

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 your best self*

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

John F Kennedy

Change often challenges our deeply-held beliefs, and as John Kenneth Galbraith famously said, "Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof". Open, authentic, truthful dialogue, in an atmosphere of trust and respect, is the key ingredient that makes meaningful change possible."

Unknown

At the elite level of sport, explicit and honest feedback is now the norm. If you cannot cope with, respond to and take on board feedback you will not develop into an elite athlete, no matter what your level of skill.

The realities of most of society including schools is not that of elite level sport. There is so much energy and wasted time avoiding direct, honest feedback given in the right way.

As parents we expect a level of service and support from schools in educating our children. We expect feedback regularly both informally and formally. We as parents, certainly don't want to hear things about our child, first from other parents or children rather than the teacher. At the same time, we as parents, do not always give the school all the information or enough information about what is happening outside of school to help us do our best work.

As staff we expect our Principal and leaders to be honest, keep us informed and let us know directly if there are any concerns, not share or discuss them with other staff but not us. In the three schools I have been Principal in, some staff at times have been reluctant to give feedback directly, say what they really believe or think about an issue. Our school culture is genuinely as good a culture as I have experienced in my career, not only as a principal but also as a teacher, yet we are certainly not perfect or immune from this reality.

As Principals we expect our system to include us in decision making, consult and be direct and open in their feedback and avoid 'playing politics'. Yet I find myself at times in conversations, either listening or being listened to, that make my actions hypocritical to what I expect and demand in return. My point is we too often expect others to treat us respectfully and honestly yet do not expect the same of ourselves when the opportunity presents itself.

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From the Principal:

For me faith is a verb not a noun. Faith is in the doing not in the talking. The words of prayer are powerful but mean little if not resulting in action or genuine reflection in ourselves. As member by choice of a catholic community we must judge ourselves not in the actions, doing and living out not in the rhetoric.

Integrity is the gap between what we say and do. We must challenge ourselves and each other to keep the gap as narrow as possible. Starting, first not with where we see the gaps in others, but where we see the gaps in ourselves, Not because we are a principal or a parent or a staff member but because we are decent people and want our children to see this regularly, so that our children will develop into the people we hope they will become.

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS 2015

Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 5 will have their child's NAPLAN Report sent home this week. It shows where your child's score on individual tests was, compared to the national average as well as where the middle 60% of scores across Australia on that grade were.

Initial data from this year highlights generally positive results again. Including:

- Year 3 highest average mean score for reading, spelling and grammar since the current NAPLAN testing was initiated.
- Nearly 1 in 2 students in the highest possible Bands for reading and spelling in year 3.
- Year 5 highest average mean score for spelling and grammar/punctuation since the current NAPLAN testing was initiated.
- Both Grade 3 and 5 show positive trending improvements in all aspects of NAPLAN when looked at from the beginning of NAPLAN to where we sit now as a school.
- Our school continues to achieve results, when compared to schools locally or statewide, independent, catholic or government, that are as competitive as any school within Tasmania.
- The areas of vocabulary and numeracy while achieving positive results, continue to be areas of focus.



The data from NAPLAN has also reinforced the importance and relevance of our co-teacher program in challenging capable students to further develop their skills in the areas of literacy and numeracy. It will certainly inform our focus and direction with co-teacher into 2016.

BOOKWORK "BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD"

Next week is Book Week. There are different activities our students will be involved in, including:

Buddy Book Reading - Students bring along their favourite book. Big Buddies and little buddies share their books with each other. Wednesday August 26th 2:00pm Presentation Hall.

Books Light up Your World Classroom display and tour. Each class prepares a display around the theme. Wednesday 26th August Kinder Halley can do a tour. The rest of the school tour on Friday 28th August from 11:30am-1:30pm

Great Book Swap (Supporting the indigenous Literacy Foundation) Students bring in a book they no longer want and also bring a gold coin to purchase a new book. Wednesday August 26th 11:30am-1:30pm in the Presentation Hall.



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M.J.R MURAL

Many of you would know of Peter Mitchell, a former Christian Brother, Principal of St. Patrick's Preparatory School (current Kinder/Gr. 5 building) and creator of the MJR Program we use across our school and what Julian Davie leads across each of our Launceston Schools with their Grade 6 classes each Thursday. 'Mitch' will be retiring at the end of this year. We plan to create a MJR Mural in our school and when Mitch comes for his next visit in October, surprise him with it. It will be our way of 'thanking' Mitch for his contribution to our school and to many schools over many years. The fence at the back of the Grade 5 basketball courts will be primed, painted and we will have many of our students do the painting of the MJR Themes we want to include on the fence.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION BOARD VISIT

On Tuesday of this week representatives of the SRB (School Registration Board) met with Liz Illingworth and myself as well as Susie Lehner, Chair of our School Board. The SRB registers schools to meet specific standards, legislation, compliance, policies, protocols and procedures. Schools have to provide clear documentation and evidence of meeting the standards and then they visit and work through this.

