

# Heart To Heart

## *Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South*

Term 1 - Week 2

5th February 2014

### **Dear Parents and Children**

As we begin the new education year of 2014, I extend a warm welcome to each and every family at Sacred Heart. The staff and I hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and that you had some valuable time to spend with your family and loved ones. Welcome to all those who are sending their children to Sacred Heart for the first time. I thank you for entrusting your child to our community. I trust that your association with Sacred Heart will be long and happy. I look forward to an exciting and rewarding year with you and your children, as the dedicated staff at Sacred Heart endeavours to provide a rich, vibrant and stimulating year of education for your children.

I welcome Mr. John Tomczyk who has been appointed by the Catholic Education Office as our Assistant Principal. John comes to us as a well experienced educator, who has served as Assistant Principal at St Nick's Penrith for many years. He is a great family man and is looking forward to working with our community at Sacred Heart. I welcome Mrs. Maureen van Reyk as our Special Education Teacher. Maureen has many years of experience working with children to enable them to achieve success. Her passion and dedication to making a difference for every child has been evidenced over the past few weeks. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to employ a third Reading Recovery teacher who will be trained this year. I welcome Miss Christel Vion who will be taking up this position. Christel is an enthusiastic, committed educator who is looking forward to working with the children in Year 1 to enhance their reading ability. Christel will also be working with the Year 6 children in the area of Mathematics, as she is an EMU Lead Teacher. I do hope that each of these new educators joining us at Sacred Heart have many enjoyable experiences whilst at Sacred Heart.

I thank parents for their support and patience last week as we completed the MAI (Mathematical Interview Assessment) on all children in Year 2 - Year 6 and Kindy – Year 1 completed the MAI as well as the EYA (Early Years Assessment for Reading). This data is essential for teachers to program effectively so as to cater for students individual learning programs for the rest of the year. This ensures that the teaching in the classroom is designed to extend the child's knowledge and understand throughout 2014.

### **Kindergarten**

On Monday our Kindergarten children who commenced 'big' school came to Sacred Heart having taken part in a rich educational experience last year in our Kindergarten Transition Program. With the program, we endeavoured to prepare children for their first experience of school and help parents understand and be better able to help children with their learning. It is encouraging to be back at school and experience the support, trust and encouragement from parents as we provide the best possible learning for your children. It is my hope that during this year we will continue to work towards building a school community that is full of life based on the love of Christ, as hope for the future and is always witness to a peaceful existence. I pray that we will have a wonderful year working together in the education of your children.

### **Information Sharing for Parents**

On 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February we will have our Parent Information Sharing for Year 1 to Year 6. The children will be given notes for you to nominate the time for your interview with their teacher. As the teachers are getting to know your child throughout the first few weeks of school, Parent Information Sharing will be your opportunity to share with the class teacher your expectations for your child's education.

We as a staff look forward to working with children and parents during this exciting year of 2014.

*Warmest Regards*  
*Moya McGuinness*  
*Principal*

### Teachers 2014

KB	Mrs. Brittany Hooper
KW	Mrs. Kate Whitton
1B	Mrs. Sandra McQueen / Jenny McMasters Mon, Thurs
1W	Mrs. Maria Bird
2B	Mr. Mark Schrader
2W	Miss Kym Daly
3B	Mr. Johnny Brewer
3W	Miss Jayme Quintano
4B	Mrs. Alison Penton
4W	Mrs. Velona Noden
5B	Miss Monica Scarpin
5W	Mrs. Frances Luyt Mrs. Frances Wallace Wed
6B	Mr. Mark Kennedy
6W	Mr. Matthew Brophy

### SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2014

#### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Angelene Concepcion  
Jon Arrogante

#### VICE-CAPTAINS

Anna Vilorio  
JR Nacua

#### SPORT CAPTAIN

Krystal Neely  
Angelo Audish

### Important Upcoming Events:

- Week 4 Information Sharing for Year 1 – Year 6  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5W, 4W, 2W, 6W  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 3B, 5B, 1W, 4B  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2B, 6B, 1B, 3W
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Opening School Liturgies

### 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.

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### Car Park

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.

