

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 4 - Week 8

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2 December 2020

Dear Parents and Children

Last Sunday, November 29 was the first Sunday of Advent. The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into the world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate his birth in a straw bed in a messy stable, perhaps we see our own lives as being a bit messy too. Our daily lives are often distracted, self-absorbed and can be stressful and we may be constantly on the search for 'something better' and a deeper sense of connection to God and to others.

My mission this Advent is to slow down, be still and refocus my attention on the 'gift' that is my life, to consciously spend time in prayer and to realise that God is there, waiting to love me in my distractedness and even though I have so many unfulfilled good intentions for others and the world due to the busy-ness of my own life.

As Christmas is just around the corner we might like to talk to the children about what we are actually getting ready to commemorate at Christmasthe birth of Jesus. Retailers and marketing agencies constantly draw our attention to the cash register and the glamour and glitz of the newest and best toys, clothes, fads, accessories and so on.

As a family you may be able to think of some ways that you can slow down and savor the season. Countdown the days as you count your blessings. Marking off a family Advent calendar or creating an Advent wreath could help you prepare for Christmas.

The Gospel's call to stay awake, wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God in our own lives, in our families in our workplaces, in our local communities and in the world in general

Lord as we journey to Bethlehem this year may we all take the time to be still and prepare.

Semester 2 Reports

My thanks to the teachers for the many hours they spent preparing and writing the Semester 2 Reports which go home on Tuesday 8 December. The teachers work very hard to write a report that accurately reflects each child's learning for the semester. I read every report and it is very clear that the teachers know their students very well. We are blessed to have such dedicated and professional teachers at our school. I know you join me in thanking the teachers for the work they do every day at Sacred Heart.

End of Year Activities

Our usual end of year activities have had to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.

- Graduation Mass - year 6 students are only permitted to bring one adult to the ceremony. The year 6 students were given a note yesterday with all the details.

- End of Year Awards - no parents are permitted to attend this assembly. A note will go home next week about how to watch the

assembly through your computer or phone.

- Parent Thank You Morning Tea and Christmas Concert. These two events cannot go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Colour Run Day - Tuesday 15th December

Next week the children will bring a note home about a fun day of activities planned for Tuesday 15th December. It has been a difficult year and we want to finish the year with some fun! Due to Covid-19 restrictions parents will not be permitted to attend on this day.

Family Reflection

Advent Prayer

God of Love Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during these weeks of Advent, as we wait in joyful hope and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen.

God Bless

Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues, December 15: Sacred Heart "Colour Run"
Wed. December 16: Students' Last Day of Term

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Wed. 27th January: Staff Return—Staff Development Day. **Pupil Free**

Thurs, 28th Jan: Students in Years 1-6
Return to School

Mon, 1st February: Kindergarten Students start

Stage 3 Camp



At camp I liked my cabin and the people in it. My favourite activities were the giant swing because I went near the top and the view was really nice. When I let go of the rope I swung down and it felt so good. My second favourite activity was archery because it was really fun. Also, I really liked abseiling because I was really good at it. The only thing I didn't like about camp is that there were plenty of mosquitoes and noisy cicadas which my friends kept chasing me with. **Janmor Year 6**

I have conquered a fear and it was a fear of heights!

Camp was very fun. I got to know other people and make new friendships, and the activities were the best. We did the giant swing, abseiling, the flying fox, archery and climbing crates. We also got to roast marshmallows and eat them. I did not like the bush walk at night, it was scary and fun at the same time because we all were flashing our torches in the forest. I did not want to go sleep. My friends and I stayed up playing UNO and eating lollies and telling scary stories. **Izrael Year 6**

Crate climbing was one of the hardest activities because you have to pull the crates up, while you're harnessed to a rope, and then when it's your turn your hands burn from the rope. The higher you go the worse it is because it's so wobbly and it feels like you're going to fall down and hurt yourself, but worse than that is that you get the worst harness wedgie they have to offer.

When we retired for the day and went to our cabin we shared lollies, laughs and more, but Lopez was so scared of all the bugs and he would call down miss or sir for every fly, spider and any other insect in the cabin. The teachers came to our cabin, like 15 times, because of all the bugs and the girls' drama. **Hayden Year 6**

Our first activity was abseiling; it is basically us going down a cliff with a rope (and a protection of course). I didn't want to go at first because I thought that the cliff was very deep but I wanted to know how deep it was so I went down and sat there and thought that it wasn't that deep and I thought that I could do it! So I went up there and put on my helmet and got ready to go down. It's my turn to go down now and to be honest I was so nervous that my stomach was feeling so weird but I did it anyway! As I arrived down it felt like...WOW! I was so proud that I made it to the very bottom but sadly there were some people that didn't want to go down to the bottom because they felt really uncomfortable. **Monik Year 6**

