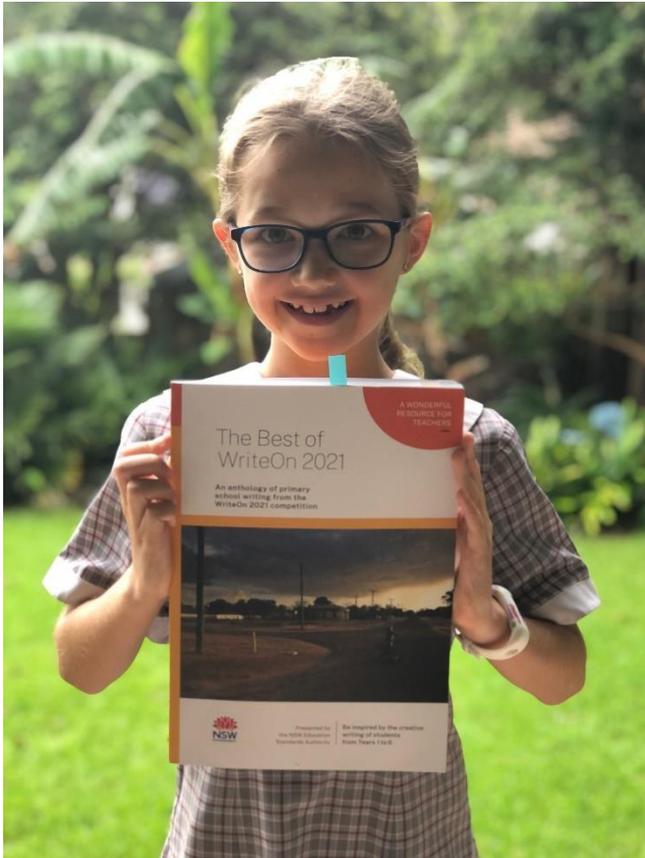


Term 4 Week 9, 1 December 2021

Sacred Heart Pymble



Upcoming Events

December 2

Kindergarten 2022 Transition

December 7

P & F AGM

December 8

Graduation Mass and Dinner

December 14

Step Up @ 11.15am

December 15

Last day of term for Students

PRINCIPAL

A sincere thank you to our SHP community for your support during one of the most challenging years we've had. With COVID on our minds and the distant memory of 'normal' life, it has been a struggle for all of us. There's also the tiny matter of HBL which hit us like a bolt of lightning out of nowhere!!! Who would have THINK it?

The pandemic, as tragic as it has been worldwide, has increased our awareness of our hunger for other aspects of life such as our connection with nature. We have turned to nature for solace with families rushing to foster pets in great numbers. HBL has changed the future of learning. It is thought that the future of education will seamlessly combine online and offline learning with a balance somewhere in the middle depending on age of the learner. This year we have witnessed the education sector take a leap from a traditional approach to a more blended experience of digital/virtual to real/physical experience.

PRINCIPAL

What a momentous year it has been!!! I hope you enjoy some quiet time during the holidays to rest, read some of those books you're about to receive for Christmas and appreciate an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. A huge thank you to the staff here at SHP for all their hard work. Many thanks to the children who have learned about tolerance and been patient as we find the 'mute' and 'share' button again. I hope you have a joyful Christmas – and thank you.



STAFFING FOR 2022

Our staffing allocation is based on the number of students enrolled in our school. Next year we will have the following teachers covering classes.

KM	Mr Hickey
KW	Mrs Grouse
1M	Mrs Alexander
1W	Mrs Simpkins (3 days) / Miss Cullen (2 days)
2M	Miss Morgan
2W	Miss Lakeman
3M	Mrs Huttary
3/4W	Mrs Jongejan
4M	Mrs Stella REC / Miss Cullen – Executive Release (1 day)
5M	Mrs Paxton AP / Mrs Ryan – Executive Release (1.5 days)
6M	Mr Herbert
Music	Mrs Forster
PE	Mr Nosti
Library	Mrs Munce
Learning Support	Mrs Noonan (4 days per week)
Office	Mrs Devitt and Mrs Lowe

Mr Anderson is moving to St Philip Neri at Northbridge to a permanent position next year. We are most grateful for his service to our SHP community and we wish him well.

Miss Benson has been a wonderful LST this year supporting Mrs Noonan. Miss Benson is again retiring – but we hope we can lure her back again for casual teaching. A huge thank you to Miss Benson.

