

# Heart To Heart

## Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 2

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3 February 2021

### *Dear Parents and Children,*

Welcome to the 2021 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 Lauren Passmore** - Year 6 teacher

**Miss Simran Kang** - Year 4 teacher every Thursday

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

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.

Although some COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, precautions are still in place.

Thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell. Every learning space has hand sanitiser, disinfectant, soap and anti-bacterial wipes. All staff encourage good hygiene practices. Children are permitted to fill their drink bottles from the fountain tap on the bubblers. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle everyday.

### COVID-19 precautions that remain in place currently:

- 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 school liturgies
- Parent meetings/interviews, if required, will be conducted keeping to social dis-

tance protocols.

- Only 4 adults are permitted in the office foyer at any one time.
- No birthday cupcakes or birthday food to be shared.

### Parent Information Evening

Due to COVID-19 restrictions our Parent Information Evening cannot go ahead as in previous years. Early next week the teachers will send home a note with the information you need to know about your child's grade for 2021. Please take the time to read the information and contact the school should you have any questions.

### 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 or Numeracy block. Every day counts!

### 2021 Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten: Mrs McNamara, Mrs Cain, Mrs Ingram

Year 1: Mrs Wallace, Mrs Dubier, Mrs Penton

Year 2: Miss Trefoni, Mrs Aghdasi

Year 3: Mrs Davis, Mrs Newson

Year 4: Miss Quintano, Miss Bosque, Mrs Bird

Year 5: Miss Salib, Mrs Knight, Mr Schrader

Year 6: Mr Brewer, Miss Scarpin, Miss Passmore

### School Leaders 2021

**School Captain:** Loa Lotovale

**School Captain:** Zaiven Tuifelasai

**School Vice-Captain:** Nina Shamon

**School Vice-Captain:** Rodney David

### House Captains

**McGuinness (Gold):** Jason Hermiz & Warrina Yousif

**Druitt (Green):** Justin Tolentino & Bernadette Kako

**MacKillop (Blue):** Agel Akol & Murad Esah

**Dharug (Red):** Gilliana Casidsid & Chantelle Pese

### PBS4L

PBS4L is a learning culture we will continue to implement at Sacred Heart throughout 2021. 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 2021 our mantra will continue to be **At Sacred Heart we are safe, respectful and responsible. The children participate in lessons each week which reinforce the focus behaviour for the week.**

This week's focus: *Keeping Hands, Feet and Objects to Ourselves*

Next week's focus: *Following Staff Instructions*

**Term 1 Ends Thursday 1st April**

### *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 2021

**Children to wear sports uniform on the following days:**

**Kindergarten:** Thursday

**Year 1:** Thursday

**Year 2:** Wednesday

**Year 3:** Friday

**Year 4:** Tuesday

**Year 5:** Friday

**Year 6:** Friday



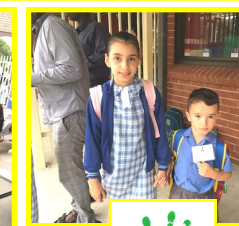
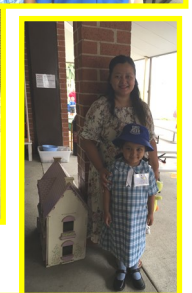
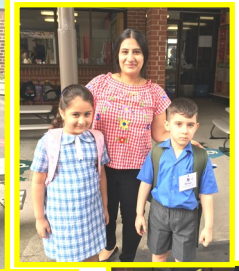
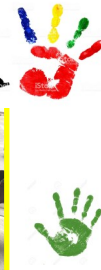
# SACRED HEART COLOUR FUN RUN







# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten







## FROM THE LIBRARY

**Welcome back! The books have missed you!**

What an exciting year 2021 will be in the library! Mrs. Potts will be our resident Teacher/Librarian, with Mrs. Neill on hand as well. This year all classes will be visiting the library each week, and the timetable for this term is as follows;

**Monday** – Years 3 and 4

**Tuesday** – Kindergarten and Year 1

**Wednesday** – Years 5 and 6

**Thursday** – Year 2

Remember to bring your library bag on your borrowing day.

## Water Bottles at School



With the weather being very hot, it is more important than ever that you send children to school with plenty of clean, fresh drinking water. Please make sure water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Hats

Children must wear a hat to school. Any child who does not have a hat at school, will be directed to a covered area during lunch and recess. School hats are available to purchase from the school office at a price of \$10. (Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on all items).



## NEW PARKING RULES - EDITH STREET -

Parents may have noticed the new parking restrictions in **Edith Street** (just off Nelson Street). **From 8:00am until 9:30am each school day**, parents can only pull up and drop off children in the newly marked area. Parents are not permitted to park or leave their car.



Parking is only permitted in this area in the afternoon.

## 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.



## 2021 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



### FRIDAY, 19th MARCH

Full summer school uniform to be worn.  
Information to follow later



### 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.**

