

Term 3 Week 3, 5th August 2020

Sacred Heart Pymble



Upcoming Events

August 21

Science Muffi Day

September 2

LEAP Science

September 16

First Reconciliation

September 22

First Reconciliation

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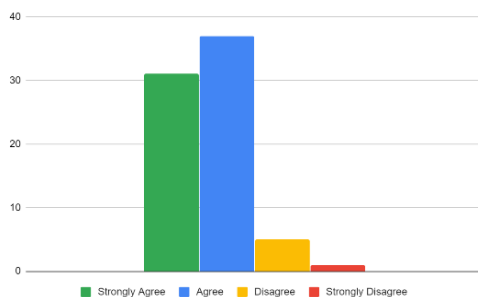
Principal's Message

Survey Results

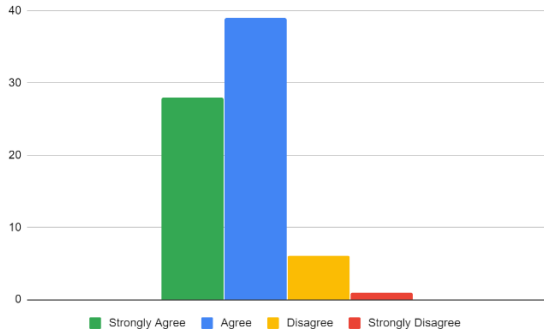
At the end of last term the Catholic Schools Office conducted a survey to collect data for our new Interim Director Danny Casey. The survey was collected by the CSO to inform stakeholders about planning and responses to issues in our system of schools. For us at SHP, we are keen to make sure that the data collected is useful to us as well. From 74 responses at SHP, we are looking at the data for themes of concerns for our community. Of course, there are always issues beyond our control to change (eg the Maths syllabus) however, it could be an issue which needs further explanation.

The questions asked were around Home Based Learning, the vision for Catholic Education in Broken Bay Diocese and school facilities meeting expectations. Below are the responses from SHP parents.

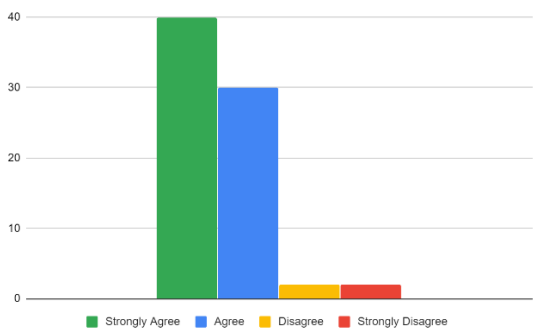
Q1 I have been supported by my school during the COVID 19 CRISIS



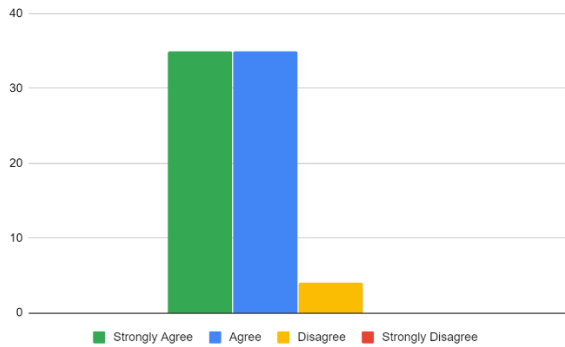
Q2 My School was responsive to my child's home based learning needs



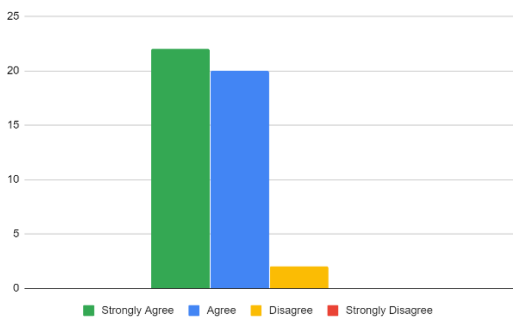
Q3 I am confident with my school's processes for a safe return to face to face learning



