

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events:

Friday 6th December:

* Prep - Grade 2 Swimming

* Grade 2 Sleepover in the Gym

* 2.20pm Assembly

~ December 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8th	9th • 6.45pm Grade 6 Leavers Dinner • Gr.2 Bike Safety • 1.30pm Birth - 4 Playgroup • 1.30pm Mini Vinnie's Excursion	10th • Gr.5 & 6 Skatepark • Prep - Gr.2 Picnic • 2pm Kinder Halley Nativity Play • 3.15pm Gr 5/6 Bookclub	11th • Gr.6 Excursion @ Tailrace • 11.30am Gr.1 Best STM Christmas Concert	12th • 10.00am Gr. 3/4 STM Christmas Concert	13th • Prep - Gr.2 Swimming • 10-11am Prep.R & 3 Hood, Teddy Bears Picnic, Brickfields • 2pm Kinder Nas Nativity Play • 2.20pm Assembly	14th
15th	16th • Gr 5/6 Excursion Swimming @ The Gorge • 1.30pm Birth - 4 Playgroup • 2pm Gr.2 Christmas Play at St.Ailbes	17th • 2pm End of Year Assembly & Gr.6 Awards	18th • Reports sent home • Gr.4 Aquatic Centre • 7pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	19th • Sausage Sizzle & Plain Clothes Day Last day Term 4	20th	21st

DATES TO NOTE FOR 2014

28th Jan Uniform Shop - Pre-ordered dress fitting day open 10-2

29th Jan Uniform Shop open 10-2

30th Jan Uniform Shop open 10-12

6th Feb First day Term 1

7th Feb 9am Assembly

17th Feb SHS Swimming Carnival

17th-19th March Grade 6 Davie Camp

17th- 19th March Grade 5 Camp

20th March NIJSSA Swimming carnival

24th- 26th March Grade 6 Claessens camp

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

From the Principal:

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**

The most important function of education at any level is to develop the personality of the individual and the significance of his life to himself and to others

- Grayson Kirk

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all

- Aristotle

**SCHOOL CAROLS:**

It was really disappointing that we had to cancel the School Carols last night. In needing to make a decision before 3 pm, so we could communicate to parents we decided to cancel in light of the condition of the oval in terms of water and how it would be that night for families.

We want to give our students (particularly Kinder, Grade 6 and students with individual parts) the chance to share what they have been preparing.

Early next week we will let parents know of times and date (in the last week of school) for our students to share their performances so you still have a chance to see your child perform.

Term 3 historically and for the first time this year Term 4 is a busy time. In particular it is a time when our school gets many enquiries about enrolments in classes for 2014. Currently our school is experiencing exceptionally high enrolment demand. If there is a vacancy that comes up in any class for a particular reason, within a few days I am meeting with a family about attending our school.

Rarely is the conversation about the academic focus of the school. The majority of the time it is about self esteem, being happy and social development.

The areas of literacy, numeracy and other formal curriculum areas are fundamental to the teaching and learning in our school. We, comparatively to other schools locally and within the state, do achieve success in these areas. This is still only once piece of our educational jigsaw.

The emotional, social, mental, physical and spiritual development of our students continues to be a major focus. Therefore we have to spend time on these each day, each week and each term. This is what we have been about for 140 years and will continue to also be about going forward.

We have 9 - 3pm Monday to Friday across 39 school weeks in any year to achieve what we want to achieve with students in that grade. The pressure on time increases as governments and society place more expectations on what school has to 'educate' children in. What schools now address as part of their educational program compared to what we experienced in our primary schooling is significantly increased- **yet the hours in each day have not changed! Therefore we need to prioritise.**

From the Principal: (cont.)

With the time available we must be strategic not only on what we do and don't focus on, but also how much we focus on different areas across a week.

Resilient, self motivated, positive, responsible, trustworthy, emotionally and mentally healthy young people who are physically capable with a clear moral compass using social skills to interact with all members of the world but lack spelling skills, I will choose every day of the week rather than a great speller with none of the other attributes.

Below are some examples of ways that our school is and will continue to focus on the social, emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing of our students. We are proud of the direction we are heading towards.

Emotional Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rainbows program – children who have experienced Grief ✓ Mrs. Helen Halley as a Counsellor for our students and families for one day a week from 2014 ✓ Circle Time once a week as part of our every class timetable.
Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Circle Time once a week as part of our every class timetable. ✓ M.J.R. Program K-6 with Mr. Davie working in each class at least twice a term focusing on the MJR Language of Building a Bridge, Escalators versus Defusers, ✓ P.B.S. (Positive Behaviour School) program. Students will be taught explicit social skills and expectations for different situations with a lesson once a week. ✓ Gr. 5/6 Book Club –where students read a book and then come together after school, once a month, to have some 'nibbles' and talk about the book they have read.
Mental Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Circle Time once a week as part of our every class timetable. ✓ M.J.R. Program K-6 with Mr. Davie working in each class at least twice a term focusing on the MJR Language of Building a Bridge, Escalators versus Defusers.
Spiritual Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gratitude Journal as part of morning prayers at least once a week ✓ Christian meditation as part of morning prayers at least once a week ✓ Class Liturgies with Fr. Mark, Fr. Richard or Fr. Kene visiting the students in the classroom for the liturgy-including a chance to talk with the students in a more personal setting. ✓ Social Justice opportunities like Mini Vinnies, fundraising for our sponsor child, food drive for underprivileged people, etc
Physical Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Revised Daily Fitness three mornings a week 8:50-9:10 am ✓ Becoming a Move Well Eat Well School and looking at elements of this program that we can begin to implement or refine. ✓ Water and fruit breaks as part of the culture of classrooms

