

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 8

18 March 2015

Dear Parents and Children

Panthers Rugby League Visit

This week is the last Assembly with the Panthers League Club last. The children from Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed their Sports Clinic sessions with representatives of the Penrith Panthers Rugby League Club over the last few weeks.

Catholic Schools Week

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We began with the parish Masses at three parish centres. This was a great success. Thank you to those parents who brought their child along to participate by reading the Prayers of the Faithful. Well done.

At the Morning Assembly each day during Catholic Schools Week we had a few parents saying a prayer in their own language. Thank you to those parents who were able to assist us in prayer. This was not as successful as previous years. Perhaps next year we may see if parents could assist their child to pray in their own language.

The Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and Open Classrooms were a huge success and it was so good to see so many parents take advantage of this time to pray and then visit classroom. Thank you for supporting us to continue in our mission of educating your children.

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. Thank you to the parents who have sent back their completed surveys.

Sacred Heart Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be on Thursday 26 March at Blacktown Olympic Park, on Aquilina Drive. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 12:00pm the Yr 3 – Yr 6 will leave the Oval by 2:30pm. Parents are welcome and we would really appreciate parent support throughout the day. Miss Monica Scarpin is organising the day and will have many jobs for parents. Your support would be most appreciated as we cannot run such an event without parent assistance.

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. We have now received just over 100 signed forms from parents, out of 280. We will go ahead with the Easter Raffle. Only parents who have signed this form will be eligible to receive Raffle Tickets. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. There will be a selection of baskets and individual eggs as prizes. More raffle tickets will be available at the office. If you have not signed the form to receive Raffle Tickets, you can do so at the School Office if you wish and pick up your tickets. Thank you.

As we will be having an Easter Raffle we will need donations of Easter Eggs and also parents to help us wrap the eggs on Friday 27 March. The Easter Raffle will take place on Holy Thursday 2 April after our Easter Celebration. Again this year for every egg a child brings in, a class raffle ticket will be placed in the raffle box. At the Easter Raffle a ticket will be drawn from the raffle box and the class belonging to the winning ticket will win a pizza lunch.

Disco

On Friday 27 March we will have a school Disco for the children. It will be held during the day, at school, in the Hall. Children who wish to attend will need to pay \$5.00. At the end of the Disco children will receive a drink and a packet of chips. Money raised on the day will go towards technology, which will be used in the classroom. Parents are welcome to attend the School Disco.

Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will have their Disco at 11:50am and finish at 12:50pm. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be between 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Year 6 Captains—Young Leaders Day

This Monday 23 March six (6) of our school leaders will be attending the Young leaders Day in Darling Harbour. There will be some inspirational leaders speaking to many thousands of Year 6 students who will come from all over NSW. Mrs Fran Luyt and Mrs Nikki Phillips will be taking these children by train. We wish them well and I know that it will be a wonderful experience for each and every one of them.

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.

Important Upcoming Events

- QCS Surveys Returned to School between 9 March and 27 March
- Friday 20 March Final Panthers Sports Clinic for Year 3 to Year 6
- Thursday 19 March Year 4—Taronga Zoo Excursion
- Monday 23 March Six School Leaders at Young Leaders Day, Darling Harbour
- Wednesday 25 March Year 5 Gold Day
- Thursday 26 March Sacred Heart Athletics Carnival—*Parents Welcome.*
- Friday 27 March * School Disco. Years 3,4,5,& 6 at 11:50—12:50
 Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 at 1:30—2:30
- * Quality Catholic Schooling Surveys due
- * Easter Egg Raffle Wrapping—Parent helpers needed

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.

Birthdays

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| 19/03/2015 | Karl Correia |
| 20/03/2015 | Olivia Lapan Samantha Castillo |
| 22/03/2015 | Jenclaire Maniebo Tevita Falefoou |
| 23/03/2015 | Aneesha Chandra |
| 24/03/2015 | Marcel Maty |

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.

State Elections

With just over two weeks to go before the State election, our Executive Director has asked us to include an election message to parents in our newsletter:

With less than two weeks before the state election, I urge you to contact your local MPs and candidates to talk to them about the importance of capital works funding for Catholic schools in western Sydney. Without capital works funding for Catholic schools, it will be difficult to meet growing enrolment demands for Catholic schooling. This will place an even greater burden on the taxpayer if places for these children need to be found in government schools.

Recently, our Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby met with Minister Adrian Piccoli to urge him to consider the needs of the 25% of children and young people who attend Catholic schools in western Sydney. Although the meeting was positive, no commitment to capital works funding was made. I urge you to email your local STATE member, Olivia Lloyd (mountdruitt@nsw.liberal.org.au) and STATE opposition candidate, Edmond Atalla (Edmond.atalla@nsw.labor.org.au) to tell them that capital works funding is an important issue for you in the upcoming election.

The State elections will be held on the 28 March. Make sure you vote and have a voice.