



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – 22 May 2019

Term 2 Week 4

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

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 24 May @ 8.45am – Marian Hall, Kindy – Yr 2

FRIDAY 31 May @ 8.45am – Marian Hall, Yr 3 – Yr 6

PRINCIPAL

CONFIRMATION

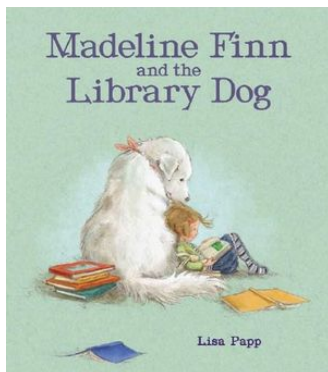
In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. It is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church, the other two being Baptism and Holy Communion.

Special celebrations for the sacrament of confirmation were held on May 12 at SHP. Congratulations to the families who participated in this important part of the faith journey of their children. God bless the children who received the sacrament of confirmation.



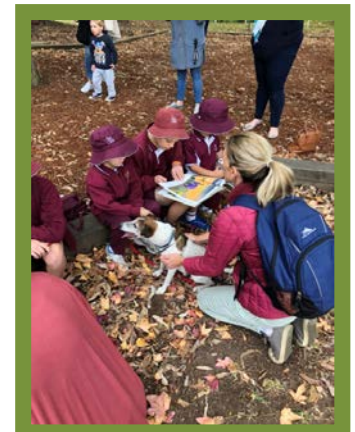
BOOK AND BARK AT THE PARK

Last week we enjoyed a morning at Bannockburn Oval where our Kindergarten students spent time reading books with their Yr 6 buddies. The rationale behind Book and Bark at the Park is centred around ideals promoted in the book, 'Madeline Finn and the Library Dog' (see below). There is also extensive research around the therapeutic benefits of dogs. Reading to dogs is just that – encouraging children to read alongside a dog. The practice originated in the US in 1999 with the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ) scheme.



Madeline Finn does not like to read. Not books. Not magazines. Not even the menu on the ice cream van. Fortunately, Madeline meets Bonnie, a library dog. Reading aloud to Bonnie isn't so bad. When Madeline Finn gets stuck, Bonnie doesn't mind. As it turns out, it's fun to read when you're not afraid of making mistakes. Bonnie teaches Madeline Finn that it's okay to go slow, to keep trying, and to get support from a friend.

With preparation by class teachers and working closely with parents, numerous 'appropriate' dogs were nominated for this activity. It was a huge success.





NAPLAN

There have been many reports in the wider media about negative aspects of the NAPLAN assessments. At SHP we have successfully managed to engage in the new process with limited challenges and a small number of glitches. This year Yr 5 completed all tests online. Yr 3 completed numeracy/language conventions/reading online and the writing component was a pencil/paper test. It is a new experience for both schools and students.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Today is a celebration of literacy and SHP will be having fun reading 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. We like to take every opportunity to foster a love of literature. Perhaps you can ask your child some questions about alpacas or maracas today. Every class will read this text today.



SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP

Yesterday we had our first SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP meeting. Thank you to Sylvia Ulevik (Marcus Yr 3 & James Yr 1), Patrick Chew (Rachel Yr 3 & Lachlan K), Christian Garling (Joshua Yr 2 & Ben K) and Laura Munce (Yr 3/4 teacher) for volunteering for this inaugural group. The School Advisory Group will be working to ensure that opportunities are created to improve outcomes for students at SHP. At this early stage, it is 'slow going' with planning. Later in the year we look forward to giving feedback to the school community.



CAR PARK

Please be aware that on **Monday 27th May** there will be large diggers and equipment in the carpark, working on the outdoor learning area. There may be less spaces available for parents to use. Please be careful when moving around the equipment and ensure children do not go near any machinery.



**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.

Mary Hor

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are a valuable part of the assessment and reporting requirements for any school. We certainly value the opportunity to talk with parents about their child's learning successes and ways forward, and as such have scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews during Week 10 of this Term. (The late evening will be Wednesday 3rd July). This is an opportunity for communication between teachers and parents to discuss learning behaviours, academic achievements and challenges and Social and Emotional Learning Skills.

If the teachers feel the need to discuss any learning challenges your child may be experiencing, they will make an appointment meet with you prior to week 10. If you have pressing concerns that need to be discussed with the teacher prior to week 10, please book meeting time with your child's teacher.

