

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au

From the Principal:

OUR P.B.S. VALUES ARE:

Respect for Ourselves

Respect for Others

Respect for our Learning

'To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often'

Winston Churchill

In many regards your role, as a Principal, is as simple as being a facilitator of change. The thought that the only thing that doesn't change is change itself is pretty accurate. Schools need to understand, embrace and manage successfully changes in staff, changes in curriculum, changes in enrolments, changes in approaches to teaching, changes in priorities and needs from year to year. We have to decide what to change, when, and be clear on why. We need to always come back to the question of 'will this help our students now and into the future?'

Another quote that is credited to Winston Churchill is *'to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.'* For our school at this point in time this quote has some currency. In this newsletter there will be some initial information about changes to our polo tops, iPads and swimming programs with more detailed information to come soon.

I am sure all of us, if we had the chance to go back and do things differently, would have many situations where we would take this opportunity up. Schools and Principals are no different. There are elements of some of the changes above that if I was able to, I would love to go back, knowing what I know now and go about them differently. There is also the reality that we are rarely going to get 100% support with what is implemented and it would be unrealistic to think this was possible. In our school even with 90% approval equates to close to 50 students and/or 35 families or up to 70 parents who are not ok with a change or development in the school.

Unfortunately, we can't go back in time we can only go forward. Therefore we need to learn from each opportunity and hopefully learn and improve when the next opportunity presents itself. I am very confident that some of the changes around uniform, iPads and extra curricular learning opportunities will be proven to be very positive additions (as well as Stage 2 of our building program next year) to our school. We have to just make sure we keep getting better at implementing, changing and the process in getting there.

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Polo Tops

I hope the information below is clear and clarifies any questions parents have around the process or ordering new polo tops:

- ✓ This Tuesday 2nd September students will have the chance to try on polo tops to work out sizes. **A note was sent home with times for each class in hard copy and email.**
- ✓ We need all order forms back by **no later than Friday 5th September.**
- ✓ We encourage payment up front however understand if this is not possible and offer the choice of paying on arrival of polo tops (*not as stated in the letter, billed to school fees*).
- ✓ Current Kindergarten students can try on sizes on Tuesday, before school Wednesday or after school Wednesday.
- ✓ 2015 Kindergarten students (of existing families) – we have information (chart with size, chest measurement etc.) that can help with choosing a size for your child and this could also be done along with the other orders.

Primary Schools Basketball Tournament

Coaches have been notified and we have finalised teams. In some cases as much as we have tried to balance 'even' teams in B Division, we cannot be completely confident, as some students have not played basketball before at club level.

There will be trainings offered (at least 2 hopefully 3) for each team beginning in Week 9, Week 10 and Week 1 of Term 4, with the tournament on the weekend of the end of the first week of next term.



Book Week

Celebrations were fantastic around Book Week last week, culminating with our Book Week Parade on Friday morning. Thank you to parents for entering the parade with such a positive approach with students participating by and large with costumes relating to actual book characters.



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iPad Program

We have finalised our planning around iPads going into next year and beyond. Students will, from Grade 3-5, next year have 1:1 iPads that can be used at home and school as a 'learning tool'. We are unable to fund (\$25,000 per year for iPads for Grade 3) this program and like all other Catholic Primary Schools in Launceston are looking at parents funding the devices.

In essence parents will be charged an annual levy from the start of Grade 3 for the device. While it will remain the property of the school it will become the property of the student/family at the end of Grade 6.

Other schools ask parents to lease to pay for the iPads to own the device and continue using it at school. In essence our approach is no different except that the device remains the property of the school until the student leaves grade 6. The levy will across 4 years still be cheaper than the purchase of an iPad outright.

For those families that have been part of the program so far, I am sure will acknowledge the benefits in terms of home use and expectations when the device belongs to the school.

More detailed information will be coming out to parents in Grade 2-4 in the next week in relation to this.



Collecting Students

Please continue to make safe and respectful decisions around parking, collecting and driving around our school site, particularly at the end of the school day.

