

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 7

9 March 2016

Dear Parents and Children

Catholic Schools Week

This week is Catholic Schools Week. We began Catholic Schools Week with the Catholic Community of Schools in our area with Mass at Holy Family Emerton on Sunday. This was a great welcome into Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to Ms Prendeville for organising our children to read the Prayers of the Faithful. Thanks to those children who read these prayers so very well.

Yesterday, Tuesday was a very big day for us at Sacred Heart. We started with the Kindergarten parents joining us to follow up from our Kinder Transition Program. After that we had a Liturgy followed by a Picnic Morning Tea. Thanks to the parents who came along and thoroughly enjoyed morning tea with their children. After morning tea we had Open Classrooms and many parents took the opportunity to see what their children are doing in their classrooms.

Year 4 Zoo Excursion

Last Friday Year 4 went on their excursion to the Zoo. Thanks to their teachers Mr Kennedy and Mrs Penton for organising the excursion. Thanks also to Mr Brewer and Mrs Dubier for helping out with the children on the day. Congratulations Year 4 on your excellent behaviour and I know you had a fantastic day of learning.

School Athletics Carnival—Students Year 3 to Year 6 Only

This Thursday 10 March is our School Athletics Carnival. Due to the extreme temperatures forecast for Thursday, the decision has been made that students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will not attend and will be staying at school. Students in Years 3-6 will go to the Carnival, get through all their races and return to school as soon as possible. Thanks to the parents who have offered to help on the day. **Important: Please make sure your child attending the Carnival has lots of water.**

Cross Country

The School Cross Country is this Friday 11 March. Once again we are not sure on the weather. Children in K-2 stay at school and have their cross country. Year 3-6 will walk down to the park a Grade at a time and return back to school when they have finished. **The children will need to have lots of water to drink.**

Looking forward to a fantastic week of learning.

Warmest Regards

Moya McGuinness

Principal

Delicious Hot Cross Buns —Hurry & Order Now!



Order forms for delicious Hot Cross Buns are available from the school office or you can complete the form on the last page of this newsletter. 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 and payment are due by **Wednesday 16 March.**



DON'T FORGET! 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 Egg Donations—Prizes to be Won!

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.



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.

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.

Important Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week

- Thursday 10 March: School Athletics Carnival—Year 3 to Year 6
- Friday 11 March: School Cross Country—Years 3—6
School Photo envelopes, with correct money, due
- Tuesday 15 March: Patrician Brothers to talk to Year 6 boys
- Wednesday 16 March: Hot Cross Bun orders and money 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.

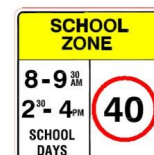
Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.



Birthdays



17/03/2016	Fatefehi Manakofua
20/03/2016	Olivia Lapan
21/03/2016	J'vahn Tuifelasai
22/03/2016	Tevita Falefoou
23/03/2016	Aneesha Chandra

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.

ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING—Monday 21 March 2016. A Years 7-10 co-educational school. An information evening for Year 6 students and their families 2016, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Come & meet staff and students, view student work and displays, take a guided tour of the school. Information session commences at 7:00pm. 2017 enrolment packages will be available. Where: Evans Road, Rooty Hill. Contact the school on 8882 0700 or email stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au.



HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM

Balfours Item #	Product Description	Size	Shelf Life	Price	Order Qty
4239	Mini Hot Cross Bun 12Pk 400g	400g	7 Days	\$5.00	
4233	Fruitless Hot Cross Bun 6Pkt 450g	450g	7 Days	\$5.00	
4235	Premium Hot Cross Bun 6Pkt 450g	450g	7 Days	\$5.00	
4236	Choc Chip Hot Cross Bun 6Pkt 450g	450g	7 Days	\$5.00	
		Total			

Family Name

Contact Number

Class