

Term 1 Week 8, 18 March 2020

Sacred Heart Pymble



Principal's Message

We are in uncharted territory for our school, our community, our nation and the world. I am sure that you are feeling inundated by information about the corona virus. I am forwarding information from our Catholic Schools Office as updates are posted.

I am aware that some parents are self-isolating their families. It is important that children continue to do their daily reading, take time to do Mathletics and Reading Eggs, write stories or keep diaries and play.

Thank you to the parents of SHP for your many kind and caring thoughts during this time of uncertainty.



Upcoming Events

March 20

SHP Open Day

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

April 9

End of Term 1

Postponed

Many events have been postponed for the time being. We will keep you informed about possible new dates.



Pop-up Play

Last Monday we had our first 'pop-up play' for 2020. We hold these play sessions to cater for the children starting school at SHP in 2021. The 'learn to play and play to learn' ideas encourage children to continue to play while they are doing very important learning. The sessions allow youngsters to become familiar with the school environment and noises, meet some of their 2021 buddies, meet some of the 2021 cohort and work with one of the Kindergarten teachers. Meanwhile the parents enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with new SHP friends. We offer five pop-up play sessions before two formal transition sessions. Watch out for our next pop-up play.

POP-UP PLAY

Class Parents

Thank you to the parents who attended our first meeting for class parents last Thursday morning. We had lots of very keen parents happy to represent their class for 2020. We look forward to a wonderful year working with our very enthusiastic class parents.



Harmony Day – March 19th

Tomorrow is Harmony Day. The SRC's from Year 1, 3,4 and Year 5 will visit classrooms tomorrow to explain to the children why Harmony Day is celebrated around the world. The children will be learning about the significance of the day during their time in the Literacy Centre this week as well as in the classroom.

Harmony Day is celebrated annually on the 21st of March. We celebrate it to accept other people's cultures and differences. The meaning of harmony day is to bring people together and to stop racism and discrimination in our community. All people and cultures deserve to be treated equally and feel safe. Orange is a special colour that signifies social communication and multiculturalism. The colour orange can also represent the inclusion of other people and their ideas. We must remember to support other people of all cultures in our everyday life.



Daniel & Hakone - Year 5 SRC.

Kind regards

Mary Hor

Religious Education

Tell Them from Me

Annually at Sacred Heart, we conduct the "Tell Them From Me" [TTFM] online survey of all staff, parents and students.

Why is data important? We are committed to optimising outcomes for all our students regarding their academic performance, wellbeing, social and emotional learning and their Catholic formation.

With the line of sight to our students, TTFM data, together with other sources of school and leadership performance data provides comprehensive insights to school conditions and climate that may lead to exploration and inquiry to influence school and leadership improvement goals.

This year, the Catholic Schools Office has entered into a contract to enable all schools to engage with the TTFM surveys between 23 March (Week 9, Term 1) to 15 May (Week 3, Term 2).



Prayer Cubes

During this season of Lent, we have been promoting a sense of gratitude in our classrooms. Students have composed prayers of thanks and gratitude and decorated their cube. Each day, students take turns in throwing a cube. Perhaps you may wish to pray with them, too?

Lent

The theme for Project Compassion in 2020 is 'Go Further Together.' We can only succeed when everyone is looked after. We should work together as one human family, so our sisters and brothers don't have to live in poverty.

Caritas has helped Barry. He is a Gamilaroi man originally from Western NSW. He remembers the difficult things he had to face when he was young. He didn't have many friends and was mostly brought up by his grandparents. He decided he needed help to make better choices. Barry joined in *Red Dust Healing* – a cultural healing program, designed and run by First Australians. The *Red Dust Healing* program helps people find peace in themselves. It helps people find why they are feeling hurt and angry and provides tools to talk about it. The program has helped Barry become a confident father and an inspiring leader for young people in his community. He now runs *Red Dust Healing* workshops and helps others make better choices for their future.

Last week, we were "crazy" for Caritas on Crazy Hair Day. We raised \$381:85 for Caritas.



Our Service to The Dish

"The poor need help today, not next week" - Catherine McAuley

Since 2003, St. John's Uniting Church, Wahroonga has been operating a soup van *The Dish* in Hornsby each week serving a nourishing meal to those who come. It began with soup and now there is an average of a dozen who come to share a meal each time. The Dish is a broad ecumenical effort with volunteers from several local schools and Catholic Churches.

Our Mercy Charism calls us to live our faith. We show this commitment to faith through our deeds, especially through our service to the community. Each term, a team of parents and staff from Sacred Heart, Pymble, support *The Dish*.

Together we can achieve so much more. This is indeed an ideal way for different groups in our community to share the responsibility of helping those of our community who need support. Our relationship with *The Dish* is a highly valued outreach initiative in our school community.

Our first service this year to *The Dish* was on Tuesday, 10th March. I wish to extend a very special thank you to the parents and staff members of our community at Sacred Heart that have supported our commitment to *The Dish* this term.



A Prayer for the Lonely

Sometimes, God, the loving voice of those we care about or even a stranger's smile, can seem far away. At those difficult times, we may feel distanced from you as well. Teach us to know we can always count on you to be with us whenever we are lonely.

Help us recognise others' loneliness, so we can reach out with a smile, a gesture, or a sign of our caring, for no one is exempt from loneliness from time to time. Teach us also to offer the gift of hospitality to neighbours, co-workers, students, parishioners, or anyone who is new in a given situation, so they will feel welcomed and not alone.

