

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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OUR P.B.S. VALUES ARE:

Respect for Ourselves

Respect for Others

Respect for our Learning

From the Principal:

BeAttitudes: *Be Compassionate*

What is great about SHS is the diversity of experiences that our students can experience. The diversity of people that make up our community. Our students each year can get to know more students as we are a two stream school (two classes on each grade). They get the advantage of meeting new people who can sometimes become new friends. Only having spent more time with someone in a new class, do students sometimes find that there has been another 'potential' friend in the wings they were unaware of.

Having the ability to be able to get along with a variety of people, make sure you have as broad a friendship group as possible and also have the ability to get along with different teachers is critically important in the first year of High School. Parents with children in High School, particularly Grade 7 for the first time this year, I know will attest to this reality. Apart from requesting 1-2 students you may not want in the same class as your child, you have little other choice around teachers and classes in High School. Our students need to be able to deal with this when they arrive on the doorsteps of High School.

With class allocations at SHS, our teachers and school is committed to making sure each year the two classes in each grade are as balanced as possible (within the realities of achieving only having two choices; Class A or Class B).

Students with higher specific learning needs are the first priorities when allocating students. Which of the teachers available will best suit their needs, using experiences of previous teachers and learning support staff to make this decision collaboratively along with the teachers on the grades they are going into. Conversation is had with parents around this also.

Teachers will at times contact parents to seek feedback as a preference may be needed. For example there may be twins or siblings in the same grade and whether they stay together or are separated, there may be cousins in classrooms which need to stay or be separated.

Students with a specific learning need are also considered. Sometimes it may be better to have students together or separate. Sometimes it may be better have them in different classes and other times it may help in sharing resources and using learning support time with several students as their needs are very similar.

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Each class must have a balance of academic talents and abilities. We focus primarily on literacy, numeracy, work habits and work ethic in sharing students across either of the two classes available. A balanced split of gender is important too, to make sure that numbers of boys and girls split between classes is balanced and equitable.

Social groupings are important. Students are given the chance to nominate 3-4 friends they would like to have in their class. Rarely do students choose the exact same names each year. Students, through mixing into different groups, often meet people they get along with and as they get older may share similar interests that they didn't in the past. It is important to understand that just because your child nominates 3-4 friends does not always mean that those same 3-4 friends nominate the same friends as each other. This makes this process more difficult to get right.

It is also important to balance different personalities across classrooms. For example, we want a balance of more confident, more reserved to very shy students given support by balancing this across different rooms.

In our school we are very fortunate to have a great balance between male and female teachers. The argument of wanting a male teacher at SHS carries far less weight than nearly every other Primary School in Tasmania, as across 7 years of primary schooling, opportunities from Grade 1-4 and in Grade 6 along with specialist teachers provide greater opportunities for this to happen at SHS.

The process in previous years has been thorough. This year we will further increase the rigour by which we balance our class allocations, including using staff meeting and team planning time to spend greater time critically reviewing possible class lists. We will have the previous class teachers go through proposed class lists, too, to double check there is something that is not considered.

To be very honest, nearly all legitimate requests from parents, have already been addressed through the processes our teachers use (outlined in the paragraphs above). Of the remainder of requests they are often 'parent preferred' requests that other parents may also want but do not make the request.

From this year we will not be offering the same process of parent requests as has been the case in the past. Part of our focus on social and emotional wellbeing, hopefully develops abilities in our students to learn to get along with different types of people, including teachers. To also broaden friendship and social groups as much as possible, which helps in the transition to a High School of over 1500 students, where you don't pick teachers or the majority of students that are in your classes. If this is a challenge for a specific child, then SHS is the best place to help develop resilience around this in preparation for High School.

I know that this decision will not be popular with every parent, at the same time I also know it will be welcomed by many. This is something that our entire teaching staff are united and in agreement with. We know that as parents, we are just trying to get the best outcomes for our children, and we should be unapologetic for this. I hope that parents also know that as a school our job is to get the best outcomes possible for all students, whether their parents make requests or not and we should be unapologetic about this too!

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Last Friday was another great SHS Feast Day. From the start of the day with our students celebrating with reverence with Fr. Richard in a whole school Mass, to the SHS Cup in teams working with our buddies, to the SHS Got Talent in the afternoon. The day is all about positivity, pride in being part of this school and a chance to have fun together, meeting and getting to know more about our friends and classmates. Mrs. Halley and Mr. Nas, as usual, prepared our students, thanks to Mrs. Illingworth for her work with SHS Cup and Mr. Nas, Mr. Davie and Mr. Hood for their preparation with SHS Got Talent.

