



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – 8 May 2019

Term 2 Week 2

ALL UPCOMING EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10 May @ 8.45am – Marian Hall, Kindy – Yr 2

FRIDAY 17 May @ 8.45am – Marian Hall, Yr 3 – Yr 6

PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2, week 2and the OLD format of the newsletter. To be honest, we tried really, really hard to work with this newer newsletter format for about 6 months but we feel that it is not really suited for SCHOOL newsletters. It may be more appropriate for other businesses such corporate flyers and emails. Good clear communication is vital for our school community so back to the old newsletter. Yippee I hear you say!!!



BOOK AND BARK AT THE PARK FRIDAY MAY 10

Last year we enjoyed our first 'Book and Bark at the Park' with our Kindergarten children, their Yr 6 buddies and many canine friends. It was huge success based on an international initiative which acknowledged the therapeutic presence of dogs in encouraging children to read. We have very strict guidelines for attendance and suitability of dogs for this activity. We also have many 'soft toy' dogs who help us out on the day especially for children who are nervous around animals. The class teachers have already been showing the children some pictures of what happened last year.

Research shows.....

The presence of dogs has a calming effect on many people. Many primary schools are becoming increasingly pressurised environments and children (like adults) generally do not respond well to such pressure. A dog creates an environment that immediately feels more relaxed and welcoming. Reading can be a solitary activity, but can also be a pleasurable, shared social event. Children who are struggling to read benefit from the simple pleasure of reading to a loyal, loving listener.

Children who are struggling to learn to read, for whatever reason, need to build confidence and discover a motivation for reading. A dog is a reassuring, uncritical audience who will not mind if mistakes are made.

Children can read to the dog, uninterrupted; comments will not be made. Errors can be addressed in other contexts at other times. For more experienced or capable readers, they can experiment with intonation and "voices", knowing that the dog will respond positively – and building fluency further develops comprehension in readers.

At Book and Bark at the Park we also enjoy the benefits of and patronise the 'coffee van' which is owned by one of our parents and fellow Kindergarten parents Dave Bradfield.



OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

Construction of our 'outdoor learning area' has commenced. To give new families some of the history of this project, when I arrived at the school at the beginning of 2017 there had been discussions over a number of years about creating this play space with many different areas considered. The P&F has raised close to \$20000 to put towards the outdoor learning area and the school has also matched this amount. Parents have been very helpful in discussing our new outdoor learning area and helping us to get to this point of constructing this new area of play and learning. Our Yr 6 environment committee will be very busy with writing regular newsletter reports to keep you informed and helping our students and teachers manage this new outdoor learning area as it progresses.



**Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data**
School Students with Disability

All Australian schools are required to participate in the NCCD. Please see [link](#) for information about the NCCD.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LIBRARY

As you can imagine, there are some days in the library when many, many books are returned. We really appreciate the fact that children from SHP are taking time to enjoy lots of literature. This is where we need your help. If anyone has spare time on a Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning and you are happy to shelve books in the library, we'd be very grateful for your assistance. Please email the office or contact Janet Doyle in the library.



Mary Hor
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

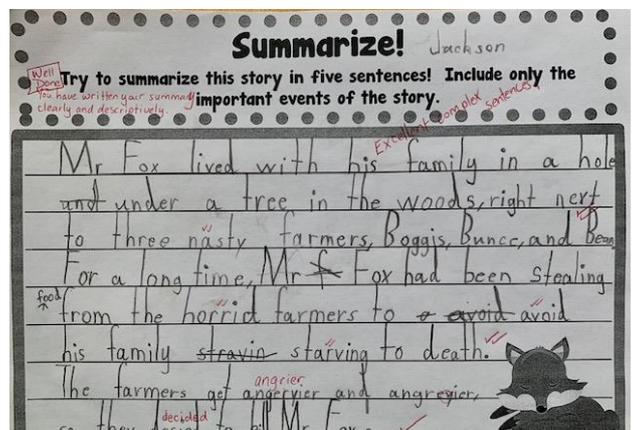
CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

At Sacred Heart we have so many opportunities to celebrate and share our learning....

