Keep up to date with what is happening in the school, reminders of events and any news as it happens through the school Twitter feed at: **@shslton** (111 families following)

Please visit our website for more detailed information, video and photo galleries of our school: www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au

From the Principal:

OUR P.B.S. VALUES ARE: Respect for Ourselves Respect for Others Respect for our Learning

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for Epicurus

The challenge was made to our students last Friday at Assembly to focus on an Attitude of Gratitude for the remainder of the year. As the end of the year beckons, the Christmas and Holiday period looms on the horizon and the tiredness hits home as we get closer to the finish line, it is easy for us to not be at our best in terms of patience, tolerance and positive thoughts.

Our Grade 5 students last week presented Rotary a cheque for \$2000 which will provide two shelter boxes (a tent to house a family as well as other basic supplies like water bottles, mosquito nets and the like.) Last year we provided a cheque for \$1000 for a shelter box as well.

It is not an exaggeration to state that our student's fundraising has saved the lives of children and adults ravaged by war, natural disaster, drought or poverty. The donation of a gold coin or the sponsoring of a Grade 5 in the walkathon, a gesture neither here nor there in impact on our wellbeing, is the difference between life and death for fellow human beings in other parts of the world.

On a different tact, but also around the Attitude of Gratitude, thanks to Sarah Northeast who all year has provided fantastic, nutritious and healthy choices for our Afternoon Tea with the Principal. Today was our final A.T.W.T.P. for the year and it was appropriate to present Sarah with a card and gift for her time and effort supporting healthy nutrition in our school.

Thank you to parents who continue to organise their children; their lunches, maintain quality sleep patterns for their children, look after uniforms, read notes about excursions, end of year celebrations, attend iPad information sessions and maintain energy when feeling tired and ready for a break. All this does help your child have a successful and positive day.

Thanks to the unbelievably kind donation of funds by a parent in our school, we are able to purchase additional readers for our school as well as readers in our Kindergarten that support a pre-literacy program. The school has been able to purchase readers from Level 1-28 to cater for all students from learning to read to independent reading, across both fiction and non fiction. This donation will help all students in our school and their development of reading.

Thanks to Craig Harper for helping out to paint the wall in front of Prep – in preparation for our Prep classes to create their mural. I am sure he is busy with his painting business but quickly and without fuss helped out the school.

With just over two weeks to go there is much to be grateful for this year and I hope we all can maintain an attitude of gratitude for the remaining days of this year before a well earned holiday.

From the Principal:

Staffing 2015

We can now finalise all staffing for next year. Parents would not be aware but there has been a huge amount of work from staff and in particular Liz Illingworth in organising timetables and staffing for next year.

Kinder	Helen Halley	Grade 6	Julian Davie Anna Davie (1 day)
Kinder	Wendy Nas	Principal	Matt Jones
Prep	Jane Hills	Assistant Principal	Liz Illingworth
Prep	Kerri Best	Special Learning Needs Coordinator	Mel Beety
Grade 1	Dan Crawford	Faith and Pastoral Care	Helen Halley
Grade 1	Jaimee Underlin	P.E./Health	Mr. John Anderson
Grade 2	Phill vanRyn	Art (3-6)	Mel Heathorn
Grade 2	Sally Reid	Music	Mr. Barry Nas
Grade 3	Carolyn Symons	Prep Co-Teacher (2 days)	Jade Vecchione
Grade 3	John Hood	Grade 1 Co-Teacher (2 days)	Linda Sydes
Grade 4	Alex Hegarty	Grade 2 Co-Teacher (1 day)	Anna Davie
Grade 4	Simon Wood	3 /4 Co-Teacher (2days)	Secondment (Term1)
Grade 5	Teresa McLeod	5 /6 Co-Teacher (1 day)	Lauren Thompson
Grade 5	Sarah Viney (3 days) Linda Sydes (2 days)	B-4 Program	Beth Rickerby
Grade 6	Tony Claessens	I.C.T. release for Mr. vanRyn	Lauren Thompson

PLEASE NOTE: DATE CHANGE

Working Bee Sunday 14th December 9am-12pm PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE CORRECT DATE

Apologies for different dates communicated in the newsletter about our upcoming working bee. The correct date is Sunday 14th December 9-12pm

We would like to invite any parents able to give a few hours on Sunday 14th December to be part of a working bee at our school. We are looking to:

- 1. Improve edging around some of the gardens and add some pine bark to these areas
- 2. Look to clear the area behind Grade 2 Reid and create a path that would allow students to be able to walk all the way around the back of Grade P-2 building.
- 3. Looking to clear our Cellar to create a space for a learning program (to be announced soon) for our students If you are able to give some time on this day please ring our office and add your name so we can work out the numbers available for the day. Many hands make light work!

