



News from the Heart

Together we Grow & Rejoice

Thursday, 22nd March 2018



Year 1 Faith Page



Year One students have been learning about prayer during Holy Week. They have focused on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God His Father about his feelings, fears and problems. The boys and girls have embodied the story of Jesus praying at Gethsemane in order to make a deep connection with the emotions that Jesus felt.

[Matthew 26:36-46](#)

The Garden of Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. ³⁸ Then He *said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." ³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." ⁴⁰ And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? ⁴¹ Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³ Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. ⁴⁵ Then He *came to the disciples and *said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"



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Harmony Day Celebrations – Together We Are One

On Wednesday 21st March we came together in a spirit of love and friendship to think about the different cultures, languages, traditions and lifestyles that people contribute to this great country of ours. The theme for Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our school has embraced this theme by working together to create a harmonious community which promotes inclusiveness, acceptance, peace and tolerance of one another.

The Stage 2 students and teachers prepared our Harmony Day celebrations to coincide with their History unit of work. The level of engagement and genuine authentic learning that has taken place has been so positive to watch. Congratulations to all the Stage 2 students who worked on making sure that every aspect of our day was perfect.

Despite the rain, we were able to experience the following:

Celebration of Mass as a Catholic Community

Procession of flags (28 countries represented plus the Aboriginal Flag, Torres Strait Islander Flag and Australian Flag that unites us all). A special thank you to Julie Owens MP Federal Member for Parramatta who generously donated the larger flags.

Rotation of activities that included two language classes (thank you to Mrs Hay for leading the Hindi class and Mrs Kingsley leading the Greek class)

Students experienced traditional food as they made Vietnamese Rice Paper rolls (thank you to Mrs Khattar, Mrs Doumit, Mrs Ishak, Mrs El Koura, Mrs Abraham, Mrs Rizk, Mrs Nader, Mrs Elias, Mrs Rahban for food preparations)

Dance lessons were held (a special thank you to Mr Otuhiva for leading the New Zealand Dance/Haka and Mrs Maroun and Mrs Boumelhem for leading the Arabic dance/ Dabkhe)

Students also participated in two traditional games from Africa and China (thank you to the parents who led these games, Mrs Wendy Boumelhem and Mrs Abu Ali for leading the games sessions).

The day ended with a beautiful picnic lunch and a traditional costume parade. Thank you to all the parents for your support with preparing traditional costumes and for your presence and involvement in our Harmony Day celebrations.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Mrs Nicole Doan Tran and Mr Nicholas Stevens for their coordination of this event. It is certainly the start of many Harmony Days to come. Congratulations everyone on an amazing effort !!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd March

Easter Egg Donations
Easter Raffle Wrapping
Stage 1 Assembly-2:30pm

Friday 30th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Friday 6th April

Kindergarten Assembly-2:30pm

Friday 13th April

Last Day Term 1

Monday 30th April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 1st May

All students return for Term 2



Technology & the School Fete

The money raised from the school fete last year has been spent on updating our class laptop set. We have recently purchased 12 new Mac-book Air Computers with Apple Care. We are also in the process of updating our iPad's as well. Thank you once again for your very generous support that has allowed us to make these new purchases which will be available for all students to use in the coming weeks.

Principal and AP Challenge 4

Write a story about yourself. Your story must be 10 sentences long.

First sentence – must have 10 words

Second sentence – must have 9 words

Third sentence – must have 8 words

Fourth Sentence – must have 7 words

Fifth sentence – must have 6 words

Sixth sentence – must have 5 words

Seventh sentence – must have 4 words

Eighth sentence – must have 3 words

Ninth sentence – must have 2 words

Tenth sentence – must have 1 word

Good luck – entries are due next Thursday 29th March.

Answer to Principal and AP Challenge 3

How many words can you make out of the word **amphisbaena** ?

Congratulations to the following students who had correct entries into the Principal and AP Challenge 3 – Angelina N, Michael N, Marita I, Ivana I, Maya F.

The overall winner of Challenge 3 is **Michael Nasr (for the most points), and Maya Farquharson (for the longest word)**. Well done and keep up the great work.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2019. If you have not already submitted your enrolment forms please do so by Friday 13th April. Enrolment interviews will take place early May.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC has commenced and a note with the details was sent home on Wednesday. I encourage all students to participate in this great reading challenge. Please see Mrs Takchi or Mrs Owens if you have any questions about the PRC.

Parish News – Parish Based Sacramental Program

Dates and eligibility requirements for the Parish's 2018 Sacramental Program are available on the Sacred Heart Parish Website:

www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au

The program is open to Catholics who have made Sacred Heart Parish their primary place of worship.