Mrs Mifsud has been wonderful this year in taking on canteen duties. We have appreciated her flexibility and helpful approach to giving service to our community and giving the children an opportunity to 'shop' at the school and provide a healthy canteen. Mrs Mifsud has stepped down from the role of canteen coordinator for next year. We have advertised without success so far. If you know anyone who may be interested in the role, please read the advertisement later in this newsletter.

CARDS AND CANDY CANES

Please keep candy canes for consumption at home. We have asked the children to wait till the last week to exchange cards if they wish to.

PRINCIPAL

FINAL ASSEMBLY 2021

The FINAL Zoom Assembly will be held on Monday 13 December at 9.30am. This assembly will include the Sacred Heart Awards, Special Resilience Award and the announcement of the 2022 Leaders.

FAREWELL

We farewell our Year 6 children from SHP at the conclusion of this year. Some of these children have been members of our community since Kindergarten and others have joined us at different times. We wish them well as they continue their education at a range of high schools on the North Shore of Sydney where we're spoilt for choice with quality education facilities. We have a number of other families who are leaving our school to move to country areas and some are moving to other private schools. We also wish them well in their new ventures.



Mary Hor

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SEMESTER 2 ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Our Semester 2 Student Academic Reports will be shared with families via Compass this Friday, 3rd December. These reports have been modified to reflect the unique circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus for this semester's report is student engagement and learning, and priority has been given to the Key Learning Areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics.

As is normal practice for end of year reporting, any parents or carers wishing to discuss their child's report are invited to contact the school office so that a time can be arranged with the class teacher.

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

We are extremely proud of our SHP students who completed this year's ICAS Assessments. These assessments are very challenging and strive to recognise academic excellence. Certificates will be presented to participating students on Friday. Congratulations to the following students who received Merits and above. The Writing results will be received early next year.



English

Merit: Hazel C (Year 5)

Credit: Liesl W (Year 2), Katelyn T (Year 3), Laura H (Year 5), Ruby M (Year 5), Charlie W (Year 5)

High Distinction: Ishan P (Year 2)

Mathematics

Merit: Amelia L (Year 2), Katelyn T (Year 3), Charlie W (Year 5)

Credit: Mairead D (Year 2), Michael H (Year 4), Charlotte L (Year 5)

Distinction: Christian L (Year 2), Ishan P (Year 2), Hazel C (Year 5)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Science

Merit: Charlie W (Year 5)

Credit: Amelia L (Year 2), Ishan P (Year 2), Charlotte L (Year 5)

Distinction: Mairead D (Year 2), Hazel C (Year 5)

Digital Technologies

Credit: Hazel C (Year 5), Charlotte L (Year 5)

Distinction: Laura H (Year 5)

Spelling Bee

Credit: Amelia L (Year 2), Christian L (Year 2), Ishan P (Year 2), Laura H (Year 5)

Distinction: Mairead D (Year 2), Charlie W (Year 5)

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge saw almost 439,000 students participating. Congratulations to our Sacred Heart participants who have not only achieved their goals by completing this year's challenge but also fostered a lifelong love of reading. A huge thank you to Mrs Munce for coordinating the program and inspiring all of us to read more. Well done to the following students who have reached particular milestones in the PRC.



Platinum Awards (seventh successful year):

Jennifer C, Bella D, William D, Jayden R, Daniel W

Gold Awards (fourth successful year):

Bianca A, Damon B, Thomas D, Eliana F, Isabella G, Matthew H, Lucinda H, Chloe J, Zachary J, Jonathan K, Tom L, Ethan S, Mia T, James U, Hannah Y

Kerry Paxton

Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADVENT PRAYER SPACES

At the beginning of Advent, we changed our prayer spaces. At this time of the Church's year, we placed a purple cloth on the table. Purple is the colour for getting ready and Advent is a time for getting ready. During Advent, we are getting ready for Christmas.

We placed a Bible on the table with reverence because at this time in the Church's year, we tell the stories of people who were getting ready for Jesus to be born. We also placed a candle onto the table as it will remind us that Jesus is always with us. As we lit the candle, we prayed: *"Lord, we thank you for the gift of each person gathered here. Help us to open our hearts to hear your Word and to grow in our friendship with you. We remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is with us here as we gather in his name. Amen."*



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



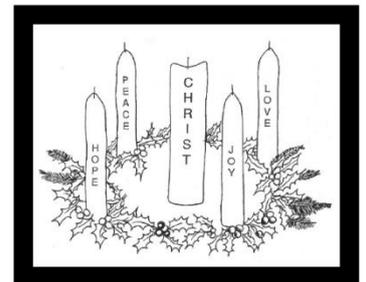
This year, we joined the Pymble Catholic Parish again in supporting the Vinnies' Pymble Conference with the Christmas Hamper Appeal in order to help families in need at this special time. The boxes are filled, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support in building a kingdom of God at Sacred Heart. This has been a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the true meaning of Christmas and the joy that giving brings.

