

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### From the Principal:

*I have yet to find the man, however exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than under a spirit of criticism.*

*Charles Schwab*

### Road Accidents:

Today, on the way to school, there were two accidents in the city that some children may have been aware of. There may be some discussion within your families, however, if you feel the school could support in any way please feel free to contact us.

### Student School Improvement Feedback:

This Friday we will be asking our students from Prep to Grade 6 for feedback on our school.

What they like?

What things they would like to see more of?

What they would like to see done differently?

During last year parents had an opportunity to provide formal feedback to the school on where we were at as a school and the direction going forward. Our staff have also been able to provide formal feedback last year and informally on a continuing basis.

Some of the areas that they will be looking at and giving feedback on include:

- ✓ Playground and Lunchtimes
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Student Leadership
- ✓ Classroom and School Design
- ✓ Literacy and Numeracy
- ✓ Religion and Prayer/Liturgical Celebrations
- ✓ ICT
- ✓ General

I look forward to the ideas that are generated by our students through this process.

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

Thursday 11th

Kinder/Parent Meetings

Friday 12th

9.00 Assembly

Sat 13th - Sun 14th

Grammar Challenge Gr 6

Tuesday 16th

Mini Vinnie's Stall at recess

Thursday 18th

Winning House Excursion

Friday 19th

- 9.00 Assembly
- A.T.W.T.P - Go Carts
- Last day of Term 1 - plain clothes & sausage sizzle

### MAY

Monday 6th

Student Free Day

Tuesday 7th

- Term 2 commences
- Winter Uniform to be worn

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

Following the theme of feedback I want to again thank parents for contacting me with issues. The role of the Principal is becoming an increasingly diverse and demanding one, however, it is never a problem nor do I want to ever be that 'busy' that the needs of students or the school are ignored.

If there are situations or issues:

- ✓ in the classroom or playground the first port of call should be the class teacher.
- ✓ if there is a need to address this further then myself, Helen Halley or Simon Wood would be the next points of contact.
- ✓ however, there are always going to be times when you need to contact the Principal. **Please do not hesitate to contact me through the office, via email or face to face with anything that is needed.** *We are in the business of people and relationships and other elements of our roles should not ever get in the way of this.*

### **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.

### **Recycling Grant:**

Our school has been successful in winning a Grant to help be more environmentally friendly with our waste. We have been given funds to purchase four sets of four bins. The four bins in each set have different coloured lids for different types of waste including:

1. Paper
2. Plastics
3. Green waste
4. General waste

We will have a set of bins for each of our four main buildings throughout the school. Part of this grant will also include education sessions for classes.

There is also a Battery Tube located in front of our Main Office. If there are dead or used batteries that you have at home please bring them along and place them in the Battery Tube to then be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

### **ANZAC Day:**

ANZAC Day this year is during the Term One holidays. Our school captains will be attending on the School's behalf and presenting the wreath at the Cenotaph. Other students are also welcome to attend on the day. We just need confirmation from parents if your child will be attending. Please contact the office if you have not done so already. We will send information home early next week around specific details for the day.

### **Grade 4 Camp:**

Thanks to Miss Underlin and Mrs. Smith for the time and effort that went into the preparation of our Grade 4 Camp. Thanks to our parents that also attended the camp and helped support Jaimee and Alison at Hagley Farm School.

**From the Principal: (Cont.)****Simon Wood Long Service Leave:**

As mentioned, last week, Mr. Simon Wood is taking long service leave for the last two weeks of this term and the first week of Term 2. We wish him a great break and look forward to seeing him back at school in a few weeks.

**Term 2 Important Information:**

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> May is a student free day. All Catholic Primary schools have a student free day on this date. Staff will return to school for professional development, however, ***students do not return until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May to begin Term 2 this year.***

**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.

**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.

**Mid Year Reporting:**

Parents will receive a flyer, via email today, providing information on a consistent reporting format for reports for all students across all Catholic Schools in Tasmania.

This will be the first of two flyers that will be sent out to parents. If you do not receive the flyer via email please contact our office and we will provide a hard copy.

This year you will be receiving a mid year report of your child's progress at the end of term two. For the first time it will be a true middle of the year report at the end of term two in a four term year.

**Grammar Challenge 2013**

We wish Phoebe Saunders, Ella Boxhall, Cam Illingworth, Matthew Cettolin, Grace Jones, Neika Morrow, Madi Johnston and Josh Rigby all the best in the Challenge this weekend.

We look forward to hearing about their adventures next week.

