

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 3 - Week 8

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

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9 September 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank you for continuing to follow our COVID-19 protocols as we do our very best to keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell.

Please note the latest advice from NSW Health about how to manage self-isolation, particularly with siblings.

- In most cases, siblings of students identified as a close contact are able to return to school as normal unless they also have been identified as a 'close contact' by NSW Health or are not able to isolate from the the sibling who is a confirmed close contact;
- Where families find it difficult to isolate siblings from other family members who are a confirmed close contact of someone with COVID-19, the sibling should not attend school during the period of isolation;
- If a parent/carer is unable to isolate effectively from a child identified as a close contact, they should not attend work during the close contact's isolation period. Family members of close contacts are asked to keep a very close watch for COVID-19 symptoms and follow the advice provided previously about what action to take if they have concerns.

UNIFORM

Please be guided by the weather in regard to uniform for the rest of the term. If warm weather is predicted please feel free to dress children in summer uniform. **However**, children must wear winter uniforms for the school photos, which take place on Thursday, 17 September.

HAIR CUTS

Boys' haircuts must be sensible, normal cuts with short back and sides. Rat tails are not permitted and hair is not to be shaved or have shapes or designs in it. 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 . Thank you for your cooperation.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

NEXT WEEK

Thursday, 17th September

Please note the following:

- Full **winter** school uniform (not sports) to be worn— including ties and black school shoes.
- Make sure your children are at school on time!
- If you need to order school uniforms please make sure you do so before next Monday to make sure you have uniforms in time for photo day.



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TERM DATES 2020

TERM 3: Concludes: **Friday, 25th September**

TERM 4: Commences: **Monday, 12th October**
Concludes: **Wed, 16th December**

19 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the NSW Government released new advice to schools on responding to the challenges of COVID-19. This new advice followed a review of the existing protocols by the NSW Chief Medical Officer.

The health and safety of our school communities will always be our top priority. I know that some of the new advice announced this week will bring disappointment for some students, families and staff. It will mean that some really important upcoming school celebrations such as Year 12 and Year 6 graduation functions and other large school events will not be able to proceed. I particularly feel for these students, as well as their families and teachers; I know how important these milestone events are for them. At the same time, it is just so important that we do everything possible to keep every member of our community safe.

Below are some of the main changes for schools:

COVID-19 Testing

- Currently, no student should attend school if they are unwell. That still applies but now, each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms must have a COVID-19 test
- Students are not able to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free
- A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate
- These same protocols apply to school staff.

School Activities

- Wherever it's possible, schools will keep activities to Year groups or Stages (e.g. Year 5 and 6 together)
- Schools will stay within their local community area or zone for interschool activities, including sport.

- Group activities such as choirs, chanting and the use of wind instruments in a group setting won't take place
- Formal graduation ceremonies and other school-related social activities are now not allowed; however, a graduation assembly (e.g. Year 6 or Year 12) can take place but with restrictions. The assembly can only include the students from that Year group and staff. Regrettably, parents/carers and other family members are not able to attend the assembly. I know that schools are exploring creative ways to ensure parents and carers are part of this in other ways such as live streaming and the use of social media.
- Parent & Friends social events or functions can't take place
- School or community-run playgroups are on hold
- Kindergarten orientation and transition to school activities remain on hold
- School-related overnight events like retreats, camps and excursions are suspended.

The health and safety advice that has been in place throughout the pandemic remains in place. This includes regular hand washing and social distancing for adults.

I am aware that there have been so many changes for school communities during the last six months and how difficult this has been for families and school staff. I am so proud of the way that each community has responded and supported each other during this extraordinary time.

Your school will be in touch with you about these changes and how they will apply in your school. They will keep you updated when there is important new information.

Thank you again for your support and your care of each other as we continue to work together during this complex time.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG

Executive Director

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a **free**, monthly home delivered book program for kids who are less than 4 years and 6 months old and who are currently living in the Mount Druitt, 2770 area.