Year 2 Writing

Year 2 have been focussing on summarising information and using descriptive language in their writing. Jackson has really captured the main ideas of the text. Well done Jackson!

Year 6 STEM Challenge



Last term our STEM challenge was to recreate a natural disaster using a variety of materials and working collaboratively in teams. When we first heard the brief we were excited and ready to show off our skills. We also experienced an element of nerves and knew we would learn through our mistakes as we took on the challenge. At some point it was hard when something didn't work but we used thinking skills and problem solved together to get a better result. And it worked! Our parents and friends came to the expo and were blown away by our collaboration skills and our growth mindsets. We are so proud of our learning.



Kelly Clouston
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JESUS IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA!

Last Thursday, our Sacred Heart community joined with Pymble Catholic Parish at Mass to celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead and that he is alive. The Church was filled with bouquets of fresh white flowers and



bright candles shone for all to see. These are symbols of new life. The new life which God has promised to us all. We sang joyfully “Alleluia! Alleluia!” Together, we thanked God for Easter morning.

Lord,
as we light candles on our prayer spaces,
we pray that the light of that first Easter morning will shine on us today and every day.
Alleluia!

On Easter day, and throughout the season of Easter, a special candle, called the “Pascal Candle” is lit. This reminds us that Jesus, the light of the World, has destroyed death and is alive.

(an excerpt from The Complete Children’s Liturgy Book by Katie Thompson)

MOTHER’S DAY

This week, we wish to extend an invitation to all our families and friends, especially mothers, to attend our Mass on Thursday to thank God for the gift of our mothers, grandmothers and those that are like mothers to us. We hope you will be able to join us for a light breakfast from 8.15am, followed by Mass in the Church at 9am and following Mass classrooms will be open until recess at 10.45am.

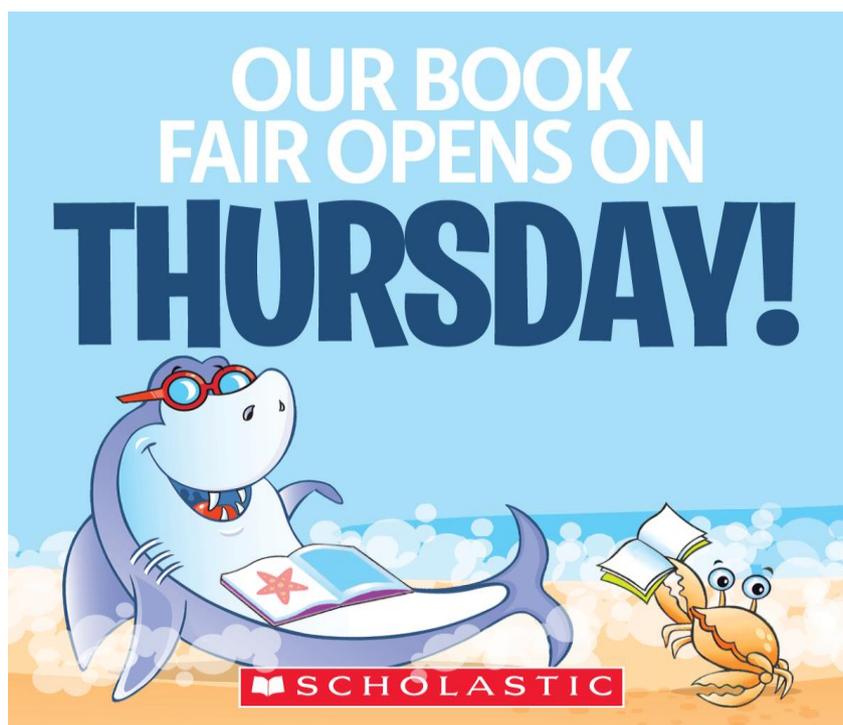
Liana Stella

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LIBRARY

BOOK FAIR



Students have been creating their wish lists and exploring the wonderful Scholastic products. The Fair is on Thursday 9th May..... Yes this Thursday, Mums and Dads can come to the library to purchase, send the Wish List form back after purchasing online or send money with their child.

Students may also wish to purchase a book to donate to the Library, the book will have your child’s name on a Sacred Heart Pymble plaque mounted in the front of the book.

SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Friday 3rd May 2019, a group of Year 6 students who had applied for the opportunity to attend the Sydney Writers Festival travelled to the Sydney Town Hall where they heard from four fantastic authors.

The authors Katherine Rundell, R.A. Spratt, Megan McDonald & Oliver Phommavanh, told the students who attended how they get their inspiration for writing and the process they use. The authors described how a book may have changed completely between the first draft and the 17th draft and how they take snippets from life and use them in a plot. The authors had the entire group laughing as they told the tales that lead to the creation of their work.

Daisy D: The Sydney Writers Festival was so inspiring. It gave me an inside view to writers and their lives. Now I want to be an author even more than I wanted to before, and that is saying something. It was sooo fun. The authors were amazing and inspirational. I will remember this day forever!

Juliet J: I found that The Sydney Writer’s Festival was incredibly inspiring and has made me believe that IF I believe I can be an awesome author like R.A. Spratt, Oliver Pommavanh or even Katherine Rundell! Then I can be! My favourite author we saw was definitely R.A. Spratt because of her hilarious and fun attitude, she also kept my attention!

Taj N: The Sydney Writer’s Festival was a day where we met popular children’s authors. We met four authors, that each had a different way of getting inspired to write. The writers inspired and encouraged us to be brilliant writers, I very much enjoyed this day and I can’t wait to share the writers’ great knowledge.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE IS ON:

You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 30 August 2019 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.

You must read a minimum number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

All students who have previously completed or enrolled in the Premier’s Reading Challenge will keep the same user name and password year to year. If students have forgotten their password they can come to the Library at lunch on a Tuesday or Wednesday and Mrs Doyle will reset their password for them. Kindy will be given their usernames and passwords this week.

Happy Reading
Janet Doyle

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the Cross Country team in their fantastic effort yesterday at Rofe Park. Overall there were some super results. We would like to say a huge congratulations to those 19 students who got through, they will be going to the Broken Bay cross country championships on Tuesday 28th May at Fagan Park, Galston.

Alessia L	Hugo. R
Catherine. H	Christopher. A
Harry. K	Jake. F
Alexander. K	Misato. M

Daniel. B	Daisy. D
Finn. B	Tom. Z
Olivia. C	Sabian. T
Mia. S	Zac. H
Casie. B	Taj. N
	David. M

Thanks for your extra efforts at home to prepare them. Thank you also to the cross country team for taking part in the before school sessions in preparation for the event, the before school running sessions will now continue for those students who are going to the next stage on the following dates (meeting under the shade area at 8am)

1. Friday 10th May
2. Friday 17th May
3. Wednesday 22nd May &
4. Friday 24th May

We greatly appreciate if you can return cross country vests asap after washing please. Those who were successful at the cross country yesterday that are going to the next stage can hold onto them.

BROKEN BAY TRIALS

A reminder that if your child would like to take part in the Broken Bay rugby trials taking place on Wednesday 5th June. It is very important to return the player profiles to school by Wednesday 22nd May. Age restrictions apply to rugby union (as stipulated by the ARU) and only students born in 2007 or 2008 will be permitted to trial. Year 5 students born later than 2008 would require a dispensation. The selectors are also looking for children who display an outstanding ability at the particular sport.

Lucy Middleton & Leanne Grouse

THE OFFICE



We are collecting Earn & Learn stickers and they can be placed in the box kept in the student reception area of the office.

CANTEEN

Thank you to all the volunteers for last term and term 2, your help is greatly appreciated. If anyone would still like to volunteer we still have a couple of Fridays available this term. Please give me a call on 0412 612 277 or email debbie.behn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Our roster for the next few shifts is as follows:

Wk 2 Wednesday 8th May		Wk 2 Friday 10th May	
Melissa G	10:30am – 1:30pm	Diana M	9am – 12:45pm
Triona B	10:30am – 1:30pm	Suzannah G	10am – 1:30pm

		Sylvia U	10am – 1:30pm
Wk 3 Wednesday 15th May		Wk 3 Friday 17th May	
Melissa G	10:30am – 1:30pm	Volunteer required	9am – 12:45
Danielle D	9:30am – 12:30pm	Jane W	9am -12:45pm
		Angela B	10am – 1:30pm

Debbie Behn
Canteen Manager

P&F UPDATE

FEDERAL ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Another election means another sausage sizzle! We will be running an election day BBQ at the school on Saturday, 18th May - selling bacon rolls and sausage sizzles to raise money for the school, so please bring your change when coming to vote.

