

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY

"Behind me is infinite power, before me is endless possibility, around me is boundless opportunity." (Anonymous)

All of us can recount "sliding doors moments" in our lives. They are those moments we ask ourselves "What if I had done that differently?" Newspapers often like to "dine out" on sporting stories of games that would have had different results if "that putt had been sunk for birdie on the 14th hole" or the "cricketer who dropped that catch when the batsman was on single figures" or the "forward who missed that set shot for goal when scores were tied". Each one of these is a game that is far less important than the "what if moments" we all face in our daily lives.

Have you ever wondered the difference to your day if you chose to respond or initiate a conversation with a positive greeting or alternatively with a negative one, regardless of the way you are treated? All of us have entered circumstances when we have been annoyed. What we all know is that we achieve little when we treat others with disrespect. Most certainly it actually says more about what type of person we are. Yet if we enter the same situation looking for solutions and with a respectful manner more often than not the end result is far more positive.

In the past two weeks I reflected on a few "sliding doors" moments in our school community. The Grade 3-6 Band and Strings performed at St Pat's at the Annual Catholic Schools Music evening. One of the great fortunes of age and experience for me is the ability to see children who have been at one of my schools in years past. On Friday night I looked at the talented eighteen-year saxophonist "working his magic". Griffin had begun playing in Grade 3 at the tender age of 8. Inspired by his parents' encouragement and his own fierce determination to succeed he is now able to perform solos in front of hundreds. And yet his parents at any time could have put their fingers in their ears or he may have said "I'm tired of this practising" and none of us would have been able to enjoy his harmonic performance last week.

In two weeks time our Grade 6 children will reach a "sliding doors moment". They will be faced with the end of their Primary School education. For all of them they will be faced with moments when they can make a good choice or one they regret. On some occasions they will be challenged to "go with the crowd" or make a tough choice to make the right decision. As parents and teachers we will still have a part to play in being their "guides on the side" but ultimately as they mature we will no longer be with them for every waking moment.

In the last few weeks of our 2017 school year there will still be some "what if" moments that we will all face. The manner in which we respond is always up to us. How we respond will ultimately determine what the "door looks like on the other side."

"Each of us has the opportunity to change and grow to our very last breath. Happy creating." (M.F Ryan)

"You can't change the past, what you can do is change now, change tomorrow, the next day, the next month and the rest of your life." (Billy Cox)

Brent Wilson
PRINCIPAL

Our P.B.S. Values are:

Respect for Ourselves
 Respect for Others
 Respect for our Learning
<http://MyTerncity.com.au>

Webpage: www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au

Twitter: @shslton

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CAROLS

Earlier this week we advised parents that our Carols Evening was postponed because of the weather. Parents and children were notified that the Carols have been rescheduled for Tuesday 12th December at St Thomas More's. Please remember a rug, warm clothing, drinks and nibbles and a "listening ear". Parents are asked to speak to their children prior to the night about NOT playing on the STM play equipment. Thanks in anticipation of a memorable evening.



CLASSING ARRANGEMENTS AND ORIENTATION DAY

Children moved to their "new teachers" and "new classmates" this morning. We all know that teachers spend considerable time considering all the possible scenarios when they place children and we also know that our teachers need to be aware of all the children in the classes when making the best choice. One of the great things about our school, different from many other primary schools, is that our school, because of its size enables us to mix children year after year, this means that children will be able to develop new relationships.

As teachers we have no doubt there will be some children who return home from school today excited about what 2018 will bring, equally there may be some children who will return home disappointed for varying reasons. It is in moments like these that we as parents impact on how children are likely to continue to respond. If we choose to look for fault in the decision and provide children with a reason to continue their disappointment then this is exactly what your child will do. Alternatively if we look for the positives then children will take the lead from adults.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our four teams that participated in the Tasmanian Primary Schools Basketball Championships last weekend.

In particular we acknowledge the Grade 3/4 Boys who were placed fourth and the Grade 5/6 Boys who were placed third.

Thanks to our coaches for their time and contributions, thanks to the parents and staff who supported the teams on the weekend and congratulations to the players for their exceptional efforts.