More detailed information will be in next week's newsletter

OUR 141ST YEAR

Sacred Heart School Newsletter

From the Principal:

Schedule of Fees

Following a directive from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office there will be a change in the way your fees will be invoiced next year. This will not only apply to our school but to all Catholic Schools in Tasmania. The total amount of fees for the year will be charged to you on the 1st March and the due date for payment will be the 31st March.

This will not mean you will have to pay the entire year's school fees by end of March!

The invoice you will receive will also have a Payment Arrangement Form which we ask you complete and return to advise how you would like to pay and over what period of time. For example, you may currently have a direct debit once a fortnight and it is already organised through the bank and school. You would just write this on the payment arrangement form and continue with what you had in place this year.

A more detailed letter with the information provided will go out to families shortly. Please if there are any questions, queries or concerns do not hesitate to contact our office or myself to discuss them further.

Grade 2-4 Intensive Swim Program

The overall feedback from our first time running our Swim Program at Launceston Aquatic was very positive. Like all programs, when run for the first time, there are some 'teething' problems however the feedback I have received from parents and teachers has been very positive. The cost associated with the sessions is very reasonable when compared to organised lessons outside of school time.

We will look at planning for the program to continue in 2015.

Sacred Heart School Fair - 20th of March 2015

Preparations are well under way for the 2015 School Fair. The P&F would like to make this a great event after not running a fair this year. We are calling for expressions of interest from families who wish to be involved in or find out more about the school fair - MAKE CONTACT NOW!

If you would like to find out about our fair, or offer suggestions or assistance, please contact:

Kelly Cox by Mob: 0400 128 200 or Email: coxk13@gmail.com.

Ways families can assist include:

- Managing a stall on the night with the assistance of parents from your child's grade
- Donating or suggesting prizes for the raffle or chocolate wheel
- Sponsoring a stall or a spin of the Chocolate Wheel
- Assisting with fair preparations when Term 1 commences
- Ideas for new activities or stalls

Together as a school community we can make the 2015 Sacred Heart School Fair a wonderful event for our school and the wider community. We welcome your ideas and assistance.

Orientation Day Thursday 4th December

This coming Thursday we will hold an Orientation morning. Students for the morning move into their class for next year with next year's teacher. This is also the day we organise new enrolments to our school to come along and meet other students and their teacher for 2015.

Miss Alex Hegarty will be here for Orientation Day and this will be great for our students to meet Alex before next year.

Our Grade 6 students who are attending St. Patrick's College have their Orientation Day on the same day and are not at school for the entire day.

Students in Grade 6, who are not attending St. Patrick's, do not need to attend school on the 4th December.

Mini Vinnie's News

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Baskets will be placed in all classrooms shortly in the hope that they will be filled with a selection of goodies for families in need this Christmas. Each class has been allocated a family to collect for. The St Vincent de Paul Society have been very grateful for the wonderful support of our school community in past years. Hopefully this year will be no exception!

Suggestions for hamper items include: cereals, tin fruits and vegetables, pasta and rice, long life milk and custard, sweet and savoury biscuits, chocolates, Christmas treats and small gifts suitable for young children in allocated families. The appeal will conclude on Wednesday 10th December.

Thank you for your anticipated support. All the best from the Vinnie's team.





	~ December 2014							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
30th	1st	2nd	3rd • Last day for School Banking • 7.00pm Carols on the Oval	4th • SHS Orientation Morning • St Patricks orientation for Gr 6 students • Band/Strings instrument collection & party • 4.30pm Gr.3 @ City Park Radio • Final Day for Uniform shop orders	• 2.20pm Assembly • Prep - Gr.1 Swimming	6th		
7th	8th • 6.30pm-9.30pm Gr.6 Liturgy/ Leavers Dinner	9th • 2pm Kinder Halley Nativity Play	10th • Gr.6 Excursion to the Tailrace	11th 10am Gr.5 Excursion to Airtime & Mini Golf 2pm Kinder Nas Nativity Play	• 10am early Childhood Picnic Prep-Gr.2 • 2.20pm Assembly	13th		
14th	15th • Gr 5 & 6 Gorge Excursion • Gr 4 Aquatic Centre Excursion • 7pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	• Reports to Parents • 2pm End of year Assembly & Gr.6 Awards	17th • Term 4 Ends Sausage Sizzle & Plain Clothes day	18th	19th	20th		

Working Bee Sunday 14th December 9am-12pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2015

TERM 1 Thursday 5.2.15 to Thursday 2.4.15

TERM 2 Monday 20.4.15 to Friday 3.7.15

TERM 3 Monday 20.7.15 to Friday 25.9.15

TERM 4 Monday 12.10.15 to Wednesday 17.12.15

School Banking

Wednesday 3rd December will be the last day of school banking for this year

S.H.S. Parents and Friends email shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

Student absences

Please remember to call the School office on 63311011 or email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au if your child will be absent from school.

