

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 4 - Week 4

28 October 2015

Dear Parents and Children

Over the next few weeks we will have builders on site repairing the Library roof, which was damaged in the April storm. There has been an issue with the Insurance Company and after three builders assessing the damage, they have made a judgment that the damage was **NOT** from the storm. We are extremely fortunate that the Catholic Education Office are going to pay for the repairs. We are extremely appreciative of **ALL** that the Catholic Education does for the community at Sacred Heart.

Earlier this year we had to remove a considerable number of trees from the school. This was a government requirement and trees around the school will be assessed each year to ensure safety of the children and the community. The large trees, which were on the synthetic grass, obviously gave a tremendous amount of shade as well as cooling the area. As soon as the trees came down the heat was enormous. Therefore, I have been working with the Catholic Education Office to erect a Shade Cover which will cover all of the synthetic grass as well as giving us a walk way which will join up with the Year 3 & Year 4 classrooms. This will be a great asset to our school. This work will also start over the next few weeks.

Obviously with builders on site there will be some disruptions around the school. However, I feel sure the whole community will support us in making sure the children are safe as they enter school each morning and leave in the afternoon. We will notify parents at the Assembly as work begins. I imagine the main area that will be affected will be the Nelson Street entrance into the school. Which means, the entry to school will be the top gates through the Car Park. **NO parents are to park in the Car Park at anytime.** However, during the building it is crucial that **NO parent parks in this area** as the children will be walking through the Car Park. We will have staff and any parent who would like to assist us monitoring this area. More details will follow.

I spoke with the builders of the Library roof yesterday and they will try to make sure we have very minor disruptions. They will be aiming to complete work over a weekend in the next few weeks and may run over into the Monday and possibly the Tuesday.

Dance Fever

Dance Fever continues each Thursday this Term. As we do have to pay for each child who attends Dance Fever and the cost is much more than parents pay, any child who has not paid will not be able to attend. They will have work set for them and be supervised by a teacher. A reminder to parents that Dance is part of our PDHPE syllabus and if children do not attend their assessment will be marked accordingly.

Kindergarten 2016 Transition

Yesterday the Kinder children for 2016 began their third 2016 Kindergarten Transition morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children attend the morning. They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the Mathematics session and were able to experience first hand a 'rich task' for Kindergarten. There have been some fantastic suggestions from parents which we will endeavour to put in place next year. I was thrilled to meet with so many parents who were just so delightful to work. Next week is our fourth session and we will be working on many aspects of our Literacy Program, as well as Religious Education.

Looking forward to a fantastic week of learning.

Warmest Regards

Moya McGuinness

Principal

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Mass

This Friday at 9:30am in the Hall we will celebrate Mass with the Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children. All parents are invited to celebrate Mass with us.

Year 4 Assembly

The children in Year 4 will be having their Assembly this Friday at 2pm. Parents are invited to witness the wonderful work being done in Year 4.

Year 2 Cake Day

Congratulations to the Year 2 children who brought in cakes last Friday. You did a fantastic job and raised \$205. Thank you also to the parents who came along to help organise and sell the cakes. Well done parents. We cannot do this without your support.

Summer Uniform

All children should be wearing full summer uniform. Children should only be wearing their sports uniform on their class sport day.

Book Club Orders—Due 29 October

Book club closes this Thursday 29 October. No orders can be placed after this date.

World Youth Day 2016

Every two years the universal Church celebrates 'World Youth Day'. Some of our teachers, who are under the age of 35, have been invited to this wonderful pilgrimage to the Philippines in 2016, to complete some social justice work and then to Poland and conclude with a Mass with the Pope. To support these teachers in this very important ministry in the Church the Catholic Education Office has organised a raffle to raise money to help them on their way. We will be selling the raffle tickets and many events throughout this Term, at the afternoon Assembly and in the School Office. The tickets are \$2.00 and you could win a car and many other fantastic prizes. Please help by buying a ticket. Thank you.

Important Upcoming Events

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| • Dance Fever | Continuing each Thursday |
| • Wednesday 28 October: | Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day |
| • Thursday 29 October: | Book Club closes |
| • Friday 30 October: | Year 2, 3 & 4 Mass—9:30 in the Hall— <i>Parents Welcome</i> |
| • Friday 30 October: | Year 4 Assembly—2pm— <i>Parents Welcome</i> |
| • Friday 30 October: | World Teachers' Day |
| • Saturday 1 November: | All Saints Day |
| • Tuesday 3 November: | Session 4—Kindergarten 2016 Transition |
| • Wednesday 4 November: | Strings & Band performance at Nagle |

Birthdays



01/11/2015	Izabella Keryo Ignatius Taufua
02/11/2015	Micah armour Emily Ahad
03/11/2015	Francesa (Julia) Esteban
04/11/2015	Emilia-Julianna Reyes

School Fees

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.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

We have started taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. 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.

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

لا يجوز 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 لا يحترمون قواعد المرور فيرجى الالتزام بذلك

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.

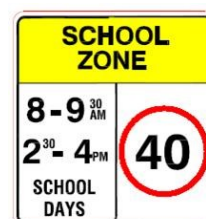
Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.



St Agnes Catholic High School

Information Evening—Year 7, 2016

All Year 6 students are invited to an information evening

When: Monday 16 November 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Where: St Agnes Catholic High School, Rooty Hill

REMINDER: Orientation Day is on Wednesday 25 November 2015

EMMAUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Orientation Day

Friday November 6—8:30am to 3:00pm

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian



Commencing **Monday 2nd November 2015**, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

AM - PM	Current Bus Number	New Bus Number
AM	1	6024
AM	2	6007
PM	2	6517
PM	3	6579
PM	1	6507

This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (**including all connecting services**) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

Busways wishes to apologise for any confusion this critical information upgrade may cause.

Yours sincerely

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