Sacramental Preparation

Many of our students are preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Last Thursday our students joined other young people from across the parish in St. Albies Hall to have a day of activities and reflection as part of their preparation. We continue to have these students in our thoughts and prayers.



Swimming Program



We have been reviewing our swimming program across this year. Previously Prep – Grade 2 access our smaller pool at Centacare, with Grade 3 and 4 using Riverside Swimming Pool for several days. Parents have been charged \$10 for this program last year. As a school we are looking to enhance our swimming program and the following will be in place this year:

- ✓ P-1 students across Term 4 each Friday for 6 weeks have 30-minute sessions (in half class groups) with Mr. Anderson and some student leaders in the pool. This is similar to the past except grade 2 won't be part of the program and the students will have additional time.
- ✓ Grade 2-4 will have a 5-day intensive swimming program at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. The program will be facilitated and run by the qualified instructors at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. The cost of this program for the 5 days will be \$20 per student. Grade 2 are part of this because we believe overall the benefits of them going to the Aquatic Centre far outweigh the benefits of doing the program in our school pool.
- ✓ In 2015 we will look to have Grade 2-5 students as part of the program going forward each year.
- ✓ There will be opportunities for students who are excellent swimmers already to develop life saving and other swimming skills as part of the program.

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FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SHS

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 11AM - 1PM



FATHER'S DAY 2014

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - 11am - 1pm

This year you are invited attend the Sacred Heart Father's Day Celebrations. There will be lots of different activities around the school. The day will run from 11am-1pm. Please come along!! The activities are as follows:

Presentation Hall - Table Tennis and Basketball.

Church - Prayer time in the Church.

Library - Book Reading and Board Games.

Courts - Handball target and soccer shootout.

Tea and Coffee will be provided in the Canteen.

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Information regarding School Fee Tuition

Each month fee accounts are printed and sent out with your eldest child. There are many options for paying your school fees:

1. Cash, Cheque and Eftpos at the office
2. Complete the credit card option on the bottom of the school account and you can send to the office with students, mail or email.
3. Monthly credit card authority for regular payments can be arranged by completing forms available from the office.
4. Credit card payments by phone to the office.
5. Direct debit arrangement from Cheque or Savings account can be arranged by completing form available from the office. (these payments can be made on a regular basis either weekly, fortnight or monthly ongoing, all year round.)
6. Transfer funds directly from your internet banking:

Commonwealth bank

Sacred Heart School Finance Account

BSB: 067000 **Account:** 10273579

Description: Your name, your account number



VINNIE'S WALK IN MY SHOES DAY

Vinnie's are conducting an activity to encourage children to better appreciate the things they are lucky enough to have in life, things they probably take for granted, things like a pair of shoes. Parents may have noticed a poster in some of the classes depicting a poor African man wearing a pair of sandals made out of used plastic cordial containers. We are inviting children to make some shoes/sandals/thongs or coverings for feet out of rubbish they may find lying around the house. They could even modify or fix an old pair of shoes using tape etc. Prizes will be awarded for imagination, ingenuity and effort. Children will parade their efforts early next term. This may provide children with a fun holiday activity and an activity from which they may gain some valuable experiences. So please get behind this fun activity and help provide the children with an opportunity to appreciate what they have and what others less fortunate don't have.

Mr Tony Claessens and the Mini Vinnie's Team

NEEDED FOR BIRTH TO 4 Program

We are getting very excited about Doctors, Hospitals and Nurses in our sessions at the moment. So as a result we will be transforming the Kinder Room into a hospital this coming Monday. If you have any access to medical supplies such as band aids, gloves, face masks, bandages or anything that would add to our experience please donate to the office! Thank you in advance!!! And if you have a little one that would like to come and play, the hospital hours will be 9:30-11:30 and 12:45-2:45.

