

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### From the Principal:

#### Things that might make you smile:

- ✓ *Penguins only have one mate their entire life and "propose" by giving their mate a pebble.*
- ✓ *Cuddling releases Oxytocin, which helps speed healing and recovery from physical wounds.*
- ✓ *Apollo 17 astronaut Gene Cernan, the last man to walk on the Moon, wrote his daughter initials there. They'll last at least 50,000 years.*

We are about to begin Kindergarten interviews for 2014. Choosing a school is a significant and important decision.

What do you expect of a School in educating your child?

There are, and should be, obligations and expectations placed directly at the foot of the door of any school if they are to be viewed as a good or great place for learning. Questions that I would need answers to would include:

- ✓ How does the school create a positive climate for learning?
- ✓ How do you engage and motivate students to learn and make positive life choices?
- ✓ What attitudes, values, skills and dispositions does the school see as important and prioritise time to?

The answers should give greater or diminished confidence as to whether this is the school for you and your family. When choosing the school you are signing up to these beliefs and the expectation that the school will 'make good' on what they say they will do! This is a big step towards a successful education for your child but is not the only step.

### CALENDAR

Term 2: 07/05/13 - 05/07/13

### MAY

#### Thursday 16th

Naplan Testing Gr 3/5

#### Friday 17th

- 9.00 am Assembly
- 1.00pm Gr 5/6 Friday Sport

#### Monday 20th

8.00am Cross Country Training - Brickfields

#### Tuesday 21st

6.30pm Family Life Program Gr 3 & 4

#### Wednesday 22nd

- 8.00am Cross Country Training - Brickfields
- 10.30am Class Liturgy - Gr 6C
- 12.00pm Buddy Mass - Gr 1C & 4S
- 6.30pm Family Life Program Gr 1 & 2

#### Thursday 23rd

6.30pm Family Life Program Gr 5 & 6

**From the Principal: (cont.)**

There are going to be fundamental values that are at the heart of the school, it's philosophy and therefore why it goes about things in the way it does. You, not just your child, is 'signing up' for these values when you join the school community. Honesty, self respect, integrity, teamwork, resilience and equity are values fundamental to our school.

Sacred Heart is a Catholic School we are not a private school! We will always embrace the marginalised and the disadvantaged, welcome all that want the kind of education that our school offers. We will still keep striving to set high expectations for all whilst acknowledging not all begin on the same starting line when they arrive.

I honestly believe if we simply demand of ourselves what we demand of others, focus on being part of solutions rather than just highlighting problems, treat all with respect and dignity we would not need policies, protocols, rules and regulations. There is no one that can profess to be perfect in all of these pursuits, but if we are not interested in trying to live these values and beliefs out more consistently, even if only in the very least, as models for our children, then I am not sure S.H.S. is going to meet your needs. This is part of the conversations that take place with new enrolments and, in particular, Kindergarten enrolments for next year. It should also be part of our shared ongoing conversation with each other as existing members of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

**NAPLAN Testing this week:**

All across Australia this Tuesday to Thursday Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing. There has and is much debate, particularly in the media, about the merits and focus on NAPLAN testing. At S.H.S. we place an appropriate amount of time into the support of students to sit these Literacy and Numeracy tests. The data we receive back is valuable in identifying specific areas of success and areas of need with individual students. The data, then in summary form, affirms for us as a school where we are getting excellent outcomes and challenges us in identifying areas where learning is not as strong. The reality is that the current educational model requires similar testing and assessment in year 11 and 12 so NAPLAN provides an opportunity to develop skills in learning how to sit tests and assessments of this type.

**Walking to and from school safely:**

Last week there was nearly a serious accident with one of our families crossing the road on their way to school. In this instance the family was being as safe as they could be in crossing the road and an accident still nearly happened due to the driver of the vehicle not being as aware as they could. Please remind and reinforce to your children about safe practices when crossing the road. We have some families that walk to and from school and we just want them to remain safe. It is also important that as parents we model safe practices like using traffic lights to cross the street.

**Classroom Designs:**

At the top of the newsletter web page is a link for any interested parents to have a look at the current design drafts for new learning spaces in the P-2 building

Please feel free to email me with any feedback or queries that you have around these.

Teachers and staff will also be providing critical and focused feedback during this stage.

Our School Board has representation at every site meeting that is taking place on a weekly basis from now on.

## **From the Principal: (cont.)**

### **Kindergarten 2014:**

If you have a child that is 4 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 they are eligible to begin Kindergarten next year. Please contact our office for enrolment forms so that we can confirm numbers of existing families that we will be offering places to. This is important as it determines how many vacant Kindergarten spaces are available for new families wanting to attend S.H.S. next year.

