

Heart To Heart

Newsletter Of Sacred Heart School Mount Druitt South

Term 3 - Week 6

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24 August 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

This week Sacred Heart is celebrating Book Week with various activities. The theme for this year is **Dreaming With Eyes Open**. There is a book fair in the library, a visiting author will inform and entertain the children on 8th September and there will be a book character parade on Friday 26th August at 9.15am in the Amphitheatre. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Stage 3 Camp

Last Thursday and Friday, Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6), went to Wedderburn Christian Camp for the Stage 3 Leadership Camp. The children participated in a range of activities which encouraged them to go past their comfort zone and challenge themselves. All of the staff at Wedderburn Christian Camp passed on compliments about the children's great behaviour and cooperation. It was wonderful to see all the children have fun, make new friends, learn new things and try new experiences. When the current Year 5 go to camp next year they will participate in different activities. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, Mr. Brewer, Miss Scarpin, Miss Bosque, Miss Salib, Miss Quintano, Mrs Bird and Mrs Tan for putting their own families on hold to attend the camp.

Voice of Youth Competition

On Thursday, 11th August Mr. Tomczyk and I were judges at the Year 6 school **Voice of Youth** competition. Over the past few weeks every student in Year 6 has presented a speech in class. From the class speeches, 11 students were chosen for the school final. From these speeches 3 students have been chosen to represent the school at the **Voice of Youth** Cluster Final. My thanks to Mr. Brewer, Miss Scarpin

and Miss Bosque for preparing the Year 6 students so thoroughly for this important competition. The **Voice of Youth** is an integral part of Year 6 English (Speaking and Listening). The 11 speeches presented at the school final were varied and delivered professionally. They included:

Carlos Matti: *Go Big or Go Home*

Joseph Lazar: *If I Were King*

Matea Lepan: *Expectations v Reality*

Leigh Gile: *Life in the 2000s*

Greyson Nio: *Never Lose Hope*

Faith Antipas: *Why Maths Should be Banned*

Laurence Kako: *God*

Atkin Maroky: *Medicine*

Vaka Vailala: *Bullying*

Kuan Lual: *Mighty Mad Magpies*

J'vahn Tuifelasai: *Siblings*

The competition was very difficult to judge and the scores awarded by the judges were very close. The 2 students to progress to the Cluster Final on Thursday, 25th August at Holy Family Emerton are Laurence Kako and Kuan Lual. Congratulations to all our **Voice of Youth** representatives.

Please continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell or display any symptoms of Covid-19. We have a limited number of RATs in the office. Please see one of the office ladies should you require RATs.

If your child is a close contact of a Covid-19 case they may come to school as long as:

- They do not have any Covid-19 symptoms
- They have a daily negative RAT
- They wear a mask at school

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to manage the uncertainty around Covid-19.

WHAT MAKES A DAD

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of an eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called itDad*

Happy Fathers' Day to all the dads on Sunday 4th September.

God Bless

Glenn Patchell, Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, 2nd September
No school for students
on this day

The school office will be **closed**

Book Week is Coming!

This year's Book Week theme is **Dreaming With Eyes Open**

- Book Week is running from Friday, 26 August on through to Thursday, 1 September.
- We shall have a Book Fair in the library from 26 August to the morning of 1 September. It will be a cashless Book Fair, so children can write a 'wish list' to take home to ask parents/guardians to pay with credit cards, or parents/guardians can visit the Book Fair before and after school (8:30am and 3:30pm).
- A Book Character Parade will be held on Friday, 26 August first thing so that parents/guardians can enjoy the occasion.
- Author, Lesley Gibbes, will visit on Thursday, 8 September, which is

after our Book Week, but will be fabulous anyway. <https://lesleygibbes.com>

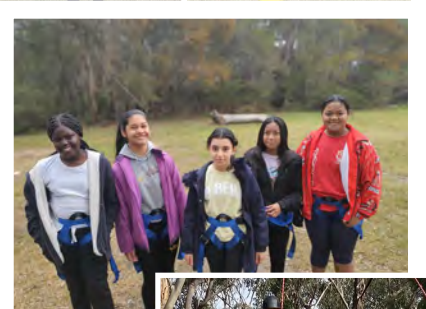
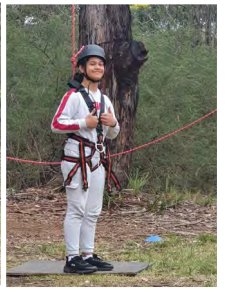
- There will be a colouring competition with a prize for the best talent and flair for one student from each class.

