Sacred Heart School
Weekly Newsletter
Term 4 Week 2
Thursday 17th October, 2013

SHW FAITH PAGE 2013

JESUS LIVE IN OUR HEARTS

For I was hungry and you gave me food...
(Matthew 25:35)

In Kindergarten we are focusing on developing an understanding of ‘mission’ and ‘missionaries.’ We are encouraged and supported to live as Christ, which challenges us...

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”
(Matthew 25: 35-36)

We have read about Soko and Oldoh, two children in Mongolia who were homeless. Father Matthew and the Catholic Mission took them in. Kindergarten ate a meal of white rice and reflected on how they would feel if that was their only food for the day?

The children responded to the feelings of Soko and Oldoh and were thankful for all that they have in their lives.

Catholic Mission
Soko,Oldoh, the children felt alone and scared.

by Marissa

I feel special because
I have lots of food.
I feel special because
I have lots of toys

by Mary
Honour Awards

I wish to congratulate the students who received an Honour Award for commitment to their learning:

Kindergarten: Priscilla Nader
Year 1: Harry Zeait
Year 2: Jacob Lemi
Year 3: Olivia Holsinger
Year 4: Raymond Elia
Year 5: Steven Chidiac
Year 6: Maeve Jeffries

This week the children have been reflecting on the value of fairness.

Daniel Cooper runs at state level

Yesterday Daniel Cooper participated in the NSW athletics Carnival. Daniel performed extremely well. Congratulation Daniel on reaching state level in running. We are all so very proud of you.

Crazy Hair Day

Tomorrow is an opportunity for students to show their creativity and individuality for our Crazy Day Year 6 fundraiser. Children are invited to make a gold coin donation. All monies collected will go towards a farewell gift from Year 6.

Fr Dado’s Thank You Celebration

Plans are underway to say our sincere thanks to Fr Dado for years of spiritual leadership and guidance to our school community. A letter went home to families this week with the details of the day. Each family has been invited to write a message of thanks on the parchment paper provided and return it back to school. Our community picnic and liturgy will be a special moment to honour such a special man. We look forward to sharing this with all our families.

If you have photos of Fr Dado taken with your child, could you please email them to Miss Harb: mharb6@parra.catholic.edu.au for use in a reflection.

Kindergarten Orientation Meeting

On Tuesday night we welcomed families new and old to our school community. The mums and dads were given an opportunity to hear about all the great learning opportunities at Sacred Heart. I wish to thank the many teachers present on the night, Mr Michael McGrath Manager of COSH and COSH supervisor Nicole Walker and Bettina Jeffries representing the P&F. A special thanks to Fr Jojo for joining us on his first official duty as parish Priest of Sacred Heart.

Special Treat Wednesday

Special Treat Lunch for Wednesday 23rd October is Pizza
- Oregano Pizza ½ - $1.00, Oregano Pizza Whole - $2.00
- Cheese Pizza ½ - $2.00, Cheese Pizza Whole - $4.00
Please return the order form inside a lunch order bag with money to the office by Monday 21st October.

Canteen Roster—Term 4

Week 2
18th October Friday Lunch Snacks -

Week 3
21st October Monday Lunch Snacks - Therese Sleiman
22nd October Tuesday Lunch Snacks -
23rd October Wednesday Special Treat - Katrina Cooper
24th October Thursday Lunch Snacks -
25th October Friday Lunch Snacks -

Our Lady of Mercy Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2015 are invited to apply. Visit the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please keep our children who have enrolled into the First Reconciliation Sacramental Program in your prayers. We have a large group of 52 children. The next preparation session for the children and at least one parent will be held on Tuesday 22 October at 7:30pm. Attendance at all sessions is COMPULSORY.

Commissioning of New Altar Servers

The Commissioning of our new Altar Servers will take place during the 9:30am Mass next Sunday 27th October.

Prayers for HSC Exams

Please keep in your prayers all the young students who continue their Higher School Certificate exams this week.
Catholic Education Office

World Teachers’ Day competition

Please ask your students to join us in celebrating World Teachers’ Day by entering our Facebook competition to recognise the great work of their teachers. There’s a great prize to win for the teacher and the class. The competition is open to all Catholic systemic primary and secondary schools in Diocese of Parramatta. Special provisions have been made for those students under 13 years of age to meet Facebook usage conditions. An advertisement is attached for your school newsletters.

Competition Details:
Tell us why your teacher is so great in 25 words or less or submit a 30 second video for your chance to win a $100 iTunes voucher for you and your teacher plus a $500 voucher for classroom resources. Those under 13 years of age your parent/guardian can like the Facebook page and post your entry on your behalf or you can email your entry to promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au. Emailed video submissions need to be less than 5mb in size. Entries close 24 October 2013. Competition entry link https://www.facebook.com/pg4qRG

Bishops Office

The Campion College Schola presents the Magnificat Concert: 20 October

A special performance of beautiful sacred choir music in honour of Our Blessed Mother in the world-class acoustics of Cathedral Chamber of Lucas Cave, Jenolan Caves, 4655 Jenolan Caves Rd. Time: 4pm. IMPORTANT: Please bring something warm to wear inside the cave. Ascending into the Cathedral Chamber involves several sets of steep stairs (252 stair steps). Tickets: $35 available from Jenolan Caves or call (02) 6359 3923 during business hours and save on the booking fee. Purchase online from Ticketmaster: www.ticketmaster.com.au. Further information: www.jenolancaves.org.au or www.campion.edu.au