Jade Vecchione



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~ August 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th
	• Gr 2 Excursion to The Gorge	• 7.30pm P & F Dinner Meeting		• 11.30am Band Program	• 9.30am Strings Program	
		School photos			• 2.20pm Assembly	
~ September 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31st	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
	• SHS Gr 3-6 Athletics carnival	• Gr 6 Excursion to the Maritime College • Kinder Halley - Hagley Farm Excursion	• 11am - 1pm Fathers day celebrations • No School Banking Today	• 11.30am Band Program • Kinder Nas - Hagley Farm Excursion	• 9.30am Strings Program • 2.20pm Assembly	
7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
		• 6pm Board Meeting	• 5.30pm Band Soiree	• 11.30am Band Program	• 9.30am Strings Program • 2.20pm Assembly	

No School Banking Wednesday 3rd September

S.H.S. Parents and Friends email shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

WANTED

**Photos from Rock & Roll Night
please email
maree.mills@catholic.tas.edu
or contact the office 63311011**

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 Good Friday 18.04.14 to Monday 21.04.14

Student absences

Please remember to call the School office on 63311011 or email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au if your child will be absent from school.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au.

2014 Opening Days

Thursday's 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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Guess What?

Exciting News!

Did you know that Sacred Heart Parents and Friends are having a



Sunday 9th November 2014

9.30am to 1.30pm

On the School Oval

Markets are fun! You can always grab a bargain and is a great way to sell all your preloved, unwanted items.

You may have new products to promote and sell? Come to the Market and show off your wares.

Trestle table sites are selling for \$20 (discounts if own table supplied)

Don't miss out. Book your table today!

For enquires and table bookings email shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

Another Sacred Heart Parents and Friends event, supporting our school and promoting community spirit.

St Patricks College Clothing Store



The Clothing Store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30am - 4:00pm

Lay-by's are welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2015

TERM 1 Thursday 5.2.15 to Thursday 2.4.15

TERM 2 Monday 20.4.15 to Friday 3.7.15

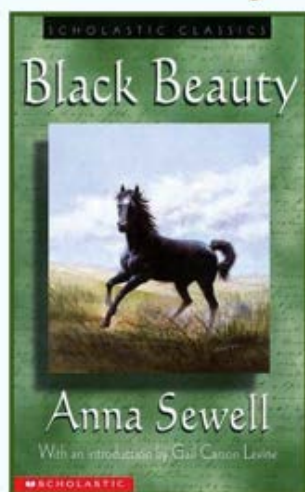
TERM 3 Monday 20.7.15 to Friday 25.9.15

TERM 4 Monday 12.10.15 to Wednesday 17.12.15

Tuesday Book Club

Black Beauty

by Anna Sewell



"*Black Beauty* is the tale of a young thoroughbred that captured the hearts of Victorian England in the early 1800s. It is told by its hero, a remarkable black horse born with one white foot and a white star on his forehead.

In his own unique voice, *Black Beauty* tells the story of his life from the time he was a young colt who grazed the meadow in idyllic country pastures, to his work pulling a cart on the cobblestoned streets in London.

His experiences with both kind and cruel treatment, and the last home where he finally finds love and happiness.

This is his amazing story, told as only he could tell it."

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 2nd September** from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Everyone welcome from Grades 5 and 6.

Move Well Eat Well

How to pack a rubbish-free lunch



Focus on fresh 'everyday' foods

- many types of fruit and vegetables don't need packaging, the scraps can then be added to the compost

Don't buy single serve packaged items

- reduce waste and save money

Use reusable containers

- (don't forget to name them!!)



Get your kids involved

- this can save you time and children enjoy taking responsibility

For more rubbish-free lunchbox ideas visit:
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families

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Sacred Heart Little Athletics



Do you like having fun, spending time as a family and getting fit at the same time? Little Athletics might be the perfect match for you!

The 2014/2015 season is fast approaching and we at the **Sacred Heart Little Athletics Club** would love to welcome any new members/families.

We will be holding registration days **soon** where you can come along, register, pay, ask questions and purchase club uniforms.

Proof of age (birth certificate or blue Child Health book) needs to be sighted before children can be registered and payment needs to be made by the second meet of the season.

