

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

Attitude of Gratitude **M.J.R.**

Last week our P & F provided a morning tea for World Teachers Day. Our great staff then donated money to be part of the morning tea with the funds going to teachers in Tanzania. Being a teacher in 2013 is an important, rewarding and, at times, an extremely difficult profession. There are many important, rewarding and difficult professions but teaching is now such a diverse role.

I was last a full time teacher in 2002 and I would not employ myself as a teacher now!

Teachers require a knowledge of first aid, allergic reactions, work health and safety awareness, counselling, understanding and sensitivity to diverse family situations, high level interpersonal skills as well as the increasing public scrutiny on the profession.

You can read in the newspaper, almost on a weekly basis, of some other need that schools are being asked to include as part of the curriculum. Teachers (and schools) are increasingly expected to be the cure of all of societies ills.

I write the above not for sympathy but recognition that in light of all of these additional expectations (apart from actually teaching) how blessed and lucky S.H.S. is to have such committed staff (not just teachers). On the weekend there were a number of teachers who gave up their time to coach basketball teams. There were other staff who came along to watch our students compete – not just students that were in their class but from our school!!! This is a great example to illustrate my point about the culture and attitude we have in place.

OCTOBER

Friday 25th

2.20pm Assembly

Saturday 26th

Parish Confirmation & First Eucharist

Sunday 27th

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Monday 28th

1.30pm Birth - 4 playgroup

Tuesday 29th

- 2pm Kinder H Got Talent
- 7pm Steve Biddulph - The Secret of Happy Children

Wednesday 30th

- 10.30am Class Liturgy P.R
- 12pm Buddy Mass Gr.3S & Prep Hills
- Socktober Fundraiser

Thursday 31st

- Band/Strings Foundation Workshop 2 @ St.Ailbes
- 1pm Infant Ath's Carnival
- Socktober Fundraiser

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st

- NIJSSA Athletics Carnival
- 2.20pm Assembly

***Last day Term 4:
Thurs 19th December**

From the Principal: (cont.)

I really believe that beyond curriculum knowledge, beyond the basics of teaching you must get good people into your organisation. The right people who understand not just what to do but how to go about it! They understand the values and attitudes that are needed. They understand the importance of getting along with others and working collaboratively. They understand that we are in the business of educating people not just teaching them!

When you have the right people in a school, the students get the best modelling of the young adults we are aspiring them to be! We need to have an attitude of gratitude for our staff and all that they do, and many of us do not even realise they do, above and beyond their core work!

Changes to Assembly and Wearing Sports Uniform:

For the remainder of this year there will be a change to our Assembly time and which days students can wear their sports uniform:

1. **Assembly will be at 2:20 p.m. each Friday until the end of the year.** This enables teachers to have the morning time uninterrupted and for our whole school to come together at the end of the week to reflect and look forward. In 2014, Term 1 and 2 will have Assembly at 9am – as grade 5/6 students have Friday sport. In terms 3 and 4 assembly will then be at 2.20pm in the afternoon.
2. P - 6 students can wear their Sports Uniform each and every Friday starting from this Friday. **Students will then be wearing their Sports Uniform on P.E. day and each Friday.** We think two days a week helps parents. We also notice that students are more active in their play when they are wearing their sports uniform and so having another day wearing their sports uniform will impact on student wellbeing.

Primary Schools Basketball Tournament:

Last weekend over 100 students, parents and staff participated in the Primary Schools Basketball Tournament. Our students competed across the two days, some for the first time, with others more experienced, and the weekend provided a whole range of emotions for students - frustration, laughter, excitement and extreme disappointment. The weekend was just a micro mirror of life!

Our students wore the sports uniform with pride, participated fantastically and, as Principal, I was extremely proud of how our school was represented.

Sincere thanks to all involved in the organisation of the tournament.

S.H.S. P & F : Steve Biddulph:

Tuesday October 29th 7:30 pm "The Secret of Happy Children"

WE HAVE OVER 40 TICKETS ALREADY PURCHASED FOR THE STEVE BIDDULPH NIGHT!

P & F Trivia Night:

Friday November the 8th we are holding our 2nd P & F Trivia Night. Those that attended last year would agree it was a great night.

BYO drinks and nibbles provided.

Book a table by contacting the office.

Mini Vinnie's Fundraiser:**"SOCKTOBER"**

On Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October Mini Vinnies are promoting Socktober Day. Children are asked to wear the most way out, colourful and eye catching socks on these days. So come on and get involved and for a gold coin donation help the overseas Missions.



