

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Learning and Teaching Report - Term 1, Week 8, 2023

Beginning of the Year Testing

The Beginning of the Year testing was successful and enabled our teachers to collect relevant data to inform their teaching.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated by the Year 3-6 students in the Sacred Heart Church, led by Fr Binh. The Prep to Year 2 teachers led their students in a classroom paraliturgy.

Combined Schools Day

The two parish schools, St Margaret Mary's and Sacred Heart came together today to celebrate our patron saint, St Joseph. After two years of COVID, it was lovely to come back together as one parish and re-ignite our relationship. St Joseph, "the faithful servant", was our focus this year. Binh spoke to us about how we can learn from St Joseph and the importance of our actions speaking louder than our words.

Excursions

Lots of movement and learning going on in Sacred Heart:

- Year 1 & 2: "Mind, Body and Soul Day"
- Year 1 & 2: "Yoga" with a professional instructor
- Year 3 & 4: Newport community Walk
- Year 3 & 4: State Library Writing incursion
- Year 5 & 6: "Body works - Health and Wellbeing Program"
- Harmony Day (coming up on Monday)
- P-6: Hockey clinics
- Year 5 and Prep: Super Buddy incursion

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is currently underway. This is the final week of the NAPLAN window. All of the students have been well prepared and supported by their classroom teachers. We look forward to receiving their results later in the year.

Sacred Heart Maths Learning Walk

We hosted our first learning walk of the year. Kim Dalmau, our Maths leader, introduced our parents to what Maths learning looks like at Sacred Heart. The parents were invited into the classrooms to interact with their children and other students to gain a better insight into how they learn and how they teach. It was an extremely successful turn-out with over 30 parents filling our staff room and classrooms. We look forward to running our English learning walk nex term.

Classroom Helpers

Kim, Sue and myself ran the Classroom Parents Helpers session. This was an opportunity for parents to find out about the requirements they need to participate as a helper in their child's room. We had many parents sign up to help in the the Literacy and Numeracy session.

International Women's Day Afternoon Tea

This year we hosted an afternoon tea to celebrate International Women's Day. We invited our Year 6 families and students to come and listen to our very special guest speaker, Moira Kelly.

School Closure Day: First Aid and PAT- ART

Our school Closure Day last week saw our staff spend half of the day updating our First Aid training.

The second half of the day was facilitated by Kim, our Maths Leader. Continuing our PAT-ART journey, she introduced our staff to Abstract reasoning. The teachers were introduced to the strategies and they were able to identify where the skill of reasoning lies within the learning areas of the curriculum. The students identified how the abstract reasoning strategies can be used across the curriculum to improve learning outcomes.