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SCHOOL FEE'S/LEVIES

As a school we are proud of our support of families around financial commitment to our school. As a Catholic School funds through fees and levies are critical to the income and running of the school.

We only ask that if there is a challenge around payment of fees either longer term or short term you work with the school to map out a plan. We will support families wherever we can, what we ask though is contact is made and when letters are sent home, you respond and contact the school accordingly. We realise it is not an easy or enjoyable thing to do, but one that should be done out of respect and courtesy to the school.

CAN DRIVE

There is a flyer in the newsletter for Can Drive. We have participated in previous years and the donation of canned goods go to very needy people within our community.

A flyer for 'can DRIVE' with a yellow border. At the top left are logos for 'zest.' and 'Impression'. The main text 'can DRIVE' is in large red and black letters. To the right is a can of 'Yes I've can!' with a checkmark. Below this, it says 'All food donations go to the Launceston Benevolent Society.' and 'You can make a difference!'. A note says 'Now you have your donations box, leave it in an area where all staff members have easy access, ie lunch room or reception.' A list of ideal donations (non-perishables) includes: cans, cereals, rices, sugar, jars, soups, pasta. It states 'Your donation box will be picked up in the week starting Monday, July 6.' and provides a contact number for Zest. At the bottom, it says 'Please spread the word, anyone can register at candrive.com.au' and lists sponsors: zest., Impression, LAFA, and EXAMINER.

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- jars • soups • pasta

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If you have any queries please call zest. on 6334 3319.

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SHS UMBRELLA'S

We have had some interest from parents around the SHS Umbrellas that you may have seen our staff using on rainy days. If interested in purchasing an umbrella they would cost \$30 that would cover cost, freight etc. If you are interested please let our office know and we will place an order in a few weeks.



LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mr. Tony Claessens will be taking long service leave for the first week of Term 3. Mrs Megan Badcock will be in Grade 6 Claessens. Megan has taught at SHS before starting a family and regularly does relief work in our school. Megan will be a great replacement for the first week.

P & F MEETING

At the last P & F meeting on Tuesday the following were key points from the meeting:

- P & F will provide \$500 per class in our school to go towards teachers purchasing items for use in their classrooms. This is an annual donation that comes from the P & F levy that parents pay as part of their fees and levies. This goes directly to items, stationery etc for our students
- \$1000 to Music program which will help Mr. Nas in purchasing a new electronic portable piano as our well used and loved piano 'died' last Friday.
- \$1000 towards Art Program with Mrs. Melissa Heathorn. This will help with supplies used in Art lessons and the Art Club that Mel has started with our students after school on a Tuesday once a month.

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SWIMMING PROGRAM

This year we will continue with the Grade 2-4 Swimming Program at Launceston Aquatic Centre, as we did last year. We will also this year have our Prep and Gr. 1 students participate in Swimming Program at Launceston Aquatic Centre. Our current Swimming Pool is still out of action. This has been a frustrating process in determining ownership and responsibility of maintenance around the swimming pool across different aspects of the Archdiocese. The parish and school are working together to create a Memorandum of Understanding around facilities on our site however this will still take some time to finalise and implement.

SUPPORTING ADOLESCENT BOYS AND GIRLS

St. Patrick's held a night for parents of Adolescent children last week. The sessions were run by Inspire for Girls and Odyssey. The session reinforced several things around the challenge of being a parent of teenagers as well as the challenges of social media. If you want further information the websites below are a good start:

www.odysessyprogram.com.au

www.inspireforgirls.com.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

The feedback from parents who have completed the process is that it is quite quick to complete. It is more just a matter of getting into Service Tasmania to process the application. As stated in many of the newsletters it is important to have this addressed if wanting to coach teams in basketball in October.

How to apply for a WWCC 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 WWCC card, please bring it to the school office so your name, registration number and expiry date can be recorded and verified.

MIDYEAR REPORTS

Your child will bring home their mid year report on Wednesday next week. Please enjoy reading your child's report and celebrate their successes with them.

Parent Student Teacher night will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. Booking forms will be sent home with your eldest child on the first day back next term or on the first Wednesday for Kinder Nas.

