

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."

— Ernest Hemingway

Captain Charlie Plumb flew 74 consecutive successful combat missions. However, on his 75th mission his F4 Phantom fighter plane was shot down by a surface-to-air missile. Charlie was forced to eject. The only thing between him and imminent death was his parachute that he prayed would open...

Then finally he felt the opening shock of the parachute. During the 90 seconds of descent he was being shot at. Charlie made it down to the ground alive but was then captured and spent 2103 brutal days as a prisoner of war in a communist Vietnamese prison camp.

Many years later after being repatriated Charlie, by chance, came into contact with a man at a restaurant. The "stranger" approached Charlie and asked "You're Captain Plumb." Charlie looked up at him and said, "Yes, I am Captain Plumb."

The man said, "You're that man. You flew jet fighters in Vietnam. You're a fighter pilot, part of that 'Top Gun' outfit. You launched from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, you parachuted into enemy territory and you spent six years as a prisoner of war."

Somewhat dumbfounded Charlie looked up at the man and asked, "How in the world did you know all that?" The man chuckled, smiled and said, "Because I packed your parachute." Charlie was speechless. The man grabbed Charlie's hand and pumped his arm and said, "I guess it worked" and walked off.

Charlie laid awake that night thinking about all the times he had walked through the long narrow room, below sea level on the aircraft carrier, with the tables where the men packed the parachutes. How many times he must have walked past this man without even saying "hi," "good morning" or "good job" or "I appreciate what you do." "How many times did I pass the man whose job would eventually save my life... because I was a TopGun racing around the sky at twice the speed of sound. Because I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

How many times in life do we pass the people who help us out the most? The people who come out of the far corners of your life just when you need them the most and pack your parachutes for you? The people who go the extra mile, the people who don't look for the kudos or the accolades or the achievement medal—the people who are just out there packing parachutes? Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give them a compliment or just do something for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, the remainder of this school year, recognize those people who pack your parachutes.

NOVEMBER

Friday 8th

- Prep - Gr.2 Swimming

- Plain Clothes Day-
Fundraiser for schools in
Vanuatu

- Last day 2014 Parent
Requests

- 2.20pm Assembly

- 7.30pm P & F Trivia Night
Monday 11th

- 9.00 Kinder Nas pre-
kinder group

- 1.30 Birth - 4 Playgroup
Tuesday 12th

- 7.30pm St.Pats information
evening for parents of students
enrolled in Gr.7, 2014

Wednesday 13th

- 1.30 Grandparent Day
Concert

Thursday 14th

- 9.00 Kinder Halley pre -
kinder group
- Development band
Workshop day 1 @St.Ailbes

Friday 15th

- Prep - Gr @ Swimming
- 2.20pm Assembly
- 7.30 P & F Trivia Night has
been CANCELLED

From the Principal: (cont.)

Plain Clothes Day Friday 8th November:

For a gold coin donation our students can wear plain clothes this coming Friday. As mentioned in last week's newsletter the funds raised will go directly to purchasing educational supplies for schools in Vanuatu. Each child has only 1 lead pencil, 1 exercise book and the teacher uses a black board and chalk. Education in Vanuatu is very expensive and many families sacrifice what little luxury they may have to afford to pay school fees for their children. These supplies will give the children a better chance at education and a chance for the future. Matt and Tiff Shea are returning later in November and will personally deliver these items to the school.

Thank you for your support.

P & F Trivia Night:

Unfortunately the P & F Trivia night scheduled for this Friday night has been **cancelled** due to the numbers being too low to go ahead with this event.

N.I.J.S.S.A. Carnival:

Congratulations to all of our students for their outstanding behaviour, effort and success at the Northern Independent Junior Schools Sports Association Athletics Carnival. In particular our Grade 3 girls and boys blitzed all other competition in the sprint events. Our students did an incredible job and should be proud of their efforts and Sacred Heart's School overall 2nd placing. It was a tight battle with Scotch coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 97 events while we came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 92 events.

P-2 Athletics Carnival:

Thanks to everyone who helped organise, participate and spectate as part of our P-2 Athletics Carnival. We were treated with fantastic weather, a well organised, structured and positive carnival. Congratulations to Rice House for winning the carnival. Congratulations and thanks must go to Mr. John Anderson for his organisation of the carnival.

Changes to Assembly and Wearing Sports Uniform:

1. Assembly will be at 2:20 p.m. each Friday until the end of the year.
2. P - 6 students can wear their Sports Uniform each and every Friday

P-2 Swimming Friday 8th November:

The 6 week swimming program for our P-2 students begins this Friday. A letter was sent home to parents with more detailed information. If you have not received this letter please speak with your child's class teacher.

