Catholic Schools Week 2013

What is CSW?

Being part of a Catholic School allows every person to share their faith and celebrate the spirit of Jesus alive in thought, word and action.

The theme for CSW 2013 is ‘Every Child Counts’.

We held an art and Poetry Competition asking students to reflect on how every child counts in a Catholic school. These artworks and poetry pieces have been selected in each class as the most reflective of the theme “Every Child Counts.” All entries are displayed in and around the classrooms for parents and visitors to view.

“EVERY CHILD COUNTS”

The theme for this year for Catholic Schools Week is ‘Every Child Counts’. This represents that all children are unique, equal and we are all important.

(By Kristen Hoddad & Charlotte Burns Year 5)

The meaning of every child counts is to not disrespect others and their differences, and to not leave someone behind, to help anyone in need and as our school motto says “together we grow and rejoice”.

(By Anthony Goldsman & Daniel Cooper Year 6)

Celebrations for CSW

Open Classrooms

We began our day of celebrations by inviting our parents into our classrooms for Open Classrooms. Parents had an opportunity to look at our books and see our wonderful achievements. Parents also saw children involved in classroom activities such as Maths Games, Religion board games, technology skills were demonstrated, children creating words on the word wall and much more learning fun.

Picnic Lunch

The parents were invited to join us for a picnic lunch on our grass area.

Trivia Game

The afternoon involved a trivia game led by Mrs Baird. The students worked in teams and thoroughly enjoyed the questions that tested their knowledge on Religion, Maths, our parish and music. Parents joined in to help answer the more tricky questions. What a great way to end a wonderful day full of fun and learning.
Sacred Heart Weekly Newsletter  Term 1 Week 7  Thursday  14th March, 2013

Dates for your Diary

Week 7
11th to 15th March  CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
15th March  Friday  Mufti Day

Week 8
20th March  Wednesday  Gymnastics
22nd March  Friday  NSWCPS Swim Trials
22nd March  Friday  Assembly—Stage 1

Week 9
24th March  Sunday  Palm Sunday
26th March  Tuesday  Stage 3 —Girls Soccer
27th March  Wednesday  Gymnastics
28th March  Thursday  Holy Week Liturgy
29th March  Friday  Good Friday

Week 10
31st March  Sunday  Easter Sunday
1st April  Monday  Easter Monday
2nd April  Tuesday  School Cross Country
3rd April  Wednesday  Gymnastics
5th April  Friday  Cross Country (Back Up)

Week 11
8th April  Monday  School Photos
10th April  Wednesday  Gymnastics
12th April  Friday  Stage 3 Touch Football

Week 1—Term 2
1st May  Wednesday  Term 2 commences

CAPTIVATE- Creative arts initiative
Last year we were captivated by the talents of our children as they performed in the Primary Captivate Choir with 700 other students from our diocese. This year the children have an opportunity to participate in the program to build upon the skills learnt from our professional instructors from the A3 performing arts company. A note went home this week inviting students from Years 3-6 to enroll in this program. The professional teachers will work with the children each fortnight on Friday afternoons under the supervision of Mrs Plummer. The concert will be on either the 2nd or 3rd of September. The date will be confirmed in the near future. I wish to thank in advance Mrs Plummer for her continued commitment to developing the Arts at Sacred Heart.

Canteen News
Next week’s hot food special is ‘Hot Dogs’ with tomato or BBQ sauce. Please complete the order form and return it to school by Friday.
I would like to thank our parent helpers who organise and make our hot food specials. We have had a great response from our students keeping our mums very busy preparing over 100 orders each week. The result is many satisfied tummies.

Canteen Roster

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Dates for the Diary

Staff Development Days: 29th April and 30th April, 2013
The Staff will be unpacking the new National English Syllabus
There will be no school on these two days.
Term Two commences on Wednesday 1st May, 2013

School Fee Accounts
School Fee Accounts for Term One are now due. You can make a payment via Bpay, Direct Debit, Cheque, Eftpos or in person at the school office. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your school fees by the due day please contact the office and speak to Mrs Ward.

Enrolments 2014
Enrolment Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2014. Please lodge your application before the end of Term One. Enrolment information packs are available from the School Office, can be sent home with a sibling, downloaded from the School’s website, or directly emailed. Your child must turn five before 31 July 2014 to be eligible to enrol in Kindergarten 2014. If you know someone in the area or have a friend or relative that is looking to enrol, please talk to them about our school and encourage them to fill in an application form. We are also accepting enrolments for Year 1 to Year 6.
Honour Award for next week is **Forgiveness**

The season of Lent is a time when we reflect on our lives, our relationships with our families and friends and especially our relationship with God. Each day we are challenged to make choices, choices that will affect ourselves, and those around us. The struggle to choose God’s way and love can at times test us. A powerful scripture passage, Luke chapter 6 verse 36-38, instructs us on what we need to do to return to God’s love.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Be merciful, just as your father is merciful. Do not judge others and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken up and running over will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use for others will be the measure God will use for you.”