Athlete groupings are organised by each athlete's age by Sept 30. Tiny tots need to be 3 or 4 by this date to participate.

Training will begin on Sept 18th from 5-6pm (venue to be advised). You're welcome to come along and see what you think.

Find us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartAthletics>

For more information please email us on: sacredheart@slac.org.au

Australian Schools Trout Fishing Championships Monday 22nd September, Brumby's Creek, Cressy Tasmania.

Do you like fishing? Have you got the skills to represent your school at the **Australian Schools Trout Fishing Championships**?

Mr van Ryn will be taking a team along and we need four students from grades 3-6 in our team.



If this is something you might be interested in then please submit your application to Mr van Ryn by

Monday September 8th 2014.

Your written application will need to address:

- Why you want to, or deserve to be on the Sacred Heart Team.
- Your fishing experience.
- Anything else you think will help us make our selection.

If you need anymore information please see Mr van Ryn or ask your parents to email phil.vanryn@catholic.tas.edu.au

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book week 2014

What a fabulous celebration of Literature we had at Sacred Heart last week. Our 3 events were super and the involvement of all of students was superb.

Beginning with our Buddy Reading last Wednesday, Book week started fantastically. It was absolutely brilliant to look around the Gym at students sharing stories, engaging in story telling and enjoying their buddy time.

On Thursday our Indigenous Literacy Foundation Ambassador Esmae Morrow and her wonderful team of Kate McLeod, Isabella Tys and Hannah Sydes worked hard to set up all our donated books for The Great Book Swap. They did a fantastic job to be ready for all the generous students who had donated a gold coin to arrive. Amazingly, the generosity of our families resulted in the girls raising \$469.65. Well done to Esmae and the girls and a great big thank you to all for the donations. Esmae will be passing this money onto the foundation to buy books for Indigenous Schooling.

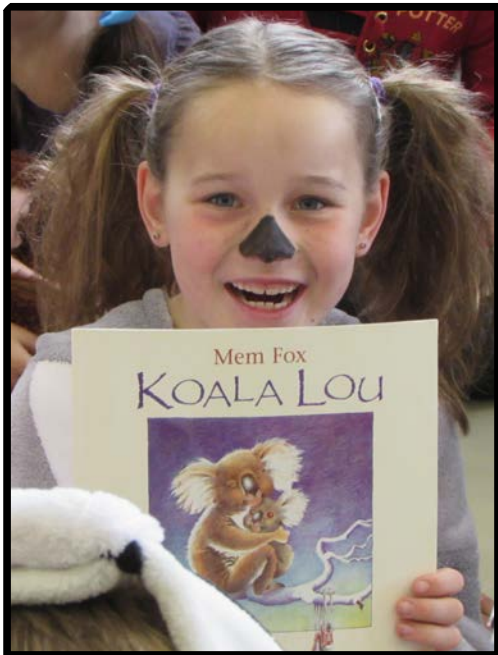
On Friday we had our character dress up day and parade which was highly anticipated by all. It was well worth the wait! Characters looked brilliant and many had gone to exceptional efforts to take on the look of their favourite character.

Hopefully the week has inspired us all to truly engage ourselves in the literature that surrounds us and encouraged us all to read more for enjoyment, learning and fun.



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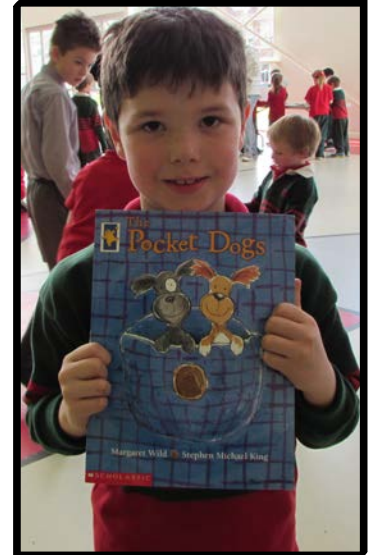
Book Week Parade



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Buddy Reading Time