A big thank you to all our teachers who put many hours into processing and writing reports for your children.

Liz Illingworth



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From the Principal:

~ June 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28th	29th School Reports to parents	30th 3.15pm grade 5/6 Bookclub	1st July 7pm Cybersmart Presentation for parents @SHS	2nd July Foundation Band & Strings Workshop day @St Ailbes	3rd July 9am Assembly End of Term 2 BBQ & Plain Clothes day	4th
		School Photos				

~ July 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19th	20th Term 3 begins	21st 3.10pm Artclub	22nd	23rd 10am Strings program 1.30pm Band program	24th 2.15pm Assembly	25th

End of Term 2 BBQ

Friday 3rd July

Sausage/Hamburger orders along with payment need to be given to the class teachers by Friday 26th June

Hamburgers \$2.00

Sausages \$1.50



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 16.12.15



Reminder to return your school photo envelopes by Friday the 26th June

Schedule for School photos

Tuesday 30/6

9.10 5 M

9.30 5 V/S

9.50 Kinder H

10.10 Prep B

10.30 Prep H

11.30 2 R

11.50 1 C

12.10 3 H

1.10 3 S

2.00 4 H

2.20 4 W

Wednesday 1/7

9.10 Kinder N

9.30 1U

9.50 6D

10.10 6C

10.30 2VR

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/sacredheartl

Pinterest: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Mini Vinnie's

Winter Warmers

This term we would like students to bring in old clothes, blankets and non-perishable food items. The students can leave their items in their classes and the Vinnie's team will come and collect them. Thank you for helping to make a homeless person a little more comfy this winter



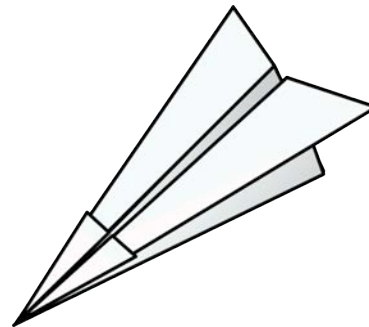
Paper Plane competition

In week 9 mini Vinnie's will be holding their next fundraiser for the term. the fundraiser is a paper plane competition. To enter it is a gold coin donation. Each grade will compete on different days at lunchtime. the competition will be open to Grade 1-6

From The Mini Vinnie's team

Paper Plane Poster

Monday 22/6 - Grade 1
 Tuesday 23/6 - Grade 2
 Wednesday 24/6 - grade 3
 Thursday 25/6 - Grade 4
 Monday 29/6 - Grade 5
 Tuesday 30/6 - Grade 6



Parents & Friends News

Last year Parents & friends organised a successful "Market on the Green". P & F have received requests to again hold this event for 2015 and are looking for helpers to join a sub committee to assist with the planning. Please if you have free time to be involved contact Rebecca on 0418721952. The Market will only go ahead if enough help is available.



Tuesday Book Club

20
15

RULES
 BY
CYNTHIA LORD

"Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules — from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" — in order to stop his embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a paraplegic boy, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?"



The next meeting is
 Tuesday 30th June
 from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.
 Everyone welcome from Grades 5 & 6

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Last Friday we celebrated the Feast Day of Sacred Heart. Fr Richard celebrated mass with us and the children sang and participated joyfully. Later in the day we had our Sacred Heart Cup where all the children participated with their buddies and in teams doing various fun activities. It was wonderful seeing all the children encouraging and supporting each other and enjoying themselves. In the afternoon we were wowed by the talents of students (and some staff!) at the annual Sacred Heart's Got Talent. What a wonderful spectacular event! Every act was a winning act. Congratulations to all involved on the day and to all who auditioned this year. We have a lot of talent in our school. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us that like Jesus' heart so full of love that we too are to share this love with others.



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Family Life Program

In term 3, Centacare will be running their Family Life Program in our school. The Family Life Program was developed to assist parents:

- To encourage the development of positive attitudes towards growth and development of sexuality in children
- To promote discussion between parents and children
- To provide accurate and up to date information
- To help children to develop positive relationships

There will be Parent/Child Evenings on the following days:

Monday August 3rd for Parents and children of Grade 5 and 6.

Tuesday August 4th for Parents and children of Grade 3 and 4.

