

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 4 - Week 5

5 November 2014

Dear Parents and Children,

As Mrs McGuinness mentioned last week, teachers at Sacred Heart School are now using an electronic roll marking system called FACES which has been introduced across Parramatta Diocesan schools. In using this new system, it is most important that students arrive on time at school so that they are not marked as partially absent (absent for part of the day). However, if any student is late to school (gates are locked at 9am), they must be taken to the Office by an accompanying parent to have the partial absence noted. Students then make their way to their classrooms. If a child is absent for a whole day or longer, it is the parents' responsibility to notify the class teacher by written note (or email to the school) as soon as possible after the absence as to why your child has been absent. If a reason is not given, then the computer system will generate a note after 7, 14 and 21 days requesting a reason. If a reason for absence is still not given then the student will be recorded in the roll as absent with no reason. Your attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Crunch and Sip News

For the last ten weeks many children in Years K-4 have been provided with supplementary fruit and vegetables. The Department of Health and the school have been working to increase the number of students who could participate in the Crunch and Sip program so as to raise awareness of the benefits of healthy eating. The program has been very successful with students readily choosing to eat fruit and vegetables at the break time. Teachers have seen many students more settled and ready to work in the morning as a result of having some fruit and a drink of water. However, the supplementary program will be ending at the end of next week.

To continue the success of the program, a Crunch and sip break will be maintained each morning. **As of Monday 10 November, all parents are asked to provide fruit or vegetables for their child.** We would like to thank the parents who regularly supply their children with fruit and vegetables for the break, as this makes a tremendous difference to children's learning.

Assembly—Year 1 and Choir

This Friday Year 1 and the School Choir will be hosting Assembly. At the Assembly the Year 1 children will be presenting prayer while the choir will be performing a number of songs. Parents are welcome to join us at Assembly to participate in prayer, as well as enjoying the Choir's performance.

Kindergarten Cake Day

This Friday is Kindergarten Cake Day. Kindergarten is responsible for supplying cakes for the day as part of the school's fundraising. All children can purchase a cake for 50 cents. In the past, parents have been most generous with the amount of food brought in and it is hoped that this will continue.

Kindergarten Transition

Kindergarten Transition Program for 2015 recommences next Tuesday 11 November. All students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015 and their parents are invited to attend.

Important Upcoming Events:

- **Friday 7 November**
Kindergarten Cake Day
2:00pm Year 1 and Choir Assembly
- **Tuesday 11 November**—Session 4, Kinder Transition Program
- **Thursday 13 November**—Year 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes
- **Friday 14 November**—K-2 Mass, Year 2 Assembly

Kind Regards
John Tomczyk
Assistant Principal

Uniform Labelling

Please ensure that all your children's school items are clearly labelled, as there is a growing amount of lost property at the school.

Year 6—Johnny Romeo

Year 6 have been working with Johnny Romeo, an Australian Artist, who is also a teacher. The children have done some great drawings and we have had them professionally framed. At the end of the year we are going to have an **Art Exhibition** here at school, where parents will be able to buy their child's drawing. Johnny will support us in making sure that the Exhibition is extremely professional. We will also have the school band playing and the choir singing. This will be an exciting venture for the children. All parents are warmly invited to attend. The date is 4 December, from 6:00pm—8:pm.

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.

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.

Note: We will not be responsible for the loss of any expensive items children bring to school.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. Applications can be collected from the school office. I will continue to interview parents and their 2015 Kindergarten children over the next few weeks. It has been a delight to meet with new parents as well as many of our current families. The 2015 Kindergarten children are so far displaying some brilliant talents and I believe they will be a great asset to Sacred Heart.

2013 Annual School Report

The Annual School Report for 2013 will be available at the school office for any parents to collect or can be found on our school website at www.sacredheartmtdruitt.parra.catholic.edu.au

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

Simply go to the school website. Click on *News and Events* on the list appearing in blue at the top of the page.

Then select *Newsletters* and scroll down to *E-News Subscription - Newsletter Signup*.

Fill out the form with your details and click *Subscribe to E-News* at the bottom of the page.

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

Mrs Fran Luyt
Learning Technologies Support Teacher (LTST)



The screenshot shows the school's website with a navigation menu at the top: HOME, SCHOOL, PARENTS, LEARNING & TEACHING, NEWS & EVENTS, CONTACT US. The 'NEWS & EVENTS' menu item is highlighted in blue. Below the menu is a large image of the school building. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a 'Newsletter Signup' form. The form includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Email Address, and a dropdown for Email Format (HTML or Plain). There are also checkboxes for 'I want to receive...' and 'I want to receive...'. At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled 'Subscribe to E-News'.

Birthdays

06/11/2014	Stafo Maroky
08/11/2014	Jovna Jose
	Katia Younan
10/11/2014	Andrej Vijackic
	Michelle Clarke
	Timothy Talya
12/11/2014	Berla Esho

St Agnes Catholic High School

Year 7 2015 Information Evening

An Information Evening for Year 7 2015 is being held on Monday 10 November at 7:00pm in our San Damiano Centre.

Information will be provided for a smooth transition to Year 7.

Further information is available on our website: stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au, by telephone on 8882 0700 or email: stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au

Car Park

This Week at Sacred Heart:

Friday 7 November

- Kindergarten Cake Day
- 2:00pm Year 1 Assembly & Choir—All Welcome

Tuesday 11 November

- Kindergarten 2015 Transition Program

Thursday 13 November

- Year 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes

Friday 14 November

- K-2 Mass, Year 2 Assembly

Catholic Out of School Hours Care

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

Child Protection Mandatory Briefing

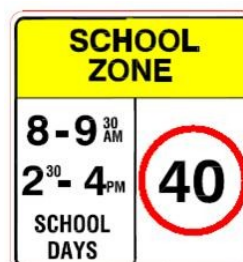
A reminder to all volunteers that the Child Protection Briefing needs to be renewed every two years. If you wish to go on any excursions you cannot go unless you have completed the online briefing. Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.

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.





Catholic Early Learning Centre
St Michael's Parish Blacktown South

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Enrolling now for 2015

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www.celcblacktownsth@parra.catholic.edu.au

CRAFT MARKET & ANTIQUE VALUATION FOR CAREFLIGHT—22nd NOVEMBER:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes is holding the eighth Greystanes Charity Market and Antique Valuation on Saturday 22nd November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall. It is one month before Christmas so be assured the Market will have special gifts. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, plants, jewellery and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8:30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring their heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5. This is a great social day out for the whole family, with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.