Orientation Day:

This morning current (and new) students spent from 9am to 11am in their 2014 class groupings with their teacher for next year.

Stage One Building Program Completion:

As mentioned in the letter that went home yesterday, unfortunately, Stage One of our building program (the refurbishment of Prep to Grade 2) will not be completed by the end of this school year. The completion date will be early into the 2014 school year.

To say the school is disappointed is an understatement, however, we can only focus on things that we can control. Students will begin the 2014 school year where current classes are located. This means for the start of 2014:

- ✓ Prep will begin 2014 in the school library
- ✓ Grade 1 will begin 2014 in the current old hall below Grade 3 and 4.
- ✓ Grade 2 vanRyn will begin 2014 in the current Music and Art learning spaces
- ✓ Grade 2 Reid will begin 2014 in the Grade 6 computer lab

SHS Teaching Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Linda Sydes has won the position of 0.4 (2 days) teaching on Grade 5. Mrs. Sarah Viney will be teaching the other 3 days on this class. On behalf of the school I want to thank Linda for applying and continuing her professional relationship with our school and wider community

End of Year Activities:

This is the first year that we have experienced four terms. One observation that I have made is the busy nature of the end of this year. I think we have continued to include all that we normally include at the end of the year but across 10 weeks compared to 12-13 when having a three term model.

As a school I think we will need to review how much and what we do in term 4 to make sure that there is no overload on students, staff and parents as the school year comes to a close.

R E NEWS

Advent Begins - Week 1

It is that time of year where we as Christians begin our preparation for the long awaited Messiah, Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. The season of Advent is also the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Church. It is the time of waiting, preparing and new beginnings.

Advent lasts for 4 weeks prior to Christmas. It is a time for us to slow down, open up and prepare our hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas. This is a time we can stop to reflect on our lives and to make some small changes that will help us to make Jesus a part of our lives, and our hearts, a little more than before.

What will you do this Advent to make an effort
to make room and prepare your heart?

I recommend a quick clip by Busted Halo titled 'Advent in Two Minutes'. It's a simply reminder of what the season of Advent is all about. You can easily find it on youtube.

Prayer as Advent begins

Dear Jesus,

It happens every year. I think that this will be the year I will have a reflective Advent. I look forward to this new season. But all around me are the signs rushing me to Christmas. I need your help. I want to slow my world down.

This year, more than ever, I need Advent, these weeks of reflection and hope!

Jesus, this year, help me have that longing for hope in the darkness. Help me to feel it in my heart and be aware of the hunger and thirst in my own self.

I know it is about you Jesus. You are not missing from my life, but I might be missing the awareness of all the places you are present.

Be with me, Jesus. Guide me in these weeks to what you want to show me this Advent. Help me to be vulnerable enough to ask you to lead me to the place of my own weakness, the very place where I will find you the most deeply embedded in my heart, loving me without limits.

Amen

(adapted from the Good News for Young People Newsletter www.cymtas.org.au)



Helen Halley APRE

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Sacred Heart All Schools Basketball Tournament

The basketball tournament in Launceston was great fun and because our Grade 5/6 boys team (consisting of Will McLeod, Luke Walsh, Will Haley, Brady Frame, Manoa Ciantar, Bailey Gillow, Lochie Mudge and myself Cohen Reaburn) did so well we were selected to play in Hobart last weekend. We played really well against other teams from around the state with mixed results. Luckily we got our revenge on East Launceston, by beating them by 2 points.

On behalf of our Sacred Heart team we would like to thank our great coach (Julian Davie) and all the parents for taking us and providing for us in Hobart for the weekend.

By Cohen Reaburn

On Wednesday the 27th of November I represented Sacred Heart at the Devonport Schools Triathlon.

I raced in the Grade.6 Individual Triathlon, the distances were a 100 metre swim, a 5 km bike ride and a 1 km run. I went really well, coming 2nd placed girl and 4th place overall.

