

Term 2 Week 1, 29 April 2020

Sacred Heart Pymble

Bulletin



Upcoming Events

May 11

Students Invited to Return to School 1 day a week wearing winter uniform

Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 2

I hope you've had an opportunity to take a break from the remote learning experiences. Many people I've spoken to have mentioned lots of cooking experiences, cleaning out cupboards and gardening odd jobs. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning in term 2.



Week 3

There are many discussions happening about 'what will happen in week 3' and what are we doing at SHP? We heard this news at the same time that you did, and we immediately began discussions about the best way to manage this change. Schools are choosing to manage the return of students according to what would best suit their community. Some schools are inviting groups alphabetically, some schools are inviting groups by grade and some are inviting parents to nominate the day they wish their children to return to school. We are not doing any of these. **At this stage SHP has chosen to invite groups by colour house.** In this way we are able to help families bring their children to school at the same time. Not all colour houses are evenly distributed through all classes but we are able to manage these discrepancies in spread. There is a lot of information in the media and from health experts about risks with social distancing of children. We plan to continue to make sure that the children are well spaced around the room. Some parents have asked if their children should wear masks. I'll leave that decision to you.

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From week 3, the CSO has committed to an increase in cleaning of the school during the day. We are also asking that no parents enter the school site at any time since the commencement of this term with drop off and pick up at drive through only. Parents should remain in their car. Entry to the school is via the school office on Bobbin Head Road.

For week 3, we are inviting students from colour houses as follows:

Monday – Green colour house (McAuley)

Tuesday – Red colour house (Bernard)

Wednesday – Blue colour house (Mercy)

Thursday – Yellow colour house (Mackillop)



The children will continue the home-based learning approach – both at school and at home. When the children come to school on their colour house day they will be explicitly taught by their teacher. That class teacher will check on their progress and discuss their learning for the rest of the week.

At the moment, teachers are planning ongoing improvements to remote learning. Teachers are trying to record/video explicit teaching sessions and messages for their class, upload work, continue to give feedback to students working remotely, supervise children attending school and do playground duty. A number of challenges were sorted this morning as logging back on to the learning platforms is not always straight forward. The teachers have also tried to add *more* to the remote learning experiences for children. Thank you for your patience as we try to sort this out. We are also hoping to run zoom sessions on Friday for merit awards for each class. Please watch out for this invitation.

Uniforms

At SHP we are about to move to our 'winter uniforms'. You can choose to send your child in their winter or summer uniform until the Mother's Day weekend. From May 11 all children will need to wear their winter uniform. If you have not purchased a winter uniform yet, you are able to order it online though QKR. Pick up will be from the office. Please note there will be no uniform fittings under the current situation.

Kind regards

Mary Hor



The Office

Enrolments for 2021

If you have younger children that you would like to enrol for 2021, we have Enrolment Packs for you and your child at the office ready to collect.

Unfortunately, our Open Day was postponed due to COVID – 19 but we are still proceeding with enrolments as usual. Interviews are now being scheduled during Term 2 so please get your paperwork back into the office as soon as possible.

Religious Education

We would like to invite you to engage with an online Parent reflection session. In this time of social distancing our interactions have vastly changed, and we want to continue to support you and your family's spiritual journey. We invite you to a session you can engage with at your own time, pace and convenience.

Please click on the attached link to engage in the first session, the Ignatian 'Awareness Examen,' and enjoy articles, videos and websites before coming together for a zoom-coffee session on Wednesday 6th of May at 11am.

Link to session: [Parent Reflection session](#)



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The Literacy Centre

Returning Books

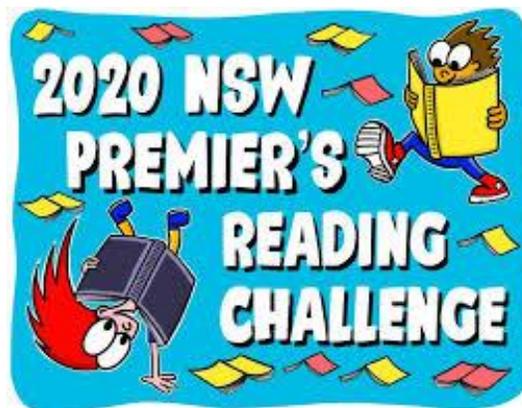
The 'Book Muncher' will be in reception this week. Please return ALL library books this week.

Premiers Reading Challenge

There have been new updates to the PRC to accommodate for students learning at home. Please see the PRC website for these changes.

Key changes include:

- Students can include 10 choice books on their records.
- ALL students are now able to include books which have been read as part of collaborative reading with teachers, parents, carers, either in person or online.



Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge! We are so proud of you!

K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Isabella Amelia Gareth Genevieve Victoria	Ethan Edward Lachlan Tristan Chloe Amelia Christian Daniel Ishan	Matthew Dominic	Luca Genevieve	Rachael Chauntelle Marcus	Hakone Jayden	Sophia

Tiny Tots Story time

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for live readings of picture books! I will choose books which are on the PRC so that students can add the books after listening to me read.

Write On Competition

Write On is an annual writing competition open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. Schools can submit ONE ENTRY per stage. We are opening this up to any students that are interested in writing a story and then after I receive all student submissions the Sacred Heart Leadership team will then choose one entry per stage to be submitted and represent the school.

Write On Competition guidelines -

- Write On is open to all students in Years 1 to 6 who are accessing NSW syllabuses
- Entries must only be submitted by schools
- All entries must be students' own work and verified on submission
- Schools should only submit their best entry from each participating Stage (maximum 3)

Imaginative pieces may include -

- Letters
- Poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries
- narrative

Entries for the competition close on the 3rd July. It is imperative that I receive all submissions to be judged at school no later than 17 June 2020.

The writing stimulus for the competition is below –

for NSW students in Years 1 to 6



WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1 to 6. The competition is designed to encourage students to develop their writing skills.

Using the photograph for inspiration, students write a short, imaginative piece of up to 500 words.

Each school must only submit one typed entry from each stage using the online entry form.

Visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/writeon to find out more and to enter.

Entries close 3 July 2020