

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 2

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5 March 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome to the 2020 school year!

It is hard to believe we are into the second week of the term! A special welcome to new families who have joined our Sacred Heart Community this year. May your years with the school be happy and fruitful. We also welcome new staff members.

Miss Danielle Bosque - Year 4 teacher

Mrs Nermeen Michael - Learning Technologies Support Teacher release (teaching Yr. 3 every Tuesday)

Miss Valentine Sultana - Information Technology Trainee (Tuesday and Thursday)

Mrs. Sharlene Eid - School Support Officer (Thursday and Friday)

These 4 new staff members already feel very much part of our special community.

Many thanks parents for bringing your children to the MAI and Best Start assessments. Completing these assessments early in the year allows the learning to begin on the students' first day back.

My thanks to the teaching staff who spent many days during the holidays preparing lessons for the new school year. Every student's learning began on the first day because the teachers were very well prepared. Mr. Tomczyk and I visited every classroom on the first morning and every child was engaged in their learning. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated teaching staff.

Our Kindergarten students started a little later in the week and they have settled in very well to the routines of 'big' school. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs McNamara, Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Ingram who ensure our Kindergarten students have the best start to their educational journey.

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! It is also very important that students are on time for school everyday. If students

even miss a few minutes of the morning session they may be missing out on the set up and instructions for the Literacy block which includes reading, writing, speaking and listening. Every day counts!

2020 Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Ingram

Year 1 Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Dubier, Mrs. Bird

Year 2 Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Newson, Miss Trefoni

Year 3 Mrs. Davis, Mr. Schrader, Mrs. Knight

Year 4 Miss Scarpin, Mrs. Aghdasi, Miss Bosque

Year 5 Miss Quintano, Miss Salib

Year 6 Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Penton

School Leaders 2020

School Captain: Hayden Culbert

School Captain: Talia Afungia

School Vice-Captain: Amaya Buenaventura

School Vice-Captain: Evangeline Nio

House Captains

McGuiness (Gold): Davina Laigo-Klassen and Upiro Dimo

Druitt (Green): Adrian Jabo and Emily Ahad

Mackillop (Blue): Joshua Woja and Bianca Miranda

Dharug (Red): Abby Neely and Alysa Younan

PBS4L

PBS4L is a learning culture we will continue to implement at Sacred Heart throughout 2020. These letters stand for **Positive Behaviour Support for Learning**. PBS4L brings together the whole school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. Throughout 2020 our mantra will continue to be **At Sacred Heart we are safe, respectful and responsible.**

Monday Morning Routine

In line with our PBS4L culture we will gather for a short assembly in the amphitheatre every Monday morning. This will be an opportunity to say an Acknowledgement of Country, to pray and sing the National Anthem together. Our PBS4L Sacred Heart Certificates will also be awarded at this assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to stay for this assembly

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Parent Information Evening

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 11th February 2020

Kindergarten to Yr. 6
Session 1 6.00pm
Session 2 6.30pm

Information Evening takes place in the classroom.
The meetings are for parents only and no child supervision is available.

Office Makeover

If you have been in the office foyer this term you will notice it has had a makeover. The reception window has been enlarged with a new shutter and the wall and doors have been painted.

Family Reflection

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible'

St. Francis of Assisi

God Bless
Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal

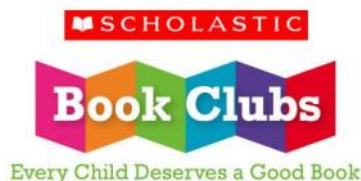
CLASS SPORT DAYS 2020

Kindergarten:	Thursday
Year 1:	Thursday
Year 2:	Wednesday
Year 3:	Wednesday
Year 4:	Friday
Year 5:	Tuesday
Year 6:	Friday



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tues. 11th Feb** Parent Information Evening (no children)
Session 1: 6:00pm
Session 2: 6:30pm (repeat of Session 1)
- Fri. 7 Feb:** Merit Awards Assembly
2:40pm
- Fri. 14th Feb** Opening School Mass
11:30am to 12:30pm



Orders due back to school by
Thursday, 13th February.

Please ensure that orders are completed correctly with your child's full name, class and item/s ordered). *Correct money should also be enclosed with your order.*



PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING AREA

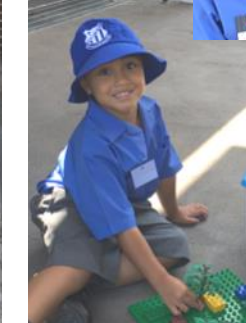
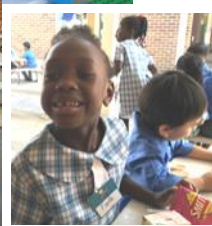
to drop off or pick up children!

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.



Welcome to Kindergarten

SCHOOL HOURS

At Sacred Heart Primary School, our hours are: **8:50am to 3:00pm every day.**

If you often sign your children in late to school, or sign them out early, they are missing valuable learning time. It may not seem like much time, but it all adds up. Our hours are:

- 8:50 am** School commences and gates locked.
- 10:50am** Recess (ends 11:20am)
- 1:20pm** Lunch (ends 2:00pm)
- 3:00pm** Students dismissed

If you do have to sign your children out early, keep in mind it can be difficult to find students at lunch and recess. So give yourself time to wait while they are located.

Student supervision starts at 8:20am and finishes at 3:30pm.

With a number of new families to our school, it is timely to note that, if children are late to school and they have not been signed in by a parent or caregiver, the child's absence will be recorded as "unexplained" and will appear on their school report. If you cannot come into the office, then please send your child with a signed and dated note.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner

Information session and overview of the Program
Thursday 6th February 2020
Time: 10am-11am



Followed By 7 Weekly Sessions
Thursday 13th February to 26th March 2020
Time: 10am -12pm

This Program is aimed at those who are widowed, to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives.
An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of the uncharted waters of this long and painful journey.

When we are listened to with empathy, we are consoled in our grief, our loneliness is alleviated and connections are created amongst us.

Topics for each Session

- Session 1: Physical Effects of Grief
- Session 2: Images and Frameworks for Grief
- Session 3: Dealing with Intense Emotions
- Session 4: Social Effects of Grief
- Session 5: Tasks of Grieving
- Session 6: Grief /Anxiety/Depression?
- Session 7: Continuing Bonds and Closing Ritual

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Contact—St. Michael's Parish Office

or
Rita Chater—Solo Parent Services PH: 8843 2575
email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



VENUE: St. Michael's Catholic Church
Downey Room
1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

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TIME: 10am - 12pm

School Leaders for 2020



(Left to Right) Talia Afungia, Hayden Culbert, Amaya Buenaventura, Evangeline Nio

House Captains for 2020



(Back Row) Arek Tong, Davina Laigo-Klassen, Bianca Miranda, Joshua Woja, Upiro Dimo,

(Front Row) Abby Neely, Emily Ahad, Alysa Younan

Congratulations to: Adrian Jabo (replacing Arek Tong who moved away from the area).

PBS4L FOCUS

Term 1, Week 3

"Respectful"

"Praying with Reverence"

