

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 4 - Week 6

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

18 November 2020

World Day of the Poor

15th November 2020

Stretch forth your hand to the poor' (Sir 7:32).

Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor Message, 2020.

Reflection

In his Message Pope Francis says that "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable" (n2). How are prayer and solidarity with the poor and suffering connected in your life? How are they connected in the life of your parish or school community, or that of a Catholic organisation or movement in which you are involved? Who is being 'left behind' in our national community's response to COVID-19? What can you/ we do about it? Has the pandemic helped you to rediscover "the importance of simplicity" or keep your "eyes fixed on the essentials" (n6).

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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Saviour, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3 years old, and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to His grace and dedicate yourself to Him, as Mary did.

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Foodbank

"Thank you" from the House of Welcome

Thank you so much for organising the food drive for House of Welcome...

House of Welcome really appreciates your generous donation, which provides a vital support for people seeking asylum living in the community. As you may be aware, people seeking asylum are not entitled to any Centrelink payments, therefore House of Welcome supports many people who have little to no income. With the added impact of COVID and exclusion of people seeking asylum from Jobseeker and Jobkeeper payments, there has been an increased demand on our foodbank service.

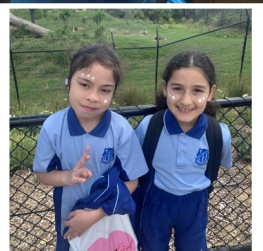
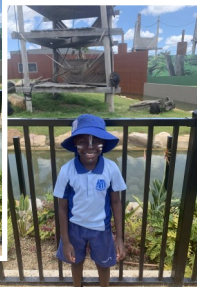
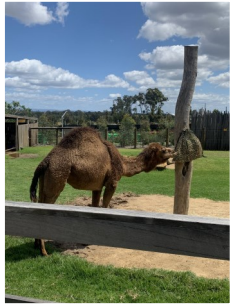
We are so grateful to receive your food donation, so that we can continue our work to ensure that the people we support have the basic need of food met. Additionally, the support from schools and parishes is a meaningful act of solidarity for our clients, reminding them that they are valued in the Australian community and have not been forgotten during these difficult times. Thank you for your support!



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First we jumped on the bus and drove, everyone was excited and noisy on the way to Sydney Zoo.

Next we went to a special workshop and I learned about indigenous people. How they trades items for other things they did not have. They would kill animals to feed and used the fluffy possum skin for the baby's cot and for clothes. We then got our face painted. Boys got stripes and girls got spots.

After that we explored more about the zoo and the animals like the red pandas, dingoes, emus, koalas and more!

Then we had a break, ate lunch and went inside the aquarium and reptiles exhibit. We saw snakes, lizards, fish, penguins, huge fish and turtles.

Finally we looked a bit more and hopped back on the bus back to school.

By Savannah

On Friday the 6th of November, Year 2 went to Sydney Zoo on an excursion. We went at 9:00am.

First, we all got in to the bus and I sat next to my friends and we all put on our seat-belts.

Next, we learnt about Aboriginal culture. We learnt about the didgeridoo and how they kept themselves warm.

Then, we ate recess and looked at the animals. We saw meerkats, tigers, lions, tasmanian devils, monkeys and gorillas.

Later, we ate lunch, then we looked at some more animals, then we went back to school.

It was very very fun.

By Reya

On Friday 6th of November Year 2 went to Sydney Zoo on an excursion.

Firstly, we all climbed aboard the bus and put our seatbelts on. I couldn't wait to get to Sydney Zoo to see all the animals.

Next, year 2 went to a workshop to learn about Aboriginal culture. I learnt about face painting and nice clothes.

Then, suddenly I was feeling hungry and it was recess already so I was happy, I got my recess out and ate it all.

After that, we went to take a tour around the zoo. We saw reptiles, mammals and marsupials all over the zoo. Later we went to the aquarium to see sea animals that live in water.

Finally, we went to see the chimpanzees and baboons, then we went to see all the Australian animals like Kangaroos, emus, koalas and Tasmanian devils. Next we went to the Asian animals and African animals.

It was the best day at the zoo and I hope I can visit again.

By Thomas

COVID-19 precautions that remain in place.

