Staff: we welcome all staff returning to Sacred Heart for 2015. Currently we have 2 teachers on maternity leave – Mrs Tyson & Mrs Simpkins. We have no new staff this year.

Religious Education
We celebrate the beginning of the school year with our ‘Opening School Mass’.
We again follow the Caritas theme throughout Lent:-

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Part of our strategic goal for this year is to increase the teacher’s and children’s repertoire of liturgical hymns. Working towards this goal, the school has employed Simon Hyland to assist with our professional learning. Simon is an accomplished singer, musician and performer, with a keen interest in liturgical music. He will be using his skills and talents to teach the students and teachers a range of liturgical pieces.

Teaching and learning
2015 SIP: to extend all students’ understanding of and ability to write effectively. This will be the major focus of our professional learning time which includes a staff development day Monday 04 May (Term 2)
We held our Mathematical Assessment Interviews this year at the beginning of the school year which gave us great starting points for children’s mathematical learning.
The beginning of the school year is always a focus on getting to know our student better so are able to better plan for their learning. Our transition process supports the teachers in this information gathering as does ‘Tell me about your child’ evening. Along with our other assessment data, MAIs, Observation Surveys, Best Start (Kindy) and our observations we have some rich information about each child at Sacred Heart.

School Review & Development (SRD)
This is a formal review process that we will undertake later in term two. The Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay, has a number of phases which come under the umbrella of their SRD processes. The framework will assist us in identifying significant goals achieved since our last external audit and develop future goals & targets in the three domains of Learning & Teaching, Catholic Mission, Pastoral Care.

Building & Grounds
We continue to keep the focus on a well maintained environment. The school oval was re-turfed, Year 3, Library & administration buildings were all painted and before the end of the term we will have installed bag cover for Year 3 & shelter over the OSHC doorway & bag area.
In keeping with our Early Years Learning framework we have the goal to design & create an outdoor learning environment to support the teaching & learning particularly for the K-2 but not exclusive of years 3-6.

Pastoral Care Coordinator
Mrs Jane Wilkins continues in this role for our school community. This role is significant in being able to provide support for families if & when they may need. The success of pastoral care of course relies heavily on the development of our LOV list and I ask your support in encouraging everyone to consider putting their name/s forward.

The Dish
Sacred Heart continues to support the work of the van providing meals and companionship to those most needy in our neighbourhood.
For over six years The Dish of St John’s Uniting Church Wahroonga has been serving from the back of a van a meal to folk at Hornsby who each week come for food and company. A team of four to five volunteers serve the meal every Tuesday & Friday evening. Meals are served to anyone who comes, no questions asked, giving hot soup, bread rolls, a nourishing hot meal and tasty dessert. Picnic chairs are set up each week by those who we feed. Bags of clothes and necessary items are made available to them as well. Tea and coffee are served each week, unless the wind is so strong that the gas blows out!
Rain, hail or shine, the van goes laden with food, clothes and toiletries. One of those who have enjoyed the meals has announced that we would even be there if it snowed!
St John’s Wahroonga operates the van each Friday and the participating primary & secondary schools cater for Tuesdays. Each Tuesday a different school sends volunteers — staff and/or parents — to prepare and serve the three-course meal.
Our rostered days for 2015 are 10 March, 9 June, 25 August, 17 November. Again, we are looking for volunteers for cooking and others to provide companionship. Calls for help will go out via the school newsletter.