We look forward to working in partnership with all parents to ensure optimal learning opportunities for each and every child.

Further details about how to book a meeting time will be published in the newsletter in the next few weeks.



"Mrs. Hammond! I'd know you anywhere from little Billy's portrait of you."

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Staff Development Day

A reminder that on **Friday 7th June** the staff will be engaging in professional learning for the implementation of the new Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. This is a **student free day** – so we hope you enjoy the extra long weekend!

Drive through

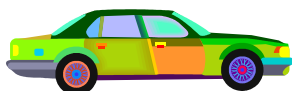
Our Drive Through procedures are in place to assist the safe arrival and departure of children via Bobbin Head Rd car park. Thank you to all who are making use of this option to drop off and pick up your children.

In the **morning**, parents **kiss and drop** – children are asked to get out of the car near the pedestrian crossing. Parents are asked to please remain in your car to allow for quick drop off. Children are not to walk through the carpark unattended.

In the **afternoon**, our **Bobbin Head Road car park** is dedicated to Drive Through from 3pm – 3.20pm each afternoon. Teachers on Drive Through duty bring the children around from the playground and supervise the children sitting under cover outside the Administration block. The family name is called and the children are assisted into the car.

Drive through still operates during wet weather and students will need to wear a raincoat to protect them from the weather.

In order to prevent cars overflowing onto Bobbin Head Road, parents are asked to make a second line to avoid blocking the entrance gate or spilling out onto Bobbin Head Road.



Points to remember:

- PLEASE NOTE - Bobbin Head Road car park is dedicated to Drive Through. Please do not park in this carpark if you are collecting your child from the playground.
- Parents wishing to get out and pick up their child are to park in the Richard Porter Way car park.
- Please display your sign clearly so the teacher on duty can read your family name.

Windsor George, Charlotte, Louis

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure our students are safe at all times.

Kelly Clouston

Assistant Principal

In an article for *The Catholic Weekly* on 18 April, 2019, Dr Kevin Donnelly, Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University, asked his reader:



“What does Easter mean for you? For many, in an increasingly materialistic and pleasure driven society, it’s all about hot cross buns, chocolate Easter eggs and an extended weekend with family and friends.

For Christians, on the other hand, Easter involves the betrayal, death and resurrection of Christ and the knowledge that while this world might be a vale of tears, if one embraces the Word of God, there will be eternal deliverance and salvation.

Easter is a time of contemplation, spiritual renewal and reaffirming the belief that all is not lost, no matter how difficult and painful life is. In suffering and pain there is the possibility of redemption and in death there is rebirth.”

Pope Francis explains that, at Easter, we should leave ourselves behind and encounter others by “being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast.”

Therefore, we are Easter People. We find peace in knowing that Jesus loves us and we share his love with others. Only then, we find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love. That is where the joy of Easter is found.

Please [click](#) here for a flyer about the Messy Parents Retreat Day

Liana Stella
REC

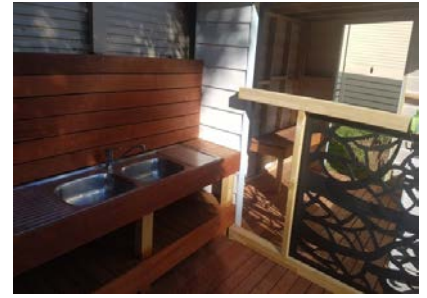
UPDATE ON THE OUTSIDE LEARNING CENTRE

The Environment Committee have been identifying ways our Outdoor Learning Centre can be best used and how we can make sure we take care of this amazing environment when it is complete. Our committee has put together a few suggestions of how we can use the area and look after it.



This is the beginning of the construction of the watering hole. This will be a quiet and peaceful place to visit. We will make sure that children are respectful of the environment and keep the waterway free from rubbish so the water remains clean.

This area has been designed to use as a cubby house or resting place to meet with friends. It will provide us with shade on those hot days in summer or a warm us up on those cold winter days. The Environment committee will put up some reminders of how to keep this environment clean and safe for all students.



The wood used in the area is Blue Gum which is an environmentally friendly wood which is perfect for our environment.



This will be a main feature of our Learning Centre where children can come and enjoy sitting with friends or enjoying a quiet spot to read. It will also provide shade in the warmer weather.



