13TH OCTOBER 2016 "OPEN THE DOOR TO MERCY" 1873-2016 OUR 143RD YEAR

## **Sacred Heart School Newsletter**



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### From the Principal:

# Blog from my trip overseas: <a href="https://myedmundricepilgrimage.wordpress.com/">https://myedmundricepilgrimage.wordpress.com/</a>

# Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council Newsletter <a href="http://tcspc.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/22345">http://tcspc.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/22345</a>

Edmund Rice and Nano Nagle are important people in the history of our School. Without Edmund there would be no Christian Brothers or Presentation Sisters without Nano. Our School has a combined history of the Presentation Sisters and Christian Brothers. What was interesting to learn and understand further was how tragedy and loss was a major catalyst for their commitment, initially to educating young boys and girls in Ireland

Both Nano and Edmund came from wealthy Catholic families which was unusual. The tragic death of Edmund's wife and the death of Nano's sister sharpened their focus and commitment to act. They were people dealing with tragedy but using this to make a difference in the lives of others.

They created momentum for a need of the times; the Catholic education of young Irish men and women. It was largely after each of their deaths that their religious orders blossomed and spread globally. This was their legacy!

Last Saturday I had the privilege to listen to Neil Daniher, who was the guest of honour at the Tasmanian MND Ball. To say that Neil is dealing with impending tragedy is an understatement. What is difficult to watch is seeing a man who needs to use both hands to simply hold a glass, to see a man finding it increasingly difficult to speak clearly and a man finding simple common tasks difficult to do without the help of someone.

He had no say in this illness but he has taken control of his attitude and response to it. I hope that I would find this positive energy in the same circumstances but to be honest, I am not confident I would. During this period of time, with less and less days left on this earth, Neil spends his time thinking of others, thinking bigger and broader and beyond himself, beyond his problems and beyond his remaining days of life.

I really believe that Neil's legacy will be a cure or treatment of MND that allows quality of life and extending of quality of life for people suffering MND. Sadly this will be beyond his lifetime!

Service to the greater good, choosing your attitude in response to disappointment and recognising those that lead the way in starting something new are aspirational qualities to have and live out. It is great to recognise those that in the past have shaped society and in-particular our community, it is just as important to recognise those around us living in the here and now, that are shaping our future!

### From the Principal:

Our P.B.S. Values are:
Respect for Ourselves
Respect for Others
Respect for our Learning
http://MyTerncity.com.au

#### **Staff Vacancies**

Across this coming week I will be involved in interviews for teaching positions at our school in 2017. All the Catholic Schools in Launceston hold their interviews collectively. It enables applicants to interview only once for a variety of positions that are available, while still being able to nominate which positions they prefer to take up if successful.

This process will also include interviews for the position of Assistant Principal, with Liz taking up the position of Principal at St. Finn Barr's in 2017.

We are blessed with a large number of quality applicants for teaching positions, to the point that some excellent teachers will not win a position at SHCS. This is a good problem for our school to have while at the same time quite difficult to have to work through.

#### **Term 4 Priorities**

Term 4 our focus is on finishing off the year positively, celebrating our achievements individually and collectively as well as planning for 2017. Key areas of focus include:

- Planning for the building program completed and work started on the Library towards the end of this term
- Our school oval works begin and be finished by start of 2017 School Year.
- Primary School Basketball Tournaments across the next two weekends
- Staffing Appointments, teacher allocations and student allocations to classes.
- Individual Educational Plan meetings for students with specific needs.
- End of Year Reports
- Athletics
- End of year celebrations.

### **Reminder - Payment for Basketball Tournament**

Thank you to all families who have already paid the \$45 fee per child for the Basketball Tournament, but there are still many payments outstanding and we need to pay for the registration of players for the tournament this weekend . We need to have received payment by this Thursday 13th October otherwise it may mean some players will not be able to participate in the tournament. Please contact the school if there is any concern with this.