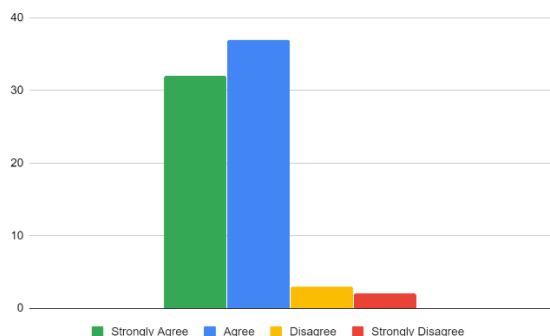
Q4 I believe my school will minimise the impact of the disruption that has occurred to face to face learning



Q5 The Diocese of Broken Bay has a clear vision for Catholic Education



Q6 The facilities at my child's school meet my expectations



Some of the general comments were:

'The teachers did a wonderful job with providing learning during HBL'

'There should be more dedicated play areas'

'Fabulous school and community'

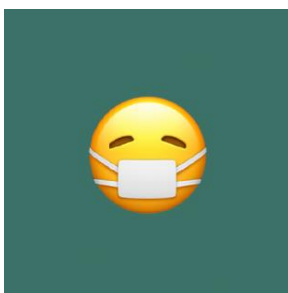
'It's not only a school but a welcoming community'

Meet and Greet – OPEN Day

On Saturday afternoon we invited families interested in enrolment for 2021 to visit our school. We booked 20 minute time slots for a tour of the school. Response to the event from 1-3pm was very positive with teachers, parents and senior students interacting with our visitors. Some of the newly enrolled families had not been beyond the school office so it was their first opportunity to see the classrooms, the hall, the music room and the outdoor learning area.

I am most grateful to the teachers for giving up part of their weekend to talk to visitors about the school. I am also thrilled that some of our parents were able to share their SHP experiences with visitors. I am really proud of our very capable and confident leaders from Stage 3. It was wonderful to hear visitors complimenting our students as they conducted tours of the school. Well done to our teachers, parents and Stage 3 leaders.

We will have 2 Kindergarten classes next year. We still have some spaces available.



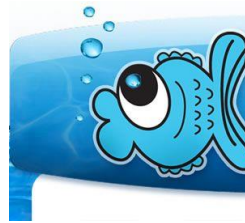
MASKS – YES OR NO?

There is a lot of debate in the media about wearing masks. Some businesses that you enter require visitors to wear a mask. Some of our staff have chosen to wear a mask for drop off and pick up because they are very keen to make sure that we remain in our COVID-safe bubble here at SHP. Like you, we are desperately hoping NOT to go back into lockdown.

Assistant Principal's Message

Swimming program

This term, as a component of the PDHPE program, the students will be participating in a 2-week intensive swimming program with Aquabliss. We are so fortunate to have the pool on site, as this makes the process of transitioning from classroom learning to pool learning so incredibly easy. The students will have a 30 - 45 minute lesson daily over the two week block. Students may wear their sport uniform during those two weeks.



Weeks 5 & 6	17 th August – 28 th August	Years 3 & 4
Weeks 7 & 8	31 st August – 11 th September	Years 1 & 2
Weeks 9 & 10	14 th September – 25 th September	Kindergarten & Years 5 & 6

Little Scribes Writing Festival

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Little Scribes Writing Festival, where they have engaged in a series of live video workshops. The opportunity to interact with authors such as Jackie French, Wendy Orr, Andrew Daddo, Deborah Abela, Stephen Michael King and many more wonderful writers, has inspired our students to create a range of amazing texts.

Some reflections from our students:

- To listen to the authors talking about reading and writing was very interesting, and we got to see what they liked to read and write. My favourite author and illustrator was James Foley. I learnt that it's not all about getting words onto the page, it's all about storytelling.

Tom - Year 2

- To listen to the author's three favourite words and vocabulary was amazing and I found out how they use these words in their stories. I learnt that some of the words were tricky to spell.

Isabella - Year 2

- The writers Festival was fun and seeing the different authors telling us about writing was really cool. I learnt that it's not just words coming out of your head, it's listening to them and planning your story.

Josephine - Year 2

Year 5 were inspired by Jackie French and her technique of choosing an historical event for her stories. They worked together in pairs to create their own historical narratives. Here are some excerpts of their writing.