Stay tuned for future updates on our amazing Outdoor Learning Space.

The Environment Committee

SPORTS NEWS

For those who play golf there is an opportunity to register for the Polding Golf Tournament on Monday 29th July please [click](#) here for more information.

We would also like to wish all those students who are going to the Broken Bay Cross country championships next Tuesday best of luck. We look forward to hearing about the experience.

Thank you for returning the cross country vests.

Kind Regards

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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE. Envelopes went home with your child last Wednesday. If you require a sibling photo and don't have an envelope, you can collect one from the office



CANTEEN

Thank you again to all volunteers I couldn't run the canteen without you. Your help is greatly appreciated. In the coming weeks the canteen is introducing some new treats to our recess menu so keep a lookout for them.

Our roster for the next few shifts is as follows:

Wk 4 Wednesday 22nd May		Wk 4 Friday 24th May	
Melissa G	10:30am – 1:30pm	Angli G	9am – 12:45pm
Triona B	10:30am – 1:30pm	Monique C	10am – 1:30pm
		Jessica V	10am – 1:30pm
Wk 5 Wednesday 29th May		Wk 5 Friday 31st May	
Melissa G	10:30am – 1:30pm	Angela B	9am – 12:45pm
Alison M	9:30am – 12:30pm	Al R R	9am – 12:45pm
		Jo C	10am – 1:30pm

Kind regards
Debbie Behn
Canteen Supervisor

P&F UPDATE

Election BBQ

A huge thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who helped organise and run the election BBQ at the weekend, and, of course, everyone who stopped by to buy something. Together we raised over \$1000 which will help pay for musical instruments, sports equipment and other enhancements to the school.

P&F General Meeting

The next P&F General Meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday, 29th May, in the library. Please come along if you would like to hear more about what is going on around the school and get involved.

Many thanks
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ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Thanks to everyone who supported the Cake Stall at the Election Day on Saturday. Thanks to all our fabulous bakers who so generously provided a wonderful array of yummy goodies. Thanks to all our volunteers who manned the stall and thanks to everyone from our SH community who came along and bought some goodies! It was a great day and we raised \$1,000 for the netball and soccer clubs. Thanks everyone!!

SACRED HEART STARS PLAY GROUP

Sacred Heart Stars Playgroup would be grateful of toy donations for children aged 18 months to five years. If you have any suitable toys in good condition that you no longer require, please could you donate them to us. Particularly we need:

Cars, garage / play station for cars, a big car the kids can get in and drive, equipment to use with play doh, musical instruments, dinosaurs, plastic kitchen and pretend food/utensils, farm animals, horses and stable, and dress-up clothes.

Also, for those that attend our playgroup, we plan to do organised craft the first Monday of each month, the other Mondays will be free play with the toys as normal.

Thank you for your help with this.

Kind regards,
Alison and Carly



FAMILY FUN FAIR



This year we will be holding a Family Fun Fair for all of our family, friends and the local community to come along and be a part of what promises to be a fabulous event for Sacred Heart Pymble.

The team are working hard behind the scenes to bring together what will be an amazing day filled with fun and laughter for everyone.

We have secured some awesome fun rides for the kids from [Joyland Amusements](#) including Dodgem Cars, Super Slide and a Mini Ferris Wheel.

To secure your tickets for these incredible rides you can make your purchase on the link TODAY!

Purchase your tickets early at the special price of \$25 for unlimited access to all rides.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCTVI>

As part of the many exciting activities planned for the Family Fun Fair, we will be holding a raffle to help raise funds for the school.



Step 1: PRIZES. This is a call out to anyone within the school community in a position to donate a prize for the raffle. This could be anything from one or two nights stay at a family holiday house, the provision of a service from the company you work for or simply a gift which you are happy to donate to the cause. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will help to make the Fair a success for the school and your kids.

Please send an email to shpfundraising19@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation to the raffle or feel free to contact Mel Garling on 0404 061 150 if you have any general queries about the raffle."

The Sacred Heart Pymble Fundraising Committee has set up an FB page to keep you all up to date on what is being organised for the event. <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartPymble/>

We ask that you please log onto facebook and "like" the FB page. We will be posting information about the event, from sponsors to stall holders, activities for the kids, rides we have secured and call outs for assistance with raffle prizes, donations etc.

Please spread the word by sharing the FB page with your friends and family to lock in the date for what will be a memorable event for the families of Sacred Heart.

