

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 2 - Week 3

11 May 2016

Dear Parents and Children

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Mother's Day Liturgy held last Friday. The celebration honoured all mums for the love and devotion given to their respective families. It also brought to light the significance of Mary, Mother of Jesus, in our lives. She offered herself unselfishly to be the mother of Jesus and is an exemplary mother to all of us. I hope that all the mums in our school community celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday and enjoyed the gifts and help that your children gave you.

Many thanks to the parents who came along and helped out at the Mother's Day stall. It would have taken much longer to sell the various items to the children without your help.

Year 3 Cake Day



This Friday 13 May we have our Cake Day at school. This is always popular with the children (and staff) and we look forward to the children in Year 3 bringing in lots of cakes to sell to all of the children. This is a fundraiser for the school and all money raised will go towards technology for children to use in classrooms.

If you are sending cakes in a container, please make sure that it is labelled with the family name so that the container can be returned to the right person. We would appreciate parents helping to sell cakes to the students on Friday. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you in advance for all your support

Year 2 Assembly

This coming Friday 13 May at 2pm we will have our first class-presented assembly for the year. Year 2 will be presenting the Assembly this Friday. All parents are invited to come along and support their children.

Change of Pick-Up Arrangements

It is very important to notify the school early regarding a change to arrangements on how your child gets home in the afternoon. If there is a known change in arrangements prior to the day, please notify the class teacher in writing so that they are aware of the new situation. If there is a sudden change during the day that affects the way in which your child gets home, the school office must be notified **before 2.30pm** so that there is ample time to organise the new arrangements. This is particularly important if your child catches a bus or needs to catch a bus on the day. Children who catch buses leave their classes at 2.50pm to meet at the bus pick up area. It makes it very difficult to organise different arrangements close to or after this time.

Parent Afternoon Pick-Up

It is extremely important that children are picked up in a safe manner from school in the afternoons. At dismissal time, once school has ended, children are either directed to teachers supervising children walking home, to before and after school care, to parents who are present at the afternoon dismissal assembly or to sit and wait on the steps for parents to come and collect them if they have not arrived.

Parents collecting children in the afternoon must come into the amphitheatre area to pick them up for safety reasons. As a parent, **do not** tell your child to meet you out the front of the school or in a particular meeting place outside the school as this can be quite dangerous. In some instances children have left the school grounds unsupervised and run across the road and almost been hit by passing cars. This is an extremely unsafe practice. The streets surrounding the school are very busy at pick up time and I appreciate that parents may need to park a distance away from the school. However, give yourself enough time to park and pick up your child or children in a safe manner so that we don't have the case of some sort of accident occurring. Please take time to discuss this safety issue with your children and please follow the procedures in place. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and will make a difference towards the safety of your children.

*Kind Regards,
John Tomczyk
Acting Principal*

Paying for School Excursions

When paying for all excursions we ask that parents please send the correct money in with your child to be given to the classroom teacher. The teacher will keep a record and know that your child has paid. The money should be placed in an envelope **with your child's full name, class and the excursion clearly written on the front.**

School Uniform

As the weather is likely to remain reasonably warm for the next week or two, students may continue to wear their summer uniforms. All students will be expected to be in their winter uniform by **Monday 6 June.**

Kinder 2017 Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2017. Applications can be collected at the school office. Interviews for Kinder 2017 have already commenced.

Resource Fees

Resource Fees have been kept 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

- Thursday 12 May NAPLAN—Numeracy
- Friday 13 May Year 3 Cake Day—*Parent helpers needed*
2:00pm—Year 2 Assembly in the Hall—*Parents welcome*

Birthdays



12/05/2016	Austin Bernal
13/05/2016	Meron Mebrahtu
16/05/2016	Grace Audish Phoebe Audish
17/05/2016	Abhinav Gandham Winston Vaka

REMINDERS

Year 3 Cake Day—Friday 13 May
Year 2 Assembly—2pm Friday 13 May

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.

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.

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 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 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.

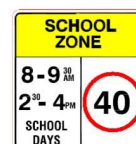
Using Child Protection for Volunteers

<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.



**CATHERINE McAULEY WESTMEAD
SCHOOL OPEN MORNING**

**Tuesday 17 May 2016
9:15—11am**

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2018. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7, 2018 applicants but open to any year group. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. School tours will leave at 9:15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. More details available when booking.

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