- No PBS4L Monday morning assembly.
- No Friday afternoon merit award assembly.
- Parents are not permitted past the playground entry gate when dropping off children.
- Afternoon dismissal from 2.50pm. Entry via Nelson Street exit via bus gate
- No attendance at sporting events.
- No school liturgies
- Parent meetings/interviews, if required, will be conducted keeping to social distance protocols.
- Only 4 adults are permitted in the office foyer at any one time.
- No birthday cupcakes or birthday food to be shared.

Legal Requirements in regard to Absences from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office by telephone or email. **A written note of explanation must be provided to the class teacher on your child's return to school.**

It is a legal requirement that all absences be explained in writing within 7 days from the date of absence.

We appreciate your support in regard to this matter.



KINDERGARTEN 2021

Orientation

For those parents who have enrolled a student into the Kindergarten 2021 Class, you should have by now received a letter in regard to Orientation for your child.

Orientation will be held on **Friday, 20th November** for enrolled students only. Please read all relevant details in the letter you received.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before the end of July 2021 and have not yet enrolled them into Kindergarten, please collect an Enrolment pack from the School Office as a matter of urgency.

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY

2 DAYS A MONTH

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NOVEMBER

4 WEEKS A YEAR

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MISSING MORE THAN

1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

BE FIRM. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick

Develop good sleep and morning routines

Schedule appointments after school

Avoid taking holidays during term time

EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing, and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

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PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING AREA

to drop off or pick up children!

We have had incidents where children are running through the parking area while other cars are reversing or driving in and out. **This is an important safety issue.**



Unfortunately we also have parents who continually park in the DISABLED PARKING spot. We do have visitors from time-to-time who are disabled and need to park in this specially marked area. Please do not make use of the disabled parking area if you do not have a permit.

Thank you kindly for your co-operation.





Friday Assembly Awards

- Kindy:** Hanz Sanchez, James Cruz, Ronald Panikulam, Kristella Ealeya, Jesenda Behnan, Alek Yor, Suzan Yousif, Manwella Agid
- Year 1:** Eric Li, Elizabeth Onipe, Michael Geagea, Marin Lepad, Youstina Mousa, Sophia Demetriou, Jonathan Bechara, Lena Rodic
- Year 2:** Reya Singh, Depiny Dekuan, Oriana Esho, Devin Pinto, Katarina Yousif, Mary Kako, Isabelle Vella, Angad Singh
- Year 3:** Cesar Al Qassab, Grace Sila, Maria Daw, Michael Wol, Cade Merjudio, Levin Magcalayo, Alana Keryo, Mary Matti
- Year 4:** J'vahn Tuifelasai, Nyibol Diing, Aduel Dimo, Selen Essho, Leigh Gile, Raven Lotovale, Barbara Pita, Kyrillos Mousa
- Year 5:** Jason Hermiz, Chantelle Pese, Jencarlo Maniebo, Daniela Ealeya, Phoebe Audish, Nevada Seijas, Rodney David, Justin Tolentino
- Year 6:** Noreen Daylo, Emily Ahad, Anyop Mawien, Timothy Talya, Davina Laigo-Klassen, Maryjane Nucup, Joshua Woja, Lopez Kako



Mission Week

As part of Stage 3's Studies of Religion, children have been learning about the marginalised in our community. During Mission week, Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) invited children from Kindergarten to Year 4 to join in being "the hands of Christ".

One of the ways children were asked to help was by the "Thank you Project" where children wrote cards thanking people in the community for their contributions. These cards were sent to a Nursing Home in Port Macquarie and brightened the day of these lovely seniors.

PBS4L Awards

- Kindy:** David Khalil, Deng Majak
- Year 1:** Achok Deng, Angela Wol
- Year 2:** Arianna McWhinney, Kosmo Fakatava
- Year 3:** Pitawat Aye, Adriana Matti
- Year 4:** Tacy Manakofua, Brianne Magsakay
- Year 5:** Leroy Fagalei, Daniela Ealeya
- Year 6:** Andrew Youssef, Monik Setiadhi

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS It is vital that the school has *correct contact details* for all families. If you change your address, home, mobile or work phone numbers or if you need to update people to contact in case of an emergency, it is vital that you advise the school.

Mount Druitt Christmas Concert

Thursday 19 November
6 pm to 9 pm

Dawson Mall, Cleeve Close, Mount Druitt
Christmas carols | photo with Santa
lighting of the Christmas tree
blacktown.nsw.gov.au

