



News from the Heart

Together we Grow & Rejoice

Thursday, 8th February 2018



Stage 3-Faith Page



The beginning of the year is an important time for Stage Three to reflect on their own personal strengths and weaknesses in setting new goals in their learning and personal development. At this time of year we ask God to watch over us all, so that we can connect as a stage through the learning and the wisdom we receive, as well as through our faith, hope and the love we give to one another.

In preparation for the year, the students of Stage Three have written prayers of guidance, thanks and praise so that they may receive these gifts from God on their learning journey.

Dear Lord,
We've started a day for learning and fun.
Where friendship grows with everyone.
We've learnt maths, English and literacy too.
Don't forget Religion because that's all about you.

Lord, our saviour, guide us through our days.
Even when our path is crooked in ways.
May you always inspire us to do what is right.
Please send us your blessings with all of your might.
AMEN.



Maria Zamora

Dear Lord,

We thank you for our food, water and clothing but we especially thank you for sending down Jesus Christ our Saviour to free us from sin.
Help those in need especially the hungry, the poor and lonely to have food for the hungry, money for the poor and a family for the lonely to love.
AMEN

Tony Fahd

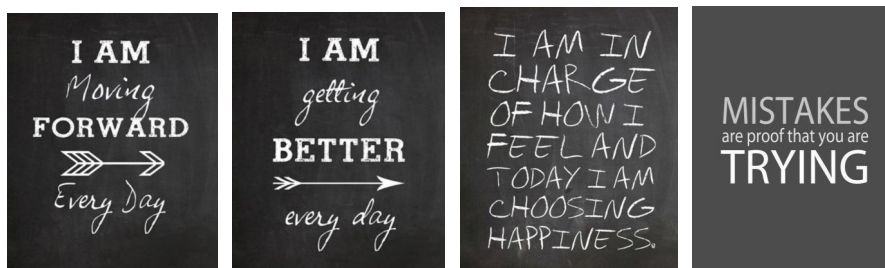
Dear God,

We say a prayer for our protection to send your angels with loving attention. If we cannot be brilliant, let us be kind.
Today we ask you to replace our restlessness with patience, contentment and peace.
We release what we are feeling impatient about into your hands and trust that your timing is perfect.
Amen

Natalie Doumit

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[Principal Welcome Message](#)

It gives me great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you back for the 2018 school year. A special welcome to all the new students and their families that have joined our Sacred Heart community and we look forward to getting to know you:

Catherine Joseph (Yr 2)	Sophie Drain (K)	Charbel Nakhoul (K)
Charbel El-Koura (Yr 1)	Zoe Fernandes (K)	Elijah Nehaime (K)
Nathan El-Koura (Yr 4)	Aiden Festo (K)	Annalise Nehme (K)
Alannah Rahban (Yr 4)	Giselle Ghannoum (K)	Ethan Price (K)
Mia Alwan (K)	Isabela Guillen (K)	Grace Rizk (K)
Ava Anjoul (K)	Jerome Haddad (K)	Analise Saade (K)
Annabelle Awkar (K)	Sofia Grace Haddad (K)	Noah Sader (K)
Oliver Bazouni (K)	Casper Harenza (K)	Angelina Saide (K)
Jana DSouza (K)	Jesse Hekeik (K)	Saxon Seow (K)
Lilly Dahdah (K)	Isabella-Rose Huele (K)	Camilla Sheikh (K)
Jacob Daher (K)	Chelsea Khattar (K)	
Matteo(Teo) Dimla (K)	Mary Maroon (K)	

As a school named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus we recognise the importance of being the hearts and hands of Jesus and making the Scriptures and works of Mercy visible in our everyday interactions with one another.

As a School Learning Community we are continuing our journey of transformation. We are creating a culture of **'Deep Connected Learning' (DCL)** that is profound, empowering and continually emerging.

The 4 school pillars include:

Our Catholic Christian Faith

Kagan Cooperative Learning

4C Capabilities (Communication, Critical Reflection, Creativity, Collaboration)

Learning Disposition Wheel (competencies of self-regulated learners)

The 4 pillars are mutually dependent and are a holistic approach to learning. Our aim is to foster curiosity, spark the imagination, develop agency and the dispositions for life-long learning.



We will be holding a parent forum this year (information below) to discuss our school pillars and how we are preparing students for their future, and how parents can partner us in this work.

The dedicated staff of Sacred Heart Westmead look forward to creating a vibrant learning environment where all will be able to achieve high levels of success.