To sign your child up for this program, simply complete the form that was sent home to children on Monday. If you need

an additional copy, just ask at the school office.

As there are limited spots, it is important that you return your form as quickly as possible to the school.

Completed forms will be collected by a representative from **The Hive** which is a program of United Way Australia (which is working to ensure every Australian child has the chance to reach their full potential).

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library home delivers a free book every month to children between the ages of 0-5 years. To qualify for the program you must live in the 2770 postcode area.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr Brewer or Mr Patchell.



We're supporting
KIDS WITH CANCER
by wearing our
FOOTY COLOURS
this year!

footycoloursday.com.au

This Friday! 11th September



This Friday, students are encouraged to wear their favourite team's colours, jerseys, etc.

Footy Colours Day is run in support of the *Fight Cancer Foundation* which is a national charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support for cancer patients and their families. Funds also go towards vital research into cancer treatment and cures.

Children are asked to make a gold coin donation to support this event.

Water Bottles at School

Now that the weather is beginning to warm up, 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).



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safety-town.com.au

Too many lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Thank you Bunnings Minchinbury

For their very kind donation of 12 litres of hand sanitiser for use by the school. We very much appreciate their kindness!



IMPORTANT!

WHERE POSSIBLE, PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS.

The constant interruption to have children brought out of class is interfering with teaching time—particularly on Friday afternoons.



Friday Assembly Awards

- Kindy:** Dehira Dekuan, Emmanuel Mading, Onella Shamon, John Banayat, Jesenda Behnan, Deng Majak, Ali Zaineddine, Dalal Al Mikha
- Year 1:** Kenjia Minagawa, Gai Thoc, Mo Seun-Ayoola, Ajou Agou, Agel Aher, Meral Lawi, Michael Geagea, Larissa Rofaeil
- Year 2:** Charbel Chahine, Depiny Dekuan, Reya Singh, Malak Dinkhah, Elyse Santos, Devin Pinto, Sophia Riley, Savannah Flavell
- Year 3:** John Paul Ahad, Alam Tuil, Angelina Dawood, Leinora Vaka, Mannreet Pannu, Dekuan Dekuan, Catherine Lazar, Euane Blando-Diocera
- Year 4:** Tima Fagalei, Carlos Matti, Elianah Balmeo, Julienne Paranis, Lual Chol, Laurence Kako, Evonne Huang, Brianne Magsakay
- Year 5:** Adrian Karganilla, Aleich Agou, Ronshavez McKenzie, Miraya Trikha, Renalda Dallo, Grace Audish, Esha Singh, Karoleen Jamal
- Year 6:** Izrael Fatukala, Adrian Jabo, Catherine Clarke, Talia Afungia, Jaycee Matti, Eli Deganos, Monik Setiadhi, Maryjane Nucup

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.



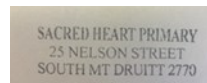
PBS4L Awards

- Kindy:** Dalal Al Mikha, Chriselyn Paranis
- Year 1:** Natasha Goro, Sophia Demetriou
- Year 2:** Tatiana Geagea, Michael Castillo
- Year 3:** Grace Sila, George Antoun
- Year 4:** Aduai Dimo, Nikwest McKenzie
- Year 5:** Esha Singh, Zaiven Tuifelasai
- Year 6:** Nattanicha Aye, Davina Laigo-Klassen

FROM THE LIBRARY

A big thank you to all students who have returned overdue library books. It is wonderful to have the books back for other children to borrow and enjoy.

So that all books, including readers and library books, can be shared and read by all, please return any Sacred Heart books to school. These books have a barcode and/or a Sacred Heart stamp, like the pictures below.



Joanne Neill (Library Technician)

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT EARLY

If someone other than a parent or guardian is picking your child up from school early, please either telephone the office or send a note with your child to advise us of:

- The name of the person who will be collecting your child
- The time your child is to be collected and,
- The reason your child is leaving early.

This precaution is for the safety and wellbeing of your child and applies to everyone—including grandparents and siblings.

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!

