

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 4

21 February 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent we are encouraged to spend some time looking into our own lives to see the *'direction our lives are taking and whether that direction is sometimes towards other people and not always towards ourselves.'* The Annual Lenten Appeal of Caritas Australia is called 'Project Compassion'; compassion means *'a strong feeling of understanding or sympathy for the feelings of another.'*



Quite often people do not understand suffering as beginning with themselves but as coming from another who is waiting for someone to feel and suffer with them. A person who remains faithful to another, offers support and, as far as possible, bears suffering with them, is a true living example of compassion. John's Gospel tells us that near the Cross of Jesus, as he was dying, stood the Mother of Jesus, other women and the beloved disciple, John. They remained with him to the end; they too were expressions of compassion.

Hopefully, this Lent we will be able to lead our children to a better understanding of compassion and how they can exercise this virtue in their own lives. Sometimes reading the prayers of another person can lead us to personal prayer so maybe the following could have the same effect.

"Lord, you know us all, You know those who are oppressed by injustice. And you know those who become even richer and more powerful at the expense of others. All our your children. We need your love so that we, in our turn, may love, Rouse us, stir our hearts to love."

All children received ashes on Ash Wednesday during a class liturgy. Thank you to Mrs. Potts, our Religious Education Coordinator, who prepared Ash Wednesday prayers, readings and hymns for the classes.

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who attended our information meetings last week. These meetings were an opportunity to hear from the classroom teachers about the program of work for your child's grade. Many thanks to the teachers who put their families on hold to meet with the parents. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers at our school. If you were unable to attend the meeting last week the information notes will sent home with your child.

Kindergarten 2018

Our Kindergarten students continue to embrace their educational journey with confidence. They are now using the playground with the other students at recess and lunch and are becoming more familiar with school routines. Last week the Kindergarten students lined up in the morning and at the end of the day with the rest of the school. Congratulations Kindergarten! My thanks to the Kindergarten parents who are also following the school routines and supporting the teachers in their work.

Building Update

Our stage 2 classrooms, Years 3 & 4, are due for completion before the end of the term. The new furniture for these spaces has been ordered and should be delivered before the end of the term.

Importance of Attendance

For students to succeed at school it is very important that they are at school every day unless they are sick. If a student misses one day of school a fortnight it will add up to missing 1 year of school over the course of 12 years of schooling! Every day counts!



A Good Night's Sleep

It is also very important that students have enough sleep every night to prepare them for the following day's learning. Students cannot maintain concentration if they have not had enough sleep and there is no opportunity for 'rest periods' during the day. On occasion we hear from students that they have not gone to bed until the early hours or they have been playing electronic games until late in the night. These students will not learn the next day.

Student Attendance: **90%**

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at **8.50am** and concludes at **3.00pm**.

Any child arriving after 8:50am or leaving before 3:00pm for an appointment etc. will need to do so through the school office.

It is very important that your child arrives to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students.

If children are late to school, they must be escorted to the School Office by a parent or carer to sign a partial absence note for the class teacher.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is in week 6. The theme for this year is *Every Learner Every Day Transforming Lives*.

Our celebration for Catholic Schools Week will take place on **Friday 9th March**

9.50am - 10.50am Open Classrooms

10.50am Picnic Recess

Parents are asked to bring along morning tea for themselves and their children. Bring your rug and sit with the children for recess after visiting classrooms. Looking forward to seeing many parents on Friday 9th March as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Fr. Greg Jacobs will be joining us during the morning.

God Bless
Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal

ANAPHYLAXIS—A Life Threatening Allergy

Throughout our school we have several children with life threatening allergies to various forms of food. This is a serious issue the school must address and we have implemented various management strategies to cater for these children. In order for our school to continue to be allergy aware we ask that you consider not including nuts, eggs, yoghurt or foods cooked in peanut oil as part of your child's recess or lunch. We also ask parents tell children it is important they do not share or swap food.

Celebrating a Birthday at School

If parents would like their child to celebrate a birthday with classmates, individual cupcakes or doughnuts only are acceptable. Sweets, or other foods are not acceptable, due to the number of students with food allergies

Sacred Heart School Uniform Shop Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY.



Parents wishing to buy uniform items or school bags etc. can do so on

Tuesdays and Thursdays between **8:30am—3:15pm**.

These are the **only** days that uniform items will be sold at the school

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Friday 23 February	2:40 Award Assembly
Friday 2 March	2:40 Award Assembly
Friday 9 March	Catholic Schools Week Celebration
	9:50—10:50 Open Classrooms <i>Parents visit classrooms</i>
	10:50 Picnic Recess <i>Parents share recess with their child/children</i>
	2:40pm Award Assembly

Sacred Heart Sports News



Congratulations to Alaa Gafoo (Yr 6), Kimberly Robertson (Yr 5) and Bettina Mangahas (Yr 5) who represented Sacred Heart at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival on the 14/2 at Mount Druitt Pools. Well done to all these competitors who swam their very best representing our school.



A special mention to Bettina Mangahas, who came third in the final of 50m Breaststroke. Bettina will now attend the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this Friday at the Blacktown Pool. We wish Bettina all the best for this event.





Sacred Heart is collecting vouchers in the **Coles Sports for School** promotion. Please bring your vouchers to school and place them in the collection bin located in the amphitheatre and front office foyer. This promotion will run until May 2018. The more vouchers we collect, the more new sports equipment we will receive for our school.

Week of promotion	Tally of vouchers collected
Week 1	Over 500



Friday Assembly Awards



Friday 09.02.18

- KB** Thomas Babbagh, Abuk Ater
- KW** Josephine LeGrand, Mary Kako
- 1B** George Antoun, Cade Merjudio
- 1W** Nicholas Georges, Alam Tuil
- 2B** Elianah Balmeo, Barbara Pita
- 2W** Majok Dau, Jaide Mabasa
- 3B** Yai Yai, George Yousif
- 3W** Maddison Lunes, Rodney David
- 4B** Mia Kisur, Joshua Woja
- 4W** Elizabeth Vella, Jiel Deng
- 5B** Stanley Patolo, Angela Younan
- 5W** Regan Merjudio, Austin Bernal
- 6B** Peace Lakie, Mary Rose Ahad
- 6W** Thomas Huynh, Ann Binu

Friday 16.02.18

- KB** Depiny Dekuan, Alana Maroky
- KW** Annabeth Fletcher, Malak Dinkhah
- 1B** Maria Daw, Anthony Ross
- 1W** Catherine Lazar, Adam Rafooraha
- 2B** Thomas Yousif, Evonne Huang
- 2W** Kryillos Mousa, Natalaie Yousif
- 3B** Gian Magcalayo, Gilliana Casidsid
- 3W** Flona Butrus, Jason Mermiz
- 4B** Ajar Tuil, Andrew Youssef
- 4W** Evangeline Nio, Stephen Maroky
- 5B** Neiva Hormiz, Jacob Gueh
- 5W** Mirna Dinkhah, Kimberly Robertson
- 6B** Stafo Maroky, Maryam Dinkhah
- 6W** Ebony Kendrigan, Michael Ross