

*Dear Parents & Students,*

Last Sunday, December 1 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 Christmas .... the 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 savour the season. Count down 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, 10 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.

### 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**

### From the Library ...

As 2019 draws to a close, all library books need to be returned to the library. Borrowing books from the library is ending this week.

We hope you have fun reading over the holidays and entering the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. What a great opportunity this will be to visit your local public library, or read books online!



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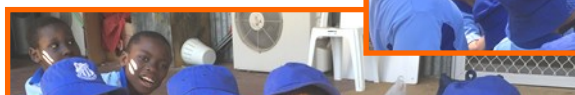
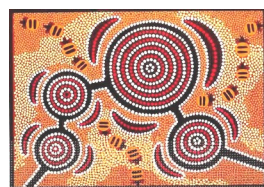
**Term 4, Week 8**

**"Be respectful"**





Year 2  
Excursion to  
Muru Mittigar  
26 Nov 2019



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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## National Prayer Campaign

*for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought,  
for support services*

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain  
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people;

**Year 5  
Technology Day  
St Agnes Catholic  
High School**

**22 November 2019**



## Friday Assembly Awards

- Year 1:** Cyrus Litto, Elliott Vella  
Alaina Bucad, Charbel Chahine,  
Depiny Dekuan, Malak Dinkhah
- Year 2:** Michael Akok, Carl Cruz,  
Stewart Essho, Chelsea Vella
- Year 3:** Lual Chol, Nyibol Diing,  
Laurence Kako, Barbara Pita
- Year 4:** Daniela Ealeya, Murad Esah,  
Makuac Mou, Jacque Tangka
- Year 5:** Emily Ahad, Hayden Culbert,  
Abby Neely, Iden Shammo
- Year 6:** Emilio Bellido, Austin Bernal,  
Ornila Esho, Tamarah QraQuoshi

### Friday, 29.11.19

- Kindy:** Alexa Antonino, Natasha Goro,  
Marin Lepad, Gai Thoc
- Year 1:** Thomas Dabbagh, Isaac Georges, ,  
Vaiola Vailala, Isabelle Vella
- Year 2:** Cesar Al Qassab, Miranda Blazevic,  
Marisya Esho, Alana Keryo
- Year 3:** Alyssa Georges, Kuan Lual,  
Ryder Merjudio, Kyrillos Mousa
- Year 4:** Max Bucud, Jencarlo Maniebo,  
Eizel Merjudio, Warrina Yousif
- Year 5:** Angel Boniba, Mia Kissur,  
Jaycee Matti, Andrew Youssef
- Year 6:** Thiep Agou, Raeshelle De Leon,  
Damien Fatukala, Jeeya Gawai

- Wed. 4th Dec.** 5:00pm Christmas Picnic  
6:15pm Christmas Carols Concert
- Fri. 6th Dec.** Year 6 Retreat Day at Mt Schoenstatt
- Tues. 10th Dec.** Semester 2 Reports to be sent home
- Tues. 10th Dec.** 9:15am School Choir to perform at  
Bunnings
- Wed. 11th Dec.** Year 6 Day to Luna Park
- Fri. 13th Dec.** 9:30am End of Year Awards  
10:30am Parent Morning Tea
- Tues. 17th Dec.** 6:30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
- Wed. 18th Dec.** **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
- 19th & 20th Dec.** Staff Development Days—no students

### 2020 DATES YOUR DIARY

- Thurs. 30th Jan.** Years 1—6 Return to School
- Fri. 31st Jan.** Kindergarten 2020 Students start

### Students NOT Returning to Sacred Heart in 2020

If your child or children are **NOT** returning to Sacred Heart School in 2020, please advise the school office in writing immediately. All families are required to give one term's notice if they will not be returning to the school—otherwise they will be charged a full term's fees.

*Obviously this does not apply to Year 6 children who of course are moving on to High School. We have families applying to send their children to our school and need to know whether we have places for them.*



## Year 4 Nativity Play St Agnes