2014 Classes:

Any parent requests need to be in writing to the Principal by this Friday 8th November. As mentioned in previous newsletters, parents should not assume that all teachers will remain on the grades they are in this year. Starting next week teachers are beginning to allocate students to classes and once these are finalised we are unable to make any changes.

"I want to be extremely clear to all parents. Even if parents have made a request to a class teacher, or have been given some assurance that the request can be made there is no guarantee that this can happen. It is important that we be just and fair in the process of requests based on merit not just on parents who voice a preference.

The educational needs of individual students in alignment with the needs of all students in that grade (academically, socially and behaviourally) must and will be placed ahead of preferences like requesting a specific teacher."

Ipads 2014: Parent Session:

As previously announced we will be continuing with the 1:1 iPad program in 2014. Grade 3 and 4 students will have access to their own iPad for use at school and at home.

We will be having parent sessions to answer any questions and outline the iPad program for 2014.

- ✓ **Monday 18th November 7pm Current Grade 2 parents**
- ✓ **Monday 25th November 7pm Current Grade 3 parents.**

We encourage existing Grade 2 and Grade 3 parents to email Karen Cettolin (Karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au) with any questions that you would like answered or information shared with you ahead of the meeting so we can have time to provide what is needed. Our teachers and students have gained some learning on how best to utilise this technology to enhance and engage their learning and teaching.

R E NEWS

Good News !

Nano Nagle is now known as Venerable Nano

But who is Nano Nagle and what does this have to do with our school?

As you are aware our school is celebrating 140 years since first being established back in 1873. It began with the work of the Presentation Sisters. The Presentation Sisters were founded by Nano Nagle back in 1775. This week Pope Francis has bestowed Nano Nagle as Venerable - meaning she is further on her way to becoming a saint! She had already been declared a Servant of God in 1994, a move that placed her on the first of four steps to canonisation.

Nano Nagle was born in 1718 to wealthy parents in Balgriffin, Cork, and was educated in Paris. Aged 36, distressed by the plight of the poor, she founded her first school in a two-room cabin in Cove Lane in Co Cork city.

Two decades later, in 1775, she founded the Presentation Sisters with a mission to bring the gospel message to people on the margins of society. The congregation founded hundreds of schools around the world, including our own.

Its leadership team is based in Monastrevin, Co Kildare, from where it oversees the work of 1,200 sisters worldwide - 650 of them in Ireland. In a statement the congregation's leaders expressed their delight with the pope's decision. Head of the Leadership Team Sister Mary Deane said that by proclaiming Nano Nagle "Venerable", the Universal Catholic Church had recognised her as a woman of faith, hope, and heroic virtue whose vision and work transformed the lives of very many.

She added that for the Order's Sisters, associates, and for the friends of Nano throughout the world, the Venerable Nano had been, and continues to be, a source of inspiration and challenge as they respond to the needs of today in fidelity to the gospel and in her spirit.

R E NEWS

And so in the spirit of Nano Nagle we continue this mission to bring Good News to all. During our Old Fashioned Day we will remember the Presentation Sisters, the Christian Brothers (who established St Patrick's College on site in 1918) and all the work of the Sisters, Brothers and lay teachers, along with the families, who have shaped our school to this present time. As a school we will be looking more closely at our founders and our history in the years to follow.

For now, we invite you to celebrate with us:

*Our Celebratory Liturgy
for the life of Nano Nagle
on the Feast day of the Presentation of Mary
November 21st at 2.30pm
in our Presentation Hall.*



Helen Halley APRE

RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Reid	Jack Lehner For always being cheerful and helpful to others	Cameron Steven For always making good choices
Prep Hills	Molly Ross For being a caring and kind member of our class	Zane Headland For always doing his best
Grade 1 Crawford	Lily Robinson For excellent improvements in reading	Charlotte Cox For excellent improvements in reading
Grade 1 Best	Asha Lowe For great work and enthusiasm in Sign Language	Jackson Radley For great work and enthusiasm when learning about o'clock times
Grade 2 Sydes/Weir	Paige Warren For excellent progress with her confidence and school work	Kyrin Ellery For sharing his amazing knowledge of how to look after tadpoles
Grade 2 van Ryn	Abi Talbot For for getting 100% in her spelling this week	Cayley Quill For being a W.E.S.T person every day
Grade 3 Hood	Isabella Johnson For excellent focus in our Maths group	Harry Marsden For great contributions in our reading sessions
Grade 3 Symons	Will Fox For a dedicated approach to home reading	Kalani Ciantar For excellent concentration and commitment to her work
Grade 4 Smith	Connor Ellery For willingness to engage in all areas	Kara Hennessey For 100% effort in all endeavours
Grade 4 Underlin	Ava Connelly For always seeing a need and doing something about it	Isobelle Mathers For her excellent Exposition Writing
Grade 5 McLeod/Viney	Claudia Agostini For an excellent start to term 4, being so improved in organisation	Jordan Iramu For excellent application in Maths
Grade 5 Illingworth	Sophie Cibik For being super friendly and a determined and hard worker	Kiarna Strauss For friendliness and fantastic work ethic
Grade 6 Claessens	Cohen Reaburn For becoming more reliable and conscientious in the completion of his work	Kiran Solomanz For always being happy, smiling and welcoming
Grade 6 Davie	Abbie Johnston For being self motivated and responsible with her project work	India Headland For being self motivated and responsible with her project work