Eucharist Program

24/25 March – 5/6 May

Enrolment forms available at weekend Mass

12/13 May

Enrolment ceremonies

15 May

Parent Meeting at 7pm

17 May

Groups start for 4 weeks

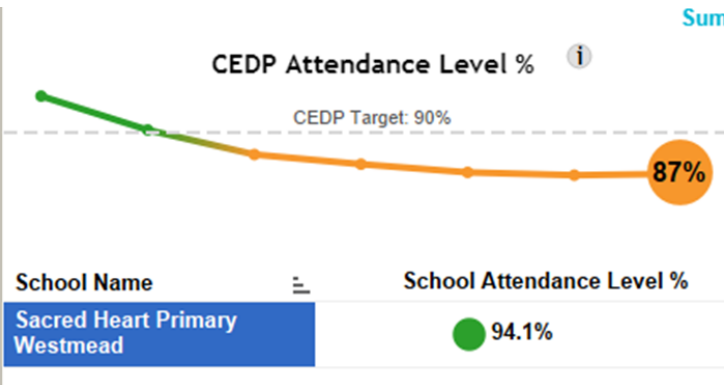
17 & 24 June

First Eucharist Masses at 11am

Project Compassion Boxes

Project compassion boxes are to be returned by the end of next week.

Student Attendance Rating



Birth Announcements

Audrina Nehme

10/03/2018
3.3kg
49cm

I love being a big sister because I can help Mummy look after Audrina. She makes a lot of funny noises too.



Roman Michael Haddad

1:33pm—8/03/2018
3.76kg
51cm

I'm so excited to carry my baby brother, he makes me very happy, my baby brother is so cute and I'll always look after him.

Winter Uniforms Now Available to Purchase

Oz Fashions, your uniform supplier is now selling all WINTER uniforms required for 2018. They are open 6 days a week Monday-Friday 9.00-5.30pm, Saturday 9.00-4.00pm. Please purchase your uniforms before the holidays to avoid long queues and to guarantee we have all the sizes you require. They also sell CLARKS black leather school shoes and CLARKS white leather sports shoes at very competitive prices.

Year 6 Snapshot



Name: Joshua Sassine

Favourite memory of school	My favourite memory of school was the colour days we had in kindergarten with Mrs Roberts.
Contributions I have made to the school	I have contributed to this school by helping set up our school fete.
One way I think I can make a difference in the world	One way I can make a difference in this world is by following in Jesus footsteps.
My ambition for the future	My ambition is to become a physiotherapist.
Words to live by: My Motto	"When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine"
What makes Sacred Heart Primary School unique?	Sacred Heart is unique because of the community. We wouldn't be able to have any special events without the community.



Class Merit Awards

Term 1—Assembly 2, Friday 9th March 2018

Kindergarten

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Chelsea Khattar	Drawing and writing a sentence independently about Lent.

Year One

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Maryjane Doueihy	Using conjunctions and pronouns in her informative text writing.

Year Two

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Leon Sampaio	Making meaningful connections in Shared Reading and linking ideas to Geography unit.

Year Three

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Martina Farquharson	Her accuracy when measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Year Four

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Mark Ghostine	Writing a persuasive and engaging introduction using a rhetorical question.

Year Five

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Elias Daher	Proving his answer to addition problems by checking his working out multiple times.

Year Six

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Riley Golds	Showing curiosity & using his think, how & why skills to deepen his understanding in Science & Literacy.

Honour Awards

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Kindergarten

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Sophie Drain	Displaying respect and compassion for her friends and teachers.

Year One

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Aiyana Alwan	Displaying compassion by always caring for others.

Year Two

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Bea Nethercott	Always welcoming visitors with a smile.

Year Three

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Azrin Bejoy	Demonstrating the Mercy Value of Excellence in her work.

Year Four

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Jessica-Pearl Abraham	Displaying compassion for others in the classroom.

Year Five

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Tayla Elcham	Always doing her absolute best.

Year Six

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Ethan Festo	Showing compassion in his learning teams.

Principal's Awards

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Saxon Seow	Creating and describing a new setting for his character.
Elijah Nehaime	Identifying and locating his special place on his neighbourhood map.
Jacob Daher	Identifying and locating his special place on a neighbourhood map.
Mary Taouk	The outstanding effort put into a Home Learning Grid Task.
Lara Tyler	The outstanding effort put into a Home Learning Grid Task.
Thanos Kingsley	The outstanding effort put into a Home Learning Grid Task.
Seth Fernandes	The outstanding effort put into a Home Learning Grid Task.
Maya Byrnes	Creating an engaging text about Lightning.
Natasha Strydom	The creative approach to a home learning grid task.
Brigid Jeffries	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.
Joshua Sassine	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.
Harry Zeait	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.
Angelina Gahdmar	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.
Sophia Menassa	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.
Riley Golds	Conducting a school tour for potential new families.




As CEDP initiative to provide faith formation in our school communities, the Mission Team are hosting a Parent Reflection Day early in Term 2.

This is a free event with morning tea and lunch provided.

When: 9.30am - 2.00pm, Thursday, 3 May

Where: Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville

RSVP: Tania Melki by email to tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 0429 375 226




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