

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 5

24 February 2016

Athletics Carnival—Thursday 10 March 2016

Dear Parents and Children

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Opening School Liturgy last Friday. At this Liturgy the children who have been selected as Student Representative Council (SRC), Library Monitors and Liturgy Leaders received their badges. Congratulations to these children. I know you will make a valuable contribution to the Sacred Heart community.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

2B
Arek Gob
William Grace-Jawed

3B
Kimberly Robertson
Jonah Armour

4B
Johnathon Matti
Danica Caperlac

5B
Jerildine Layweh
Antonio Saab

2W
Davina Laigo-Klassen
Adrian Jabo

3W
Madison McGhie
Austin Bernal

4W
Katia Younan
Nathan Mekonnen

5W
Lilly Khamo
Luke Yousif

LIBRARY MONITORS

5B
Luisa Jadulco
Randall DeLeon
Luke Matti

Alex Kako
Cesar Freitas

Sophia Audish
James Shaaya
Fatafehi Manakofua
Matt Aducayen

5W
Sandro Mekhael
Lilly Khamo
Emily Rea

LITURGY LEADERS

Faris Butrus
Diane Castillo
Sianne Dimarucut
Jennifer Kako
Raneen Hashim

Isabella Farag
Nicholas Englezos
Angelina Velasco
Eshi Singh

Guot Achen
Andrew Mansour
Edison Karganilla
Shanell Hanna

Warmest Regards
Moya McGuinness
Principal

Choir

The Choir will be involved in the Captivate Choir this year. This Friday they will have a rehearsal during the day at St Paul's Winston Hills. This is another great opportunity for our talented children. A permission note has gone out to parents and only children with permission will attend.

Dance Troupe

Some children from Year 3 to Year 6 have been chosen to join a Dance Troupe, which will practice each Thursday from 12:00 – 1:10. The teacher is Peta from Captivate. Last year Peta took a group of children who performed at the Art Exhibition and our Christmas Concert. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children. This year these children will also perform in the Captivate Showcase in June. Further details for this next Term.

School Photo Day —Friday 18 March



School Photo Day will be **Friday 18 March**. Last week your child brought home an envelope for you to select which photos you would like to buy. Please put the **right money** in the envelope, as the envelopes are not opened by the office and **no change can be given**.

The envelope with the right money must be returned by Friday 11 March.

Easter Eggs

It is that time of year again to prepare for the Easter Egg Raffle. Children donate Easter Eggs and are given a ticket. The Grade whose ticket is pulled out of the box at our assembly wins a pizza lunch. Raffle tickets will go home in a few weeks so that anyone can win a beautiful prize with many, many small prizes.



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser



Order forms for Hot Cross Buns are being sent home today. All orders need to be returned, with the correct money, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Money raised will go towards technology for the school. Orders are due by ***Wednesday 16 March***.

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.

School Library Bags

Library borrowing has begun again for the year. It is wonderful to see so many eager readers. All students are expected to use a library bag when borrowing our library books as it helps to protect them and makes them last a little longer. If your child already has a library bag, please send it with them on their library day. A cloth bag is fine.

Strong, water resistant library bags are also available from the school office at a cost of \$10 and come with the school logo on the front.

Important Upcoming Events

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| •Friday 26 February: | 10:00—2:00 Choir Practice—St Paul's Winston Hills |
| •Monday 29 February: | Six Year 6 School Leaders to Young Leaders Day at Homebush |
| •Friday 4 March: | Year 4 Taronga Park Zoo excursion |
| •Thursday 10 March: | Athletics Carnival |
| •Friday 11 March: | School Photo envelopes, with correct money, due |
| •Wednesday 16 March: | Hot Cross Bun orders due |
| •Friday 18 March: | School Photo Day |

School Fees

Accounts for school fees will be posted to parents from the Catholic Education Office over the next few weeks. 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.

Important Road Safety

Please be aware of how you drive your car around the school. Safety for children is essential at all times. Parking in front of the school is not possible for every parent, so please park your car and take a walk to pick up your child. I welcome you into the school each morning and afternoon to pray with the children. After the afternoon prayer, when your child is dismissed, take the time to walk back to your car and talk to your child about their day. If all parents take some time in the afternoon and morning when picking up and dropping off children, the children will be safe and all will be well.

ملاحظة مهمة جداً

Car Park

لايجوز للأهالي بالمرور بسياراتهم من خلال موقف السيارات ولا يسمح إطلاقاً بأيقاف سياراتهم في موقف السيارات في أي وقت من الأوقات وذلك لأمان السلامة لأطفالكم وحياتهم 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 لايحترمون 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. Children are not to have colour in their hair.

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.

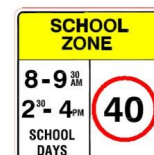
Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.



Student Management

The partnership between school and home that develops through open communication is vital in the development of your child. At times, throughout the school year, you may be concerned about your child's academic progress or behaviour. If this occurs you should speak with the class teacher as soon as possible. In most cases the situation can be worked through with the class teacher. If it needs further resolution, the following process should be followed.

1. Class Teacher
2. Module Co-Ordinator
3. Assistant Principal
4. Principal

The Module Co-Ordinators in 2016 are

- K-2 Mrs Sandra McQueen
- 3-4 Mr. John Tomczyk
- 5-6 Miss Judy Murphy

Parents should always make an appointment to speak to their child's teacher. In the mornings teachers are busy preparing for the day and parents should not be entering the buildings to speak to them unless a previous appointment has been made. Teachers are always on afternoon lines and are available to speak to you after the children have been dismissed.

Under no circumstances should a parent ever approach, discipline or speak to a child about a problem. Any parent that does this has broken the **Child Protection laws** and will not be allowed to enter the school grounds again.

Uniform Labelling

Please ensure that all your children's clothing items are clearly labelled as there is a growing amount of lost property at the school.

CATHERINE MCAULEY—ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017. Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girl's secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

Open Night: Tuesday 15 March 2016—4:00pm—7:00pm. Contact the school on 9849 9100 for an enrolment pack. Applications close 1st April 2016.