Recent students of the week

Prep Hills	Heidi Brewer For being a fantastic story writer	Ruby Martin For being a great friend		
Prep Best	Ava Boyle For amazing progress with her writing	Hugh Rickerby For great work in solving addition problems		
Grade 1 Crawford	Cain Lee For amazing swimming today	Layla Brown For amazing written work this week		
Grade 1 Underlin	Fletcher Howe For sharing his thinking in circle time	Charlotte Conway For her loving, caring nature		
Grade 2 van Ryn	Thomas Page For being an amazing W.E.S.T person	Annaliese McNeair For receiving great results in our Maths assessment		
Grade 2 Reid	Oliver Hughes For great work in Maths this week	Max Maloney For showing kindness to peers at swimming lessons		
Grade 3 Hood	Leah Ellings For excellent reading with Mrs Butler	Ioan Hardy For excellent knowledge of 3D shapes		
Grade 3 Symons	Shae Nichols For a good attitude to her swimming	Mitchell Bevis For outstanding thinking in Maths		
Grade 4 Smith	Harry Marsden For excellent science test result	Hamish McKenzie For showing independence and maturity in all situations		
Grade 4 Wood	Georgia Hoyland For being a team player and always smiling	Mitchell Nicholas For being a team player and always giving things his best shot		
Grade 5 McLeod/ Illingworth	William Reilly For consistent motivation and energy to all tasks	Piaf George For application to all areas and the impressive way she continually presents her work		
Grade 5 Viney/Sydes	Jack Ross For his Go Kart attitude this week	Tom Boric For knuckling down and getting things done this week		
Grade 6 Davie	Kiarna Strauss For excellent speed and accuracy in Mental maths. Fabulous!	Chloe Heather For achieving a PB in Mental maths. Getting faster every week		
Grade 6 Claessens/ Thompson	Nathan Fenton For his application to his work, fine manners and consideration for others	Antonina Visentin For working very hard and producing a fine "Me" assignment		

Dear Children and Families

You are cordially invited to celebrate the - Sacred Heart School Community End of Year Thanksgiving Mass -

Our Thanksgiving Mass is for children and families here at Sacred Heart School. It is a beautiful and special thanksgiving time for us all. We especially give thanks for our blessings this year and remember those who need our prayers. We give thanks for and wish our Grade 6 students as well as our leaving children, families and our staff farewell.

Date: Monday, 15th December Where: Church of Apostles At: 7.00pm

We would like all children and families to be seated by 6.50 please To wear: School summer uniform

Children may sit with their families unless they are involved in some aspect of the mass.



Next year our daily times are changing slightly

Morning block will be from 9-11 Middle block from 11:30-1:30 Afternoon block from 2:00-3:00



We will be encouraging children to eat a more substantial meal at 11:00 (First lunch) and then again at 1:30 (second lunch). The longest period without food is often from breakfast until lunch so this will alleviate this. We will continue with a fruit break at around 10:00.

We believe this will be directly linked to improving children's concentration at the right time of the day. This gives us a 2 hour literacy and numeracy block on most days and a shorter afternoon period to focus on more practical subjects.

We are confident that we can achieve as much in the afternoon block of 1 hour as we currently do in the 90minute block.

Parents may like to do some 'practice' over summer with these eating times to help students cope with the change.

SHELTER BOX

As you may or may not know Grade 5's have been raising money for a Shelter Box. We were able to raise enough money to buy two Shelter Boxes. Each Shelter Box costs one thousand dollars. You may ask what is in a Shelter Box? The Shelter Box contains a tent, a sleeping bag, a stove, pots and pans, mosquito nets and many other supplies. We'd like to thank everyone that donated to are charity. Last week, the people from shelter box came to show us what it looks like.





Teddy bears Picnic Kinder Halley & Gr 5 V/S



Grade 4 Mosaics



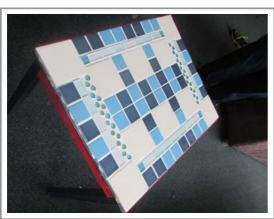














LIVING A THANKFUL LIFE

Waverley Youth Fishing Festival Saturday December 6th from 7am – 7pm. **Waverley Lake**

The Waverley Youth Fishing Festival has been developed to provide children in Launceston **aged 6 – 16** with an opportunity to enjoy some recreational fishing with the challenge of catching fish that have been tagged with money prizes.

The overall concept is to show the city of Launceston what Waverley has to offer as a suburb and to give Waverley an levent it can make its own.

All you need to do is come along on the day and register at the registration desk (between 7am and final registration at 6pm)

The event will run from 7am - 7pm and is proudly supported by Community Housing Limited, Fisheries Tasmania and Waverley Primary School.

Children aged 6 – 12 must be accompanied by a guardian at all times when fishing and volunteers will be present on the day to ensure safety of those attending.

Land based fishing is only permitted (no water craft). Fishing must be within designated areas and tackle such as lures and bait are permitted. There is only one fishing rod per participant.