"Having fun" was their only wish for us to have. And we did. Doing so many activities Stage 3 really enjoyed was the best! I guess confidence is key. Stage 3 attended "Wedderburn Christian Campsite" and had so much fun. The community really pushed us to get out of our comfort zone, and to do things we had never done in our life! I feel like I have gained so much confidence and I am now able to get out of my comfort zone. It was a really good experience for me, I feel. **Saane Year 6**

On Tuesday in week 6 my classmates and I went to a Campsite for two days and the activities there were outstanding. What we did for activities was a Giant swing where the person that is going to swing holds onto another rope that makes the person swinging go all the way up. Then they let go and you hear the screaming begin. **Malou Year 6**

Stage 3 Camp



'YAY.' It was finally the day of the Stage 3 camp. I was so excited. My Mum drove me to school and then I waited for the bus to come. I hopped onto the bus and sat next to Audrey. It felt like a 2 hour drive. On the bus everyone seemed so excited. We entered a place with lots of nature and it was the campsite we were going to be staying at.

I got out off the bus and saw lots of trees and activities. All of our bags were already out of the bus so we got assigned to our cabins. We were in cabin 1 which was the closest to the teachers cabin. In my cabin I had Arek, Tselote, Audrey, Bianca and Agyen. The bell rang and everyone was introduced and we ate our morning tea which was fruit and a drink of our choice. After that we had to get ready for our first activity. We walked to our first activity which was archery. I didn't get the bullseye which was sad. Mrs Penton came first Audrey was second and Malou was third. After everyone had 4 turns it was time to eat lunch.

We had a sandwich with chicken, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, cheese and tomato sauce; 'Soo goood'. We got many meals throughout the day and we did 2 more activities which were crate climbing and abseiling but when the dark approached we had roasted marshmallows and went bushwalking. So many bugs wanted to eat me. We had to start our night routines in our cabins so we changed our clothes, brushed our teeth and set up our sleeping bags then we slept (barely). In the night Agyen fell off her bed 'that was a nice sleep' she said. We all shared our candy and ate it. The teachers that were next door sounded like they were having a party and on the other side it sounded like people were purposely stomping very loud so no one could sleep.

The next day I woke everyone in my cabin really early and I think they were triggered but that was okay because I could take the bathroom. The bell rang and we had to get up for our breakfast. The first activity we did that day was the Giant Swing which was HUGE and SCARY but I still went to the top. The second activity after our snack (banana cake with delicious frosting) was the Flying Fox. I was the first one to go on it. We went back to the hall and ate our lunch which was a wrap, then we did the vertical challenge. I had to go on the one that had diagonal tyres but somehow I still made it to the top in apparently 5 minutes. Sadly that was the last activity and it was time to leave. We packed up everything in the cabins then we got into the bus and left to go back to school. The drive was still very long. I sat next to Agyen and Arek told us scary stories and we played I spy with my little eye. That was the end of the stage 3 camp. **Alysa Year 6**



Kindy Excursion

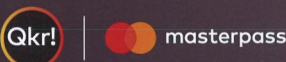
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Uniform Ordering Final days for Orders 2020

As all parents should know, Sacred Heart Primary School's uniform shop is run on-line by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the QKR App by Mastercard (details below).

Please Note: The last delivery to the school before the end of term will be Wednesday, 9th December 2020. If you need uniforms for your children to commence the New Year you will need to take note of this date. Our first delivery for 2021 will not be until Wednesday, 27th January 2021.



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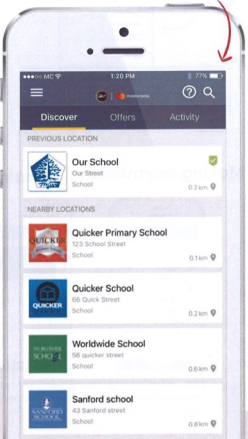

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

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If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

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Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

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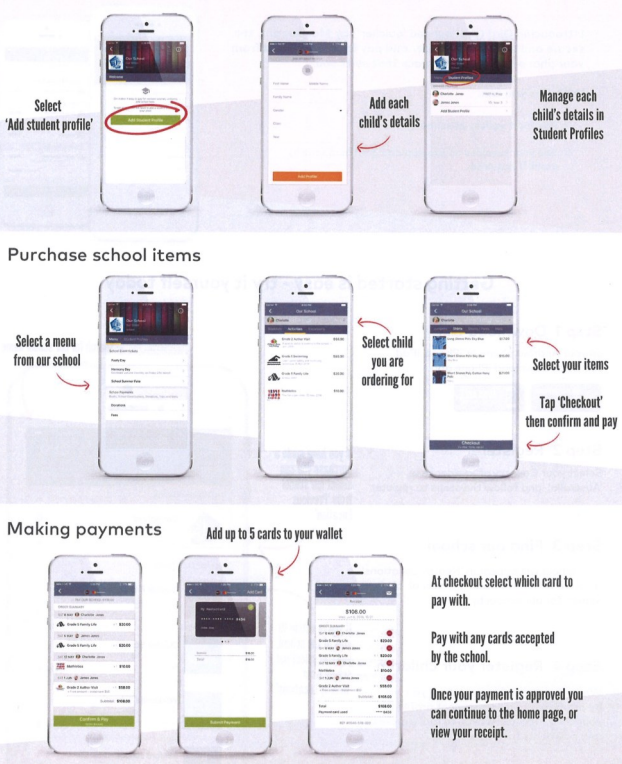
Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



