

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 10

30 March 2016

Dear Parents and Children

I hope that all families had a Happy and Holy Easter and are ready for just a short two weeks before the holiday break. This Newsletter will be my second last Newsletter to parents and children. I have purchased a new coloured photocopier which will give parents a much more professional copy from our previous Newsletters. In this week and next weeks Newsletter I will include our EMU Excite, so that parents and children can have some fun with Mathematics over the holidays.

It is with a touch of sadness that I announce that Mrs Vicki Bowden, who works in the Office on Thursday and Friday, will be finishing up next Friday for leave in Term 2. I thank Vicki for her efficient contribution to the staff, students and parents who she works with on a daily basis. Vicki has been exceptional in carrying out all of her duties in the Office and she will be a great loss to our school. I wish Vicki all the very best for the future.

Easter Eggs & Hot Cross Buns

Thank you to the parents who donated Easter Eggs and to those who came along and did such a fantastic job of wrapping the Eggs. The children had enjoyed the raffle and many eggs may have made it home for Easter.

Thank you also to the parents who bought Hot Cross Buns for our Fundraiser. We raised \$196. Every bit counts. Well done. All these funds will go towards the teachers attending World Youth Day.

Thank you to the people who bought Easter Raffle Tickets. We raised \$553.

Major prize winners in the Easter Raffle were:

Josephine Lotovale	6B
Sophia Saab	3W
Natalie Balass	4W

The Grade who won the Pizza Lunch for bring in Easter Eggs was Year 1. Congratulations Year 1.

The Grade who won the Pizza Lunch for selling the most WYD Raffle Tickets was Year 4. Well done Year 4.

Kinder 2017 Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2017. Applications can be collected at the school office. Interviews for Kinder 2017 will commence in Term 2.

Resource Fees

I have done my best to keep the Resource Fee as low as possible so that every parent could afford the fee. Our resource fee of \$85.00 covers 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.

Warmest Regards
Moya McGuinness
Principal

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Friday 8 April: Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 27 April: School Starts for Term 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mrs McGuiness' Farewell Mass—Friday 1 April 2016

NO PARKING/DRIVING THROUGH SCHOOL CAR PARK:

Parents are advised that the normal rule regarding NO PARKING OR DRIVING THROUGH the car park will apply on **Friday 1 April** for Mrs McGuiness' Farewell Mass AND also on **Monday 4 April** for her Farewell Assembly. **Please Note:** *There will be security personnel present on both days to make sure these rules are followed.*

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED FROM 9:15AM—11:00AM

On Friday 1 April the School Office will close at **9:15am** during Mrs McGuiness' Farewell Mass. The office will re-open at **11:00am**.

ALL SCHOOL GATES CLOSED & LOCKED FROM 9:25AM

Parents who wish to attend Mrs McGuiness' Farewell Mass on 1 April will have to be at the school before 9:25am. *All the school gates will be closed and locked at that time.*

ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR SUMMER UNIFORM

All students are asked to wear their **Full Summer Uniform** on Friday 1 April.

Reminder

Farewell Assembly & Picnic Morning Tea Monday 4 April



All parents and carers are invited to attend Mrs McGuiness' final Assembly next Monday 4 April at 9:50am.

We invite parents to bring along a picnic morning tea and join us after the Assembly.

Important Upcoming Events

- Thursday 24 March: Holy Thursday—Last Day before Easter Break
11:30am—Holy Week Celebration *Parents Invited*
- Friday 1 April: 9:30am—Farewell Mass for Mrs McGuiness *Parents Invited*
QCS Survey due to be returned
- Monday 4 April: 9:50am—Farewell Assembly for Mrs McGuiness and Picnic Morning Tea—*Parents Invited*
- Friday 8 April: **Last Day of Term 1**



Sacred Heart Primary School,
Mt Druitt

EMU Excite!

A Newsletter to inform our Parents about **E**xtending **M**athematical **U**nderstanding



EMU at Sacred Heart Primary School

At Sacred Heart we are working on the EMU Program with our Maths. EMU stands for

EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING.

The EMU program focuses on children enhancing their mathematical understanding through rich mathematical experiences. Children are actively involved in 'hands on' mathematical learning.

- They use equipment to assist in developing mathematical knowledge,
- They share and listen to the learning of their peers and
- They reflect on and record their understandings in a supportive, fun and challenging environment.

EMU terms to know:

Warm Up



Students 'warm up' their thinking with mathematical games and quick challenges at the beginning of the lesson.

Rich Tasks



Students work to problem solve more challenging tasks that take some hard thinking. They use equipment and mental strategies. They work in groups or individually.

Reflection



Students reflect on their learning and share their maths thinking during reflection times. These times can be at the end of the lesson or after some hard thinking during the lesson.



EMU equipment



Bead strings are used to count with, count on

Counters also help with counting and working out amounts.



Challenges to try at home:

Choose a small handful of counters (between 10-20). Number bust with these counters 5 different ways. Tell your mum or dad what you have done.