The students have settled into school well and are eager to actively participate in the learning process.

Parents, I am looking forward to our continued partnership as we build a strong Catholic educational community that is modelled on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God Bless,

Mrs Mary Kastoun

Principal and Assistant Principal Challenge

Each fortnight Mrs Kastoun and Ms Owens will set a learning challenge for all the students. Students are invited to complete the challenge and the Principal and Assistant Principal will select the best responses to share at assembly. The aim is to encourage the student of Sacred Heart to take risks, think critically, have grit and problem solve.

Challenge One:



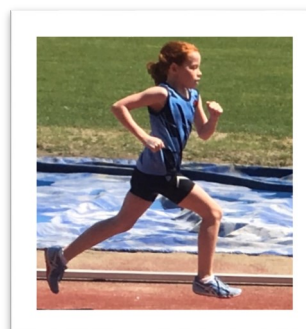
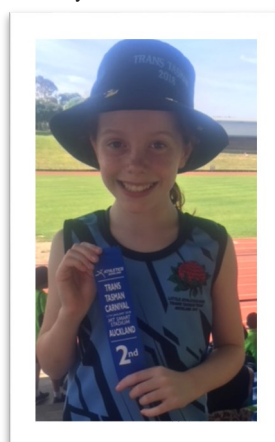
Use the following numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 to complete the grid

- ◆ Each row, column and diagonal in the grid must add up to 15.
- ◆ You can only use each of the numbers once.
- ◆ Solve the puzzle and send your answers in on a piece of paper with your name and class by Thursday 15th February. We will share the results at assembly next Friday morning.

NSW Little Athletics Trans Team 2018

In January, Annie Burns competed in the NSW Little Athletics Trans Tasman Team 2018. Each athlete had to do 4 events and Annie was selected for 1500m, 800m, long jump and shot put. She came home with 3 PBs, 4th place in the 800m and a silver medal for the 1500m! It was very exciting and an experience of a lifetime.

Annie toured around Auckland and Rotorua for 12 days with the team and made a lot of new friends from all over NSW. Annie also made a lovely New Zealand friend, Ruby, who is also a middle distance runner.

Birth Announcement

Childs Name: Alana Sarkis

Date of Birth: 22nd November 2017

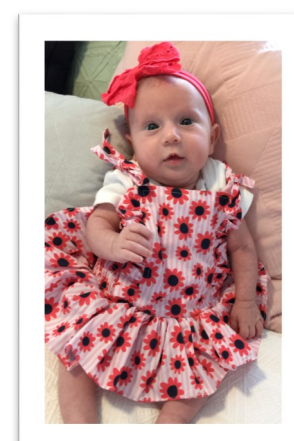
Weight: 2.8kg

Height: 51.5cm

Alana is a beautiful little baby. I like to feed her and help my mum to look after baby Alana. I feel more responsible and very happy to have a baby sister. I love my baby sister.

Chelsea Sarkis

Congratulations to the **Sarkis Family** on the arrival of Alana Sarkis. May God Bless her always.



Student Attendance

Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of school attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture.

One of the biggest contributors is the large number of parents seeking to take their children out of school for overseas holidays. Please plan for holidays outside of the school term. **Coming to school is critical to student achievement and wellbeing.**

Parents are reminder that they must **send a note** in to the classroom teacher to explain any absence from school. The class roll is a legal document and we need to have an explanatory note signed by the parent.

On Time Every Day - Partial absences = missed learning. Let your child know that every day counts by recognising punctuality, get to school on time every day to ensure that your child does not miss out on important morning structures and learning time. If your child is late to school (that is, arrives at school after 8:50am) then it is essential that a parent accompanies the child into the school office to fill in a partial absence form and get a late pass before going to class.

Kiss and Drop Zone

Parents are asked to display their car sign (Name tag) on the passenger side visor so that it is visible to the teachers on duty, making it easier to call your child.

We ask for your patience, particularly in the first few weeks when the new Kindergarten students and parents adjust to the kiss and drop procedures.

In the afternoon, names will begin to be called at 3:05pm. Please wait until 3:10pm (which is the official end of the school day) before driving off, as the school is responsible for the safety of your child until the 3:10pm bell rings. If you need to leave early, then parents are asked to come into the school office and fill out a partial absence form and sign your child out for the day.

Please obey traffic rules and respond to the teachers on duty if they ask you to go around the block. The procedures we have put into place are for the safety of all, and safety is our number one priority.

