

# Heart To Heart

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

Term 1 - Week 11

6 April 2016

### **Dear Parents and Children**

It is with a sad heart that I begin to write my last Newsletter to the community of Sacred Heart Mount Druitt. Each week I looked forward to writing some good thoughts, important facts and some challenges for our families. I realise this is the last one. I will miss this school, the parents children and staff. I will always be thankful for the support you gave me and I leave with many wonderful memories.

I am not sure what retirement is all about. It is all unknown to me. But others tell me it is stress free, relaxing and rewarding. I will definitely start by having a huge rest. Read a book and sleep in from time to time. I am sure there will be occasions where I may be invited back to see children and I look forward to catching up on such visits.

I would like to thank all the people who gave me so many beautiful gifts. I feel so honoured by your generosity. The many farewells we had have been absolutely wonderful. I have learnt a lot about myself by what people have said about me. This has been extremely humbling and unexpected. I am so grateful for my many years at Sacred Heart and will cherish the times we have shared together.

I would like to congratulate Mr John Tomczyk on being chosen as Acting Principal. I know he has the respect of children, staff and families and I believe under his leadership Sacred Heart will continue to grow and blossom with great learners and very talented children.

I wish you all God's blessing for a happy holiday and a fruitful 2016.

Until we meet again.

*Warmest Regards*  
*Moya McGuinness*  
*Principal*

### **IMPORTANT TERM DATES**

**Friday 8 April:**                      Last Day of Term 1

**Wednesday 27 April:**           School Starts for Term 2

**National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016**

The NAPLAN tests for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be conducted from 10—12 May 2016. A letter has been sent to parents today containing information regarding the NAPLAN testing.

**Premier's Reading Challenge 2016**

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun and will finish on 19 August 2016. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 can participate. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge. More information regarding the Challenge will be sent home after the holidays.

**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.



**Dear Families,  
Thank you for providing food  
for Mrs. McGuinness' Farewell Morning Tea.**

**Many thanks  
from the Staff of Sacred Heart.**



Sacred Heart Primary School,  
Mt Druitt

# EMU Excite!


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



## Ideas for Parents to use at home



There are lots of games and activities that Parents can try at home to help their children with their EMU Maths. Why not try one tonight?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Practice counting forwards and backwards from any number between 0-120. For example, count forward from 63, count backwards from 52</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Counting by 2, 5, 10 from any given number between 0-120</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Count by 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 from any given number between 0-120</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ordering numbers between 50-99. For example, write the number 52, 64, 77, 81 on a piece of paper. Mix the number up. Ask your child to put the numbers in the correct order from smallest to largest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Count up or down from any number.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Count on. For example what is <math>6 + 53</math>. Make sure your child counts on from the largest number.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Double numbers. For example double 10, double 15, double 6, etc</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Friends of 10. For example <math>6+4</math>, <math>2+8</math></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Practice reading numbers 0-120</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Practice writing numbers 100-300</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Saying Tables - 2, 3, 4, 5, 10</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reading 3 digit numbers. For example, write the number 634 on paper. Ask your child to read it.</li> </ul> 

## EMU equipment we use:

### Bead Strings:



Bead strings are used to count with, count on, group amounts, find answers to addition or subtraction questions and count by 10's 5's or 2's.

### Counters:



Counters also help with counting, working out amounts, adding and subtracting and grouping to make arrays.

### Playing cards:



Playing cards can be used for games such as Snap, Go Fish and Memory. Children can make 2 digit or 3 digit numbers using cards and then show the amounts on a number line.



## News from the classrooms:



**Year 5 did a great job working together on addition and subtraction problems in their worm up activities and rich tasks!!**

### Challenges to try at home:

**Infants:** I have 12 pieces of chocolate to share equally with my friends. How many friends can I share it equally with and how many pieces will each person receive?

**Primary:** have 42 pieces of chocolate to share equally with my friends. How many friends can I share it equally with and how many pieces will each person receive?