Holy Family Community Golf Day 25 October

10am sharp hit-off at the Dungog Golf Club on Links Rd, St Marys. Cost: $100 per person. There are many great prizes to be won. Join us after for some light refreshments at the Holy Family Parish Centre on 11 Emett Parade, Emerton. Details: Malaria Lolesio at the Parish Office on (02) 9628 7727, enquiry@holifamily.org.au

Bishops Office

Catholic Super Free Retirement Seminars: 30 October & 11 November

Have you started thinking about retirement? Financial security will give you the opportunity to enjoy a longer life with family and friends and to pursue your interests free from money worries. Catholic Super is an industry fund and returns all profits to members. This FREE seminar will cover: retirement goals & budgets, increasing your retirement savings, transition to retirement strategy.


Time: 6.45pm for 7pm start. Register: tel 1300 730 327 or www.csf.com.au

St Patrick’s Cathedral Open Day 3 November

Everyone is welcome to drop in and find out more about the Catholic tradition of Christianity and the award-winning St Patrick’s Cathedral. Hosted by the Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue.

Open Day program
* Solemn Sung Mass at 11am with Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Parramatta, presiding.
* Following Mass, Q & A in the Cathedral Hall on topics specific to Catholic Christianity.
* Tours of the Cathedral and organ recitals.
* Free sausage sizzle followed by Devonshire teas prepared by CWL Parramatta.
* Cloister expo with Church ministries, including Catholic Education Parramatta, CatholicCare Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society and Institute for Mission.
* Concludes at 3pm with Solemn Sung Afternoon Prayer.

St Patrick’s Cathedral is at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, opposite Prince Alfred Park. Plenty of parking is available. For more information contact the Cathedral Office (02) 8839 8400 or visit: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Music of Antonín Dvořák – Mass in D Major: 8 November

Presented by Warrimoo Chorale, accompanied by Bernard Kirkpatrick, directed by Brian Eggert. Experience the power and excitement of Dvorak’s major work on the heritage-listed Hele Pipe Organ with a superb choir in the beautiful stone church of St Finbar’s. Also on the program will be a selection of folk music, old and new, by Stephen Foster, Aaron Copland, Brahms and Whittacre. Starts 7.30pm, St Finbar’s Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Suggested donation $15, $10 conc. Inquiries (02) 4754 1780.

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 9 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her “the great wonder worker”. Mass at noon with confessions from 11.30am. St John Vianney’s Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. Nearest railway station is Doonside, next one after Blacktown. RSVP: Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com (please bring a snack to share).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 8-10 November

A marriage enrichment experience – take time out of busy schedules to invest in your most precious asset, your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wتخل@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au
CAPTIVATE: 10 November
String concert celebrating the achievements of students in our Catholic schools. Starts 3pm, St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Gold coin donation.

Cronulla Beaches Tour: 12 November
Travel with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, to Cronulla for morning tea at Gunnamatta Bay Park before boarding the Bundeena ferry. Enjoy the short scenic cruise from Cronulla to Bundeena, gateway to the Royal National Park, viewing the many beaches in the area. Cost: $35 includes morning tea and ferry. Lunch at Bundeena RSL (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am opposite OLP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Deposit of $20 required when booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 115, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

9th Annual Voehoff Conference: 14-15 November
Topic: Hearing the Word, Acting in Faith. Conference Chair: Emeritus Professor Terry Lovat, University of Newcastle, and Chair of Theology, Ethics & Education, The Broken Bay Institute.
Speakers:
* Rev Dr Christopher Holmes, Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology, University of Otago, Dunedin;
* Dr Luqman Zakarnshy, Visiting Fellow, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, Harvard University;
* Rev Dr Rhys Bezzant, Dean of Missional Leadership, Ridley College, Melbourne;
* Elizabeth Scott, Managing Director, Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art;
* Rev Simon Moyle – anti-war activist and non-violence trainer with Peace e Bine Australia.
Venue: St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, Kincumber. Fee: $195 includes conference attendance, overnight accommodation and all meals. Registration: tel (02) 4921 7755, Geoffrey.See@newcastle.edu.au

12th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip: 16 November
You can help to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013, a program of major works in St Patrick’s Cathedral project, while visiting more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza. Departs from 2 points: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills and Penrith Panthers. Cost includes Bistro lunch: $50 adults, $40 concession, $20 children. Bookings close 3 November. For more information and to secure your seat on the coach contact Virginia Knight at the Diocesan Office tel (02) 8838 3412, vknigh@parra.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 17 November

Christian Meditation: 17 November
You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict’s Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and Information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at ‘The Cottage’ guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Prayer and the Dark Night: 21 November
An opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Church’s great teachers on prayer, with Fr John McColl OSA. In our growth in prayer we move through various stages. These transitional stages can be disturbing if we do not understand them. Time: 9.45am. The Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 21 November
Special guest Bishop Anthony Fisher OP – Reframing the debate on ‘same-sex marriage’. Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education, Parramatta. Details: Linda Dicksbury tel (02) 9840 5743, linda.dicksbury@parra.catholic.edu.au

Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreat: 22-24 November
This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Where: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 595, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. For more information about Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreats visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au