Parent Forums

We have scheduled four Parent Forums throughout the year. They are an opportunity for parents to become active participants in the life of the school, to be informed of our current practices, learning goals, understand school data trends and gain an insight into how your child learns.

Term	Date	Overview
Term 1	Monday 5 th March 7pm – 8pm	School Wide Pedagogy and Data analysis
Term 2	Tuesday 12 th June 7pm – 8pm	Literacy Focus
Term 3	Monday 13 th August 7pm – 8pm	Numeracy Focus
Term 4	Tuesday 6 th November 7pm – 8pm	Spirituality and RE Focus

Each parent forum will run for an hour from 7pm – 8pm with the last 15 minutes of each forum dedicated to General Business items. If you would like an item discussed during the General Business, I ask that you fill out the '**Agenda Item Request Form**' which was sent home last week, or can be found on the Skoolbag App.

Uniform Transition

There is a 2 year transition period for the new uniform to become compulsory, therefore at the start of the 2020 school year the expectation would be that all students have transitioned to the new uniform. In the meantime, during these transition years, mixing and matching of uniforms will be acceptable. *Eg if your child has the older uniform but has grown out of their sports jacket, it would make sense for you to purchase the new jacket to wear with the older uniform.*

Tuckshop2U

Online ordering for Morning tea and Lunch is available from Tuckshop2U from Monday to Friday, with hot food options being available on Thursdays only.

Just a reminder that in purchasing your child's tuckshop order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier.

As the weather is very warm, it is a good idea to place an ice brick in your child's lunchbox to keep the food cool. While, our bags are mainly kept inside or in shade, it is just a healthy precaution to take to ensure the quality of the healthy lunches that you pack are not compromised by the heat.

Opening School Mass

Today we joined Fr Walter and the parishioners to celebrate our Opening School Mass. As we embark on a new school year, we ask God to watch over us, not just through the learning and wisdom we receive, but especially through the faith, hope and love we give to one another in our community here at Sacred Heart Westmead.

Throughout the mass the teachers were formally commissioned into their role as Catholic Education leaders, recommitting themselves to their ministry. The Year 6 students were also commissioned into their roles as Student leaders for 2018. Congratulations to our new School Leaders and I know that they will live up to the requirements of their role, serving the school community with pride.

SPORTS TEAM		ASSEMBLY TEAM	
Sharanya Kugan (Blue) Harry Zeait (Blue) Olivia Doumit (Green) Angelina Rahme (Green) Joseph Jabour (Red) Tayla Youssef (Red) Lora Kaleda (Gold) Ethan Festo (Gold)		Angelina Ghadmar Brigid Jeffries Sophia Menassa Maria Zamora Aishvi Sheehan Joshua Sassine Oleevia Nethercott	
MEDIA & LIBRARY TEAM		TECHNOLOGY TEAM	LITURGY TEAM
Lara Tyler Alannah Elcham Elias Azzi Pugaline Kantharuban		Raymond Seaib Jennifer Rizk Alyssa Youssef Riley Golds Seth Fernandes	Charlize Anjoul Joseph Bani Tayla Ishac Isabella Nouh Yasmin Sampaio Crystal Semaan

School Banking

School Banking will re-commence on Tuesday 20th February 2018.

If there is any parent or grandparent who is able to spare an hour a week to enter the school banking data online and take over coordinating school banking, can you please contact the school office. We can offer training and support.

Parent Information Nights

Parent Information Nights will be held next week and are an opportunity for parents to get to know the classroom teacher, rules and routines, as well as understand the expectations for the 2018 school year. The timetable is below:

Date	Time	Class / Stage
Monday 12 th February	6pm – 7pm	Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)
Monday 12 th February	7pm – 8pm	Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)
Tuesday 13 th February	6pm – 7pm	Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
Kindergarten Information Night was held last year – Mrs Hay will see Kindergarten parents individually		