God’s love for all is unconditional so must the love of all true disciples. Mercy, forgiveness and love are at times, in short supply. The essence of this passage calls us to forgive those who do us wrong as how we treat others is how God will treat us.

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**Catholic Schools Week.**

What a great day of celebrating all that is great at Sacred Heart. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us today in our Catholic Schools Week open day. Families had the opportunity to view the great work of their children, join together with many other families for lunch on the grounds and finally participate in a fun trivia afternoon with the children and teachers. The best thing about Sacred Heart is that we celebrate Catholic Schools Week….. every week.

**Quality Catholic Schools Survey**

On Monday the parent surveys went home to 60 randomly selected parents. I ask those families who received the survey to please take the time to answer the questions during the survey period. The staff and Stage 3 students will also be completing the survey during the two week period. The survey results will guide our planning for future school development starting in Term 3. I thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in this project.

**Friday is **MUFTI DAY!**

To organise our first fundraiser for the year we are asking each student to donate an easter egg. As part of our Easter basket raffle to be drawn on Holy Thursday. Students are invited to wear casual clothes on Friday as a thank you for their generosity. Year 6 children will have baskets near the front gate for children to place their Easter eggs in as they enter the school grounds.

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**Catholic Education Office**

**2013 Catholic Schools Parent Conference 25-26 May**

Join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference on 25-26 May 2013 at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. The 2013 conference, *iConnect with learning, in partnership, and in faith* will look at the impact of 21st century technologies on learning and teaching; the future of Catholic education in a modern world and how to build closer connections between families, schools and parishes.

Special dinner speaker: Paralympian Curtis Palmer

Full program cost $225.


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**Honour Awards**

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**Stars of the Week**

- Year 6: Gabrielle Haddad
- Year 5: Samantha Cannistra, Charlotte Burns
- Year 4: Grace Bassil
- Year 3: Raymond Elweddy
- Year 2: Wesley Gan, Hannah Eid
- Year 1: Christian Samaha, Ella Tauroa
- Kindergarten: Tony Fahd, Marissa Nasr

**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

The 2013 Reading Challenge began on 4th March and all students are encouraged to participate again this year. Student Reading Records can be entered online now using their same username and password from last year. The students in Years 3–6 have revisited the website in their library lessons and have recorded their usernames and passwords in their books for them to use at home.

A separate note will be sent home to the parents for the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 notifying them of their child’s username and password. Students will be able to borrow PRC books as part of their normal library lessons. All students completing the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW late in the school year.

For more details about the Premier’s reading Challenge visit the [PRC website](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html). Please contact Mrs Yanz if you require any assistance.
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Tomorrow the 15th of March is the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. The National Day of Action is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. This annual day provides a focus for our school to say **Bullying, No way!** and to strengthen our everyday message that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

This year I have enlisted the help of our Year 6 Leaders to take on a project designing anti Bullying signs which we will have professionally printed and posted around the school. This initiative is a way of reminding the students at Sacred Heart that bullying, harassment or violence will never be tolerated and to reinforce the clear message that it is the responsibility of everyone to stop the cycle and not be a bystander, watching others being bullied and not act to stop it.

The following information is taken from the National Day of Action against bullying and violence website. I encourage you to view the website for more information [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

The Definition of Bullying

**Bullying** is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is **harmful** and involves the **misuse** of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Bullying can happen:

- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

**Cyberbullying** is a term used to describe bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies. Children who are cyberbullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face.

Examples of cyberbullying can include:

- repeated hang up calls
- sending insulting or threatening text messages
- publishing someone’s personal or embarrassing information online
- creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites.

Cyberbullying is one potential cybersafety issue for children when they use computers and mobile phones.

Violence is the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against another person(s) that results in psychological harm, injury or in some cases death. It may involve provoked or unprovoked acts and can be a single incident, a random act or can occur over time.

My Child Is Being Bullied

It can be distressing to learn that your child is being bullied.

No single response will stop bullying. A combination of different types of strategies is necessary to stop bullying.

Combatting bullying is the responsibility of all. The sooner bullying is identified the sooner strategies can be put in place to protect our children. My advice to all parents is don’t think if you wait it will go away. Fast action will prevent long term emotional distress.