school and resume some sort of normalcy. Thank you very much for considering/sharing these safety messages.

If you need any additional information on road safety education outside of your school please email myself or my colleague.

Sincerely,

Karen Menzies, Road Safety Officer
Transport Network
Northern Beaches Council

Robynann Dixon, Road Safety Officer
Transport Network
Northern Beaches Council



COMMUNICATION *at Sacred Heart*

COMPASS



Official school portal to receive notifications, record absences and book/approve events and view school reports

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER via email & school website

Weekly newsletter sent out via email. A must read.

SCHOOL WEBSITE www.shmvdbb.catholic.edu.au

Comprehensive website full of information

SCHOOL EMAIL shmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au

You will also receive the email address of your teachers

SCHOOL FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/SacredHeartMonaVale

Official Facebook page for the school (public page)

You can engage and comment.



THE HUB (P&F) FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/shmvhub

Facebook page run by the HUB (public page)

You can engage and comment.

KINDY 2022 FACEBOOK GROUP (SHMV Kindy 2022)

Private Facebook group for parents of Kindy 2022 students (closed group)

You can engage, comment and post.



Let's
party

SACRED HEART HUB INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

TIME TO SOCIALISE & CELEBRATE THE
END OF LOCKDOWN & HOMESCHOOLING!

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER | 7PM - 11PM

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QKR | \$75 PER PERSON

NSW HEALTH REQUIREMENT TO BE FULLY VACCINATED