Staff—2018

Leadership Team	
Parish Priest	Father Walter Fogarty
Principal	Mrs Mary Kastoun
Assistant Principal	Ms Megan Owens
Religious Education Coordinator	Miss Monique Isaac
Coordinator 2	Mrs Louise Kingsley
Coordinator 1	Mrs Tracey Clogher
Classroom Teachers & Support Staff	
Kindergarten	Mrs Ashita Hay
Year 1	Mrs Louise Kingsley Mrs Rosanna Iuliano (Wednesday)
Year 2	Mrs Tracey Clogher
Year 3	Mrs Nicole Doan Tran
Year 4	Mr Nicholas Stevens
Year 5	Miss Katherine Breen
Year 6	Miss Monique Isaac Mrs Rosanna Iuliano (Tuesday)
Learning Support	Mrs Diane Galea
Literacy Support	Mrs Catherine Clarke
Literacy Support	Mrs Rosanna Iuliano (Thursday)
RFF (Sport)	Mr Anthony Hanna
EMU & Numeracy Support	Sr Anne Vo
Senior Finance Secretary	Mrs Tina Ward
Office Administration	Mrs Nadia Esposito
Maintenance Man	Mr Frank Pagano
Teacher Aide	Mrs Danielle McGillicuddy
Teacher Aide	Mrs Jill Rajca
Library Aide	Mrs Yvette Takchi
IT Trainee	Mr Liam Liang
School Counsellor	Emma Lightfoot

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**Monday 12th February**

Stage 2 Info Night-6pm

Stage 3 Info Night-7pm

Tuesday 13th February

Special Treat Morning tea

Shrove Tuesday

Stage 1 Information Night-6pm

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday Mass –9am

Friday 23rd February

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Stage 2 Assembly - 2:30pm

Monday 5th March

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations

Friday 9th March

Stage 3 Assembly - 2:30pm

Friday 23rd March

Stage 1 Assembly-2:30pm

Friday 6th April

Kindergarten Assembly-2:30pm

Friday 13th April 2018

Last Day Term 1

Public Holidays 2018:Friday 30th March- Good FridaySunday 1st April – Easter SundayMonday 2nd April – Easter MondayWednesday 25th April – Anzac DayMonday 11th June – Queens BirthdayMonday 1st October – Labour DayTuesday 25th December – Christmas DayWednesday 26th December – Boxing Day

[Congratulations and Good Luck to the following students who will represent Sacred Heart School at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival on 13th February 2018 at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre.](#)

Event	Time Selection		Time Selection
12 and 13 Years Male 50m Freestyle	Joseph Bains		Joshua Sassine
12 and 13 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Sophia Menassa		Brigid Jeffries
11 Years Male 50m Freestyle	Dylan Price		Matthew Inopiquez
11 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Annie Burns		Imogen Burns
10 Years Male 50m Freestyle	Matthew Sakr		Anthony Menassa
10 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Kansinee Eammano		Ava Jaure
9 Years Male 50m Freestyle	Daniel Czarnota		Ashok Singh-Otuhiva
9 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Ella Bains		Isabelle Liew
8 Years Male 50m Freestyle	Dimitri Kingsley		Noah Golds
8 Years Female 50m Freestyle	Kiara Price		
Senior (12 Years and over) Male Breaststroke	Joseph Bains		Joshua Sassine
Senior (12 Years) Female Breaststroke	Sophia Menassa		Maria Zamora
11 Years Male Breaststroke	Thanos Kingsley		Ethan Festo
11 Years Female Breaststroke	Imogen Burns		Annie Burns
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Male Breaststroke	Daniel Czarnota		Matthew Sakr
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Female Breaststroke	Kansinee Eammano		Ella Bains
Senior (12 Years and over) Male Backstroke	Raymond Seaib		Joseph Bains
Senior (12 Years) Female Backstroke	Sophia Menassa		Maria Zamora
11 Years Male Backstroke	Matthew Inopiquez		Thanos Kingsley
11 Years Female Backstroke	Imogen Burns		Annie Burns
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Male Backstroke	Daniel Czarnota		Matthew Sakr
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Female Backstroke	Kansinee Eammano		Maya Byrnes
Senior (12 Years and over) Male Butterfly	Joshua Sassine		Joseph Bains
Senior (12 Years) Female Butterfly	Sophia Menassa		Maria Zamora
11 Years Male Butterfly	Matthew Inopiquez		
11 Years Female Butterfly	Imogen Burns		Annie Burns
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Male Butterfly	Daniel Czarnota		
Junior (8,9,10 Years) Female Butterfly	Kansinee Eammano		
Individual Medley Senior Girls	Annie Burns		Imogen Burns
Individual Medley Senior Boys	Joseph Bains		
Individual Medley Junior Girls	Kansinee Eammano		
Individual Medley Junior Boys	Daniel Czarnota		
Senior Boys Relay	Joseph Bains Joshua Sassine Raymond Seaib Dylan Price	Senior Relay	Girls Sophia Menassa Brigid Jeffries Annie Burns Imogen Burns
Junior Boys Relay	Daniel Czarnota Ashok Singh-Otuhiva Matthew Sakr Anthony Menassa	Junior Relay	Girls Kansinee Eammano Ella Bains Isabelle Liew Ava Jaure

Staff development days/Pupil free days / School Holidays 2018

For your forward planning, below are the dates for the staff development /pupil free days for 2018. These are opportunities for the staff to engage in Professional learning. Parents are required to make alternate arrangements for the supervision of their child/ren.