As the school year draws to a close, I especially wish to thank our dedicated staff who work diligently to build the Kingdom of God at Sacred Heart. Pope Francis asserts "Educating is an act of love. It is like giving life." May your Christmas be filled with happiness and blessed with joy.

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES

I have put together some Advent Activities for your families to enjoy. Please see attachment on the Compass message.

Liana Stella
Religious Education Coordinator



OFFICE

MEDICATION REMINDER

If we hold medication for your child in the office, please collect this on the last day of term. We cannot keep medication at school over the holidays.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The school hall will be used for the local government election this Saturday. The hall and facilities will be deep cleaned prior to the students returning on Monday.

JOB VACANCY – CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

We are seeking to appoint a Canteen Supervisor to plan, organise and monitor the day-to-day operations of the canteen. This is a temporary, part-time role for 20 hours per fortnight commencing February 2022

About You

- Plan, organise and monitor the day to day operations of the canteen.
- Food preparation e.g. cooking, baking, salad making.
- Provide and coordinate counter service during recess and lunch.
- Provide a high standard of customer service by assisting students in food selection.
- Order food for menu and specials.
- Market healthy menu items.
- Daily cleaning and stocking of the canteen.
- Daily stock control.
- Contribute to keeping the overall site safe, clean and presentable to customers.
- Supervision of volunteers.

How to Apply

Please email your resume and cover letter outlining how you meet the criteria for the position to the School Principal at shp@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Monday 6 December 2021.

All employees must be aware of the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding Charter and be committed to organisational child safe standards and practice. Successful applicants for child-related roles must meet the requirements of the Working with Children Check.

Vaccination Requirements for Our Staff

All NSW school staff are required to have received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid contraindication medical certificate in accordance with the Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers) Order 2021. These requirements are essential to gain employment with Catholic Schools Broken Bay. Your vaccination status may be discussed as part of the recruitment and selection process.

P & F

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&F Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on **Tuesday 7 December** at 7:30pm in the Sacred Heart Library and via Zoom. The AGM is open to all parents and friends of SHP.



All submissions for agenda items should be submitted in writing to Christine Webb (Secretary) by Sunday 5 December via Christine.webb@bdo.com.au or text to 0407 660 757. The Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed out via Compass on Monday 6 December.

The aim of the Sacred Heart P&F is to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community for the benefit of their children's overall development and learning.

Being involved in the P&F is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to be involved in their child's SHP journey by encouraging and conducting activities contributing to the well-being of the students and the SHP community. You will make new friends and even have fun too!

There are three main ways you can choose to be involved:

Volunteer for Events	Have Your Say	** Biggest Impact **
Volunteer to be on a sub-committee for one of the many social and cultural events hosted by the P&F throughout the year, or Volunteer to assist during the event. E.g. school disco, camp out, welcome cocktail party. Volunteers will be called for early in 2022.	Attend and participate in the quarterly P&F meetings starting with the AGM on December 7.	Join the P&F Committee (roles listed below).

All Committee positions are open for nomination at the AGM. There are a number of 2021 P&F Committee members who are unable to nominate for re-election for the 2022 school year and we hope you would like to be part of the future direction of the P&F committee consisting of:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Events & Class Parent Coordinator
Catholic Schools Parents (CSP) Representative
The Dish Coordinator
General Members

We look forward to receiving your nominations and welcome you to join us at the AGM.

If you're interested in contributing to the life of the school through the P&F but would like some more information, please contact one of the following 2021 committee members:

Christian Garling	Christine Webb	Rebecca Bennett
Daniela Foote	Claire Brickett	Sylvia Ulevik
Angie Tao	Jitendra Marchino	Jane Jingli

Christine Webb
P & F Secretary

OSHC

VACATION CARE DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble

7.30am – 6.00pm

P: 0427 013 778 | E: oshc.pymble@catholiccaredbb.org.au

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

welcome to the...
HOLIDAYS

**THURSDAY
16 DEC**
GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!
Only 9 more sleeps till Santa comes! Get into the holiday spirit by making some Christmas craft, singing some carols and baking some Christmas treats!