\$45 per player due by Thursday 13th October (today)

Primary Schools Basketball
Tournament

Gr 3/4 15th & 16th October

Gr 5/6 22nd & 23rd October

### Some photos from Matt's time away in Ireland at the Edmund Rice Pilgrimage

















### **Uniform Shop News**

For the first few weeks of Term 4 the Uniform Shop will operate out of the Art Room

Open 2pm - 4pm each Thursday but as there will be limited space only necessary items will be available.

Please ring the office for any queries.

### **Student Medical Detail Changes?**

Please now consider for your child if since the last advice to the school, medical information has changed & hasn't yet been advised to the school office.

Or you previously supplied an Epi-pen; other medication; or similar .... which may have since expired, so a replacement is required?

### Thank you

Thank you to Sean Vinar (Vinar Building) for the construction of the new deck during the holidays. Also thank you to Crossroads Civil Concrete for their donation of concrete towards this project.



~ October 2016								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd		
	Matt interviews for teaching positions across this week		Andrew Chin Concert	Foundation Band & all Strings Workshop day 4.30pm Gr 3 City Park Radio	2.10 Assembly			
23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th		
		3.15pm Art Club 7.30pm P & F Meeting AGM		11.30am Strings Program 12.45pm Band Program	2.10 Assembly			
	Prep & Grade 1 Intensive Swimming Program							

#### **COMING UP - TERM 4**

#### Friday 4th November

NIJSSA Athletic Carnival

#### **Monday 7th November**

Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 9th November

Grandparents Day Celebrations

#### Thursday 10th November

1pm Prep - Gr.2 Athletics Carnival

#### Monday 21st Nov - Friday 2nd Dec

Gr.2 - Gr.4 Intensive Swim Program

#### **Tuesday 6th December**

Gr.6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy

#### **Monday 12th December**

7pm End of Year Mass

#### **Thursday 15th December**

Last day term 4

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#### **SHS Parents & Friends Upcoming Dates**

# Extraordinary General Meeting & Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 25th October 2016

The P&F will be having an extraordinary meeting prior to the AGM to review our current constitution and discuss reducing the numbers of members required to form a quorum at meetings. The current constitution's quorum requirements are difficult to achieve with the number of members generally attending meetings. To make any changes to the constitution we will need a **minimum of twelve members** to attend to consider and pass these changes.

AGM – all executive positions will be vacated to allow the election of a new executive committee for the 2016/2017 year.

#### 2017 SHS Fair

The Fair Committee has a vacancy and is seeking someone who is interested in overseeing the food stalls at next year's Fair. We have a dedicated team of food stall conveners who would support you along with the fair committee. If you are interested in being a part of the committee we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kelly Cox on 0400 128 200 or email: coxk13@gmail.com

## **Basketball Training Times**

Day	3:30	4:30	5:30
Monday 10 Oct 17 Oct	Darren Davis Cowley	Davie Davie	Wise-Brown Wise-Brown
Tuesday 11 Oct 18 Oct	Murphy -	- Illingworth	Heather Heather Heather
Wednesday 12 Oct 19 Oct	Howe Howe	Wright -	Duffy Headland Duffy
Thursday 13 Oct 20 Oct	Jones Jones	Duffy -	Headland Van Ryn Van Ryn
Friday 23 Sep 14 Oct 21Oct	Mansell Mansell -	Warren Warren Warren	Baldock Baldock -

Above are the training times for all teams for the Primary Schools Basketball Tournament.

Please let your child's coach know if they cannot train.

Please ensure children are dropped off and picked up on time.

A reminder for all children and families to only access the Gym via the first bi fold doors. Please use the internal door for the toilets and only the open door for accessing outside.

If you are the last team training, please check all doors are locked as you leave.

We are so excited to again have so many children participating in this competition and really look forward to the 2 weekends in October.

Go Sacred Heart!

#### WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE REGISTRATION

Government legislation now requires all people working or volunteering with vulnerable people to be registered. It is an expectation placed on our schools that any person who is on an excursion, helping in the classroom, helping out with students getting changed after swimming, attending camps etc must have this registration.

If parents do not have registration or registration is pending you will not be able to volunteer and attend the excursion or school event. This is something that we do not want to have to do but as legislation and system policy we need to adhere to.