### ملاحظة مهمة جداً

#### Car Park

لايجوز للأهالي بالمرور بسياراتهم من خلال موقف السيارات ولا يسمح إطلاقاً بأيقاف سياراتهم في موقف السيارات في أي وقت من الأوقات وذلك لأمان السلامة لأطفالكم وحمايتهم من التعرض لحوادث السير . يجب على كافة الأهالي بأيقاف سياراتهم خارج المدرسة وفي الأماكن المسموح بها .  
يرجى الالتزام بقواعد المرور علماً بأن دوريات الشرطة تكون متواجدة في أوقات مختلفة وسوف تكون هنالك غرامات مالية لهؤلاء الأشخاص الذين لا يحترمون قواعد المرور فيرجى الالتزام بذلك .

### Birthdays

19/12/2013	Anna Vilorio, Yuvan Kathikeyan
21/12/2013	Gob Gob
24/12/2013	Samantha Isho, Andrew Padrihan
28/12/2013	Chris Kang, Mirna Yalda, Angela Younan
29/12/2013	Anna Zahraei
31/12/2013	Lilly Khamo, Flimon Mebrahtu
01/01/2014	Rance Caperlac
03/01/2014	Randall De Leon, Olivia Binamin
04/01/2014	Marcello Guerrero, Johnathan Matti
05/01/2014	Adut Akok
06/01/2014	Marcus Commarmond
08/01/2014	Lily Kotarac, Rachel Hanna
09/01/2014	Roan Saguid, Arek Gob
11/01/2014	Aldie De Castro, Sarah Baho
13/01/2014	Chrystal Aquilizan
14/01/2014	Joanna Casidsid, Sienna Guerrero
16/01/2014	Sophia Saab
17/01/2014	Milad Yalda
19/01/2014	Rebecca Deng, Justin Hermiz
22/01/2014	Natasha Gibson, Moges Tilahun
24/01/2014	Maria Saade
25/01/2014	Isabella Farag
26/01/2014	Oscar Armstrong, Nathan Mogga
27/01/2014	Charelene Panganiban
28/01/2014	Marvin Hormiz, Edison Karganilla, Anna-Marie Elya, Gabriel Martinez
29/01/2014	Andrew Youssef
31/01/2014	Alfred Paje
02/02/2014	Rasha Toto
03/02/2014	Mariah Isaak, Rasgur Mann
04/02/2014	Kiara Mieth
05/02/2014	Paul Hanna

### Hair Policy

A reminder to parents that boy's haircuts **MUST** be sensible, normal cuts short back and sides. RAT's tails are **NOT** permitted. **Heads must not be shaved**. Girls must have their hair tied back if it is long with blue or white hair ties or ribbon. NO colour should be put in children's hair at any time. Please note children's hair is **NOT** to be shaved or have shapes and designs in it. Boys are not to have earrings – girls must only have stud earrings.

### Mobile Phones

Children should not bring expensive items such as ipods and mobile phones to school. Any child who does have to bring a phone to school needs to put the phone in the office bag in the morning and can pick it up in the afternoon. **We will not be responsible for the loss of any expensive items children bring to school.**

## Summer Reading Challenge

### READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books during the summer holidays to go in to the draw to win one of four iPad Minis. There are two age categories, based on the age the student is on Friday 7 February 2014. The categories are:

- Ages 5-8
- Ages 9+



### HOW TO ENTER

- If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the personal reading log, which is available via this link;  
<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>
  - Once your challenge is complete, enter your list of read books online to go into the draw for a prize. A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry.
- Entries must be received by 5pm, Friday 7 February 2014. The draw will take place on Friday 14 February and the winners will be published on the Catholic Education website.

Children can read books from home or borrow from public libraries.



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