If you can spare an hour to help out on the BBQ, please add your name to the schedule through the link below:
<https://signup.zone/Ca8LEJ8DRNjcnGd83>

MOVIE NIGHT

The glow sticks, popcorn and sausage sizzles were out in force for a fantastic family movie night at the end of last term. As well as being great fun, the event helped us to raise additional funds for the outdoor learning garden, online learning and other extras for the school.

Thank you to the P&F committee for putting the event on and especially to Michael Lockwood, Rob Kneeshaw, Jenee Cusack and Daniela Foote for taking the lead on organising different aspects of the evening. Thanks as well to all the other parents who kindly gave their time to run the BBQ, kitchen, or lolly stall on the night.

We will try our luck once more with a camp out in Term 4, with 30 November pencilled in as the likely date.



P&F GENERAL MEETING

The term 2 P&F General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 15th May in the library. Please come along if you would like to find out more about what is going on and get involved.

SHP FUN FAIR – EXTERNAL STALL INTEREST

Plans are well under way for the Sacred Heart Pymble Family Fun Fair in November and we are currently seeking interest from any Sacred Heart families who are interested in having their own external stall on the day. The stall can be anything non-food related, for example jewellery, handbags, Christmas gifts, artwork, cards/stationary.

Please email your interest to Michelle Mullins michelleamullins79@gmail.com

PYMBLE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

COLLECTION FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF GRIFFITH

For a number of years, the Pymble Parish Social Justice Group has collected clothes for men, women and children as well as sheets, towels, blankets and toiletries. We have just commenced our winter collection.

These goods are collected from the school and the Parish and are delivered to Griffith where they are distributed to the wider community. The community is very grateful for our donations as some of these areas are in great need.

There will be a collection box in the foyer of the school office until Wednesday 15 May. We would greatly appreciate your donations, especially warmer clothes for winter.

Please contact Jocelyn Barber if you need any further information jocelynbarber@optusnet.com.au

PYMBLE PARISH – SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Please see [attached](#) flyer from the Parish regarding First Reconciliation and First Communion.

SOCIAL EVENTS



Kindy Mum's are hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. All parents from K-6 are invited to join us on **Friday May 24th 9.30 – 11.30 at The Mann Family home: 12 St Andrews Drive Pymble.**

Suzanne & Chris Mann have children in Kindy, Yr 3 & Yr 6 at Sacred Heart.

The morning tea will be catered therefore there is no need to bring food, however it is a cancer council fundraiser so please bring along money to donate. There will be some fun games and prizes to be won! All non- gold coin donations will receive a tax receipt.

Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are all welcome and there will be a movie and toys available for them.

Please email michelleamullins79@gmail.com by **Friday the 17th of May** if you can attend.

We look forward to seeing many parents there!



COMMUNITY NEWS



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Pymble) is held on Tuesdays from 7:45am to 8:45am, starting on 30 April 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Kindy to Yr3 Tues lunch
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Call Jo on 0432 506861 or jo.marshall@live.com.au

**Wildflower
ART & GARDEN
Festival 2019**

**SCULPTURE WALK
CALL FOR ENTRIES!**

\$5,000 in prizes!
Create a masterpiece for our Sculpture Walk

Artists from across NSW are invited to submit works for the St Ives Wildflower Art and Garden Festival's annual Sculpture Walk competition, held on Sunday August 25.

Sculptures should showcase the uniqueness of the Australian bush landscape and utilise sustainable materials.

Entries close Monday 15 July
kmc.nsw.gov.au/wildflowerfestival

So much more...



Open Day

Thursday 9 May 2019 3.30pm – 6.00pm

We invite you to join our Open Day for an impressive showcase of activities, tours, performances and interactive exhibits.

Register online to attend our Open Day at brigidine.nsw.edu.au

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