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## Our P.B.S. Values are:

Respect for Ourselves  
Respect for Others  
Respect for our Learning

**Grade 4  
Fishing Excursion  
18th November**

**Kinder Stay and  
Play Session  
Friday 19th Nov**

**MND Blue Day  
Mini Vinnies  
Treat Stall  
Friday  
19th November**

**Carols  
At Dusk  
8th Dec  
5:30pm**

## Good Manners

It's always popular to bewail the deterioration of manners; there is an often quoted (and often disputed) story about Socrates' complaining that the young Athenians have 'bad manners, contempt for authority'. But the age-old parental job remains.

And that job is to start with a being who has no thought for the feelings of others, no code of behaviour beyond its own needs and comforts — and, guided by love and duty, to do your best to transform that being into what your grandmother might call a good person. Manners are at the heart of the whole parental enterprise.

Every infant is born adorable but selfish and the centre of the universe. It's a parent's job to teach that there are other people, and other people matter. A child's manners have a huge impact on people's lives. Do they look you in the eye? If you put your hand out do they shake it? Do they say hello? Do they grab what they want? Do they interrupt? Do they make daily life a pleasure?

Social skills like manners are necessary for school success: they affect how you do on the playground, in the classroom, in the workplace.

And of course, one of the long-term consequences of being a rude child is being a rude adult. We too often encounter a mature adult who still sees the world only in terms of their own wants and emotions: *I want that so give it to me; I am angry so I need to hit out; I am in charge so shut up and do as I say.*

Adults of course must respect a child's intellectual and emotional privacy: I'm not telling you to like your teacher; I'm telling you to treat her with courtesy. I'm not telling you that you can't hate Tommy; I'm telling you that you can't hit Tommy. Your feelings are your own private business; your behaviour is public.

But that first big lesson — that there are other people out there whose feelings must be considered — affects a child's most basic moral development. For a child, as for an adult, manners represent a strategy for getting along in life, but also a successful intellectual engagement with the business of being human.



Manners are part of the journey every child makes from helplessness to autonomy. And a child who learns courtesy is a child who is operating well in the world, a child with a positive future.

Just as we need to be taught to read we need to be taught to use manners. It is the responsibility of schools and families to work together to support children by modeling and teaching manners.

## Early Childhood Athletics Carnival

Last week a large number of parents and friends turned out to support the children competing in the Early Childhood Athletics Carnival. Thanks to our Grade 6 children for their exceptional organisational skills, our staff for their guidance and encouragement and to our talented PE teacher Mr Anderson for organising another memorable event.

Brent Wilson















Last Friday afternoon all our students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 gathered on the oval for the annual athletics carnival. For the first hour the students participated in tabloid activities and did an amazing job encouraging each other and getting house points. The second hour of the day saw our students participate in running races and relay races.

Thank you to all the families who came to Sacred Heart to watch the action. Thanks to our Grade 6's who ran the tabloid activities, assisted with judging races and helped with the scoring. Finally, thanks to our staff, in particular Phil who gets the oval looking beautiful every year for this event. Congratulations to Young for winning the carnival in 2021.

#### Final placings

1st - Young

2nd - Nagle

3rd - MacKillop

4th - Rice

#### ANY FAMILIES INTENDING TO LEAVE SHS

Could any families intending to leave SHS at the end of 2021 for work purposes, moving interstate or any other reason, please notify the school as soon as possible



# TOGETHER; bound by faith, in Jesus' image.

Over the last week at Sacred Heart we have shared a Remembrance Day service, an Early Childhood liturgy, a Just Leadership Day as well as learning about our faith through class prayer and our Religion lessons.

Children across the classes share prayer time daily, thanking God and praying for help. They regularly engage in hymns as a means of prayer, singing in celebration and love of God. For many children at Sacred Heart they would not see this as special, because it is what they have always done. For those new to our school, or visitors, sharing in prayer, hymns and learning about our faith is seen as a wondrous, unique and special part of our learning at Sacred Heart.

Our Early Childhood classes visited our church last week for a Thanksgiving Liturgy. They engaged in prayer and listened to Father Chatty as he reminded them of the goodness of God and all that we have. Children hung leaves of gratitude on a tree that now stands in our entrance to remind us of how fortunate we are.



19 Year 5 students attended the Just Leadership day at St Anthony's. Here they learnt about the amazing works of Caritas, Catholic Mission and many inspiring young leaders. Their engagement, enthusiasm and sheer passion for helping others was wonderful to witness. Many of these students will step into leading the Mini Vinnies team at Sacred Heart in 2022, who generously spend time creating ways we can all raise funds for those in need.

Our Remembrance Day service was shared as a whole school. Students respectfully observed a minute's silence and considered the sacrifice made by so many in wartime.

Alexander (Year 6) led us in prayer.



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Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war,  
Into the peace of your presence;  
May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.







## Carols at Dusk

**Carols on the Sacred Heart School oval will be held on**

**Wednesday 8th December 2021 commencing at 5.30pm**

Bring a blanket to sit on (chairs to be located towards the back)

BYO food and drinks

Flameless Candles will be available for purchase on the night for \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
(please have correct change)

There will be some COVID restrictions in place, details to follow.