**Winter Uniform:**

With the advent of four terms, this year, the timing of winter and summer uniform change overs will be altered. From now until the end of term one, students may transition from summer to winter uniform.

***From the beginning of Term 2, students must wear their winter uniform.***

**National Boys Choir:**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are asking if any families would 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 over night please contact our school office or Karen Cettolin at [karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au).

## R.E. NEWS

It is the second week of the Easter Season. At our Easter Liturgy on Wednesday and Assembly on Friday we remembered God's great love for us. We made the sign of the cross remembering that:

God loves me  
from head to toe,  
from side to side  
and in my heart.



We prayed:

Jesus you were kind and caring, compassionate and fair. You helped others in service, you loved others as they were. You showed us how to live. You showed us how much you love us. We thank you for the opportunities of New Life and New Light this Easter ...

We thank you for this time of Easter Joy ...

We thank you for this time of Easter Love...

We ask you that we keep the Easter message in our hearts.

Amen

We also remembered that we are living in as children of the Easter light. We are called to share the light of Jesus with others by letting our little lights shine. The children made a lovely display in the hall reminding us of our theme this year.

We thought about ways we can let our light shine and if they weren't really sure what this meant they were asked to think about what Jesus might do if he were you ... because when we are being a child of the light, that means we are BEING Jesus' light both in our hearts and in our actions, here and now.

Just a reminder : Last call for Project Compassion Boxes by end of term. Thanking you in anticipation.

Live as Children of the Easter Light





## RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Reid	<b>Emilia Macri</b> For a fantastic effort with writing	<b>Oliver Woolley</b> For taking care with everything he does
Prep Hills	<b>Sophia Kent</b> For being a good friend	<b>Brodie Gardner</b> For making a great effort with all his work
Grade 1 Crawford	<b>George Worsley</b> For valuable contributions to class discussions <b>Sebastian Stone</b> For good listening and enthusiasm in learning to swim	<b>Summer Alexander</b> For reading with excellent expression <b>Noah McCullagh</b> For much improved listening skills
Grade 1 Best	<b>Samuel Phillips</b> For improvement in listening skills and following directions	<b>Ruby Dawkins</b> For great work showing her understanding of the Last Supper and Easter
Grade 2 Sydes/Weir	<b>Paige Warren</b> For trying really hard to learn new reading strategies	<b>Lily Scolyer</b> For being very excited about our sea creature research project
Grade 2 van Ryn	<b>Fletcher Harper</b> For completing work	<b>Max Marsden</b> For neat handwriting
Grade 3 Hood	<b>Lucy Petrack</b> For outstanding art work	<b>Ava Dowde</b> For excellent ICT skills
Grade 3 Symons	<b>Jayden Jones</b> For great thinking in science. <b>Aspen Chugg</b> For her dedication to her work	<b>Ebonie Agostini</b> For trying her best in all her school work
Grade 4 Smith	<b>Ally Brown</b> For thoughtful and considered observations in Science	<b>Connor Ellery</b> For focus and attention enabling positive contributions to class discussions
Grade 4 Underlin	<b>Hannah Sydes</b> For her exceptional Procedure Writing	<b>Oscar Mansell</b> For his resilience
Grade 5 McLeod/Viney	<b>Ella Maloney</b> For writing a wonderfully convincing piece of persuasion <b>Caitlin Stewart</b> For her 'generous giving nature'	<b>Amelia Hoyland</b> For always having a 'beautiful smile on her face'
Grade 5 Illingworth	<b>Nathan Fenton</b> For a beautiful "Good Morning" to all each day	<b>Mason Gardner</b> For great help with the Ipads
Grade 6 Claessens	<b>Madison Sweeney</b> For impressive application towards Maths tasks and some great results so far. <b>Gr 6C</b> For 'raising the bar' and rising to the challenge while on camp	<b>Isaac Nicholson</b> For impressive application towards Maths tasks and some great results so far
Grade 6 Davie	<b>India Headland</b> For applying herself and displaying a determined and positive attitude. <b>Oscar Cibik</b> For his consistent hard work & positive, enthusiastic disposition.	<b>Chelsea Hughes</b> For the dedication, focus and diligence she displays in all she does.

OUR WEEK IN PICTURES





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## MINI VINNIE'S FOOD STALL

Tuesday 16th April

Next Tuesday, Mini Vinnie's will be having their first fundraiser for the year. The team will be making and bringing their produce along for sale at recess time. So please encourage the children to get behind our stall by buying a delicious treat.

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2013

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

All Mother's Welcome.

All classes will be open from 9:00-11:00 so drop in anytime.