If you would like to meet with Matt and discuss your child and their needs for 2014 please organise a time with our office. We will be beginning Kindergarten interviews this term but existing families can organise a meeting anytime from the start of this term.

### **Changes to Visitors and collection of students:**

- ✓ All visitors to the school must sign in before going anywhere in the school
- ✓ If parents are collecting students early they need to sign the student out before leaving
- ✓ If a child is late to school they need to go to our school office first so that we can record that they are present as absentee data sheets have already recorded them as being absent.

It will be helpful if parents can make sure they follow these steps. If unsure, please speak with our office.

### **Family Life Nights:**

Next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, at 6.30pm in the library, the school is offering Family Life Nights. The sessions are for grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

The Family Life Nights are an opportunity for parents/guardians to come along with their child/children to share in conversation that range across different ages to include:

- ✓ understanding of the development of babies and how they are created, our bodies and how they grow and developing positive messages about our growth and development in these areas.

The school will also be running sessions at school, during the day, on Tuesday 4th June for Grade 5/6 students. **If parents do not want their child to attend or be part of these discussions they need to let their class teacher know before Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Centacare runs the sessions. They range from 1 hour for grade 1/2 students to 90 minutes for grade 5/6 students. Flyers have been sent home providing more information about the specific elements of the different programs. The sessions are in the school library and there is a \$10.00 cost per family to cover Centacare costs and materials.

### **Car Parking:**

A reminder to all parents (grandparents and significant others that collect children from S.H.S.) that you are unable to park and leave your car in the drop off zones outside York Street and Bourke Street entrances.

It is important that we support each other by honouring what is expected.

The school would prefer not to have to issue fines to parents for parking infringements but may be placed in situations where this has to occur.

I hope that we can continue to place student safety as the highest priority.

### **Care for Africa Foundation:**

Today, attached to the newsletter, are details of a raffle for the Care for Africa Foundation. The aim of the foundation is to assist the people of Tarime, Tanzania, in Africa, to become a self sufficient society. The school has supported this charity for the past eight years.

## R E NEWS

### Celebrating Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. This is a significant celebration in our Church's calendar. Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples as Jesus promised when he ascended to heaven. It falls fifty days after Easter Sunday (penta meaning five) thus ending the Easter Season. Some people refer to this day as "the birthday of the church" because it was at this time that the disciples were both empowered by the Holy Spirit and called to spread the Good News to all people - thus beginning the work of the church.

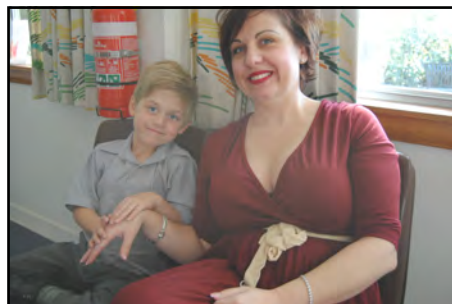
It can be a little tricky explaining the mystery of the Holy Spirit to our children. One simple idea you could do is to reinforce the prayer of the sign of the cross (yes this is a prayer) that God loves us fully - from head to toe, from side to side and in our heart and has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us wholly and in the here and now, just as he did for his disciples on that first Pentecost.

Like the wind that we can not see but can see the effects of around us - through a wind chime or through the rustling of the leaves, we can feel and see the effects of the wind, be they gentle and calm or be they strong. The Holy Spirit offers this same gentleness and calmness, this same strength to our lives. When we pray to the Holy Spirit we invite these gifts into our whole being.





# OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Centacare Family Life Program:



Flyers have been sent home with regard to the Family Life Program.

Evening sessions are at 6.30pm and run for approximately one and a half hours.

Please mark the dates on your calendar:

Tuesday 21st May - Grade 3 and 4

Wednesday 22nd May - Grade 1 and 2

Thursday 23rd May - Grade 5 and 6

Tuesday 4th June - In class sessions for Grade 5 and 6

Cost is \$10 per family to cover Centacare costs and materials.  
All sessions will be in the library via top and side school gates.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014

If you are a school family with a child eligible for Kindergarten in 2014 please forward a completed enrolment form to the office a.s.a.p. Applications for school families close 24th May.

If any of your address/contact details have changed since handing in the enrolment form please contact the office.

### WANTED

\* old **Card table** - It doesn't matter about the state of the table top but needs sturdy legs please.

\* used **Gumboots** - To fit boys and girls in Kinder (for lots of Winter fun!)

Please bring down to Helen Halley in Kinder.

