

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 3 - Week 1

21 June 2017

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome Back and welcome to Term 3!

The children have settled back into work very quickly. Although many parents would have been working through the holidays I hope you enjoyed the break from the school routines for two weeks.

In the last newsletter of Term 2 I mentioned I would expand on the points *Ten Ways to Help Your Child Succeed at School* as a start to Term 3.

1. Build self confidence

Self-confident children tend to do well and their success makes them even more confident in themselves. Parents build children's confidence by taking a real interest and delight in their activities and by praising effort and achievement.

2. Have high but realistic expectations

Children need to be challenged but they also need success. Getting the balance right is one of the greatest challenges of parenthood.

3. Foster good relations between home and school

Children tend to do better when they see their parents and teachers supporting each other and sharing common expectations.

4. Encourage independence

Good learners take increasing responsibility for their own learning. It's fine to help the children, but be careful not to take over. If their homework becomes the parents' homework, then it's the parents who will be doing the learning!

5. Don't place too much emphasis on tests and comparisons with the performance of other students

Schooling is not a race designed to separate winners from losers. Only a small part of what it hopes to achieve for each child can be precisely measured. A child's real success can never be properly defined in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of other children.

6. Think about homework

Think, first, about its purpose and its place in the balance of a child's daily life. Establish a set routine and a quiet place where homework can be done. Remember, one great reason for giving homework is to teach self reliance.

7. Monitor TV viewing and the use of computer games

Have a family policy on how much time is given to the TV and the computer. Ensure that plenty of time is available for play, hobbies, exercise, family conversation and homework.

8. Encourage reading

Children who are read to from an early age, and those who enjoy recreational reading, are usually effective learners. Their language is enriched, their experiences are broadened, and their imagination is touched. Children who see their parents reading are more likely to become enthusiastic readers themselves.

Student Attendance

86.8%

9 Don't be a perfectionist

Nothing kills confidence and good learning more than continual criticism. Learners need to feel safe as well as challenged. They need to be able to take risks, make mistakes and learn from those mistakes without getting the impression that their efforts are not good enough.

10. Provide a balanced life

Sport and other organised activities have their place in a child's balanced life. But children need time for other things as well. They also need time to play imaginatively, to read, to relax, to enjoy company and pursue hobbies. Ensure they have time and encouragement to live fully as a child.

Building Progress

The builders made very good progress during the holidays. The interior of the old stage 2 block has been completely gutted. The builders are awaiting a delivery of structural steel before the next stage of construction can commence. Hopefully, this will be late this week or early next week.

Fortnightly Newsletters

Starting this term the school newsletter will be distributed every fortnight. Important information for parents in a non newsletter week will be sent home via a note.

Dates for Term 3 newsletters are as follows: 19 July 2 August 16 August 30 August 13 September



New School Accounts System

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta has set up a new accounts system in schools, including Sacred Heart. This change means that initially finance transactions could be slower and we ask that parents are patient while staff become familiar with the new system.

Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Family Reflection:

"To reach peace, teach peace." St John Paul II

God Bless
Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal

Upcoming Dates and Events

July 21	2:40 Awards Assembly
July 25	Stage 3 Boys' Soccer Gala Day
July 28	2:40 Awards Assembly
August 2	School Newsletter Day Stage 2 Boys' & Girls' Soccer Gala Day Book Club Orders close
August 4	11:40 Mary MacKillop Mass in the Amphitheatre—All Welcome 2:40 Awards Assembly

Year 4 Students Using New Chromebooks



Last Term students from years 3-6 were issued with individual Chromebooks. Each student was required to sign an agreement containing some rules regarding the use of their Chromebooks, including that the Chromebook always stays at school; that it will be treated with great care and respect; that the student will abide by the school's Uniform Technology User agreement and that any repair needed or damage done is reported immediately to the teacher. The students are also required to supply their own headphones or earbuds.

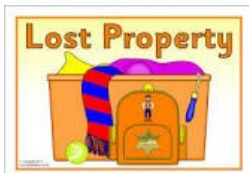
Important: When a student leaves Sacred Heart school the Chromebook will remain at the school.

Book Club

All Book Club orders are due to be returned to school by **Wednesday August 2.**

Lost Property

There are lots of items of lost property in the Amphitheatre
Jackets, hats, drink bottles, lunch bottles etc.
Please ask your child to check there for their missing items.



Names on Uniforms

Please make sure **all** your child's clothing has his/her name clearly marked.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour July 26 2017

Our lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning tour on
Wednesday July 26, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be, and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College leadership team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place OR contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy girl.

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Aussie T-Ball

Come and Try for Free!

Plumpton Braves Baseball Club

Dates: 23rd & 30th July, between 10am—2pm

Where: Alroy Park, Bottles Road Plumpton.