

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 3 - Week 10

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23 September 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

This is the final school newsletter for Term 3. How quickly the term has gone! During the first four weeks of the term the children engaged in remote learning. On 25 May we welcomed the children back to school to the 'new normal' of COVID-19 rules. Although these new COVID-19 rules have disrupted assemblies and school functions, they did not disrupt the learning at Sacred Heart.

I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers for their dedication to the children's learning during this term, whether it was remote learning or face to face teaching. The education of your children could not be in better hands.

Sacred Heart is also very lucky to have such great ancillary staff - office staff, teacher assistants, cleaners and our groundsman who perform their roles with great dedication every day.

The students have worked very hard this term under difficult circumstances with all of the usual events they look forward to, excursions, camps, sporting events etc, being cancelled due to COVID-19. I congratulate the students on their resilience this term.

Parents, I thank you for your support this term. Your efforts to work with the school around COVID-19 procedures has been outstanding and greatly appreciated. I look forward to your continued support next term.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and refreshing break. If you do not have holidays I hope you enjoy the break from the usual routines of lunches, uniforms, homework, drop offs and pickups.

New Groundsman

We welcome Mr Bernard Caldwell to the Sacred Heart staff. Mr Caldwell started this week as our new groundsman and has settled in very quickly.

I know you join me in wishing Mr Caldwell the best in his role. Welcome Mr. Caldwell!

Footy Colours Day

It was great to see students and staff get into the spirit of our Footy Colours Day last Friday. Through your generosity \$608.65 was raised to support the Fight Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your support of our social justice initiatives.

Family Reflection

God of wisdom, You call us to grow in your grace with hearts to love you with souls open to you, with minds to learn from you. Help us to see beyond distractions and keep our vision clear—a vision of your reign. Amen.

God Bless.

Mr. Glenn Patchell

Principal



LAST DAY OF TERM 3: this Friday, 25th September

All Students Return: Monday, 12th October

This is not a pupil free day—it is a normal school day.



EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

MUFTI DAY



Years 5 & 6, as part of their Religious Education Unit "How do we Find Hope & Joy?" are raising funds to donate to the Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) following the devastating explosion in Beirut in August. As such, Years 5 & 6 are hosting a Mufti Day on **Thursday, 24th September**. Children are encouraged to wear colours of the flag of Lebanon (red, white and green) and bring a gold coin donation. Children can also purchase an ice block on the day for \$1.00.

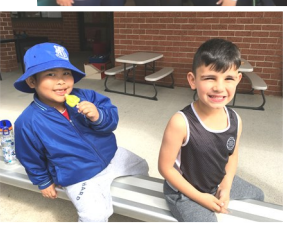
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

أعزائي الأهالي

كما تعلمون الانفجار الكبير الذي حدث في مدينة بيروت عاصمة لبنان والذي تسبب في دمار كبير في المدينة وراح ضحيتها عدد كبير من القتلى والجرحى وعدد كبير من الناس بلا مأوى. نود المساعدة في جمع الأموال وخلق الوعي بهذا الحدث المأساوي من خلال عقد يوم الخميس ٢٤ / ٩ / ٢٠٢٠. Mufti Day أي أن الأطفال مدعوون ارتداء ألوان علم لبنان الأحمر، الأبيض والأخضر ونطلب من طفلك إحضار عملة نقدية دولار أو دولارين وهذه التبرعات التي سوف يتم جمعها سيتم استخدامها في مساعدة الأسر الفقيرة التي تضررت من الانفجار والدعم الإضافي بما في ذلك الطرود الغذائية الطارئة. نتمنى أن يكون هذا اليوم يوماً نجتمع فيه ونذكر كل أهل بيروت نبقيهم في قلوبنا و صلواتنا .

FOOTY COLOURS DAY







Friday Assembly Awards

- Kindy:** Priya Sidawy, Meera Naicker, Danny Michael, Laurel Merjudio, Tavis McAllister, Jared Centino
- Year 1:** Alexa Antonino, Achok Deng, Angela Wol, Giovanina Meekoo, Jack Helm, Agel Aher, Alexa Antonino, Andera Fagalei
- Year 2:** Ellyza Eugenio, Abuk Ater, Thomas Dabbagh, Alaina Bucad, Noel Koji, Michael Castillo, Zianne Magsakay, Ethan Valencia
- Year 3:** Kiir Aher, Amaya Buenaventura, Maria Yor, George Antoun, John Paul Ahad, Mathyos Odeesho, Faith Tuliato, Adriana Matti
- Year 4:** Noelle Antonino, Tacy Manakofua, Luseane Fakatava, Ryder Merjudio, Natalie Yousif, Devante Malala-Faavae, Ivan Kotarac
- Year 5:** Eloise Delacruz, Andrei Sanchez, Max Bucud, Maddison Lunes, Flona Butrus, Jasmine Raleigh, Isaac Matai, Garang Agou
- Year 6:** Janmor Oca, Andrew Fagalei, Angel Boniba, Amanda Buenaventura, Emanuel Dawood, Abbey Neely, Tong Kuan, Jiel Deng

Draft Religious Education Curriculum

All schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have begun to utilise a new curriculum for the teaching and learning of Religious Education from K-12. The current syllabus called 'Sharing Our Story' which has been in use for over 20 years, is gradually being phased out and a new contemporary curriculum introduced.

Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) were our first group to make the change, engaging in a Learning Cycle that focused on how we find hope and joy. Each Learning Cycle runs for the duration of a whole term, and uses an inquiry based approach to learning.

Student wonderings, 'knows' and 'need to knows' are an important part of creating inquiry questions that allow students to enter into the learning at any point in their faith journey. The learning is owned by the learners and empowers students to explore their faith through participation and dialogue. These questions are answered within the framework of the essential learning on Church, scripture, faith and tradition. It appeals to the head, heart and hands and aims to build a compassionate and inclusive society in which the dignity of all people is upheld.

In term 4, all students in grades 2-6 will be using the new curriculum as the basis for their learning in Religious Education. Here are some of the year 5 & 6 student reflections on engaging with the new document in term 3:

"It's been good to learn how spreading hope and joy helps others."

"I prefer to only do one topic for the term. We really got to understand the learning."

"PBL (inquiry) is best. We like learning this way."

"It was good to learn about hope and joy in a Christian way."

"Learning about a sacramental life means that we can see God in lots of ways."

"I enjoyed linking hope and joy to the scriptures."

"It's good to know the ways that Jesus gives us hope and joy"

PBS4L Awards

- Kindy:** Lawrence Rofaeil, Dalal Al Mikha
- Year 1:** Aleeyah Tua
- Year 2:** Reya Singh, Katarina Yousif
- Year 3:** Carl Cruz, Mina Karaqoshi
- Year 4:** Ivan Kotarac, Greyson Nio
- Year 5:** Marven Albekano, Adrian Karganilla
- Year 6:** Emily Ahad, Miguel Magcalayo

BOOK WEEK! 19 to 23 October

This year's Book Week theme is *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*.

Book Week at Sacred Heart will be celebrated in the week of 19-23 October. There will be lots of activities for the children, including the announcing of this year's winners of The Children's Book Council of Australia's books of the year!

It's time to put our thinking caps on to create a costume of our favourite book character, and what a terrific school holiday activity this can be!

