

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 6

4 March 2015

Dear Parents and Children

School Photos

School photos will be taken tomorrow, 5 March. Envelopes went home two weeks ago for parents to select which photos they would like to buy. Today is the cut off day for ordering photos. Children are to wear their *full summer uniform* tomorrow. Please remember that children are to have sensible hair cuts with **NO** shaved heads.

Panthers Rugby League Visit

The children from K-6 had their Assembly with the Panthers League Club players last week. The children were excited to see three of the First Grade players. For the next three Fridays Panthers Leagues Club will run a Sports Clinic at the school for the Year 3 to Year 6 students. I am sure that the children will be thrilled to learn some skills from the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club.

School Cross Country

Last Friday 27 February we held our School Cross Country. The children had a great morning and it was delightful to see some very talented runners take part, as well as many children who just enjoyed the run.

Catholic Schools Week

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. This event begins with the Parish Masses, commencing at Plumpton on Saturday evening at 6:00pm, and then on Sunday morning at St Aidan's at 9:00am and Holy Family at 10:30am. Thank you to those parents who will bring their child along to participate by reading the Prayers of the Faithful. On Wednesday 11 March at 11:30am in the School Hall, we will have a Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, followed by Open Classrooms. All parents are warmly invited to attend the Liturgy and visit classrooms. Looking forward to seeing many parents on the day.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey

All Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will once again be participating in the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) Project, which commenced in 2012 and continues in 2015. The Catholic Education Office will randomly select 60 families to participate in the survey. This will once again be a great opportunity for our school to reflect on practices and work together to achieve a wonderful learning environment for the children. The surveys will need to be completed between 9 March and 27 March. All the Parent surveys need to be returned by 27 March. If you have been selected to complete a survey we will either give your survey pack to your child to bring home or, if you experience any difficulties with language, we will invite you to come to the school to complete the survey. Each survey pack will contain the Parent survey and a plain return envelope. Please return your completed survey to the School Office by 27 March.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Order forms for Hot Cross Buns are being sent home today. All orders need to be returned, with the correct money, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Money raised will go towards technology for the school. Orders are due by Tuesday 17 March.

Warmest Regards
Moya McGuinness
Principal

Raffle Tickets

Each family received a form to complete about Raffle Tickets being sent home. This is a privacy issue. However, if we do not receive the completed form, signed by a parent, we are not able to send Raffle Tickets home. This will mean we will **NOT** be able to have our Easter Raffle. At the moment we have only received a few signed permission forms. I know the children will be disappointed if we do not have our Raffle at Easter time. Parents can get a form from the School Office.

Kindergarten Enrolment for 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 begin on 9 March 2015. For your child to commence Kindergarten in 2016, he or she needs to turn 5 years of age before July 2016. Enrolment forms may be picked up from the School Office Monday to Friday, between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

Publishing Photos

If any parent **DOES NOT** wish to have their child's photo published in the school Newsletter or in any Catholic Education Office (CEO) brochures or magazines, could you please advise the school in writing.

Road Safety

Please be aware of how you drive your car around the school. Safety for children is essential at all times. Parking in front of the school is not possible for every parent, so please park your car and take a walk to pick up your child. I welcome you into the school each morning and afternoon to pray with the children. After the afternoon prayer, when your child is dismissed take the time to walk back to your car and talk to your child about their day. If all parents take some time in the afternoon and morning when picking up and dropping off children, the children will be safe and all will be well.

Important Upcoming Events

- Thursday 5 March School Photo Day. *Students in Full Summer Uniform*
- Friday 6 March Panthers Sports Clinic for Year 3—Year 6

Catholic Schools Week Begins:

- Saturday 7 March 6:00pm Mass at Good Shepherd, Plumpton
- Sunday 8 March 9:00am Mass at St Aidan's, Rooty Hill
10:30am Mass at Holy Family, Emerton
- QCS Surveys Returned to School between 9 March and 27 March
- Wednesday 11 March 11:30am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, followed by
Open Classrooms - *Parents Welcome*
- Friday 13 March Panthers Sports Clinic for Year 3 to Year 6
- Tuesday 17 March Hot Cross Bun Orders due
- Friday 27 March Quality Catholic Schooling Surveys due

Birthdays

05/03/2015	Achol Lual Arek Tong
08/03/2015	Sasipim Aye

School Fees

By now parents should have received their School Fees Accounts from the Catholic Education Office. Paying for your children's education is the most precious investment you will make in your entire life time. Thank you to those parents who will pay their fees on time. A reminder that there are several methods of paying fees from EFTPOS to paying weekly, fortnightly or as best suits your budget.

Those who experience difficulties with payments will need to make an appointment with me before the end of this Term. Those who have not made an agreement or who have not made any attempt to pay fees their account will be sent to the Catholic Education Office for collection from Debt Collectors. I do not want this to happen to any of our families at Sacred Heart, so please see me so I can support you.

Resource Fees

I have done my best to keep the Resource Fee as low as possible so that every parent could afford the fee. These resource fees will cover the cost of all the books and materials the children need for their learning for the entire year. **ALL** parents are expected to pay the \$85.00 resource fee as soon as possible as this money is required to pay for materials that have already been purchased for your children.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES!

A reminder to parents that they will be fined (booked) by police if they do not obey the road rules around the school. I do not want this to happen to anyone, so please be careful and obey all 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 وحمائيتهم 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 لايحترمون قواعد المرور فيرجى الالتزام بذلك .

Uniform

Please ensure that all your children's clothing items are clearly labelled.

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.

ipads/Mobile Phones

Children are NOT to bring expensive items to school, such as ipads and mobile phones. Any child who has to bring a phone to school must put the phone in the Office Bag in the morning and can pick it up in the afternoon. They must only use the phones in an emergency. **We will not be responsible for the loss of any expensive items children bring to school.**

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.

Student Management

The partnership between school and home that develops through open communication is vital in the development of your child. At times, throughout the school year, you may be concerned about your child's academic progress or behaviour. If this occurs, you should make an appointment to speak with the class teacher as soon as possible. In most cases the situation can be worked through discussing matters with the class teacher. If it needs further resolution, the following process of contact should be followed:

1. Class Teacher (follow up appointment)
2. Module Coordinator
3. Assistant Principal
4. Principal

The Module Coordinators in 2015 are -

- K-2 Mrs Sandra McQueen
- 3-4 Miss Judith Murphy
- 5-6 Mr John Tomczyk

Parents should always make an appointment to speak to their child's teacher, module coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal. This can be done by communicating with the office staff to arrange a time or directly with the teacher or other person concerned via a note. You will then be contacted in regards to a meeting time. In the mornings, teachers are busy preparing for the day and parents should not be entering the buildings to speak to them unless a previous appointment has been made.

Under no circumstances should a parent ever approach, discipline or speak to a child about a problem. Any parent that does this has broken the child protection laws and will not be allowed to enter the school grounds again.

Regards
John Tomczyk
(Assistant Principal)

St Agnes Catholic High School Enrolment for Year 7, 2016

Parents are invited to attend an Information Evening on Monday 9 March 2015 from 6:00pm at Evans Road, Rooty Hill. There will be an opportunity to meet teachers and staff, view student work and displays, tour the school and collect an enrolment package for 2016.

Further information is available by telephoning 8882 0700 or emailing stagnesrootyhill@parra.catholic.edu.au. Enquiries for other year groups are welcome.