The Books of the Year were announced on Friday, 19 August; do you know which books won?

Premier's Reading Challenge finished on 19 August - I'm happy to help if anyone needs assistance.

Joanne Neill, Library





Stage 3 — Wedderburn Christian Camp



Friday Assembly Awards

- Kindy:** Afa Vailea, Emma Goriel, Rahel Rinto, Glory Sila, Megs Naicker, George Hakoum, Emilio Chahine, Juju (Guljok) Awen-Malual
- Year 1:** Dion Pinto, Danton Bartley, Elijah De Guzman, Malak Al Eesa, Natalie Yousif, Angulla Dimo, Elena Demetriou
- Year 2:** Deng Majak, Riel Machok, Lawrence Rofaeil, Kristella Ealeya, Laurel Merjudio, Jared Centino, Onella Shamon, Deng Majak
- Year 3:** Hunter Stephenson, Pierre Elias, Angela Wol, Larissa Rofaeil, Tuil Tuil, Raelynn Ordonez, Cyrus Litto, Kathalina Young
- Year 4:** Arianna McWhinney, Devin Pinto, Noel Koji, Annabeth Fletcher, Michael Castillo, Isaiah Imsies, Annierose Fatukala, Savannah Flavell
- Year 5:** Leinora Vaka, Kelara Shamas, Pitawat Aye, Michael Wol
- Year 6:** Sasa Koji, Abuk Majak, Stelios Maroky, Brianne Magsakay

PBS4L Awards

- Kindy:** Evey Yousif, Mia Canlas
- Year 1:** Gabriel Manalili, Elijah De Guzman
- Year 2:** Faith Awen-Malual, Jesenda Behnan
- Year 3:** Lena Rodic, Seth Calanno
- Year 4:** Savannah Flavell, Elyse Santos
- Year 5:** Cade Merjudio
- Year 6:** Evonne Huang

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, 26th August: **Book Parade 9:15am**
Amphitheatre—all welcome!
- 26th—31st August:** **BOOK FAIR**
- Wednesday, 31 August: **Soccer Gala Day** Stage 3 Girls only
- Friday, 2nd September:** **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
No School for Students on this day.
- Friday, 9th September: **Touch Football Gala Day** Stage 2
- Tuesday, 13th September: **Netball Gala Day** Stage 2
- Friday, 16th September: **Year 1 Excursion**
Royal Botanical Gardens
- Friday, 16th September: **Year 2 Parish Mass** All Welcome
- Friday, 23rd September: **Touch Football Gala Day** Stage 3

Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion

Our local Parish of Sacred Heart at South Mount Drutt, have sent through Registration Forms for those families who would like to enrol their child/ren into classes for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation AND First Holy Communion**. There are four formation sessions for parents—1 parents only and 3 with both parents and children.

Sessions are being held on Saturdays between 4pm until 5:30pm in the PARISH CHURCH HALL.

Dates are as follows:

- **27th August (Parents only)**
- **3rd September—Parents & Children**
- **17th September—this will be followed by the Sacrament of Penance at 5:30pm after the Session (Parents & Children)**
- **24th September—Parents & Children**
- **25th September—9:00am MASS (Sacrament First Holy Communion)**



Please contact Deacon Rod Pirotta using the details below if you would like more information.

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Kindergarten Parish Mass



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2023

If you have a child who will be turning 5 before July 2023, please enquire about Kindy Enrolment Packs from the front office.

Kindergarten Interviews have already begun. It is important that you do not leave your child's enrolment until later in the year.

If you have already taken an enrolment pack, could you please return it as a matter of urgency.

Enrolling now for Kindy 2023

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