**FRIDAY
17 DEC**
CHRISTMAS PARTY!
Let's celebrate our last day of school before Christmas by having a party!

\$ INCENTRE \$65.00

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Summer 2022

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble
Hours: 7.30am – 6.00pm
P: 0427 013 778
E: oshc.pymble@catholiccaredbb.org.au

For more information: <https://www.shpdbb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/out-of-school-hours-care-oshc/>

COMMUNITY

PYMBLE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Our final collection for the communities of Griffith is now underway. We would appreciate donations of clean and good quality clothing for men, women and children and also toiletries, sheets and towels. There will be a collection box in the Sacred Heart Crying Room from Monday 6 December to Sunday 12 December. Please do not leave donations before Monday 6 December as the Parish hamper appeal is running until then.

Thank you so much for your support of these communities. They are so thankful for our ongoing support. Please contact Jocelyn Barber jocelynbarber@optusnet.com.au if you need any further details.



KURRING GAI NETBALL

TWILIGHT NETBALL COMP

JUNIOR 2022 Netball

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR EO!

Return to netball with a bang in 2022

KNA seeks Expressions of Interest from those who wish to enter a team in a Twilight Comp
Similar format to KNA's Spring Comp

8 Weeks commencing 6 February-31st March.
Juniors \$94.00 (NNSW 75*, KNA 20)
At Canoon

Ages 9/10 Thursday 5pm (Wednesday if we need)
Ages 11/12 - Thursday 6pm (Wednesday if needed)

Expression of Interest Closes: 3rd December

** The NNSW amount is an annual fee. Pay this once and there will be no NNSW fee for Winter Comp or Spring Comp



Manly Warringah Softball Association

TEEBALL

Come and Try Days!

Abbott Road Softball Fields, North Curl Curl
Wednesday Dec 1, 4:30-6pm
Saturday Dec 4, 10am-12pm

FREE & FUN

Register your interest now!
come-and-try.com

WE'RE COVID SAFE

HAVE A GO

THE PARENTHOOD

Parenthood, to improve the lives of working parents in Australia. The campaign, called #ParentsUp, is a movement of parents, carers and educators who are calling on all political parties - especially leading up to the federal election - to commit to the Paid Parental Leave (PPL), Early Childhood Education & Care (ECEC) and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) that Aussie families deserve.

That means:

- Universal access to high quality, inclusive ECEC & OSHC for every child - regardless of where they live or what their parents earn.
- Paying Early Educators fairly, and recognising their hard work and the joy they bring our children,
- One year of government-funded PPL (at full pay, including super) so babies and parents have the support they need when they need it.

Parents deserve to choose what family-work-life balance suits them and their children best.

Today Australia has one of the shortest and least generous parental leave schemes in the world and we pay some of the highest fees for early learning and care in the world.

Every child deserves access to ECEC and OSHC that is equitable, accessible, affordable, inclusive, appropriate and culturally-safe - *and* delivered by a valued workforce.

If you're passionate about these issues we ask you to:

Sign the petition calling for these vital changes: https://www.theparenthood.org.au/parents_up_petition

Contact

#ParentsUp NSW Volunteer

Rebecca Bennett (Ethan - Year 2's mum) to find out more and get involved (there are lots of opportunities, ranging from minimally involved to heavily involved; we need it all!) on

Mobile: 0400 052 808 or becbrosnan@hotmail.com

More Information

Learn more about the #ParentsUp campaign and The Parenthood

https://www.theparenthood.org.au/parents_up

Consider subscribing to their newsletter and following them on social media.

Thank you for helping make Australia the best place in the world to be a parent!

RAY WHITE



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PYMBLE PLAY GROUP



Pymble Playgroup runs from a heritage house in Pymble dedicated to Playgroup, a safe space for children to learn and develop through informal play activities and social interaction.

Making Playgroup part of a weekly routine gives children the valuable opportunity to get out of the house and brings parents and carers together to bond over similar experiences. Long lasting support networks have been developed through the Playgroup network with friendships that continue well beyond the early years.

Pymble Playgroup is affiliated with Playgroup NSW, a not-for-profit organisation. We are run by a group of local dedicated members who volunteer time, skills and services. We do not engage carers or facilitators as each group organises and runs their own sessions based on individual needs and ages of their children. This ranges from structured activities such as arts and crafts to free play.

Playgroup sessions are available morning or afternoon, Monday to Friday, visit our website for existing sessions and email us for more information on fees and how to join.



Where fun, family & community connect

To join an existing session or start your own Session email pymbleplaygroup@gmail.com

Pymble House, 57 Merrivale Rd, Pymble www.pymbleplaygroup.com.au