Prayer: Talking and Listening to God

God of Life,
We are grateful for the glorious shining sun that shines every day so that we can go outside to play, have energy and do lots of exercise. The crops and plants get nourishment from the sun so that they can grow. We pray for areas that do not get rain. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Arya C)

Generous God,
Thank you for the richness in our lives. We appreciate the food that we have to eat, that we have a home, money to use, clothes to wear, a car and we can get an education. We thank our parents for all the time and money that they have spent on making us happy. We pray for those who have little money.
Amen.
(Jonathan J)

Light of the World,
We are grateful for our families because of the forgiveness and love that they show towards us. I thank you for my siblings and the rest of my family. Please pray for the people who are without a family and those who have lost a member of their family. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Catherine E)

Loving Father,
I thank you for blessing me with gifts and talents. Thank you for my beautiful voice, for wonderful parents and a family who is always there for me. Bless all those who are without family and friends. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Gabrielle N)

Lord,
Thank you for giving us life so that we can live and be happy. Help us to help the poor during Lent and be more generous.
Amen.
(Victor F)

Prince of Peace,
We are grateful for our families because of their honesty and the love that they show towards us. We thank you for our parents who never let us down. We pray for all the sick children, may they be healed. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Charmaine U)

Dear Jesus,
We thank you for everything that you have done for us. Thank you for giving us food and water. Help those who don’t have enough to eat. Thank you for our parents who love us.
Amen.
(Anna N)
Sacred Heart Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4
Thursday 21st February, 2013

Dates for your Diary

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Honour Award

Respect

This week the children have been reflecting on what it means to be respectful. Today’s reading taken from the Holy Gospel of Matthew explains the gospel teaching of respect very simply,

*Jesus said to his disciples, Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks…… How much more then will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So treat others the way you would like them to treat you; there you have the Law and the Prophets. (7:7-12)*

Jesus invites us to be people who initiate loving actions to those around us. Being the first to speak kind works and do good deeds will create a peaceful and loving community. To be an authentic Catholic community Jesus asks us to lead by example. This teaching is sometimes known as the ‘Golden Rule’.

How will you live out the Golden Rule today?

Welcoming new families to our Parish

Last Sunday we joined together with Mother Teresa as one Parish to welcome new families to our Sacred Heart Community. During the Homily, Fr Dado spoke of the history of our Church explaining that in early times the Church was used as classrooms during the week and rearranged on the weekend for Mass. It was engaging to listen, where we began as a parish to what we know as Sacred Heart today, as Fr Dado stated so eloquently, we are the Church.

I wish to thank the teachers who prepared and participated in this special Mass, the children and families who attended and Fr Dado for creating such a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our new friends.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand uniform shop is opened every day. If you require an item of clothing please visit our school office. Most items are sold for $5.00.

Canteen News

Next week’s hot food special is Crumbed Chicken Burger with Lettuce and Mayonnaise - $3.00 each

Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

Today our talented squad of 18 swimmers participated at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool. I would like to thank Mrs Yanz for coordinating the event and Mr Rawlings for his continued generosity in driving the children to the event in our Parish bus. I sincerely thank the parents for continuing to support the many extra curricular events that Sacred Heart are involved in. Together we can provide so many wonderful experiences for our children. Results of today’s carnival will be in next week’s newsletter. Congratulations to all our students for representing your school with such pride and dedication.

Staff Professional Learning 2013

Staff formation is an integral part of our staff professional learning each year. This year we will continue to deepen our understanding of our Catholic faith as we examine and immerse ourselves in the writings of St Paul. Last week our focus was on exploring the many communities Paul shared his faith with and his understanding of what Jesus Christ means for the life of the ordinary Christian. Throughout the year the staff will engage in deep reflection, prayer and theological readings to continue our dedication in building an authentic Catholic Sacred Heart community.
Revisiting School Policy expectations

At the beginning of the year each family was given a comprehensive booklet outlining school expectations at Sacred Heart. I invite all parents to read this document as it highlights many procedures and policies that you have agreed to follow when you accepted enrolment at Sacred Heart.

Our school uniform represents the pride and spirit of our Sacred Heart community. I ask all parents to ensure that the children wear their uniform with pride. Some children are arriving to school in items of clothing that are not our uniform. If your child needs to wear an item of clothing, not officially our uniform, a note outlining the reason would be appreciated. I would also like to bring to your attention our policy on sports shoes. Sports shoes are to be predominately white. Coloured sports shoes that are appearing each week are best used on the weekend for home wear. I appreciate your continued support in ensuring the policies outlined in the booklet are respected.

Painting Team Needed

If you are handy with a paint brush and would like to volunteer a Saturday to help beautify the school, please leave your name at the office. Parents who have volunteered to be part of the school maintenance parent group please contact the office if painting is your talent. Many hands make light work

Urgent Attention

We have had a few cases of head lice this week. Please check your child regularly for head lice and nits. If it is detected please use the appropriate products that can be purchased at the supermarket or chemist. Children are not to attend school until all eggs or lice are removed from their hair.

Parramatta Eels Community Carnival

On Monday 25th February 2013, the National Rugby League and the Parramatta Eels are visiting our school as part of the 2013 NRL Community Carnival. The focus of this year’s Community Carnival visit is ‘Tackle Bullying’ and will reinforce the importance of preventing Bullying in our schools. Additionally, they will be encouraging students to lead active lifestyles by providing information on how to register for a Junior Rugby League Team in 2013.

The children are invited to wear their favourite football jumpers or footy colours to school. As we are in the season of Lent, children are asked to bring a gold coin donation. All monies collected will be given to Project Compassion.

P&F Meeting

Our first P&F meeting for the year will be held on Monday the 25th February at 7pm in the school Library. This will be our annual General Meeting.

Morning Farewells

To assist the teachers with the smooth transition from morning assembly to walking to classes, we ask parents to say goodbye to their child before they go to lines for assembly. Parents have been calling their child as they are walking to class for a final kiss. This is causing disruption to an otherwise easy procedure. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Social Media Release Note

This week a social media release note went home with every child. Please return this note back to school as soon as possible.

Skwirk: Education Programs.

Sacred Heart has purchased a subscription for ‘Skwirk’, a web based interactive learning program which the children can access at home.

To log on at home please use the following username and password.

Username: shpwk
Password: cat

The username is grade specific

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Inserts in this Week’s Newsletter

- Parramatta District Junior Rugby League
- Catholic Education Office—Bishop’s Office notices.
Stepping Beyond
for Separated or Divorced Adults

Date: Last Tuesday of each month
Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Fee: $5.00
Venue: CCSS Centre Blacktown
51-59 Allawah St
Blacktown

CatholicCare Social Services
Solo Parent Ministry
Diocese of Parramatta

Stepping Beyond is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Facilitators: Sr. Eileen Quade and Ruby Chan

Focus Questions for Sharing
- How well are you “stepping beyond”?
- What do you want to “step beyond”?
- What are you currently “stepping beyond”?
- What is stopping you from “stepping beyond”?
- What have you learnt as you keep “stepping beyond”?

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