

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 2 - Week 5

24 May 2017

Dear Parents and Children

Very exciting news regarding the building project!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) has appointed a builder to our project - Midson Constructions.

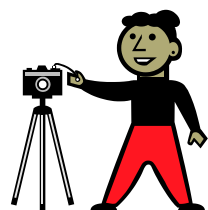
Midson Constructions will be onsite from Monday 29th May to begin work on refurbishing the existing stage 2 classrooms. This is the first stage of the project is expected to take 15 weeks to complete. When complete this building will be the year 5 & 6 classrooms. Work will then start on the existing stage 1 building and continue until the end of the year.

Temporary fencing will be erected next week and builders sheds will be delivered and installed on the basketball court. This area will be fenced off from the students and will not be a play area for the duration of the project.

The building plans are available to view in the office foyer. As is the case with all major building projects there will be delays, disruptions and inconveniences but the end project will deliver 21st century learning spaces for our students.

School Photo Day— Tuesday May 30

Next **Tuesday May 30** is school photo day. All children are to wear **full winter uniform** on this day and arrive at school on time so they do not miss out on class photos.



Although this is a sport day for Kindergarten and Year 6, these students are requested to also wear the full winter uniform for this day —**not sports uniform**.

Payment instructions are set out on the photo envelopes sent home last week and we ask that all envelopes, **containing the correct money**, are returned to your child's teacher by **Friday May 26**.

Special envelopes for sibling photographs are available on request from the school office.

NOTE: The school office will not be giving change for photo payments

Prompt Afternoon School Pick-Up

We ask that parents picking up students in the afternoon do so promptly after dismissal. At Sacred Heart there are three afternoon bells:

- 2:50pm** Children catching buses go to bus lines
- 2:55pm** All children leave classes for afternoon assembly
- 3:00pm** Final bell for dismissal of all students.

The school has an expectation that parent's collecting children will do so on or close to 3pm. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Car Park Access

In the near future access to the staff car park will be restricted in the morning and afternoon. This is to ensure the safety of pedestrians who walk through the car park for student pick up. Parents will need to park in a street surrounding the school in order to pick up their children rather than attempting to find a space in the car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 6 Students Canberra Excursion

The Year 6 students at Sacred Heart are excited to be undertaking an educational tour of our National Capital on June 15 and 16, 2017. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs, with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. They will visit Questacon National Science and Technology Centre, the Australian Electoral commission, the Australian War Memorial, the Institute of Sport, the National Museum of Australia and Parliament House.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Social Skill Awards

KW	Pitawat Aye	4B	Thiep Agou
1B	Owenita Tuliatu		
2W	Rodney David	5B	Vanessa Yousif
3B	Talia Afungia	6B	Aiebn Mebrahtu



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2018

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2018. For your child to commence Kindergarten in 2018, he or she needs to turn 5 years of age before July 2017. Enrolment forms may be collected from the School Office Monday to Friday, between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

Family Reflection

*I will give thanks to you O Lord with all my heart
For you have heard the words of my mouth
In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise
I will worship at your holy temple
And give thanks to your name. Amen*

God Bless
Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal

Important Dates and Events

May 25	Stage 3 Girls' Soccer Gala Day
May 26	2:40pm Merit Award Assembly <i>All welcome</i>
May 30	School Photo Day—all students in <u>Winter</u> Uniform
May 31	Year 2 excursion Sydney Aquarium
May 31	Year 3 excursion the Australian Museum
June 2	2:40pm Merit Award Assembly— <i>All welcome</i>

Don't Forget! Photo Day is Tuesday 30 May

Friday Assembly Awards

KB	Michael Pese, Michael Wol
KW	Marseloo Al Kly, Carl Cruz
1B	Mario Mekhaeel, Raven Lotovale
1W	Benzo Fatukala, Maria Wilton
2B	Gilliana Casidsid, Isaac Matai
2W	Adrian Karganilla, Silivia Alzebari
3B	Nathan Mogga, Elizabeth Vella
3W	Israel Fatukala, Leyiana Matai
4B	Sophia Saab, Neiva Hormiz
4W	Aleesia Odisho, Stanley Patolo
5B	Aher Aher, Joseph Portelli
5W	Gob Gob, Maria Saade
6B	Aku Singh, Sophia Audish
6W	Mary Shamon, Justin Bechara



Reading at home can make a HUGE difference!

What parents can do at home to help their kids with reading

Hints for listening to your child read

- When reading together at home try to make the time relaxed, enjoyable and positive. Vary it. Read together, read to your child and take turns or have them read to you.
- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point and predict what might happen next.
- After you've finished reading with your child, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.



Sacred Heart Primary School - Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

offers a stimulating and structured program within a safe and caring environment, conveniently located within your child's school. For information contact 0429 110 156.



**Catholic Education
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23 May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Today (Tuesday), the Federal Government introduces into Parliament its new schools funding bill. In the past weeks, I have become disheartened by the ongoing war of words between the Catholic education sector and the Federal Government about what the new model will mean for Catholic systemic schools. It has become bitter with senior government ministers calling the Catholic leaders 'dishonest'. This kind of language achieves nothing.

The debate has become so hostile because despite it being three weeks since the new model was first announced, the Catholic sector, which educates 1 in 5 students across the country, still does not know what the new arrangements will mean for their schools, particularly in the long-term. This is giving rise to rumours of big fee increases as early as next year. When things are not clear, people become anxious. It does not need to be this way.

Government funding of Catholic schools does not mean that Catholic schools end up receiving more funding than government schools. When the funding provided by state and federal governments is combined with school fees and other sources of income like local fundraising, Catholic schools end up receiving around the same overall funding as government schools. Not more - around the same.

The main problem with the new model is the proposed change to how schools will be allocated funding. The government wants to fund each school according to its suburb's individual's Socio Economic Score (SES) rather than averaging out the SES scores for all Catholic schools. This is suggesting that everyone who sends their child to a Catholic school in a suburb that has a comparatively high SES can afford to pay high fees. This is wrong.

Bishop Vincent and I have no wish to place additional financial pressure on families, many of whom are already struggling to meet cost of living pressures. Regardless of where they live and the school they send their children to, parents should not be expected to absorb the kind of fee increases written about in newspapers in the past week.

Equity and fairness should sit at the heart of any funding model. The Catholic sector and the Federal Government should be able to sit down in a constructive and respectful environment to ensure that the new model is fair for all.

While I appreciate the challenges of arriving at a model that everyone can be happy with, I am hopeful that sensible debate will follow in the days ahead. Government funding should never be taken for granted, but neither should Catholic school families. I will continue to take up the issue of funding fairness with our elected representatives - local, state and national. I ask you to contact your local member and make your view very clearly known as well.

It is time to change the game. We need agreement on a model that provides clarity, fairness and certainty for all government and non-government schools.

Yours sincerely

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