



News from the Heart

Together we Grow & Rejoice

Thursday, 15th August 2019



Stage 3—Faith Page



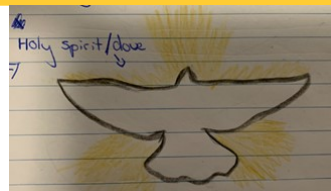
The students in Stage 3 are currently focusing on the unit "Sacraments of Service. The students have been reflecting upon the nature of their own vocation based on their understanding of the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders and how vocations are lived out in their daily lives with reference to the scripture 'Spiritual gifts' (1Cor 12: 4-11).

What a Spiritual gift is?

A spiritual gift is a gift given from the Holy Trinity (God, Jesus and the Holy spirit) to humans.

For example, miracles, visions and vocations. Another example is Pentecost when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples and gave them seven gifts from the Holy Trinity. They are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Also, some other gifts are the seven sacraments Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the sick. All of which we should try to use in our everyday lives. (James Baltassar)



How does the scripture reveal Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit?

Jesus

This scripture reveals Jesus because each of the spiritual gifts represent Jesus, as all the gifts have a link to each other and Jesus Christ is shown through each of the spiritual gifts. In the scripture it says; there are many types of service but the same Lord, which is Jesus. That means through each type of service, the one Lord Jesus works in all of the different services. Jesus is also shown in the scripture because we must serve and

God

This scripture reveals God because in the scripture it says; there are different kinds of working, but in all of the different workings and in everyone it has the Same God. God sent down the Holy Spirit and gave it the power to help and to serve others. God is shown through the scripture because we should serve and honour God because he sent down the Holy Spirit to spread and give the spiritual gifts to others.

Holy Spirit

This scripture reveals the Holy Spirit because it says; there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Holy Spirit distributes all the gifts. Each spiritual gift includes the Holy Spirit because it shows how, in each gift the spirit is mentioned, and the Holy Spirit was the one who gave the spiritual gifts out. Also, the spiritual gifts help us to be kind and to serve God, the Holy Spirit also helps us to be kind and to serve God in our life.

The Sacraments present in this scripture is the Sacrament of Holy Orders, as the scripture talks about spreading the word of God. The Sacrament of Marriage is also present as it is a Sacrament of Service. I also think the Sacrament of Baptism is present, because they are gifting the people and welcoming them. When people are baptised they are sent a spiritual gift. (Rita Frim)



What Sacraments are present?

The Sacraments that are present in the scripture are Matrimony and Holy Orders. Matrimony is a sacrament of Service as it is loyalty between husband and wife. Holy Orders is based on a priest and nun serving God and being loyal. (Arvin Bejoy)

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Student Attendance

Regular school attendance is critical to student achievement and wellbeing.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then regular attendance does



SACRED HEART PRIMARY

CURRENT attendance - 86.7%

TARGET attendance - 90%

Attendance decrease



Education Mass

On the 13 of August, the year six Liturgy team and FIAT team members attended the annual Parramatta Diocese Education Mass with Miss Isaac, Mrs Mifsud and our Westmead Catholic Community schools (Parramatta Marist, Catherine McAuley and Mother Teresa). The mass was held at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta and was led by Bishop Vincent Long.

We were joined by other students from Primary schools and High schools across the Parramatta Diocese. After mass some schools shared their ideas on how to help the community and others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Sacred Heart shared a table with the Westmead Community schools. On our table we shared some of the work we have participated in that reflects social justice such as Reconciliation Week, Stage Three’s Vinnies sleepout and the JRS food bank donation that we are currently participating in.

We also had the opportunity to see how other communities help those less fortunate and gained lots of new and creative ideas of ways that can change our schools future. The teachers and students that had the opportunity to go to the Cathedral were very thankful to be there and proud to share our schools social justice ideas and events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22nd August

Book Swap 8:30am

Friday 23rd August

Book Week Celebrations

Diocesan Athletics

Tuesday 27th August

Numeracy Parent Forum– 7pm

Friday 30th August

Father’s Day Breakfast

Father’s Day Mass

Father’s Day Stall

Kindergarten Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 9th September

Staff Development Day

Thursday 26th September

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge



Ann Clark Lecture with Fr Frank Brennan

On Monday Evening, the Sacred Heart Staff were lucky enough to be afforded the opportunity to gather with fellow educators from our Diocese, to listen to Father Frank Brennan SJ AO speak. Fr Frank is an Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic.

His talk was titled 'The Universal Mission of the Catholic Church' and spoke about schools as places of inclusion, welcoming all people. This hospitality he likened to bridges. Bridges that can join people on either side of the rivers that divide our communities. But in order to have these bridges, many pylons are needed to create and continue to support them. We were challenged to establish these pylons, to be better listeners and to seek out new horizons of justice and humanity.

