



News from the Heart

Together we Grow & Rejoice

Thursday, 21st February 2019



Stage 2—Faith Page



Mark 1:35-37

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

Stage Two is currently learning about prayer and how it lets us share in praise, thanksgiving, sorrow and in petition with God. This scripture passage informs us of the way Jesus sought solitude and quiet when praying, to maintain and develop his ever-growing relationship with God. The students of Stage Two have taken this into consideration when creating our shared Prayer Space and when developing prayers of Petition and Praise to God to share.

Stage Two have also spent time reflecting on the things they are thankful for, as God has used his power for great things, so must we. In order to show our thanks and praise, Stage Two created prayers to share in our morning prayer sessions as a Stage. Here are some of the prayers Stage Two have created.



Thank you God for all that grows,
All the trees and the beautiful sun.
Thank you for the shiny stars,
Thank you God for all you've done!
By Olivia El Nahas

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for our families.
Their beautiful souls make me so happy.
Thank you for the stars and shine
and all the beautiful friends of mine.
By Izabel Maroon

Dear God,
Grant me the peacefulness to understand
the things that I can't change,
and the bravery to change the things I can,
Give me the strength to make a change.
By Martina Farquharson

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Principal Message

A very warm welcome to our new school year. 2019 promises to be a year of great learning and development in our school and it is my great privilege to be joining the Sacred Heart community on this exciting journey. Thank you to all those who have already made me feel so welcome. Already we have much to celebrate about our wonderful school.

Beginning School Mass

Our Beginning School mass was a special opportunity to come together to celebrate as a school community. Thank you to all those who were able to join us for Mass and to those who stayed to share morning tea afterwards.

School Goals

Each year schools across the Parramatta Diocese are asked to name school action goals in the areas of Formation, Literacy and Numeracy. These goals help to focus the learning for the year and are determined from school data. Our school goals for 2019 are as follows:

Formation, Mission and Religious Education: Students will demonstrate a deeper understanding of the Spiritual Sense of Scripture.

Literacy: Students will be able to use a variety of strategies to produce quality ideas when writing

Numeracy: Students will use efficient strategies and explain their reasoning in addition & subtraction

In the following newsletters we will be unpacking these goals in greater detail and giving you some tips about how you can help to support the achievement of these goals at home

"Together we can do great things" Mother Teresa

Student/Teacher Parent Conferences

Thank you to all those who made the time to come and speak with your child's teacher about their learning. The information shared provides important insights about your child's strengths and challenges and provides a valuable opportunity for students, parents and teachers to collaborate in developing student centred goals.

Morning Assembly

As you are aware, a change was made to our morning routine in an attempt to maximise the learning time at the beginning of each day, with students now moving straight into class Tue - Fri instead of lining up for a morning assembly. Thank you for your support in implementing this new initiative. The teachers have noted a much more positive start to the day as a result of the improvement and are pleased that our goal to gain more learning time has been achieved.

Tuckshop2U

As of 12 April 2019 (end of Term 1) **Tuckshop2U will no longer be servicing school lunches.** We are currently exploring other alternatives and will keep you informed as information becomes available.

Birthdays

Congratulations to all those in our community who celebrated a birthday over the last few weeks. Hip, hip hooray!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**Friday 22nd February

Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Blacktown

Monday 4th March

Catholic School Week Liturgy
9:00am

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday—Mass
9:00am

Friday 8th March

Open Day—Tour of School
9:30am

Extreme Weather

Parents please be aware that if you choose to leave your child home due to extreme weather your child's absent will be marked on the roll as "unexplained leave". All rooms at school are air conditioned and if it's too hot outside, recess and lunch will be conducted in class.

Cumberland Zone Swimming

Last Tuesday 22 students represented Sacred Heart Primary school at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. The students competed with excellence and determination and had a fantastic day, albeit a bit hot. A special shout out to Imogen Burns who received the Senior Girl Runner Up age champions award for her efforts in all the events she competed in on the day. The following students have performed well and placed in the top 4 in various events and will be moving on to represent the Cumberland Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this Friday. We wish them the best of luck.

**Annie Burns
Imogen Burns
Daniel Czarnota
Gandthee Eammano
Kansinee Eammano
Andrew Sakr
Noah Golds**



Health Warning

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019. School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, however they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

Resources for Parents and Carers now available

ALEA has produced a series of modules designed to provide parents and carers with ideas for enjoying literacy learning with their children. Titled 'Little People's Literacy Learning', these materials are available on ALEA's website and are freely

accessible to all: alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning



Yea 6 Snapshot



Name: Paul Eid

Favourite memory of school	First day I was not wanting to go in to school and my dad told me that he will download a gunnamstyle app on his phone and then I went in.
Contributions I have made to the school community	I have helped out in the church by altar serving.
One way I think I can make a difference in the world	By completely banishing plastic bags,bottles ect
My ambition for the future	To work hard and live a good life
Words to live by: My Motto	Treat everyone with love and respect like God did and ignore all silly problems and you will be ahead of every-
What makes Sacred Heart Primary School unique?	It has the most loving and caring teachers and students and it's the best place in the world

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 12 March 2019 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 22nd MARCH 2019

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- an easy-to-use ID panel
- a microfibre cloth
- a matching case with bag clip.

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Please order by **1st March 2019.**