LOST PROPERTY



Our Lost Property area is overflowing with jackets, water bottles, hats and other items. None of the items in the basket are labelled, so we cannot return these to your child. If your child is missing any items, please ensure you go through the basket before the end of term. **Unclaimed items will be disposed of.**



Friday Assembly Awards

- Kindy:** Dehira Dekuan, Laurel Merjudio, Chriselyn Paranis, Ali Zaineddine, Jesenda Behnan, Felicity Koji, Tavis McAllister, Harry Hakoum
- Year 1:** Larissa Rofaeil, Jack Helm, Tong Bol, Aleeyah Tua, Tuil Tuil, Maryam Waleed, Sophia Demetriou, Mololuwa Seun-Ayoola
- Year 2:** Ethan Valencia, Milia Yalda, Annabeth Fletcher, Vaiola Vailala, Harman Gill, Sophia Riley, Renae Miller, Savannah Flavell
- Year 3:** Leinora Vaka, Leon Joseph, Dekuan Dekuan, Timmy Mou, Grace Sila, Pitawat Aye, Euane Blando-Diocera, Cade Merjudio
- Year 4:** Tima Fagalei, Michael Curray, Atkin Maroky, Sasa Koji, Sirath Pannu, Ammon Iese, Julienne Paranis, Lual Chol
- Year 5:** Sara Louis, Martina Ghaly, Kenzen Minagawa, Loa Lotovale, Karoleen Jamal, Andrei Sanchez, Eizel Merjudio, Makuac Mou
- Year 6:** Izrael Fatukala, Paul Hanna, Elijah Eugenio, Audrey Paranis, Iden Shammo, Abby Neely, Janmor Oca, Nattanicha Aye, **Mr Shrader, Mrs Tan**



Let's run & have fun!



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Wear a hat and a white t-shirt,
bring a water bottle



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



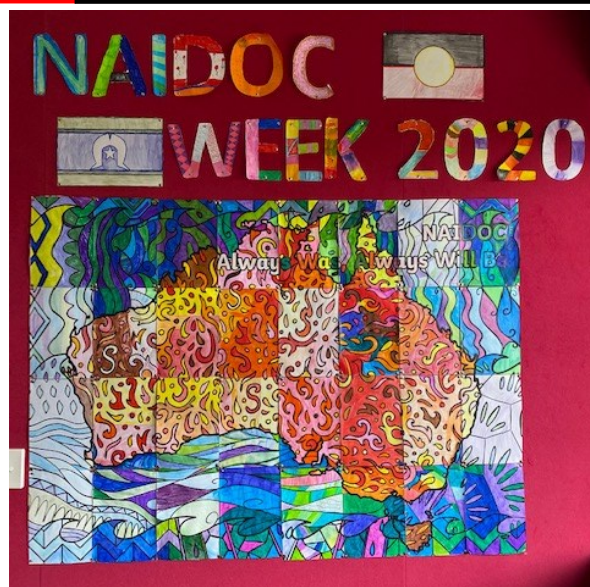
From the Library...

As 2020 draws to a close, all books are needed back in the library for a well deserved rest over the Christmas holidays. This is especially important for Year 6 students, as any overdue library loans will follow them to high school next year, so please return all books.

In the meantime, the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge has begun and will run until 1st February 2021. Read as many books as you can and tell us why you love them (in 50 words or less) for your chance to win one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 gift vouchers! This is a great time to rediscover your local public library.

PBS4L Awards

- Kindy:** Lilly Helm, Manwella Agid
- Year 1:** Seth Calanno, Elissia Rimon Paules
- Year 2:** Katarina Yousif, Depiny Dekuan
- Year 3:** Michael Pese, Maria Daw
- Year 4:** Elianah Balmeo, Joseph Lazar
- Year 5:** Joseph Loka
- Year 6:** Ayuen Majak, Amanda Buenaventura



NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a chance to acknowledge our history, culture and achievements. Year 4 celebrated NAIDOC Week by exploring the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The students created a combined artwork that is on display in the classroom. Students understand that the land always was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.