Today I stayed in my room the whole day because I was mad at daddy, he bought me another blue sweater when I wanted a pink dress! Apparently, it was cold outside, after all we were floating on a sea of ice and daddy just wanted to stay warm. The young boy in the cabin next door kept knocking and making hideous sounds. What does it take to get five days of peace? I resent daddy now and I just want to get to New York City to get my new clothes. Really, the only reason I agreed to leave England was for the shopping. The cruise stinks now because of the coal leakage. The smell of burning rubber drills through my brain. I complain and they just say, "sorry Missy but we can't change the smell". Can't they get a smell purifier? I have been so tired writing in my diary for four straight days and my beautiful hands need a break. It's 2:18 am and I can't sleep because I am so mad at daddy. No one on this ship treats me like who I am. I wish my nanny Mary would make me some more marmalade on toast. Suddenly, the scraping sound of metal fills the air. What is that noise? My heart stops. **Bianca & Hannah**

I heard faint cries of "run" all around me. All I could hear was muffled voices and wind blowing past my ears. I ran like the world was depending on it. I felt cold tears running down my cheeks.

My country was a bombsite. Like literally a bombsite. Germans invaded and screams echoed for what seemed like eternity. "William" my mother called while plummeting down from a building that was slowly crashing and littering the streets. I stopped shocked. All I could think of was my mother. The scene kept replaying in my mind. She screamed my name. I was stunned but started searching through the litter. I found mum but it was too late, she had passed away. Something knocked me over. "Sorry" said a quiet voice. "Oh, it's okay" I heard myself responding. It was a young girl with a frightened look in her eyes. "Where are your parents?" A depressed look came onto her little face. "Fathers in the army and my mother died from being bombed." Her eyes watered and she looked away. "You can stay with me" **Bella & Matilda**

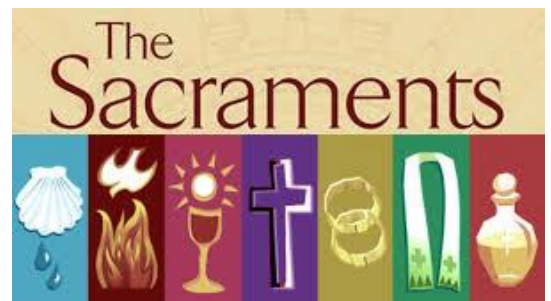
Kind regards
Kelly Clouston

Religious Education

We have received notification from the Parish Office regarding dates for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist at Sacred Heart in 2020:

1. First Reconciliation - 16th Sept at 6:30pm & 22nd Sept at 4:00pm
2. First Eucharist - 22nd Nov at 11:30am

Please note that Confirmation will **NOT** be held this year.



There where you are you will find God

Mary MacKillop - 1871

This week we will celebrate the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop especially cared for the poor and loved children.



Mary MacKillop's love for children grew out of her experience of caring for her own siblings whom she loved dearly. Her concern was to let them know they were truly loved and valued. In her work of educating children, Mary MacKillop showed in practical ways that children were important members of society. She taught compassion and a way of being of service to the poor, out of great love and respect for those in any need.

Mary MacKillop met and answered many difficult needs in her time. May we be ready to help those who experience needs in their lives. Mary MacKillop spread the message of God's love to all those she met. May we try to follow her example.

Our Prayer to Saint Mary MacKillop

Saint Mary,

Your dream in life was to live your love in a very real way.

Help us to bring God's love alive in our daily lives.

Amen



Liana Stella

REC

The Office

Covid – 19

If your child has had to have the Covid-19 testing due to illness, we are required to have a copy of the official letter with a *Negative Result* before your child can return back to school. To make things slightly easier, if you receive a text notification of the result, a screen shot of this on your phone and then emailed to the office is also sufficient evidence. Thank you all for your cooperation in keeping our SHP community safe and healthy.

The Literacy Centre



Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge since the previous newsletter! We are so proud of you! We have less than one month to go!

K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Alexander Harrison Isabelle M	Liesl Justin	Tom L Sean	Jackson Oliver D	Millie Laura Austin Chris M Sarah William	Daniel D Bianca Y	Tabi

Even though we have over 130 students who have completed the challenge, we still have many who have not! A note with log on instructions and passwords was sent home in Term 1.