Prep- Gr 2 Athletics Carnival



Prep – Grade 2 Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 31st November students in Prep to Gr.2 took part in an Athletics Carnival. Everyone had lots of fun participating in activities such as the egg & spoon, sack race, sand in the jar, three legged race, soccer dribble relay, bean bag balance on the head race, 70 metre sprint and shuttle relays. All students need to be commended for their excellent behaviour and encouragement of others. Congratulations to the Rice House that finished the day with the most points. A big thank you to all the families that attended the carnival. Finally, thank you to all our volunteers that make days like this possible (staff, students and parents).

John Anderson (PE teacher)

NIJSSA Athletics Carnival



NIJSSA Athletics Carnival

On Friday 1st November 61 students from Gr. 3 - 6 represented Sacred Heart at the NIJSSA Athletics Carnival. The day was extremely successful with Sacred Heart regularly finishing at the front of the field. Our grade three students in particular performed well, winning almost all of the 70 metre and 100 metre races. Out of the ten independent and Catholic schools participating, Sacred Heart finished second overall. Congratulations to all the students that represented our school so well. Our behaviour and attitude was impeccable... well done!

Final Scores:

1st Scotch Oakburn , 2nd Sacred Heart, 3rd St Thomas Mores, 4th Launceston Christian School, 5th Grammar, 6th St Anthony's, 7th Larmenier, 8th St Finn Bars, 9th Launceston Preparatory, 10th Community Christian Academy

John Anderson (PE teacher)

SCHOOL NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP

The remaining stock of
Girls Fawn Summer Dresses and
Boys Grey Shirts

have been reduced

Dresses \$45.00

Grey shirts \$20.00

2014 TERM DATES

TERM 1 Thursday 06.02.14 to Thursday 17.04.14

TERM 2 Monday 05.05.14 to Friday 04.07.14

TERM 3 Monday 21.07.14 to Friday 26.09.14

TERM 4 Monday 13.10.14 to Wednesday 17.12.14

EASTER Friday 18.04.14 to Monday 21.04.14

Reminder to Grade 6 Parents

**St.Patricks College Information
Evening for Parents of students
enrolled in Grade 7, 2014**

7.30pm Nano Nagle Gym

Tuesday Nov 12th, 2013

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR MINI VINNIE'S



Once again this year Classrooms are
collecting donations for Christmas hampers
which will be distributed to struggling
families within the community.

LAUNCESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM

presents the

11th

Annual Concert

&

Awards Evening

Thursday 28th November 2013

7.00pm

Nano Nagle Gymnasium

St Patrick's College, Launceston

Tickets available from your school office
or at the door.

Adults: \$5.00

Child: \$3.00 (3-16)

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sacred Heart 140 year celebrations!
(combined with Grandparents Day)
In celebration of 140 years old our
school is having an
OLD FASHIONED DAY
- all things olden but golden!



Wednesday, 13th November

Wear Old Fashioned Clothes ...

e.g.: boys - collared shirt, braces, long shorts or trousers with long socks, cap boots or school shoes

e.g.: girls - collared shirt, long skirt, shawl, gloves, boots or school shoes

As part of our celebrations we will be having olden day activities all day long including classes and games.
In the afternoon, at 1.30, we will be having a special concert with olden day items especially for all our Grandparents.

Please mark this date on your calendars and diaries.

More details to come in following weeks but for now please give some thought to what you could wear (the holidays might be a good time to find some things) and letting Grandparents or Significant Elders you would like to invite know.

Dear Grandparents / Significant Elders,

As part of Sacred Heart School celebrating being 140 years old,

You are cordially invited to our

- Ye Olde Fashioned Day -

"Olden but Golden"

Concert

When: Wednesday, 13th November

Where: Presentation Hall (new gym)

Time: 1330 - 1500 hours

(1.30 pm - 3.00 pm)

ANZ NetSetGo – Junior Netball