Father Frank shared *"If only your heart could become a manger, then God would once again walk on this earth. How can our classrooms and schools become a manger?"*

As Catholics we are challenged to love more and be more. We look forward to working with all members of our community, to engage in respectful dialogue and continue to grow the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 61:1-2

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;*

Parent Helpers

This week we welcomed our newly trained parent helpers into the learning spaces. These generous parents have volunteered their time to help assist students with their reading. We are very grateful for their support and appreciate the valuable difference they are making to the literacy development of students within our Sacred Heart community.



Literacy Forum

This morning we held our Parent Literacy Forum. Parents who attended were able to gain a greater understanding of our school Literacy goal:

'For all students to be able to use a variety of strategies to produce quality ideas when writing.'

Parents were able to spend some time visiting the spaces and see some practical examples of how this goal is being implemented in our Learning Spaces.



Book Week Performance

On Monday morning, all of the students and staff gathered in Stage Three to watch this year's book week performance *Big Dreams*. Together we celebrated the best of Australian children's books from the Children's Book Council of Australia 2019 shortlist, and celebrated the CBCA Book Week 2019 theme 'READING IS MY SECRET POWER'. This heartfelt musical looked at different episodes in each character's journey, where they learned not to be discouraged by negative messages in order to follow their heart's desire. The main message was to always **be strong** and **be brave**!



Book Week

Next week we will celebrate Book Week. The theme for this year's book week is '*Reading is my Secret Power*'. Parents are invited to join us for the following events:

Thursday the 22nd of August:

8.30am - Book Swap

We will be holding a book swap under the undercroft. Please bring in any books you wish to swap on the morning of the book swap and our Year 5 Story Team will help you find a new book to love.

Friday the 23rd of August:

1.20pm - Picnic Lunch

2.00pm - Teacher's Play

2.20pm - Book Parade

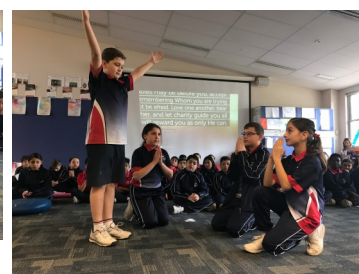
Children are invited to dress in the theme 'Reading is my Secret Power'

Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop of the Cross

Last week we came together as a school community to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop of the Cross. The students of stage 3 reflected on St Mary Mackillop of the Cross' life and shared some of her famous words and the ways in which we can implement and action these words in our everyday lives.

We also honoured the students who continually follow St Mary of the Cross Mackillop's motto "Never see a need without doing something about it".

Congratulations to all these students.



Happy Birthday

To all students celebrating their birthdays this week.





Class Merit Awards

Term 3— Assembly 1, Friday 2nd August 2019

Kindergarten

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Victor Baraya	Creating ideas to match a picture to help him write.

Year One

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Angelina Saide	Trying her best at composing compound sentences in her writing.

Year Two

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Patrick Nader	Visualising and continuing on counting off the decade using a two-digit number.

Year Three

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Aleia Jaure	Showing focus when undertaking tasks in all areas of learning.

Year Four

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Eliane Achram	Exploring odd and even numbers while working on difficult mathematics tasks.

Year Five

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Tia Chmait	Using the senses to write a creative piece of text incorporating a range of language techniques.

Year Six

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Jeremiah Joseph	His ability to use inferencing skills to unpack images within a range of texts.

Honour Awards

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Kindergarten

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Natalia Daher	Displaying excellence in her daily activities and when helping her peers

Year One

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Isabella-Rose Huelle	Applying the Mercy Value of Excellence to all aspects of work.

Year Two

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Alexander El Khoury	Displaying the Mercy Value of Stewardship and responsibly using God's gifts.

Year Three

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Evana Ishak	Showing excellence as she takes pride in her school work.

Year Four

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Patrick Nethercott	Displaying compassion at all times.

Year Five

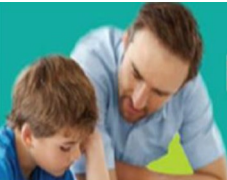
<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Nathan El-Koura	Showing hospitality to his teachers and peers.

Year Six


<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Alliyah Gabreal	Showing service towards her peers.

Principal's Awards

<u>Student</u>	<u>Description of Award</u>
Jayden Saykali	Displaying grit and working towards his writing goals.
Elijah Ishak	Building new ideas and clarifying his misconceptions by undertaking independent research




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Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.




High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.






Our guest speaker for the evening is:
JAMES CAMDEN
Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

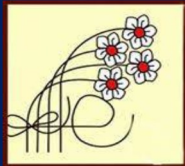
Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Monday, 26th August 2019
Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)
St Andrews Primary School,
36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148
Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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