

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 1 - Week 6

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4 March 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

Many thanks to the Kindergarten families who came along to our Welcome Sausage Sizzle on 21st February. It was great to see so many families enjoy each other's company over a sausage sizzle and a drink. The children had a great time and enjoyed the activities. Special thanks to our Kindergarten teachers who planned the BBQ and the staff members who gave generously of their time to support the occasion. What a wonderful way to start the school year! Turn over and enjoy the great photos!



Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Thank you to Mrs. Potts, our Religious Education Coordinator, for preparing a beautiful Ash Wednesday Liturgy last week. The liturgy was a very reverent way to start Lent and the children participated beautifully. Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to come along and join us. The sacred space was prepared using wood from the Blue Mountains fire ground which served as a reminder of the terrible summer many communities experienced.

Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will take place on Friday, 13th March, around the school grounds. The 8, 9 and 10 year olds run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds run 3km. Students wear sports uniform and school hat and bring a water bottle. Asthmatics need to bring their own medication.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Sacred Heart School students will be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2020. The Challenge runs from 2nd March to 28th August 2020. Reading log sheets will be given to students next week, with passwords to the PRC website following soon after.

- Books read after last year's Challenge can be counted in this year's Challenge.
- K-2 students can read books on their own, read them with someone, or someone can read the book to them.
- Students in Years 3-6 must read the books themselves, but may have someone help choose the books.
- You must read a certain amount of books and we will provide this information to you with the Reading logs.

It is a wonderful challenge to participate in as reading broadens our horizons in many ways, increases vocabulary, helps in writing, is calming and expands empathy. I will help if you need more

Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held on **Wednesday, 8th April** at Blacktown Olympic Park. This carnival is for students in Years 3 - 6 and Year 2 students that turn 8 years old in 2020. A note with the carnival details will be sent home shortly.

Family Reflection

Lord, Jesus Christ, fill me, I pray

With your light and life

St. Ignatius of Loyola

This week is Catholic Schools Week

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.**

God Bless

Mr Glenn Patchell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

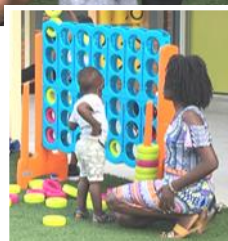
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| 6th March: | Catholic Schools Week (Liturgy, School Open Day & Picnic) |
| 12th March | NRL Gala Day
Stage 3 (Mixed Teams) |
| 13th March | School Cross Country
8:50—10:50am |
| 17th March | AFL Gala Day
Stage 3 (2 Teams) |
| 20th March: | SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Full Summer Uniform |
| 27th March | Harmony Day (Details to follow) |
| 8th April | School Athletics Carnival |

BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUNDRAISING

The FIAT team from Sacred Heart Primary School in Mount Druitt organised a Bushfire Fundraising event on Friday, 21st February for those needing support in the wake of this tragedy. Students were greeted at the school gates by a kangaroo and two koalas carrying fundraising buckets for cash donations. There was early morning dancing and sing-a-longs to some crowd pleasing Aussie anthems, which lifted the mood and energised us all to give generously. With enrolments of 327, we proudly raised \$450



Kindergarten Family Picnic (21st February 2020)







Friday Assembly Awards

Friday, 21.2.20

- Kindy:** Faith Awen-Malual, Sifimeta Kilifi, Emmanuel Mading, Chriselyn Paranis
- Year 1:** Isabella Antoun, Clarence Castillo, Andera Fagalei, Lena Rodic
- Year 2:** Charbel Chahine, Isaac Georges, Elissa Hakoum, Sophia Riley
- Year 3:** George Daher, Lisa Kako, Isi Michael, Chelsea Vella
- Year 4:** Lual Chol, Ryder Merjudio,
- Year 5:** Ivyanna Bonavolonta, Murad Esah, Maddison Lunes, George Yousif
- Year 6:** Nattanicha Aye, Elijah Eugenio, Mia Kisur, Anyop Mawien



Friday, 28.2.20

- Kindy:** Manwella Agid, Emmanuel Mading, Deng Majak, Marina Matti
- Year 1:** Jackson Bonavolonta, Natasha Goro, Larissa Rofaeil, Kathalina Young
- Year 2:** Annierose Fatukala, Savannah Flavell, Noel Koji, Arianna McWhinney
- Year 3:** Alana Keryo, Cade Merjudio, Grace Sila
- Year 4:** Selen Essho, Gabriella Kalifih, Awein Kuag, Joseph Lazar, Kyrrillos Mousa, J'vahn Tuifelasai
- Year 5:** Ronshavez McKenzie, Amos Odejar, Chantelle Pese, Andrei Sanchez
- Year 6:** Emily Ahad, Talia Afungia, Izrael Fatukala, Tong Kuan

YEAR 2—SHROVE TUESDAY

Year 2 celebrated their learning about the meaning and history of Shrove Tuesday by having some delicious pancakes whilst they worked!



PBS4L Awards

24.2.20

- Kindy:** Onella Shamon
- Year 1:** Jonathan Bechara
- Year 2:** Depiny Dekuan
- Year 3:** Maria Yor
- Year 4:** Benzo Fatukala
- Year 5:** Zaiven Tuifelasai
- Year 6:** Emanuel Dawood

PBS4L Awards

2.3.20

- Kindy:** Laurel Merjudio
- Year 1:** Elizabeth Onipe
- Year 2:** Elyse Santos
- Year 3:** Carl Cruz
- Year 4:** Kyrrillos Mousa
- Year 5:** Chantelle Pese
- Year 6:** Ajah Tuil

PBS4L FOCUS

Term 1, Week 6

"Looking after our own, others and school property"



PBS4L FOCUS

Term 1, Week 7

"Having a growth mindset"

Bus Safety Week - 24 February to 1 March 2020

BE BUS AWARE

We all have a part to play in bus safety



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YEAR 2'S LOCAL HISTORY WALK

On Wednesday the 19th of February, Year 2 went for a walk around Mount Druitt as part of their history unit. During the walk, students saw a range of historical buildings in Mount Druitt.

Students were lucky enough to be able to visit and take a look inside Mount Druitt Hall, which was built in 1925 and used as a picture theatre after World War II. Students also saw the Mount Druitt Historical Society, the old general store and a variety of heritage listed houses in the area.

Year 2 had a fantastic time walking around their local area and learning about it's history.



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.

SCHOOL HOURS

At Sacred Heart Primary School, our hours are:
8:50am to 3:00pm every day.

If you often sign your children in late to school, or sign them out early, they are missing valuable learning time. It may not seem like much time, but it all adds up. Our hours are:

8:50 am School commences and gates locked.

10:50am Recess (ends 11:20am)

1:20pm Lunch (ends 2:00pm)

3:00pm Students dismissed

If you do have to sign your children out early, keep in mind it can be difficult to find students at lunch and recess. So give yourself time to wait while they are located.

Student supervision starts at 8:20am and finishes at 3:30pm.

With a number of new families to our school, it is timely to note that, if children are late to school and they have not been signed in by a parent or caregiver, the child's absence will be recorded as "unexplained" and will appear on their school report. If you cannot come into the office, then please send your child with a signed and dated note.

Strive for Higher Things at Catherine McAuley Westmead



Enrolling now for 2021 - Applications close 27th March 2020

OPEN EVENING Wednesday 4th March 2020 4pm - 7pm

Catherine McAuley Westmead, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



School Opal Cards for bus travel

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

www.busways.com.au



Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing.	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day

