

# Heart To Heart

## Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 4

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RESPECTFUL

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19 February 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

### Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who attended our information meetings last week. These meetings were an opportunity to hear from the classroom teachers about the program of work for your child's grade. Many thanks to the teachers who put their families on hold to meet with the parents. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers at our school. If you were unable to attend the meeting last week please ask for an information sheet for your child's grade.

Next Wednesday, 26th March, is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent we are encouraged to spend some time looking into our own lives to see the *'direction our lives are taking and whether that direction is sometimes towards other people and not always towards ourselves.'* The Annual Lenten Appeal of Caritas Australia is called 'Project Compassion'; compassion means 'a strong feeling of understanding or sympathy for the feelings of another.'

Quite often people do not understand suffering as beginning with themselves but as coming from another who is waiting for someone to feel and suffer with them. A person who remains faithful to another, offers support and, as far as possible, bears suffering with them, is a true living example of compassion. John's Gospel tells us that near the Cross of Jesus, as he was dying, stood the Mother of Jesus, other women and the beloved disciple, John. They remained with him to the end; they too were expressions of compassion.

Hopefully, this Lent we will be able to lead our children to a better understanding of compassion and how they can exercise this virtue in their own lives. Sometimes reading the prayers of another person can lead us to personal prayer, so maybe the following could have the same effect.

*"Lord, you know us all, You know those who are oppressed by injustice. And you know those who become even richer and more powerful at the expense of others. All your children—we need your love so that we, in our turn, may love. Rouse us, stir our hearts to love."*

Next week when we celebrate Ash Wednesday we are asked to devote ourselves to seek the Lord in prayer, to service by giving alms and to practice self-control through fasting. This way, we become closer to God and one another and grow as a Faith community.

**There will be an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on 26th March at 11.30am in the Hall. All Welcome.**

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is in week 6. The theme for this year is *Catholic Schools - Living in Harmony with God's Creation Transforming Learning.*

Our celebration for Catholic Schools Week will take place on Friday 6th March.

9.00am: Liturgy and Merit Awards in MPLA

9.40am: Open Learning Spaces

10.30am: Picnic Recess

11.20am: Normal lessons resume

Parents are asked to bring along morning tea for themselves and their children. Bring your rug and sit with the children for recess after visiting our Learning Spaces. We are looking forward to seeing many parents on Friday, 6th March as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. **If you know any families who are considering enrolment at Sacred Heart they are also welcome to attend our activities on Friday.**

### 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! Every day counts!

### School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.00pm. Any child that arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to do so through the office. It is very important that your child arrives at school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a parent/carer.

God Bless

**Mr Glenn Patchell**  
Principal





#### Sacred Heart Bushfire Appeal

**Mia Kisur** (Year 6) with her poster advertising the Bushfire Fundraiser on Friday.



#### School Leaders 2020—CORRECTION

(Left to Right) Talía Afungia, Hayden Culbert, Amanda Buenaventura, (previously listed as Amaya) Evangeline Nio. *Apologies for the error Amanda!*

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please send enough cupcakes or doughnuts with serviettes for the whole class.

- Large uncut cakes are not permitted.
- Birthday candles, sparklers & balloons are not permitted
- Drinks, lollies or other food are not permitted as some children have food allergies.



### STUDENT MEDICAL DATA:

It is vital that the school have up-to-date records of medical data for all students. If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, could you please ensure you notify the school office. All medication must be sent to the office with a signed consent form from parents (or guardians).



- Asthma medications are to be kept in the office.
- Prescription medication will be administered only after appropriate forms have been completed.
- Parents must provide in writing, signed and dated, details of dose, time and duration of the medication, the reason for the medication, and an acceptance of full responsibility in delegating the administering of the medication to the school. All medication must be clearly marked with the student's name and dosage.

**A standard form letter is available from the office.**



Some of our lucky Year 6 students meeting Bishop Vincent at the *Lifted Live* event held at Rooty Hill RSL recently





### Year 6 Liturgy Leaders for 2020

Back Row (L-R): Tang Kuan, Saane Vailala, Angel Boniba  
Front Row (L-R): Jonathon Sandoval, Miguel Magcalayo, Catherine Clarke



### Emmaus Catholic College

**OPEN NIGHT**  
Tuesday 3rd March, 2020

Students will be showcasing  
what occurs in the learning  
environment at Emmaus  
Catholic College

General Information  
5pm – 5.30 pm

Tours of the College  
5.30pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Sr Patricia Tully Centre  
(Hall)  
87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps  
Creek

*Enrolment Applications will be  
available on the night*

Contact: 02 9670 8300



## OPEN DAY

Sunday, 8 March 2020

10.00am – 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020.

Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

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**YEAR 7, 2022**  
ENROLMENT  
INFORMATION  
EVENING  
Tuesday, 24 March

### PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that the school has **correct contact details** for all families. If you change your address, home, mobile or work phone numbers or if you need to update people to contact in case of an emergency, it is vital that you advise the school.

**Please contact the school  
office if you need to update  
your information.**



### From the Library...

What a terrific year of reading 2020 will be!

Soon the Premier's Reading Challenge will begin. This is a great opportunity to broaden reading horizons and set goals, challenging ourselves and discovering many new stories.

Sacred Heart will be celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime in May, with the help of some talented Year 4 students.

Later on in the year we shall be enjoying Book Week with all the fun that goes along with that fabulous week.