DATE	WHAT
Monday 29 th January 2018	Staff Development Day 1
Tuesday 30 th January 2018	Staff Development Day 2
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	TERM 1 - First day for students in Year 1 - 6
Friday 2 nd February 2018	First day for students in Kindergarten
Friday 13 th April	Last day for Term 1
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 16th April – Monday 30th April	
Monday 30 th April 2018	Staff Development Day 3
Tuesday 1 st May 2018	TERM 2 - begins for students K-6
Friday 6 th July 2018	Last day for Term 2
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 9th July – Sunday 22nd July	
Monday 23 rd July 2018	Staff Development Day 4
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	TERM 3– begins for students K-6
Friday 28 th September 2018	Last day of Term 3
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 1st October – Sunday 14th October	
Monday 15 th October 2018	TERM 4 – begins for students K-6
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last day of Term 4
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Staff Development Day 5
Friday 21 st December 2018	Staff Development Day 6
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Thursday 20th December 2018 – Tuesday 29th January 2019	



Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Executive Director Greg Whitby has been recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours list with his appointment as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM). The award recognises Greg's outstanding contribution to education.

Since 2006, Greg has led a system of 80 Catholic schools in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. As an innovative educator and educational leader, he is internationally recognised for his passion about rethinking school for the digital age and the role of learning environments and technology in supporting learning and teaching.

On learning of his achievement this Australia Day, Greg was deeply moved by the award.

"This recognition belongs to those who have worked with me to transform education over the past forty years," Greg said.

"I've been inspired by great teachers and outstanding leaders who are committed to doing the very best for young people in Australian schools.

"It's been a privilege to be a part of the great mission of schooling. I look forward to continuing to turn around what it means to educate students today for their world."

In support of Greg Whitby's nomination for the prestigious award, Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, reflected on Greg's strong commitment to equity, praising his 'unflinching advocacy for the young people of Western Sydney and their families'.

Greg has previously been recognised with a Papal Knighthood in the Order of St Gregory the Great for his outstanding contribution to Catholic education. He is also a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian Institute of Management. Greg was named the most innovative educator in Australia by the Bulletin Magazine in its annual SMART 100 awards and in 2017. In the same year, he was awarded the Sir Harold Wyndham Medal for his contribution to the education of young people in NSW.

Term 1 Dates for Your Diary 2018

January

<u>Week</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1	29 Staff Development Day	30 Staff Development Day MAI Testing	31 Students Years 1-6 Return		

February

<u>Week</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1		1		1	2 First Day of School-Kindergarten
2	5	6	7	8 Opening School Mass 9am	9
3	12 Stage 2 Parent Info Night 6pm Stage 3 Parent Info Night 7pm	13 Stage 1 Parent Info Night 6pm Shrove Tuesday Special Treat Zone Swimming Carnival	14 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am	15	16
4	19	20	21 Year 6 Student Forum	22	23 Stage 2 Assembly 2:30pm Diocesan Swimming Carnival
5	26	27	28 Stage 3 Mass 9am		

March

<u>Week</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
5				1	2
6	5 Parent Forum 7pm-8pm Catholic Schools Week Celebrations	6 Catholic Schools Week Celebrations	7 Catholic Schools Week Celebrations	8 Catholic Schools Week Celebrations	9 Stage 3 Assembly 2:30pm Catholic Schools Week Celebrations
7	12 Musica Viva Performance 9am	13 Year 5 Reconciliation	14 Stage 2 Mass 9am	15	16
8	19	20	21 Harmony Day Celebrations	22	23 Stage 1 Assembly 2:30pm Bring in Easter Eggs for Raffle
9	26	27	28	29 Holy Thursday Liturgy Easter Basket Raffle 2:20pm	30 Good Friday Public Holiday

April

<u>Week</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10	2 Easter Monday Public Holiday	3 Easter Liturgy 2pm	4 Cross Country Carnival	5	6 Kindergarten Assembly 2:30pm
11	9	10	11	12	13 Last Day Term 1 Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

Any updates to the calendar will be communicated via the School Newsletter and Skoolbag App