PYMBLE PARISH

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

Music for Pymble Parish

Volunteer Music Ministry Coordinator Opportunity

Music is an important part of our liturgies and we strive to have music in various forms at all of our masses. Our parish now has an opportunity for a Music Coordinator to work with both churches. Some of the duties of this role include:

- Assisting parish musicians in preparation for masses, liturgies, parish events, etc.
- Creation and distribution of rosters (twice a year).
- Reporting of parish music usage activity.

If this activity is something that you would like to become involved in, or if you would like additional background on our music program, then please contact the parish office for further information. We'd love to hear from you.

info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
9144 2702


SACRED HEART CHURCH

FAMILY MASS CHOIR

Do you like to sing?

If you have a passion for inspiring others with music, we'd love you to join the Family Mass Choir at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome!

Rehearsals: 45mins prior to 9.30am Mass
Term 2 Family Masses: Sunday 26 May, Sunday 30 June

Please contact Justine Whiting:
jutwhiting@ozemail.com.au

SOCIAL EVENTS

To All Parents of K-6

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 if you can attend. We look forward to seeing many parents there!



*Australia's
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Morning Tea*

*Fully catered
+ prizes to be
won!*

*All May
parents 24th
K to 6 9:30am*

*12 St
Andrews
Drive
Pymble*

Donations \$2
and above are
tax deductible.

RSVP: Michelle
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FRIDAY, MAY 31
7:30 P.M.

GREENGATE HOTEL
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PLEASE RESPOND BY MAY 27
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CHARLOTTE 0416 294 240

GreengateHotel.com

SCARED HEART SCHOOL DISCO

The disco posters are hanging up around the school and the children are already talking animatedly about this exciting event, organised by your P&F.

We rely heavily on your assistance in the running of the disco and the many other events like the Cocktail night, Camp Out, Trivia Night and the Fair, to name a few. Please volunteer your help to secure the future of many more activities like this by following link <https://signup.zone/5TxE6NHLDqWpyxbSm>

**Heroes
and Villians
DISCO**

Come dressed as your
favourite hero or villian

Friday, 14.6.19

5.00-6.15pm (K-Y2)
6.30-7.45pm (Y3-Y6)

Marian Hall

Entry: \$8 includes sausage sizzle and glowsticks
Snacks and lollies will be on sale

Organised by your P&F

Contact: Dorothee Ponniah doroku@gmail.com

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FROM KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL - CHILD CAR SEATS

Recently there have been media reports about when a child can safely travel in a car using an adult lap-sash seatbelt. We are encouraging schools to help remind their families about best practice in child car seat safety.

It is important to ensure children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their size, not only their age and that it is fitted correctly. A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be injured in a car crash than one who is not.

Although children from 7 years of age can legally use an adult lap-sash seatbelt without a booster seat, most children of this age are **not at the recommended height** to do so. The child's size, is the most important thing to consider.

It is strongly recommended **Children should not use an adult lap-sash seatbelt until they are a minimum of 145cm tall.**

Some children don't reach 145 cm tall until around 10 or 11 years of age.

Your child should be [moved from a booster seat to a seatbelt](#) when:

- Their shoulders no longer fit comfortably within the booster seat; or
- Their eye-level is higher than the back of the booster seat; or
- If your child car seat has shoulder marks, move your child to a seatbelt when his/her shoulders have passed the upper marks.

This five-step test can help assess whether your child is big enough to be safely restrained by an adult lap-sash seatbelt.

The child should be able to:

1. Sit with their back against the seat back
2. Bend their knees comfortably over the front of the seat cushion
3. Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder
4. Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs
5. Remain in this position for the whole trip.



For more detailed information about child car seats visit <https://www.childcarseats.com.au/>

National child car seat laws <https://www.childcarseats.com.au/legal-requirements>



**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







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**A PLACE
to GROW**



Artwork by Penny, aged 5 years

KU West Pymble Preschool 50th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Families and Friends,

You are invited to join us in celebrating our preschool's 50th anniversary of providing quality early childhood education and care to local families.

When: Friday 14 June 2019
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Where: KU West Pymble Preschool
30 Lofberg Road, West Pymble

The event will include a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Laurie, afternoon tea and a time capsule burial.

Please RSVP by **Friday 7 June** to:
E: ku.westpymble@ku.com.au



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