

# Heart To Heart

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

Term 4 - Week 6

11 November 2015

### **Dear Parents and Children**

This Friday will be Mr. John Tomczyk's last day for the year. John will be taking long service leave and having a well deserved rest. He will be taking his first trip over seas on a fantastic trip with his family. I take this opportunity to wish Mr. Tomczyk all the very best for a safe and memorable holiday.

In Mr. Tomczyk's absence the Catholic Education Office have appointed Mrs. Sandra McQueen as Acting Assistant Principal for the next five (5) weeks. Sandra has been the K-2 Co coordinator at Sacred Heart for many years and has a wonderful rapport with children and families. I look forward to working with Sandra in this capacity.

### **School Disco**

We had our School Disco last Friday. Congratulations to all the children for the way in which they danced and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We raised \$1,378.

### **Strings & Band Performance at Nagle**

Congratulations to the 18 children from Sacred Heart School who performed in the String Concerts last Wednesday at Nagle College. This was a brilliant opportunity for these children and was very exciting. We certainly do have some talented children at Sacred Heart. I was extremely proud of these children, as this was the first time they performed outside of the school. They were absolutely exceptional. Well done. Congratulations to their teachers, Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Bronwyn McCall. It is so great to see teachers so dedicated and with a passion for music. Thanks to Mrs. Penton for supporting me during the day to get children to Nagle. Thanks to Miss Scarpin and Mrs. Whitton for being of great assistance after school. Thanks so much to the parents for coming along and showing support for your children.

### **Kindergarten 2016 Transition**

Yesterday the Kinder children for 2016 had their Kindergarten Transition morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children attend the morning. 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 with. I look forward to working with these children and their parents in 2016.

### **Year 6 Cake Day**



This Friday 13 November, Year 6 will have a Cake Day. Parents of children in 6B and 6W are asked to send in cakes to sell to all of the children. Cakes will sell for 50 cents each. This is a fundraiser for the school and all money raised will go towards technology for children to use in classrooms. We would appreciate parents of Year 6 children to support us on the day by organising and selling the cakes to the children. Thank you in advance for all your support.

### **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 are 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.

Looking forward to a fantastic week of learning.

*Warmest Regards*

*Moya McGuinness*

### Talent Quest

Parents are invited to the Talent Quest on Monday 16 November at 11:30am in the Hall. I know children are very excited about this and have been more respectful each other.

### School Repairs & Additions

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 and they will try to make sure we have very minor disruptions during the building works. 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.

### Important Upcoming Events

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| • Dance Fever:        | Continuing each Thursday                             |
| • Friday 13 November: | Year 6 Cake Day— <i>Helpers Needed</i>               |
| • Monday 16 November: | 11:30am School Talent Quest                          |
| • Monday 16 November: | 7:00pm St Agnes Information Evening for Year 7, 2016 |
| • Friday 20 November: | 9:30am End of Year Assembly & Principal's Awards     |
| • Friday 20 November: | 10:50am Parent Helpers' Morning Tea                  |

### Birthdays



12/11/2015	Berla Esho
13/11/2015	Epenesa Taulia Justin Matti
15/11/2015	Ayak Ater
17/11/2015	Mariam Elea Mia Kisur Arek Akot Meleane Vailea

### 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.

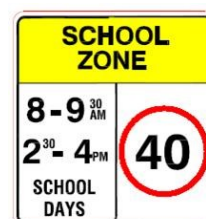
#### Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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

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COMPUTER ACCESSORIES AND SOFTWARE **50% – 80% off RRP**

### When?

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015 | 10.00am–6.00pm (SCHOOLS ONLY)

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015 | 10.00am–7.00pm (SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC DAY)

### Where?

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK SPORTS CENTRE | SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK  
PARKING IN P3—SEE MAP ON REVERSE | YOU WILL NEED TO VALIDATE YOUR P3 TICKET  
A THREE HOUR LIMIT APPLIES | A FEE APPLIES FOR ALL OTHER PARKING AREAS

### It's easy to buy! You can pay by:

EFTPOS | CREDIT CARD (MASTERCARD & VISA) | CASH | SCHOOL ACCOUNT\*

\* You will need your customer number and Letter of Authority on school letterhead and/or purchase order

- Trolleys will be available for your convenience at the venue
- Bring your own **boxes and bags** to carry your bargains away

### Need more information?

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