Meanwhile, if there are any school library books at home, please make sure they are returned to the library as soon as possible.

Also, each student needs to bring a library bag with their name clearly marked on the bag so they may borrow books – a library bag can be an official library bag, a reusable shopping bag or even a pillow slip.

Joanne Neill  
Library Technician



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>Fri. 21st Feb</b>    | <b>Bushfire Appeal</b><br>Gold Coin Donation                    |
| <b>Fri. 21st Feb:</b>   | <b>Kindergarten Families Welcome BBQ</b><br>5:00pm to 7:00pm    |
| <b>Fri. 21st Feb</b>    | <b>Merit Awards Assembly</b><br>11:30am to 12:30pm              |
| <b>Wed. 26th Feb:</b>   | <b>Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b><br>12:30pm                         |
| <b>Fri. 6th March:</b>  | <b>Catholic Schools Week ,<br/>School Open Day &amp; Picnic</b> |
| <b>Fri. 20th March:</b> | <b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b><br>Full Summer Uniform                  |

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Friday Assembly Awards

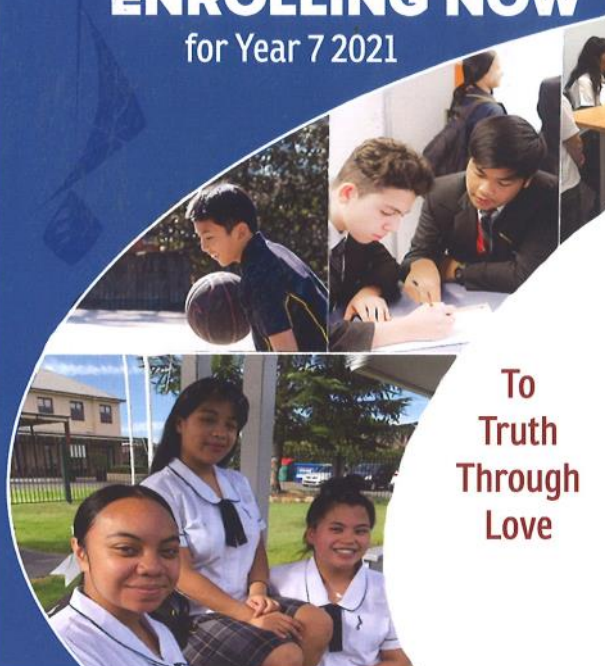
**Friday, 7.2.20**

- Kindy:** *All Kindergarten Students*
- Year 1:** Emmanuelle Balmeo, Antipas Hancieng, Marin Lapan, Youstina Mousa
- Year 2:** Thomas Dabbagh, Oriana Esho, Kosmo Fakatava, Christine Raniga
- Year 3:** Carl Cruz, Stewart Essho, Chibu Michael, Kelara Shamas
- Year 4:** Faith Antipas, Zorawar Gill, Stelios Maroky, Maria Wilton
- Year 5:** Flona Butrus, Renalda Dallo, Marian Lawi, Joseph Loka
- Year 6:** Catherine Clarke, Lopez Kako, Monik Setiadhi, Iden Shammo

**Friday, 14.2.20**

- Kindy:** Akuien Chol, Felicity Koji, Violet Tamate, Dominic Tuliatsu
- Year 1:** Larin Al-Qis Rufaeil, Cyrus Litto, Elizabeth Onipe, Mololuwa Seun-Ayoola
- Year 2:** Malak Dinkhah, Mary Kako, Isabelle Vella, Seraphim Wilton
- Year 3:** Kiir Aher, Carl Cruz, Kenjiro Minagawa, Faith Tuliatsu
- Year 4:** Kuot Deng, Ivan Kotarac, Barbara Pita, Valerie Tamate
- Year 5:** Sali Abdulazeez, Aleich Agou, Marven Albekano, Grace Audish
- Year 6:** Amanda Buenaventura, Jaycee Matti, Audrey Paranis, Andrew Youssef

**ENROLLING NOW**  
for Year 7 2021



To  
Truth  
Through  
Love

Primary School Visits - 13-24 February 2020

Open Evening - 4 March 2020 5pm - 7pm

Final Date for Enrolments Submissions - 29 May 2020

Placement Offers commence on 6 April

Interviews begin in June 2020

Orientation Day - 6 November 2020 9am - 2pm

Parent Information Evening - 17 November 5.30 - 6.30pm

Enrolment forms available at  
[WWW.STAGNESROOTYHILL.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](http://WWW.STAGNESROOTYHILL.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)

Facebook: St Agnes CHS Rooty Hill  
*Discover Your Path*

Enquiries Ph: 8882 0700

**PBS4L Awards**

**17.2.20**

- Kindy:** Dehira Dekuan
- Year 1:** Kenjia Minagawa
- Year 2:** Liam Dadat
- Year 3:** Faith Tuliatsu
- Year 4:** Katherine Raniga
- Year 5:** Nina Shamon
- Year 6:** Angel Boniba

**PBS4L FOCUS**

**Term 1, Week 4**



***"Responsible"***  
***"Owning my Actions"***

**Important Notice to Parents**

**Walkers & Pick-ups**

Only children who are walking home and need to cross Nelson Street or Ropes Creek Road go on the walkers line.

Children who are being picked up by their parents wait in the amphitheatre. For safety reasons children are not to walk down the road to be picked up. To ensure the safety of your child pick them up from the amphitheatre.

Children are **NOT** permitted to leave the school grounds unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Thank you.