BAND & STRINGS CONCERT

Our school participated in the 15th Annual Launceston Catholic Schools Band and Strings Concert last Thursday. Our children excelled in their performances again in 2017. I always delight in watching children perform publicly knowing it is experiences like these that develop self-belief, confidence, resilience and relationships. Congratulations to all of our performers.

In particular we acknowledge

Band Excellence Award – Alexander Brown

Band Endeavour Award – Hugh Wines

Strings Excellence Award – Summer Alexander

Strings Endeavour Award – Ethan Jeong





Special thanks to Mel Heathorn, Jodie Campbell, Linda Brown & the Sacred Heart Students who have worked hard to create this fantastic SHS Mosaic.



Birth - 4 Christmas Party at City Park

Join us for our last B-4 for 2017
Tuesday 19th December
9:30am – 11:30am

Please bring along a small plate of food to share for a picnic morning tea and celebrate what's been a great year at B-4.

Meet at the playground and if wet weather I will notify families the night before and we'll meet at school in our B-4 room. Please note there will be no afternoon B-4 session on this day.

Important Uniform Shop Information

- Thursday 30th November will be the last day that the Uniform Shop is open for 2017. Uniform orders can be left at the office or emailed to shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au after this date.
- Please ensure Kinder and Prep preorder forms have been returned if you require your child's uniform before end of term or wish to collect at the back to school open day
- The Uniform Shop will open for back to school requirements on Thursday 1st February between 10am-4pm
- EFTPOS now available for uniform purchases.

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3rd	4th 2pm Kinder Halley Nativity Play	5th	6th LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2017	7th Grade 7, 2018 SPC Orientation day	8th 2.10pm Assembly	9th
10th	11th Gr 5/6 Skate Park Excursion	12th 7pm SHS Carols on the Oval @ St Thomas Mores	13th BBQ Orders	14th Gr 6 Excursion to Kids Paradise 2.15pm Kinder Nas Nativity Play 7pm SPC End of Year Mass	15th 2.10pm Assembly Gr 5 Excursion to Airtime	16th
17th	18th Gr 2 Picnic @ Tailrace 6pm Gr 6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy	19th Gr 5/6 Gorge Excursion 2pm Gr 6 End Of Year Assembly	20th 7pm End of Year Mass	21st LAST DAY TERM 4 BBQ & Plain Clothes Day	22nd	23rd

End of Term 4 BBQ

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

Sausage/Hamburger orders along with payment need to be given to the class teachers by WEDNESDAY 13th December



Hamburgers \$2.50

Sausages \$2.00

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 www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children
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 point 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.

The Spirit of Jesus is Alive in:

Prep Hills	Imogen Lee For being a caring and kind friend	Remi Quarrell For including others
Prep Best	Macie Roberts For an amazing effort in learning her words and the great progress with her reading	Poppi Reynolds For great listening and understanding when working on the Parable "The Sower and the Seed"
Grade 1 Hegarty	Justin Calabro For amazing efforts with your reading	Chace Weber For excellent work in our Measurement unit
Grade 1 Gleadow	Taj Weber For amazing efforts with all aspects of learning this week	Maddison Fogarty For always being
Grade 2 Crawford	Tamsyn Brock For an excellent week in the pool Lucinda Stone For being an amazing friend	Kerri Piper For excellent reading expression Gus Pedersen For being an amazing friend
Grade 2 Reid	Molly Dick For excellent note taking	Lily Humphries For working well in all tasks this week
Grade 3 Underlin	Gr 3 Underlin For your awesome efforts at swimming	
Grade 3 Symons	Amber Hill For hard work and a genuine attitude	Jonah Webb For giving everything a go!
Grade 4 Wood	Olivia Worley For outstanding results in Maths & English	Lachlan Davern For working hard to complete all your tasks
Grade 4 van Ryn	Sarah Kley For making great progress in Term 4	Seb Page For dedication to continued self improvement
Grade 5 Hood	Oliver Hughes For being a good friend to others	Mackenzie Bowman For your positive attitude when faced with a challenge
Grade 5 Viney/Steven	Clemente Moreno-Reyes For letting his creativity shine in everything he does	Spencer Drew For being a fantastic example to others in his behaviour and attitude
Grade 6 Davie	Jorja Groeneveld For the creative ideas on show in your MJR and hatchet movies. Well done!	Maddie Apted For a wonderful Hatchet trailer. Excellent
Grade 6 McLeod	Emma McLeod For an outstanding effort in the presentation and details in her ME project	James Leake For an outstanding effort in the presentation and details in his ME project



Kinder Halley Nativity Play







HeartBeat Yearbook

The School Magazine has gone home to families this week.

