

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 3 - Week 2

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29 July 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome back to Term 3!

The children have settled back into work very quickly. Although many parents would have been working through the holidays, I hope you enjoyed the break from the school routines of lunches, uniforms and homework for two weeks. My thanks to our dedicated staff who spent many hours, at school and at home, planning work for Term 3.

Just when we thought things were settling down with Covid-19 we find ourselves on high alert again. I understand that many people are anxious about reports of cases in the local area and I understand your concern. If you have been to these areas please adhere to the NSW Health Department advice.

Thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell. Every learning space has hand sanitiser, disinfectant, soap and anti-bacterial wipes. Our Groundsman, Mr Joel, conducts extra cleaning and all staff encourage good hygiene practices.

[Our Covid-19 precautions will remain in place until advice is updated from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta or NSW Health](#)

- 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 excursions.
- 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.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students in Years 4 - 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. More information about how to complete the survey will be sent home shortly.

Haircuts

Please be reminded about the school's policy in regard to haircuts. Boy's haircuts must be sensible, normal cuts with short back and sides. Rat tails are not permitted. Girls must have their hair tied back if it is long, with blue or white hair ties or ribbons. No colour should be put in children's hair at any time. Children's hair is not to be shaved or have shapes or designs in it. We would appreciate your support of this policy.

Family Reflection

"Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing in all that we do this coming term. Help us to know that you are with us always, celebrating with us when things are great and comforting us when things are not so great. With the guidance of your Holy Spirit may we strive to do our best throughout this term using the gifts that you have given us. Amen"

God Bless.

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday, 17th September

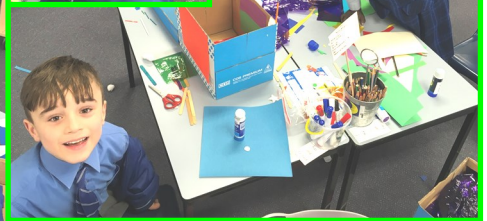
Full winter school uniform to be worn.

ACARA COLLECTION STUDENT BACKGROUND DATA NOTICE

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2020.

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.



Kindergarten

Geography Construction

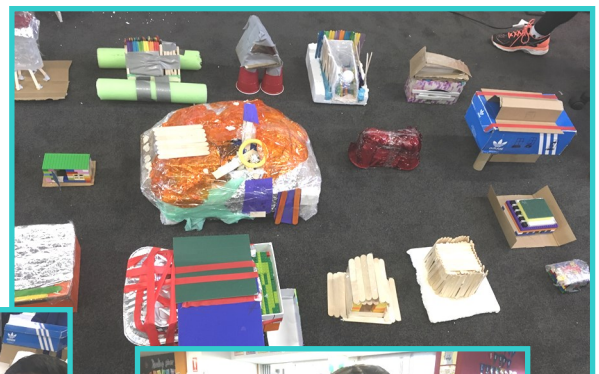
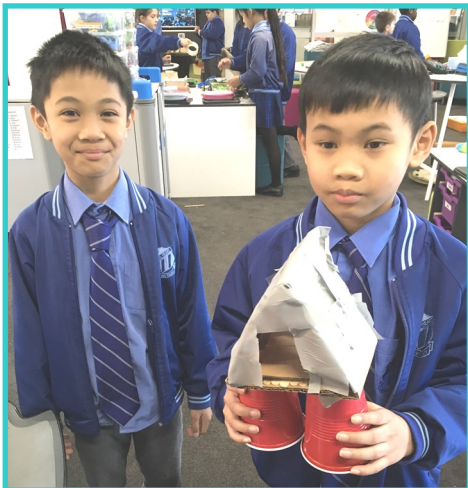
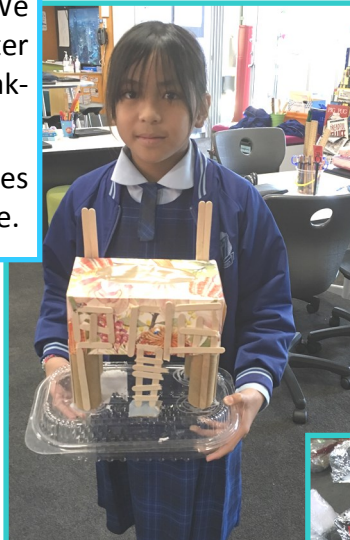


Year 4 Science

At the end of term 2, Year 4 were exploring the different uses of materials and their purposes for a science project.

Year 4 brought in a range of recycled materials to create a house that would last cyclones, floods and earthquakes. We were able to test our houses using water for floods, a hair dryer for wind and shaking it for earthquakes.

Year 4 had lots of fun testing their houses and seeing if their designs would survive.





Friday Assembly Awards

Kindy: Melinda Behnan, Harry Hakoum, Daniel Jabo, Felicity Koji, Laurel Merjudio, Lawrence Rofaeil, Dominic Tuliatu, Suzan Yousif

Year 1: Clarence Castillo, Elizabeth Onipe, Lena Rodic, Achien Yor

Year 2: Oriana Esho, Kosmo Fakatava, Richard Panikulam, Isabelle Vella

Year 3: Miranda Blazevec, Marisya Esho, Leon Joseph, Adrianna Matti, Mary Matti, Chibuzor Michael, Gorgis Sikhriya, Quintin Zabala

Year 4: Luseanne Fakatava, Awein Kuag, Matea Lepad, Stelios Maroky

Year 5: Garang Aher, Loa Lotovale, Makuac Mou, Nevada Seijas

Year 6: Malou Ater, Nattanicha Aye, Amanda Buenaventura, Arek Gob, Tong Kuan, Majak Kuag, Jaycee Matti, Timothy Tayla

27 July 2020

Message from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



Dear Parents & Carers

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is changing the way students learn about their faith in response to changing times. A bold new approach to Religious Education has been developed based on the big questions students ask about life, identity and belonging.

I can now report that our Draft New Curriculum for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been approved by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). This is a great outcome and supports the important work that is already underway with schools trialling the new approach for many of the other year groups. We are now looking forward to completing the final version of the curriculum so it can be launched in Term 2, 2021.

With a strong focus on connecting students' faith through a framework we call 'Head, Heart and Hands', the new approach is about all aspects of school and parish life here in Parramatta. We encourage everyone to learn more and there will be information about this from your school soon.

Many people have contributed to this once-in-a-generation draft curriculum particularly our Principals, teachers, Religious Education Coordinators, Clergy and Catholic Education staff. Bishop Vincent's pastoral leadership has also been critical in guiding this work. It has been a very collaborative process and I particularly want to thank families who have been involved.

This is a very exciting time for our school communities. We look forward with confidence to the launch in 2021 as we 'go into the deep' together to support the faith life of our students and their families.

Gregory B. Whitby AM KS
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

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.



ENROLMENTS Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child who is **turning 5 before July 2021**, please collect a Kindergarten Enrolment from the Office. **Our Kindy enrolments are closing soon!**

PBS4L Awards Term 2, Week 10

Kindy: Nneoma Ikiakor
Year 1: Larissa Rofaeil
Year 2: Arianna McWhinney
Year 3: Levin Magcalayo
Year 4: Barbara Pita
Year 5: Grace Sila
Year 6: Talia Afungia

PBS4L Awards Term 3, Week 1

Kindy: Somtochukwu Michael
Year 1: Gai Thoc
Year 2: Vaiola Vailala
Year 3: Merna Dinkhah, Alana Keryo
Year 4: Sirath Pannu
Year 5: Gilliana Casidsid
Year 6: Stephen Maroky