

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 11

9th April 2014

Dear Parents and Children,

This will be the last Newsletter for Term 1 2014. We have achieved so many things this Term and I would like to congratulate the teachers on the fantastic work they have done to support children and their learning. I also thank the many parents who have supported us in so many different ways. Without your support we would find it difficult to achieve all we do at Sacred Heart.

Easter Celebration

Tomorrow, Thursday 10th April at 11:30am, parents are welcome to come to the Easter Celebration in the Hall. Over the last few weeks, during Lent, the children have prepared very well for a very prayerful celebration of Easter.

After the Easter Celebration we will have our Easter Raffle where the children will win many prizes.

Thank you to those children who have brought back their sold Raffle Tickets. Please make sure that all Raffle Tickets have been returned so that you have a chance to win a wonderful prize. All money raised from fundraising this year will go towards the purchase of computer and technology for all classrooms.

Thank you so much to all the children and parents who have donated Easter Eggs. You have all done a fantastic job. Also, a huge thank you to the parents who helped to sort, wrap and organise the prizes. We could not do this without your generous support.

Important Upcoming Events:

Tomorrow Thursday 10th April 11:30am— Parents Invited to a prayerful Easter Celebration followed by the Easter Raffle Draw.

New Date for Stage 3 Soccer Tuesday 29th April

Children return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April

Stage 3 Soccer

The new date is Tuesday 29th April which is the children's first day back at school.

Winter Uniforms

As we begin Term 2 children may wear summer or winter uniform to be comfortable for learning, as the weather is unpredictable at this time of the year. Over the next three weeks we will gradually move into winter uniform as we get ready for the colder weather.

Kinder Enrolment 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. Applications can be collected at the school office. Interviews for Kinder 2015 will commence early Term 2.

Car Park

I would like to thank all the parents who support the school by parking in the correct areas. **You are keeping children safe.** A reminder to parents that they are NOT to drive through or park in the car park at any time. The car park is for parishioners attending mass only. I would like to express my thanks to those parents who have been extremely supportive. The Car Park will not be open for parents at any time. While parking in the street, please remember to keep the road rules and do not park in the neighbour's driveways or make U turns over double lines or the crossing. Not keeping the road rules can result in you being fined a considerable amount. Police will be patrolling the streets to book those breaking the road rules. Thank you sincerely to those parents who follow the school rules by not parking in the Parish Car Park. Your support is very much appreciated.

I would like to wish ever family a very happy and holy Easter and hope that you are able to make the time to take your children to the church for the Easter Celebrations.

Warmest Regards

Moya McGuinness

Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun and will conclude on 22nd August. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are able to participate.

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	30	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9

It is important to note that a child can 'experience' a book by participating in shared reading of the book or read part or the entire book independently.

There are many books in our school library which have been specifically labelled as Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) books. All have individual PRC ID codes listed on the labels to make it easier when recording books on the reading logs. PRC usernames and passwords will be distributed in Term 2, although, students who have previously participated should be able to use their passwords from last year. In the meantime, I encourage parents and caregivers to help their children to record books on the paper reading logs so that this information can be transferred to the PRC website in due course.

All students have been issued with a reading log, and if it is misplaced, one can be downloaded and printed from the PRC website; <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/readingLog.html>

Privacy Information

Parents and caregivers need to be aware that all students who successfully complete a validated online reading record qualify for a PRC certificate and will appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only students' names will appear in the Honour Roll with no identifying factors. All relevant information can be found on the PRC website; <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/readingLog.html>

Please don't hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's involvement in the PRC. I am available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Happy reading!
Joanne Neill
Library Technician and PRC Coordinator

Catholic Out of School Hours Care

If you require before and after school care please contact Jenny 0429110156 for more information.

Did you know that you can subscribe to receive news as soon as it is posted to our school website?

Simply go to the website and click on **News and Events** on the list appearing in blue at the top of the page. Then select **Free News Subscriptions** and then across to **E-News**.

Fill out the form and click **Subscribe to E-News**.

If you have any difficulties or further questions, please contact the school.

Mrs Fran Luyt

Mary MacKillop Place Museum April School Holiday Program

Where? 7 Mount St, North Sydney
When? 22nd, 23rd & 24th April 2013
Time? 10.30 – 12.30
Cost? \$8.00 per child per session
Includes morning tea
Suitable for children 5-12 years-
Bookings? Museum Educator
T: 02 8912 4883
E: mackillop@sosj.org.au

Birthdays

10/04/2014	Emmanuel Tuiletufuga
11/04/2014	Jayden Bechara, Justin Bechara, Natalie Balass
12/04/2014	Jonathon Erupi
15/04/2014	Alisha Anand, Audrey Paranis Janmor Oca
19/04/2014	Aku Singh
20/04/2014	John Toma, Mary Rose Ahad Catherine Clarke
21/04/2014	John Vaka
24/04/2014	Tubal-Cain Palu-Halaifonua, Alex Kako, Andre Pratt
25/04/2014	Grace Youkhana
26/04/2014	Harish Vijayakumar
28/04/2014	Lual Lual, Emma Yousif, Jacob Armstrong, Moses Tan
29/04/2014	Aiden Shamas, Phillip Mekhail

Next Week at Sacred Heart

Thursday 10 April

- 11:30am Resurrection Celebration—Easter Raffle

Friday 11 April

- Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 28 April

- Staff Development Day—no children at school

Tuesday 29th April

- First day for children—Term 2
- Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

We warmly invite you to....

COME AND LISTEN

To a series of catechesis
FOR ADULTS AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
to help you to experience
God's ongoing action in your life.
The catechesis will be run by a team of catechists
from the
Neo-Catechumenal Way in the,
Parish Hall, Sacred Heart Church
(9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt)
Every Sunday and Thursday at 7:30pm.
Babysitters provided and transport available.
Please contact Fiona 0412 481 377.

Child Protection Mandatory Briefing

A reminder to all volunteers that the Child Protection Briefing needs to be renewed every two years. If you wish to go on any excursions you cannot go unless you have completed the online briefing. □ Using Child Protection for Volunteers □ <http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link □ 2. Read through the presentation □ 3. Complete and submit quiz questions – this will take approximately 45 minutes □ 4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing name, email address, contact number, contact address and school □ 5. A notification of successful completion of the module will be sent via email to the school and also to the volunteer's email address.