R E NEWS

The weekend that many of our Sacred Heart children have been preparing and waiting for is here! This weekend, these children will be receiving the beautiful and welcoming sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The children are:

Maureen Bawden, Ally Brown, Kalani Cíantar, Ava Connelly, Amelia Cox, Gíanne Donovan, Laura Elmer, Billie Hannah, Elizabeth Hannah, Laura Hayes, Kara Hennessy, Ela Iezzi, Georgia Lovell, Anaiya Madden, Jesse Madden, Emma Madden, Oscar Mansell, Eleanor March, Isobelle Mathers, Ella Milwood, William Reilly, Kaitlyn Rice, Jack Ross, Heath Sackley-Akacích, Matthew Saunders, Stefan Tantarí and Mía Titmus

We wish them all the very best for this very special and memorable celebration with their families, their friends and their faith community. In class we have been remembering these children in our prayers. Our prayer for them has been:

Prayer for a Child's Confirmation and First Eucharist

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

May they know that they can turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their receiving of these Sacraments inspire all of us to cherish God's love in our lives and in our hearts.

Amen



We invite our school community to come along to support and celebrate with these children and their families at any of the Sacramental Celebrations this weekend.

Mass times are - 6pm Saturday night at Newstead Parish, 10.30am Sunday at Church of Apostles and 6.30am Sunday night at Church of Apostles.

RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Reid	Charlotte Conway For good listening and making good choices	Gidget O'Connell For taking care with her work and the detail she puts in her drawings
Prep Hills	Lennox Wood For making a great start to Term 4	Sebastian Page For showing great improvement with his Literacy work
Grade 1 Crawford	Max Roney For completing the entire Xtra Maths program	Sebastian Stone For making an excellent start to Term 4
Grade 1 Best	Oliver Tys For great imagination and ideas in his narrative writing	Phoebe Martin For outstanding progress with her reading
Grade 2 Sydes/Weir	Senay Todd For always smiling and having a positive attitude	Leah Ellings For improved resilience in the playground
Grade 2 van Ryn		
Grade 3 Hood	Ava Dowde For being a responsible and motivated learner	Mitchell Nicholas For always using class time effectively
Grade 3 Symons	Will Cowley For a great start to Term 4	Laura Hayes For being a good friend
Grade 4 Smith	Jaxon Ratcliffe For a great start to the term	Georgie Lovell For a great start to the term
Grade 4 Underlin	Evie Dawkins FOR HER EXCELLENT ATTITUDE	Matthew Saunders For being more of a leader
Grade 5 McLeod/Viney	Ben Hyatt For remembering how to use beautiful handwriting when presenting his work	Fletcher Frame For having an awesome attitude to our new science and maths unit
Grade 5 Illingworth	Ashley Ralph For being friendly and helpful and always looking for ways to help others	Meg Jones For outstanding effort on presenting the Solar System
Grade 6 Claessens	William Compagne For his exceptional effort in winning the National Soccer Championships	
Grade 6 Davie	Ella Boxhall For outstanding results on her Asia mapping test! Fantastic effort! Emily Withington For outstanding results on her Asia mapping test! Fantastic effort!	Jordan McMurray For outstanding results on his Asia mapping test! Fantastic effort!

OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS

The Blessing of the Sacred Heart
Rowing Boat



Morning Tea for World Teachers Day –
\$115 raised for teachers in Tanzania

Winning House Excursion at the Tailrace for Rice And MacKillop



BASKETBALL PHOTOS



Gr 3/4 Girls Halley



Gr 3/4 Girls Illingworth



Gr 3/4 Girls Baldock



Gr 3/4 Girls Sydes



Gr 3/4 Boys Gillow



Gr 3/4 Boys Mansell/ Warren



Gr 5/6 Girls Beardwood



Gr 3/4 Boys Boric



Gr 5/6 Boys Phillips

BASKETBALL PHOTOS



Gr 5/6 Boys Williams



Gr 5/6 Girls Underlin



Gr 5/6 Girls Heather



Gr 5/6 Boys Davie



Gr 5/6 Boys van Ryn

On the weekend over 100 of our students represented Sacred Heart at the Primary Schools Basketball Tournament and played brilliantly. Some children had played before, while others were having a go for the first time. Everyone represented our school admirably, displaying good skills as well as great sportsmanship. Many people commented on how happy and enthusiastic everyone was, and the wonderful school spirit was present. Well done to everyone who participated. It really was a great weekend. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and helpers who prepared our children for this tournament and again gave up their time on the weekend. Without you, such a great weekend wouldn't be possible.