Wednesday August 5th for Parents and children of Grade 1 and 2.

The Parent/Child Evenings will be followed up by in class sessions for students in Grade 6 on Tuesday 4th August and students in Grade 4 on Wednesday 5th August.

All Centacare programs are designed to be age appropriate.

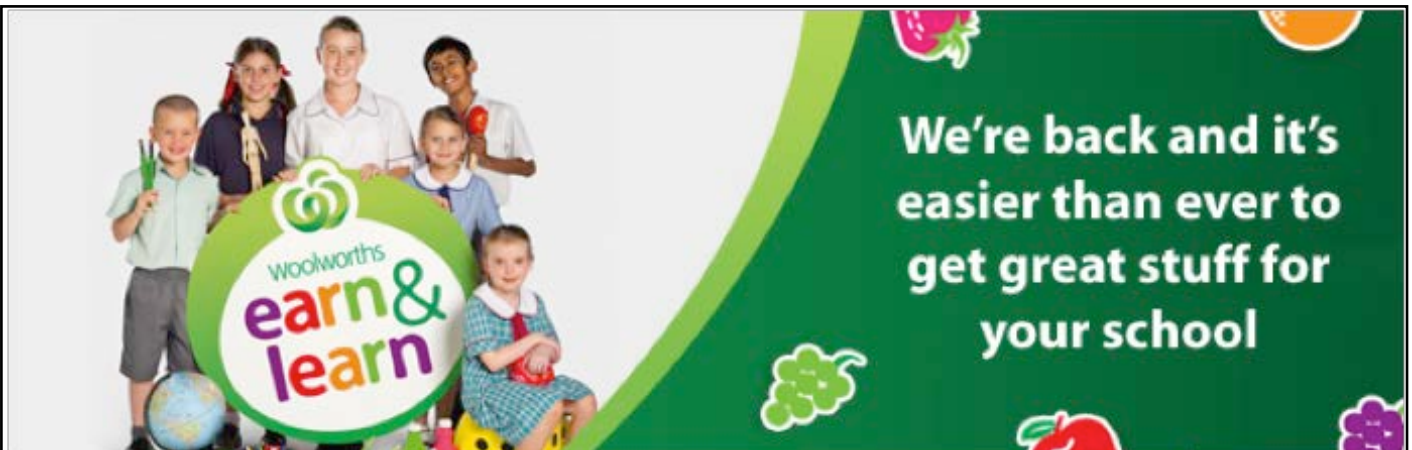
We strongly encourage you to take part in these Parent Child sessions with your child. Centacare ask for a \$10 donation per family to cover costs (only one payment required if you attend more than one session).

When: Monday August 3rd Grade 5 and 6

Tuesday August 4th Grade 3 and 4

Wednesday August 5th Grade 1 and 2

Where: School Staffroom, 6:30-8:00



It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, at the school office.

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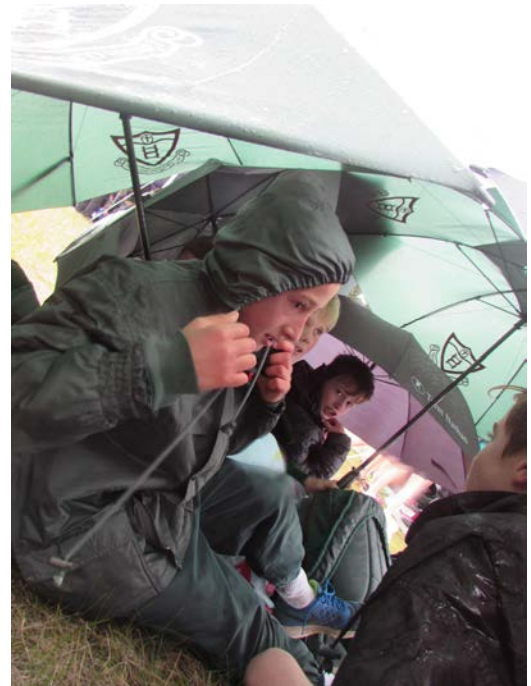
ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday 45 Sacred Heart students represented our school at the 2015 Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country Championships. This event sees the best primary school distance runners compete annually at Symmons Plains. All of our students ran superbly in difficult conditions. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 50:

Isabella Davie – 1st place in the 10 years girls age group
Max Roney – 2nd place in the 9 years boys age group
Connor Leeflang – 5th place in the 11 years boys age group
Annalise Leeflang – 14th place in the 9 years girls age group
Ava Jones – 29th place in the 9 years girls age group
Mia Goody – 30th place in the 9 years girls age group
Liliana Ercole – 49th place in the 10 years girls age group
Sophie Illingworth – 26th place in the 11 years girls age group
Isabella Johnston – 32nd place in the 11 years girls age group
Jade Nichols – 19th place in the 12 years girls age group
Evie Dawkins – 28th place in the 12 years girls age group
Oliver Baldock – 30th place in the 9 years boys age group
Alex Zegveld – 39th place in the 9 years boys age group
Fletcher Harper – 19th place in the 10 years boys age group
Sam Cowley – 32nd place in the 10 years boys age group
Mitchell Nicholas – 15th place in the 11 years boys age group
Liam Jones – 19th place in the 11 years boys age group
Josh Gillow – 49th place in the 11 years boys age group
Stefan Tantari – 48th place in the 12 years boys age group

*All races had over 200 competitors

We now look forward to the NIJSSA Cross Country Carnival tomorrow at Scotch Oakburn.



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Craft Club

Parent/Child Workshops

Saturday

21st March *Easter Packaging*

2nd May *Mother's Day Mini Album*

30th May *Fun Cards*

27th June *Surprise!*

10:30am-12:00pm

St Thomas More's School

RSVP by Thursday before to:

Sharnee Torrents

0409 865355

sharneetorrents@netspace.net.au

Cost \$10

Move Well Eat Well

Get out and about!



Leave the car at home and travel on foot or by bike

Walking and riding allows children to:

- Be more active
- Learn how to find their way around the neighborhood
- Understand and learn about road and pedestrian safety



For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit:

www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

Move Well Eat Well

Teach road safety from an early age



Walking and cycling helps children learn how to be safe around roads.

- Help your child learn about road safety by:
- Using pedestrian crossings, traffic lights and footpaths.
- Teaching road and pedestrian rules.
- Supervising children at pedestrian crossings.
- Making sure that protective gear such as helmets are worn when riding.
- Holding hands to cross roads.




For more road safety ideas visit:
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

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Basketball Tasmania



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS

CAMP A: 6-9 YEAR OLDS | CAMP B: 10-13 YEAR OLDS

2 DAY CAMPS
COST \$35 PER PERSON PER DAY (\$70 FOR THE TWO DAYS)
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND BALL

TIMES 9AM TO 3PM

ELPHIN SPORTS CENTRE, LAUNCESTON – WEDNESDAY 8 JULY AND THURSDAY 9 JULY.
KINGBOROUGH SPORTS CENTRE, HOBART – MONDAY 13 JULY AND TUESDAY 14 JULY.
DEVONPORT RECREATION CENTRE – MONDAY 13 JULY AND TUESDAY 14 JULY.
DELOIRINE BASKETBALL STADIUM – WEDNESDAY 15 JULY AND THURSDAY 16 JULY.

OPEN TO ALL LEVELS – FOCUS ON FUN AND FUNDAMENTALS
GREAT COACHING LINE UP WITH A SERIES OF GUEST COACHES



CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS FRIDAY 3 JULY.
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED DUE TO COURT SPACE SO REGISTER NOW (WE SOLD OUT LAST TIME).
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE – WWW.TAS.BASKETBALL.NET.AU

Want to play Hockey?

2015

Learn all the skills and play games in a fun and safe environment

We have a number of formal and informal competitions for ages 5 years – 100!

- We run formal competitions in under 10's, 12's, 14's, 16' & 18's plus seniors.
- We also run Hook in2 hockey programs for beginners and school holiday fun days.
- We can provide sticks and shin pads but you will need your own mouthguard.

To register or find out my information please contact Helen Partridge

Helen@hockeytasmania.com.au or 0448 808 985

Bookmark this Date

Wednesday July 1st @ 7:00pm

A fantastic opportunity for all Sacred Heart parents to attend the Cybersmart Program - a national cybersafety education program.

The online world is powerful and engaging for young people and adults alike, offering a wealth of opportunity. The Cybersmart program aims to inform parents about cybersafety issues and help us to empower our children to be safe online.

Put this date in your calendar - a great opportunity for all parents.

Have a look at the ACMA site online: www.cybersmart.gov.au



