

# Heart To Heart

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

Term 4 - Week 7

18 November 2015

### **Dear Parents and Children**

This Friday the builders will commence repairing the Library roof, which was damaged in the April storm. By Friday afternoon the Builders Fences will be up around the Library area and ALL front gates which enter via Nelson Street will be locked.

The builders will try to make sure we have very minor disruptions during these building works. They will be aiming to complete work over a weekend and may run over into Monday and possibly the Tuesday.

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.

### **Principal's Award Assembly**

This Friday 20 November we will have our Principal's Awards Assembly at 9:30am in our School Hall. At this Assembly one child from each class will receive a Principal's Award. Year 5 children are very excited, as we will also announce the Leaders for 2016.

### **Band and Choir Performance**

Next Wednesday 25 November the Band and Choir will be performing at school and at Bunnings. At 9:00am there will be a session for the parents and at 11:00am they will perform at Bunnings. Parents are invited to both sessions to support the children.

### **Year 6 Cake Day**

Congratulations to the Year 6 on an extremely impressive Cake Day last Friday. Well done. Year 6 raised \$201 for their last Cake Day at Sacred Heart. 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.

### **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.

Looking forward to a fantastic week of learning.

*Warmest Regards*

*Moya McGuinness  
Principal*

### **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.

### **Talent Quest**

Congratulations to the children who performed in the Talent Quest on Monday. I know children were very excited about this and have been more respectful to each other. The way in which the children encouraged others to perform was exceptional. I believe the children at Sacred Heart are exceptionally talented and seeing their confidence makes me very proud of each one of them. Thank you to Mrs Alison Penton for her organisation and preparation of the Talent Quest and to the team who assisted her. Congratulations Justin Bechara on being an excellent technology assistant, making sure all the music etc. worked so very well.

### **Important Upcoming Events**

- Dance Fever: Continuing each Thursday
- Friday 20 November: 9:30am End of Year Assembly & Principal's Awards
- Friday 20 November: 10:50am Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
- Wednesday 25 November: Year 6—St Agnes Orientation
- Wednesday 25 November 9:00 am Band & Choir performance in the School Hall  
11:00am Band & Choir performance at Bunnings

### **Birthdays**



20/11/2015	Diane Castillo
21/11/2015	Joseph Portelli
23/11/2015	Matthew Youssef
24/11/2015	Jocelynn So Daniel Esso
26/11/2015	Daniella Toma
28/11/2015	Hazel Castillo
29/11/2015	Purslane Hernandez

### 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.

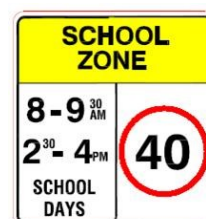
### Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.



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