By Ella Boxhall



AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL 28/11/2013

PREP HILLS	Lily Tyson Sebastian Page	PREP REID	Riley Ellery Oliver Wright
GR.1 BEST	Kate Rigby Isla Cooper	GR.1 CRAWFORD	Lily Robinson Thomas Mineall
GR.2 SYDES/WEIR	Emma McLeod Harry Ross	GR. 2 VAN RYN	Jackson Northeast Emilee Faulkner
GR.3 HOOD	Isaac Hyatt Maddalena Ercole	GR. 3 SYMONS	Georgia Hoyland Hamish McKenzie
GR. 4 UNDERLIN	Lachlan Norton Isabella Tys	GR. 4 SMITH	Harrison Mills Kaitlyn Rice
GR.5 ILLINGWORTH	Harrison Blyth Remi Gardner	GR. 5 MCLEOD/VINEY	Ben Hyatt Bethany Vidler
GR.6 CLAESSENS	Cohen Raeburn Arabella McCall	GR. 6 DAVIE	Phoebe Saunders Caitlyn Mills

ADVENT PAGEANT



ARTHUR CONLAN VISIT



SCHOOL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR MINI VINNIE'S

Dear Parents,

It's that time of the year again and Christmas is just about upon us. Vinnie's are once again organizing Christmas Hampers for the less fortunate in Launceston. Each Grade has been assigned a family to support. Please support this very worthwhile cause by providing non perishable food items or small gifts that would be suitable for your family.

Thanks and kind regards,

Tony Claessens

Kinder are collecting for a Mum and Dad who have three girls, aged 11, 8 & 6, and a boy, aged 3.

Prep are collecting for a Mum and her son, aged 2.

Grade 1 are collecting for a Mum and her 3 girls, aged 9, 6 and 3.

Grade 2 are collecting for a Dad with two girls, aged 12 and 9 and two boys, aged 8 and 5.

Grade 3 are collecting for a Mum with a girl, aged 8 and a boy, aged 6.

Grade 4 are collecting for a Mum with three boys, aged 13 and 11 and 6.

Grade 5 are collecting for a Mum with, a girl, aged 10 and a boy, aged 5.

Grade 6 are collecting for a Mum with two girls, aged 12 and 9.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop's **last day for 2013** will be **Thursday 5th December**. Orders can still be placed at the school office or emailed to shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Please ensure your Summer Dress Pre-order form has been returned to ensure a dress is available in January.

Back to School 2014 Opening Days

Pre-ordered Dress Fitting Days - Tuesday 28th January 10am - 2pm (open only for families with a pre-ordered dress)

General Opening Days - Wednesday 29th January 10am-2pm & Thursday 30th January 10am - 12pm

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The last school account for the year has now been forwarded to families. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be finalized by the end of the school year.

LOST PROPERTY

There are several unnamed items in Lost Property - if you are missing any items of clothing, lunchbox's etc, please check the Lost Property before the end of the year, as they will be forwarded to St. Vincent De Paul if left unclaimed at this time.

With thanks. School Office.

SCHOOL NOTICES

BOOKLISTS 2014

A reminder to parents that booklists for next year have been handed out to children today, so if you have not received one please contact the school office.

Next year we will not be having a booksale day. All booklist orders will be done online with Officemax and will be mailed out to your choice of address. You can use your home address or alternatively the school address and we will be happy to hold your pack here for collection from the 28th January onwards.

The mailout will be free of charge on orders placed before the 31st December after which a late fee of \$9.95 will be applied so try to get your order in before this date.

If this new arrangement does not suit you please contact the office on 0363 311011 and we will organize an alternative arrangement for you.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

**Extra copies of the School
Magazine are available at
the office for \$15.00**

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: Wednesday, 18th December

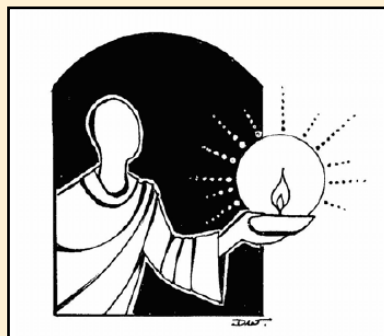
Where: Church of Apostles

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



**St.Thomas Mores Catholic Primary School
invites you to an Advent Musical Production**

Captain cat and the Carol Singers

at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

Cameron Street Launceston

**on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th,
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December.**

**Performances at 10am & 1.30pm each day
& Wednesday Morning at 11.30am.**

**Seats can be reserved by phoning
63342794**

All performances are free



2014 Piano Lessons

Angela Crothers

Local and convenient, weekdays and Saturday mornings. Learn for fun, or do graded exams. Competitions and casual performances available.

UTAS trained and 20 years experience in music education.

All enquiries Ph. 0409295782



Advent Calendar 2013



Learn, pray and act each day during Advent with Caritas Australia's Advent Calendar. Don't let this important season of Advent pass you by. Choose from our apps (both iPhone/iPad and Android phone/tablet), website version or the PowerPoint version written specifically for primary school children. Featuring inspiring stories, photos and reflections from our partners and projects around the world, this is a great alternative (or addition!) to the usual chocolate filled calendars.

Our Android app is new for 2013! If you downloaded our iPhone/iPad calendar app last year, simply update the app for 2013.

Both apps, the PowerPoint and the website version are available from:

www.caritas.org.au/advent