If one copy is not enough for your family we do have extra copies in the Office for sale.

Limited Amount!

\$15 Each

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 was Wednesday 6th December.

If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned on Wednesday 6th December so that your child has the opportunity to receive their reward before the end of term.

Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year will be carried over into next year and can be used to redeem rewards in 2018.

And finally, our first School Banking day for 2018 will be Wednesday 14th February.

Merry Christmas and wishing you all a safe and relaxing break.

Chantal McMullen
School Banking Co-Ordinator



Term Dates Catholic Schools

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 Tuesday 17.10.17 to Thursday 21.12.17

2018

Term 1 Thursday 8.2.18 to Friday 13.4.18

Term 2 Monday 30.4.18 to Thursday 5.7.18

Term 3 Monday 23.7.18 to Friday 28.9.18

Term 4 Tuesday 16.10.18 to Thursday 20.12.18

23rd July 2018 - Pupil Free Day

15 October 2018 - Pupil Free Day

Reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds without prior permission from the Principal



TOILET ACCESS AFTER HOURS

Student toilets are locked daily at approximately 3:15pm-3:30pm. There is a toilet located in the administration building, which is opened until 4:00pm daily.

Reminder - Before School expectations

Even though it is a parent responsibility to make arrangements for the supervision of your children before 8:30 a.m., S.H.S. offer an arrangement for families who need their children to be arriving at school earlier.

- ❖ Mrs. Deb Scott will be at school from **8:00am** each school day for any students.
- ❖ **Students are not to arrive before 8am**
- ❖ If a student is here before 8:30 a.m. they need to go to the Gym. **The cost will be \$2 per child per day, which needs to be paid as the student arrives at the Presentation Gym.**
- ❖ The child's name will also be recorded on an attendance sheet on a daily basis.

Student absences

If your child will be absent from school please remember to either:

- call the School office on 63311011
- email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au
- use the Skoolbag app, fill out an eForm

Please note that children arriving late to school need to enter the school via the York St entrance and report to the school office to update our records and avoid unnecessary absentee text messages.



Developing life skills through sport

The Launceston Saints Basketball Club aims to develop players to the best of their ability in an inclusive and supportive environment. The club promotes a culture where a child's enjoyment of the sport is paramount and the development of both sporting and life skills are highly valued.

SELECTION DAYS

SUNDAY 10TH DEC @ ST PATS GYM
SUNDAY 17TH DEC @ ELPHIN STADIUM
 (see adjacent times for each age group)

Players are to attend at least one session however both are encouraged.
 Bring a basketball and a reversible light/dark singlet (or both a dark and light coloured top)

FOR THOSE INTENDING TO PLAY BUT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THESE DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CLUB VIA EMAIL, PRIOR TO SELECTIONS.

launcestonsaints@gmail.com

Registration with SAINTS and BTAS will occur online via SportsTG when fees are paid. Registration information will be provided separately. All fees must be paid upfront in one payment prior to Rd 1 of the roster, for players to take the court.



Sun 10th Dec - St Pats
 Sun 17th Dec - Elphin

Arrive 15 mins prior
 to session start time

U10 G&B
 9:30am – 10:30am
 (born 2009 – 2010)

U16 & U18 G&B
 10:30am – 11:30am

U12 G
 11:30am – 12:30pm
U12 B
 1pm – 2pm

U14 G 2pm - 3pm
U14 B 3pm – 4pm

SAINTS merchandise

Hoodies - \$45
Long sleeve t's - \$30
Playing shorts with logo
(compulsory) - \$20
Socks - \$12
Orders taken at selection
days (cash payment only)

Family Mass

Saturday 6pm
 Sacred Heart Church
 Newstead

All Welcome

25th February
 18th March
 8th April
 20th May
 10th June
 1st July
 12th August
 16th September
 28th October
 25th November

If you would like to help by
 reading at Mass please email
jacquie.wood@catholic.tas.edu.au