Below you will find the website to access the students' reading log where they can enter books they have read (or have listened to) since 2nd March 2020.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

The Challenge closes on the 28th of August – Keep Reading Sacred Heart!

Scope IT

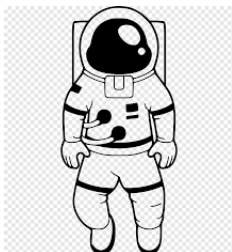
The students are three weeks in to their digital technology lessons with Scope IT now-and they are LOVING it!

Science Week at Sacred Heart (17th – 21st August)

This year the theme for National Science week is '*Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans*'. Each class will be participating in various science lessons linking to this theme (including zoom conferences with marine biologists currently working on the environmental conservation of our oceans). We also have some special parent guest speakers who will be speaking to the students about their careers in 'STEM'.



SCIENCE WEEK MUFTI DAY: On Friday 21st August, to wrap up Science Week, we are asking that the students come dressed in the theme of 'Deep Blue' or as their favourite STEM career! Get your thinking caps on!



P & F

Term 3 P&F Events

Given the ongoing uncertainties around COVID, the usual P&F events calendar is still unfortunately on hold. We hope we may be able to do some things next term and are exploring options for smaller, social distance compliance events in the meantime. More to follow...

SHP Free Uniform Swap Shop

Are you looking to get rid of old SHP school uniforms, sport kit or bags?

Are you looking for SHP school uniforms, sports kit or bogs?

We have the perfect solution for you! The SHP Uniform Swap Shop is a sustainable way to recycle preloved uniforms or kit at no cost to you. The SHP Uniform Swap Shop is a Facebook group that is open to any family member who has uniforms they would like to donate and those wishing to obtain second-hand uniform at no cost. Please follow this link to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/281800502903766>

Open Day

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the Open Day at the weekend – including helping out on the day, talking to our visitors about their experiences at the school or by bringing all our Year 5 and 6 Leaders to the school, who did such an excellent job showing new or prospective families around. It was great to see so many people exploring the school!

Canteen

Welcome back to Term 3, we are excited to have the canteen opening again. We are very grateful for all your support we wouldn't have a canteen without it and our wonderful volunteers.

Below is the canteen roster for the first 3 weeks for Term 3 if you need to change or swap please contact someone on the same day of the week as you or contact me by email deb.behn@dbb.catholic.edu.au and we can arrange for some to do your day.

Week 1	Wednesday 5 Aug 2020	Week 1	Friday 7 August 2020
Melissa Garling	9am – 1:30pm	Angela Bracks	9am – 1:30pm
Triona Burton	10:30am – 1:30pm	Pauline Sharpe	9am – 1:30pm
		Jacqueline Williams	10am– 1:30pm
Week 3	Wednesday 12 Aug 2020	Week 3	Friday 14 August 2020
Melissa Garling	9am – 1:30pm	Pauline Sharpe	9am – 1:30pm
Pamela Ridde	9:30am-1:30pm	Angela Bracks	9am – 1:30pm
		Jessica Varnum	9am – 1:30pm
Week 3	Wednesday 19 Aug 2020	Week 3	Friday 21 August 2020
Melissa Garling	9am – 1:30pm	Angela Bracks	9am – 1:30pm
Triona Burton	10:30am – 1:30pm	Pauline Sharpe	9am – 1:30pm
		Jo Crighton	10am – 1:30pm

Debbie Behn
Canteen Co-Ordinator

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR YEAR 7, 2022

VIRTUAL TOUR

WITH **Q&A**

Wednesday, 5th August 9:30am
Wednesday, 26th August 9:30am



REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

MERCYCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU

Pymble Parish

THE PARISH CHURCHES ARE OPEN!

Both Parish Churches are now open and Masses are back at their usual times.

Registrations to attend Mass are no longer needed. However, we ask you to complete the "sign-in" form at the entrance of each church.

The limit of people attending each church is:

100 people at Sacred Heart Church
65 people at OLPS Church

We look forward to seeing many of you very soon!



For more information please visit
www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY
IS BACK!!!**

**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**

**2 - 16 - 30
AUGUST**

**13
SEPTEMBER**

**OLPS
CHURCH**

**26
JULY**

**9 - 23
AUGUST**

**6-20
SEPTEMBER**