Collect your child, collect an ideas sheet and complete 1, 2 or all of the activities.

Put it in your diary now.



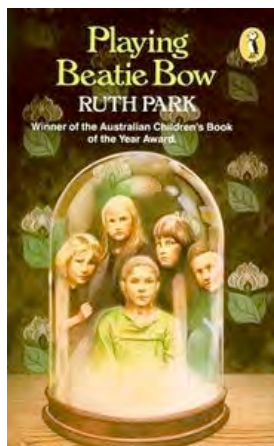
## END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND PLAIN CLOTHES DAY

FRIDAY 19th APRIL

Please place your orders with your child's class teacher and pre-pay before Monday 15th April

Sausages - \$1.50 each

Hamburgers - \$2.00 each



## Tuesday Book Club

*Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park

An Australian Classic, published in 1980 and set in Sydney, where the main character, Abigail, finds herself transported back to 1873, after watching children playing a scary game called Beatie Bow.

Our Next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th May** from 3:15pm - 4:30pm upstairs in the Grade Five area.

If you are interested in joining then see Mrs Illingworth or Mrs McLeod.

Everyone welcome from Grades 5 and 6.



## LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to check lost property as there are numerous unnamed items - if you are missing any clothing items, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc, please check the lost property basket near the office.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Could all pre-ordered uniform orders be collected and payments made from the school office before the end of **Term One** please. Any orders not collected after this date will be returned to uniform shop stock.

Thank 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.**

## UNSW EXAMS

We are offering students an opportunity, this year, to participate in the University of New South Wales exams in Writing, English and Mathematics.

These exams will be held throughout the year, at school, for interested students in grades four, five and six.

They will give students a wonderful opportunity to test their knowledge and skills.

The exams are marked by the University of New South Wales and all children will receive a detailed copy of their results and a certificate of merit.

There is a cost associated with these exams.

For more information please email Linda Sydes before the end of term 1.

[linda.sydes@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:linda.sydes@catholic.tas.edu.au)

## Grades 3 and 5

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2013

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2013 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2013 are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child's results and a comparison of their child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2011.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.naplan.edu.au>

## Outside News

### SACRED HEART SOCCER

All families interested in having their children play for Sacred Heart in the NTCSL at Windsor park.

The season will kick off on Saturday 13th April.

All children of all abilities are welcome to play and it's a great family orientated way to introduce the children to soccer.

Information packs are available from the office.

For more information please contact Jason Ellery on 0428 402 042 or email: [mlellery@internode.on.net](mailto:mlellery@internode.on.net)



A great opportunity for brass students to experience a performance by an Australian jazz musician



#### Holiday Program for Term One

We have had a rest from Vacation Care but are keen to offer a new community service for families during the school holidays. Our program gives children the opportunity to keep active and moving with various sports and games and secondly provides parents or grand parents with an outlet for a couple of hours at a time.

Days are:

Monday 22nd April - Wednesday 24th April

Monday 29th April - Thursday 2nd May

Morning sessions are 10.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon sessions are 3.00pm - 5.00 pm

For more information on the activities available please contact YMCA

Ph 6344 3844 or email [www.ymcalaunceston.org](http://www.ymcalaunceston.org)

### World Youth Day QUIZ NIGHT

#### THIS SATURDAY 13th April!

Get your friends and family together and book your table now for an evening of fun and entertainment! Help raise funds for the Tasmanian World Youth Day 2013 project, supporting young Tasmanians heading to WYD, as well as a parish from an impoverished area of Santiago, Chile where pilgrims will go on mission. HEAPS of prizes to be won – accommodation, restaurant vouchers, cruises, photography, park passes and much, MUCH more! Prizes also up for grabs for the school, parish or organisation with the most representation on the night!

Saturday 13th April , 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the School Hall at St Finn Barr's School , 247 Invermay Road, Invermay . Tables of 8 – 10. \$15 per person, includes nibbles, first drink and all the quiz-style fun you can pack into one night! Drinks will be available for purchase. Please ensure to book your table now by contacting Anna Gill on 0407 041 646 or [agill@goodstart.org.au](mailto:agill@goodstart.org.au)

### NETBALL

Gee Tees Netball Club will be conducting a NET SET GO Clinic for participants aged 5-10 years of age who are not playing club netball.

When: commencing Thursday 9 May for 9 weeks

Time: 4pm til 5pm

Where: Silverdome

Cost: \$55.00



Registrations close the 19<sup>th</sup>

April. We can only accept up to 20 participants.

Please contact Hayley Steel for a registration form.  
Ph: 0428 448 840