#### **How to apply for a WWVP and Number**

- 1. Complete the online application form <a href="https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\_with\_children">www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\_with\_children</a>
- 2. Print the "Application Receipt" which is generated when the application has been completed in full
- 3. Take the "Application Receipt" to a Service Tasmania shop, pay the fee (\$17.60) and have your 100 points check to confirm identity

Once your registration has been approved and you receive your WWVP card, please bring it to the school office so your name, registration number and expiry date can be recorded and verified.

### **Basketball Club Champs 2016**

During the holidays we were lucky enough to be apart of the Northern Tasmanian team playing at the Australian U14 Club Championships. The tournament was held at Newcastle and Maitland and went for six days. The games were tough but a great experience. We came out of the tournament with one win, but also with much more understanding of the game. All in all we had a fantastic week and would love to go to many more similar tournaments.

Sophie Illingworth & Grace Wesley.







### **Traffic & Students Safety**

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed, and also asks you remind your child(ren) to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to any children watching.

### **Church of the Apostles, Launceston Sesquicentenary**

Over the weekend of 25 - 27 November 2016 the Launceston Parish will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Church of the Apostles.

The celebrations begin with the **Sesquicentenary Dinner** at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside on Friday evening, 25 November at 7.00pm. The dinner will include the launch of Mike Dunphy's Commemorative Book, *I have loved O Lord the Beauty of thy House*. Tickets are \$40 and must be pre-purchased through the Parish Office.

An Open Day is planned for Saturday, 26 November from 11.00am – 5.00pm. An *Historical Display* (which includes a Commemoration of the Archbishop Guilford Young Centenary) will be held in the Pastoral Centre with refreshments available. In the Church a *Promenade of Music* will be presented with performances each half hour commencing at 2.00pm. Between the items four treasures of the Church of the Apostles will be highlighted for those present.

On Sunday, 27 November at 10.30am Archbishop Julian Porteous will be the celebrant of the *Mass of Solemn Dedication* of the Church. This will be followed by a shared lunch in Presentation Hall at Sacred Heart School.

All parishioners, friends and families associated in any way with this magnificent Church are warmly invited to join in any or all of these celebrations. Please contact the Launceston Parish Office (phone: 6331 4377 or email: apostles@bigpond.com) for more information and to register your interest in these events.

Some of our future Architects and Engineers at work.



# Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: If things they DO get worse, you're NOT failing



It's hard when a rough road suddenly becomes even rougher. When this happens, it can feel like a constant barrage of one hurdle after the other.

Don't judge yourself or feel that you are failing. This often happens as life is all about handling contrast. Remember, your driving skills won't improve if you always drive down the green roads. It is when you are driving down the red roads that your life skills and levels of resilience really increase.

**Family activity:** It is important to teach your children that life isn't all about celebrating green roads, but also about recognising the strength that red roads bring to your life. Discuss times in your life when the roads you were driving down just seemed to get rougher and rougher, and how you were eventually able to steer on to a green road. It is the constant change from rough to rougher then smoother to smooth that enables us to increase our skills and grow as a person.

## Term Dates Catholic Schools

#### 2016

Term 1 Thursday 4.2.16 to Friday 8.4.16

Term 2 Tuesday 26.4.16 to Friday 1.7.16

Term 3 Monday 18.7.16 to Friday 23.9.16

Term 4 Monday 10.10.16 to Thursday15.12.16

#### Friday 20th May 2016 Student Free day

#### 2017

Term 1 Thursday 9.2.17 to Thursday 13.4.17

Term 2 Monday 1.5.17 to Friday 7.7.17

Term 3 Monday 24.7.17 to Friday 29.9.17

Term 4 Monday 16.10.17 to Thursday 21.12.17

#### 2018

Term 1 Thursday 8.2.18 to Friday 13.4.18

Term 2 Monday 30.4.18 to Friday 6.7.18

Term 3 Monday 23.7.18 to Friday 28.9.18

Term 4 Monday 15.10.18 to Thursday 20.12.18





by MICHAEL ADAMS



The next meeting is
Tuesday 1st November
from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.
in the staff room
Everyone welcome
from Grades 5 and 6.