Give us the grace to trust in Jesus' words:

"Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20.

Make us instruments of your care and concern, Lord, especially to those with no family and no friends.

All this we pray in the name of your loving Son, Jesus.

Amen

An excerpt from Let's Begin with a Prayer Sally Macke

- Next Friday, March 27th we will be colouring-in for Caritas
- Walking The Way link -

http://r.csomission.com/mk/mr/bnmtMFJ8G414vZ35DnZguJHp0t1RO_kccXzqaAX6eleTrRE_ycD0N73tvGBqkqpqbJIMaN7h6MU5jJGIVHgjJvBITHbMWQbNZ4J1

Thank you for continued support in building the Kingdom of God at Sacred Heart.

Liana Stella

REC

Sports News

Please find the information below sent to us regarding sporting competitions, carnival events and gala days set down for Terms 1 and 2 for this year.

The following directives have been issued to all schools NSWPSA and CSNSW

Further to the cancellation of representative school sport events, the Polding Winter Trials – netball, basketball, rugby league and football – due to be held in Bathurst in Term 2 have been cancelled. Broken Bay had only selected boys' and girls' football as other Broken Bay trials had been cancelled.

All students who have either been selected for Broken Bay soccer or who were to trial for netball, league or hockey, please note that the Polding trials have now been cancelled. The CSNSW Sport website will continue to be updated as further decisions regarding events are confirmed.

<https://csnsw.sport/news/events-suspended>

The following events below have also been cancelled

- NSWPSA and CSNSW have advised that representative school sport pathway events will be 'temporarily ceased until further notice'
- The status of particular MacKillop / Polding / CCC events that have been suspended will be updated on the website <https://csnsw.sport/news/events-suspended>
- Note that Polding AFL and swimming/diving have been cancelled
- Note that NSWCPs cross country (12 June) will not be held in accordance with the Public Health Order that all events where there are likely to be 500 people or more must not be held until at least 14 June 2020. <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Documents/covid-19-public-events-order-20200315.pdf>
- The directive from Broken Bay CSO in line with DoE is that no interschool sport events involving 3 or more schools may proceed, therefore any events scheduled for Term 1 will not go ahead as scheduled (including touch football trials), cluster and Broken Bay cross country events planned for early Term 2.

If you have any further questions, please contact me via the school office.

Kind regards,

Leanne Grouse – Sports Coordinator.

JNR Girls Relay Team

Congratulations on 5th Place and
your 9 second personal best at
Cluster!



P & F

Due to recent announcements on public gatherings around the school, we have unfortunately had to postpone the camp out and the Term 1 P&F General Meeting. More news to follow on re-scheduled dates.

Canteen

Please check when placing recess and lunch orders that you have the correct 2020 class for your child, we are getting many students with the wrong classes on their orders.

Next term we will have the return of garlic bread for the cooler weather at recess.

Thank you again for volunteering your time in assisting us in the canteen, the canteen couldn't run as smoothly without your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Please find attached the Canteen Roster for the next 3 weeks. If you need to change/swap your time slot, please contact someone who volunteers on the same day as you or contact me by email.

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| Wk 8 Wednesday 18th March 2020 | | Wk 8 Friday 20th March 2020 | |
|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Kate Lee | 9am – 1:30pm | Melissa Garling | 9am – 1:30pm |
| | | Pauline Sharpe | 9am – 1:30pm |
| | | Mandy Fourie | 9am – 1:30pm |
| Wk 9 Wednesday 25th March 2020 | | Wk 9 Friday 27th March 2020 | |
| Kate Lee | 9am – 1:30pm | Melissa Garling | 9am – 1:30pm |
| Triona Burton | 10:30am -1:30pm | Angela Bracks | 9am – 1:30pm |
| | | Jennifer Luu Surjadi | 9:30am – 1:30pm |
| Wk 10 Wednesday 1st April 2020 | | Wk 10 Friday 3rd April 2020 | |
| Kate Lee | 9am – 1:30pm | Melissa Garling | 9am – 1:30pm |
| Maree Kirkpatrick | 9:30am – 1:30pm | Pauline Sharpe | 9am – 1:30pm |
| | | Josephine Abbott | 9am – 1:30pm |

Debbie Behn
Canteen Co-Ordinator

Aquabliss

1 Month's Worth of Lessons in 1 Week!



Week 1
14 - 17 April

Week 2
20 - 24 April

Book Today!

School Holiday

April School Holidays

Program catered to: Learn to Swim Pre-School Age, Learn to Swim School Age and Stroke Development levels.

Open to existing and new customers!

Intensive Program

Is your child struggling with a particular skill? Does your child need an extra boost to move up to the next level? Then why not join our School Holiday Intensive Program to improve and accelerate your child's progression!

Our back-to-back days of practice will give your child the chance to consolidate their learning and to build on their confidence in the water, through repeating skill level requirements within a short time frame.

To reap the **physical** and **safety** benefits for your child, and to fast track their progression, **book with us today!**

Program Benefits:

- Reinforce swim safety in and around water
- Back-to-back days of practice
- Fast track your child's progress
- Master skill level requirements
- Assists progression to the next level
- Overcome potential fears/setbacks
- Boost your child's confidence
- Have FUN whilst learning!

Contact your local Aquabliss centre for more info: aquabliss.com.au