Thanking you :)

### 2013 TERM DATES

**TERM 1** Wednesday 06.02.2013 to Friday 19.04.2013  
**TERM 2** Tuesday 07.05.2013 to Friday 05.07.2013  
**TERM 3** Tuesday 23.07.2013 to Friday 27.09.2013  
**TERM 4** Monday 14.10.2013 to Thursday 19.12.2013

### Beginning and Ending Times of the School Day

First bell	8:55 am	Lunch begins	12:50 pm
Recess begins	11:00 am	Lunch ends	1:30pm
Recess ends	11:25 am	School finishes	3:00 pm

### REMINDER

**A reminder to all parents when entering the school between 9.15am and 2.45 pm that they are required to sign in at the office.**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

We are again taking part in the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last year the school benefited greatly with a big range of products for the whole school.

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker which is then placed on a special sticker card. Once the card is completed, it can be returned to the box at the school office and we can forward all completed cards on to Woolworths.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Thanks to all in anticipation.

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TASMANIA

Healthy Mouth  Healthy Body

### Dental Services for Children and Adolescents

#### Who is eligible?

All children under 18 years of age, including preschoolers.

#### What services are available?

Oral examinations, x-rays, preventive care, advice on dental development, dietary advice, oral hygiene instruction and referral for further assessment/treatment if required.

#### How much will I have to pay?

All children receive **FREE** examinations and preventive care.

#### Treatment following the examination is

**FREE** if your child is covered by a current:

- Health care card or
- Pensioner concession Card.

#### Treatment following the examination will

incur a co-payment if your child is **NOT** covered by a current Health care card or Pensioner Concession card.

Please talk to our staff about payment options.

#### Can I use my Medicare Teen Dental Voucher?

If you have a Teen dental voucher it can be used at any of our clinics for preventive care.



www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/oralhealth  
Department of Health and Human Services



Friday 24 May 2013

### A Challenge to All Australian Primary Schools and Councils

The annual National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) – when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school – will be held throughout Australia on **Friday 24 May 2013**. Participants can challenge themselves, their classmates, other classes and even other schools. Enclosed is the WSTSD kit, which contains stickers and posters for school and council notice boards and a questionnaire.

We ask that every student receives a sticker and wears it on the day to help promote this community event which encompasses road safety, health, public transport and the environment. It's for our children and our future.

#### Download the WSTSD App and Take the Challenge

This year we have developed a fabulous interactive App. It will map children's walks to and from school. Participants can challenge themselves, their classmates, other classes and even other schools. And they can win great prizes. Take the Challenge and download it at [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)

#### Objectives

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Better Health and Road Safety - Cleaner Air - Less Traffic - Improved Transport

#### How your School and Council can be involved

On Friday 24 May 2013, we want to encourage all parents, carers and teachers to promote and encourage safe and regular walking to all Australian children. **Here's how:**

- Use our information in your newsletters.
- Encourage students to colour in the WSTSD poster at [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)
- Ask your local council and P&C to help support the event.
- Host a Healthy Breakfast at your school (see recommendations at [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au))
- Tell your friends, parents, carers and teachers about the event.
- Suggest to parents and carers who have to drive, to park the car at least a kilometre away from the school and walk the rest of the way: even better, do the same on the way home.
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador to permit and assist with publicity.
- Use the teachers' tool-kit (download it at [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au))
- Complete the questionnaire (enclosed or on-line)

Go to [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au) for the support you need to really get involved in a wonderful event.

We thank you for your participation and support.

Pedestrian Council of Australia

WIN GREAT PRIZES

Take the Challenge

Active kids are healthy kids

Download the FREE APP  
[walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)

WSTSD

App Store

Google Play

SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Stickers available at the office

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Kung Fu 4 Kids (6 - 12years)

Thursday 5:00pm to 5:45pm  
 Unigym Dojo, Newnham  
 Enrolments are now being taken and the first lesson is FREE  
 Phone: Leigh 0429 107 108

**Leigh & Nicola Duff (Si-Fu & Si-Mo)**

*Chief Instructors*

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**Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens**

September 6 - 8, 2013

The conference will commence on the evening of Friday, September 6 Elizabeth College, North Hobart

Registrations now open (for credit card booking only):

<http://www.trybooking.com/CJRL>

Early bird prices: \$130 members; \$170 non-members.

For single day, Education Student and other special prices see [www.tasgifted.com](http://www.tasgifted.com)

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Keynote speaker: Dr Linda Silverman

### **National Boys Choir**

Would any families be willing to host and billet a student/s from the National Boys Choir? They will be need billeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to help out in billeting a student overnight please contact our school office or Karen Cettolin at [karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au).

### Family Mass

6pm Saturday

Newstead Church

25 May

15 June

17 August

14 September

19 October

16 November

If you or your child/ren would like to help with our family Masses please contact your school's AP RE or Jacquie Wood 6344 5714 or [wood1991@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wood1991@bigpond.net.au)