

# Heart To Heart

## Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 2 - Week 10

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23 June 2021

### Dear Parents and Children

The end of Term 2 is always a particularly busy time of year in the life of a school with teachers completing assessments, writing reports and conducting parent/teacher conferences. Thank you to the parents who followed up their child's report with a parent/teacher conference. If you are yet to make an appointment with your child's teacher I encourage you to do so.

At Sacred Heart Primary School we have developed high expectations for our students' learning. When you read your child's report, remember to refer to the explanation of student achievement levels that describe your child's level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child's effort and learning behaviours. You might like to refer to the following four tips:

1. **Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
2. **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.
3. **Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future.
4. **Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Here are some very good tips for parents as we prepare for the second half of the year. I will expand on these points in the first Newsletter for Term 3.

### Ten Ways to Help Your Child Succeed at School

1. Build self confidence
2. Have high, but realistic, expectations

3. Foster good relations between home and school
4. Encourage independence
5. Don't place too much emphasis on tests or on comparisons with the performance of other students
6. Think about homework
7. Monitor TV viewing and the use of computer games
8. Encourage reading
9. Don't be a perfectionist
10. Provide a balanced life

### Living Life to the Full: our Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This draft new curriculum for Religious Education will be known as **Living Life to the Full** and is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

Faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Catholic Teaching and Values, **Living Life to the Full** is designed to be age-appropriate for children and young people. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

### Notice to Parents:

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 **Wednesday 14 July 2021**.

### Thank you

As Term 2 draws to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff

for their dedication, the **students** for their hard work and the **parents** for their unfailing support. My best wishes to all for a safe and refreshing break.

God bless,  
Mr Glenn Patchell  
Principal



**Family Reflection**  
"Have courage no matter what your crosses are"

**St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1890**

## SPORT DAYS TERM 3

**Children are to wear sports uniform on the following days:**

Kindergarten:	Thursday
Year 1:	Thursday
Year 2:	Wednesday
Year 3:	Friday
Year 4:	Tuesday
Year 5:	Friday
Year 6:	Friday



## IMPORTANT DATES

Fri. 25 June:	TERM 2 FINISHES
Mon. 12 July:	TERM 3 COMMENCES
Fri. 16 July:	Kindy Excursion Sydney Zoo









## Stage 3 Camp – Wedderburn







## Friday Assembly Awards

**Kindy:** Madonna Khammo, Ilaisaane Fatukala, Cody Fagalei, Elia Gurung, Natalie Yousif, Jerome Daher, Gabriel Manalili, Miyuki Cacapit

**Year 1:** Melinda Behnan, Deng Majak, Meera Naicker, Tavis McAllister, Jesenda Behnan, James Cruz, Faith Awen-Malual, Onella Shamon

**Year 2:** Marin Lapan, Achok Deng, Ajou Agou, Sophia Demetriou, Jack Helm, Jonathan Bechara, Andera Fagalei, Kenjia Minagawa

**Year 3:** Harman Gill, Ethan Valencia, Devin Pinto, Richard Panikulam, Noel Koji, Savannah Flavell, Katarina Yousif, Mary Kako

**Year 4:** Quintin Zabala, Cade Merjudio, Mathyos Odeesho, Pitawat Aye, Dekuan Dekuan, John Paul Ahad, Mannreet Pannu, Grace Sila

**Year 5:** Selen Essho, Julianne Paranis, Ammon Iese, Malith Kon

## Vinnie's Winter Appeal

The response to our Winter Appeal was outstanding and we were so proud to present our items to St Vincent De Paul on behalf of the Sacred Heart community.

Josephine from the Emerton branch collected the items last week and as you can see from the photos, her van was filled to the brim. She was genuinely overwhelmed and couldn't stop thanking us as we helped get the items on their way to those people in need. Josephine said that they were being inundated with requests for help and was ecstatic to know that she could now assist everybody and that no one would be turned away.

She has asked us to pass on her thanks and to let you know that your generous donations will be appreciated by so many in our local area.



## PBS4L Awards

**Kindy:** Nelly Loding, Ater Wol

**Year 1:** James Cruz, Akuien Chol

**Year 2:** Kathalina Young, Clarence Castillo

**Year 3:** Michael Castillo, Isaiah Imsies

**Year 4:** Grace Sila, Vincent Vuong

**Year 5:** Gabriella Kalifih

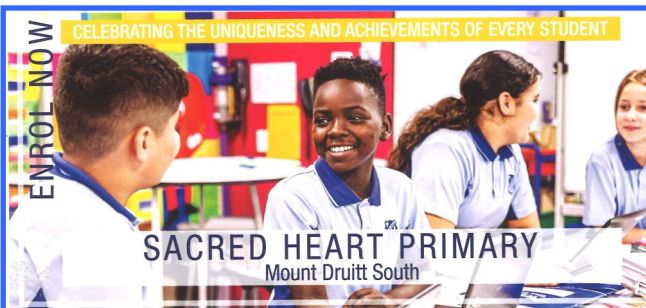
## From the Library ...

The winter holidays are almost upon us!

What a perfect time to curl up with a book and read, read, read.

If you are looking for more books than you have at home, your local libraries are wonderful places to visit.

*Open A Book by Jane Baskwill*  
 Open a book,  
 And you will find  
 People and places of every kind;  
 Open a book,  
 And you can be  
 Anything that you want to be;  
 Open a book,  
 And you can share  
 Wondrous worlds you find in there;  
 Open a book,  
 And I will too  
 You read to me  
 And I'll read to you



## 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

Interviews for Kindergarten children to start in 2022 are well underway. If you have taken an enrolment pack and not returned it to the office, please get this done as soon as possible.

If you have a child who will be turning 5 before July 2022, please collect an enrolment pack from the Sacred Heart Office.

For your information, school library borrowing for Term 3 will be;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Kindergarten	Year 5	Year 2
Year 4	Year 1	Year 6	

**School Returns after holidays on Monday, 12th July.**