Julian Davie

Infant Athletics Carnival

On Thursday October 31st the junior school (Prep – Grade 2) Athletics Carnival will be held on our school oval between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Students will participate in the following novelty races for the first hour: egg & spoon, sack race, sand in the jar, 3 legged race, soccer dribble and bean bag balance relay. During the final hour of the day we will be holding our 70 metre running races and relay races. Parents and family are most welcome to come to the school and cheer on our junior athletes. Volunteers to help run some of these events are also needed on the day. Please see Mr. Anderson on the oval between 12:30pm and 1:00pm if you are able to help out. We are all looking forward to the day and fingers crossed we get some lovely weather!

Mr. John Anderson (Health & 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



Sacred Heart Parent and Friends
are proud to present
The Secret of Happy Children

- a special evening with Steve
Biddulph

Tuesday 29th October 2013

At Sacred Heart School Presentation Hall

7.15pm for 7.30pm

\$15.00 per person

For thirty years **Steve Biddulph** has been giving talks around the world, helping parents understand the psychology of children. His talks are hilarious, moving, and immediately helpful. 130,000 parents in 17 countries have listened to him speaking live.

Based on his bestselling book of the same name, **The Secret of Happy Children** covers girls and boys from birth to 21, showing you a clear roadmap of what to do and when.

Topics include...

Is my child normal? - the question every parent asks.
From toddlerhood to teenage-hood - what is going on?
Understanding your parenting style and what might be missing

Softlove and firm love, and when to use which

Discipline - it isn't what you think

Helping your family to slow down and be happier

*Bring a friend or two, and enjoy a good night out
that might even change your life.*

Steve's books, including Raising Boys, Raising Girls, Complete Secrets, and Manhood, will be available for purchase on the night.

Tickets can be purchased online at
<http://www.trybooking.com/DQVU>
or the Sacred Heart School office

on

63 311 011.

*We regret that children and babies cannot be
admitted to the talks.*



Sacred Heart

Trivia Night

Inviting all School Parents

Come along for a casual, fun and entertaining

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 8th November

Commencing at 7.30pm

Presentation Hall

BYO Drinks/\$2.00 entry per
person

Prize- \$200 Restaurant Voucher

Complimentary Bottle of Wine per table and snacks

Bring along your friends for a fun night out.

Phone the school office on 6331 1011 to book a table of ten

A SHS Parents and Friends Event



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.



Tuesday Book Club *The Last Thirteen* by James Phelan

"I click my fingers and everybody dies. Sam wakes from his nightmare to discover the terrifying reality. It will come true. Kidnapped from school and finding out his parents aren't who he thinks they are, Sam is suddenly running from danger at every turn. Nothing will ever be the same again. With his life and identity shattered, Sam's salvation is tied to an ancient prophecy. He is in the final battle to save the world, up against an enemy plotting to destroy us all. He alone can find the last 13. 13 books. 13 nightmares. 1 destiny"

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 5th November** from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Everyone welcome from Grades 5 and 6.

SCHOOL



HATS

\$10.00

Available from the office

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 7th November 2013 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road, Invermay

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this on the altar during the service if you wish. You are also invited to stay for refreshments after Mass. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377



The **YMCA** is holding a Bravehearts Personal Safety Education Program directed at children under 5 years of age.

Bravehearts - Ditto's Keepsafe Adventure Program

Wednesday 30/10 @ 10.30am

RSVP to YMCA by 28/10 Ph.63443844

LAUNCESTON PARISH - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST — CLEANING/ HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES

Due to the retirement of our current cleaner, we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in this position. Current hours are up to 30 hours a fortnight and duties include cleaning / housekeeping in Parish buildings and halls and other duties as they arise. In the future, duties may need to change and these will be negotiated. For further information and to register your interest, please contact Fr Mark Freeman or Carolyn at the Parish Office, 44 Margaret Street on 6331 4377 by Friday 1 November.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Open Invitation

To past staff and students of St Thomas More's Primary School/Marian College and anyone else who would like to visit the school during our 75th Anniversary celebrations on 29 and 30 Nov.

Friday: Open School 9.00am - 4.00pm
Planting of time capsule and tree - 11.15am
Tea, coffee & scones from 9.00am
Sausage sizzle - 12.30pm onwards
Concert inc play about Mary
MacKillop and choir - 2.00-3.00pm

Saturday: Open School 4.00 - 6.00pm
Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 6.00pm
Supper in the Josephite Hall - 7.00pm

RSVP by 8 November



St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School
Launceston Tasmania