Depending on any queries or concerns, the school is then re-registered for a period of time, to remain open and viable as a school. The visit was very positive and all indications were, there were no concerns. We will receive in letter correspondence once the SRB meets.

BIRTH - 4 PROGRAM

We have offered Kinder placements for 2016 and would like to provide the afternoon sessions for 3-4 year old children to support them in their transition into next year. Existing families it would be good if you could also start attending some of these sessions as it is a great chance to have your child get to know new children and families to the school next year.

BASKETBALL TRY OUTS

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our Gr 3-6 students who have registered interest to play in Primary School Basketball tournament had tryouts for teams. Parents would have received the letter previously about this and the principles and guidelines the school will support in the selection of teams and their participation during the tournament.



New design for Sacred Heart Representative Team sports

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Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program (Kinder – Grade 3)

On Wednesday August 26th Bravehearts will present the Ditto Show on Personal Safety to our Kinder to Grade 3 Students. Your student should have brought home a note in regards to this show. If you have not received a note, please contact your child's teacher.

There will be a Parent Information session at 9:00am. Kinder Nas, Prep Best, 1 Crawford, 2 Reid and 3 Hood will be attending at 9:30am and Kinder Halley, Prep Hills, 1 Underlin, 2 van Ryn and 3 Symons at 10:20am. Parents are also welcome to attend their child's show.

Topics covered in the show consist of 'Yes' and 'No' feelings, the Bodies warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure. The cost of the Program is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST FUN DAY

As part of the Parish's Confirmation and First Eucharist program, the children currently preparing for these Sacraments have been invited to participate in a Fun Day with all the candidates from across the different schools in the Parish. Our school fully supports this program and we encourage all our students in the program to participate in the day. It should be a fun day for all involved.

Friday 28th August
St Ailbes Hall
10:30am - 2:30pm

Children are requested to wear **plain comfortable clothes** and bring a packed morning tea, lunch and a drink.

The new Sacramental co-ordinator, Mrs Rosie Caelli, will be running the day. Our students will be accompanied by Mrs Helen Halley.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

****THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE POLICE CHECK THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BE REQUIRED****

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.

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~ August 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
	Book Week - Books Light Up Our World	7.30pm P & F Meeting		10am Strings program 1.30pm Band program Gr.3 Excursion to Planetarium	2.15pm Assembly 5pm Rock'n'Roll Night	

~ September 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30th	31st August	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
		Kinder Halley- Hagley Farm Excursion 3.10 Art Club	9-11am Fathers Day Celebrations	10am Strings program 1.30pm Band program	Kinder Nas- Hagley Farm Excursion 2.15pm Assembly	

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2016

TERM 1 Thursday 4.2.16 to Friday 8.4.16
TERM 2 Monday 26.4.16 to Friday 1.7.16
TERM 3 Monday 18.7.16 to Friday 23.9.16
TERM 4 Monday 10.10.16 to Thursday 15.12.16



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Thursday Lunchtime

A Science Club will be starting this Thursday at lunch time in the Cellar for those children interested in the subject. We should have lots of fun conducting educational experiments and hopefully this will help foster enjoyment as well as a spirit of enquiry. Children will be reminded not to conduct these experiments at home without parental supervision. In the interests of safety it would be appreciated if parents could also stress this point with children.

Kind regards,
Tony Claessens

Grade 5 and 6
Tuesday Book Club

2015

THE LAST THIRTEEN

James Phelan



The next meeting is
Tuesday 25th August
3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Book Week 2015 22nd-28th August

Buddy book reading Wednesday 26th August

Everybody brings in their favourite book.
Buddy book reading in the Presentation Hall at 2pm

Books Light Up your world display Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th

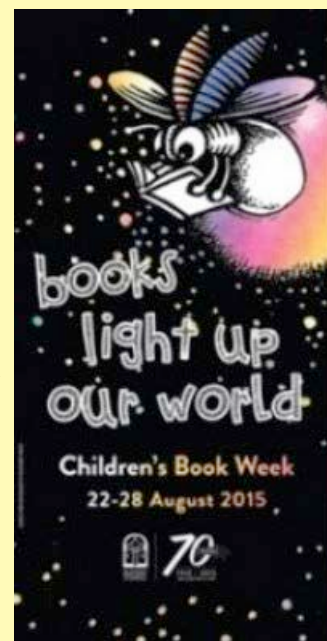
Book week displays in each classroom

Display in Foyer

Mrs McIntee is preparing a cool display for the office foyer area for book week
Please call in and have a look!

Great Book Swap Wednesday 26th - 11.30am - 1.30pm

Bring a Book
Bring a Gold Coin and swap your book for another
Money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation



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The Spirit of Jesus is Alive in:

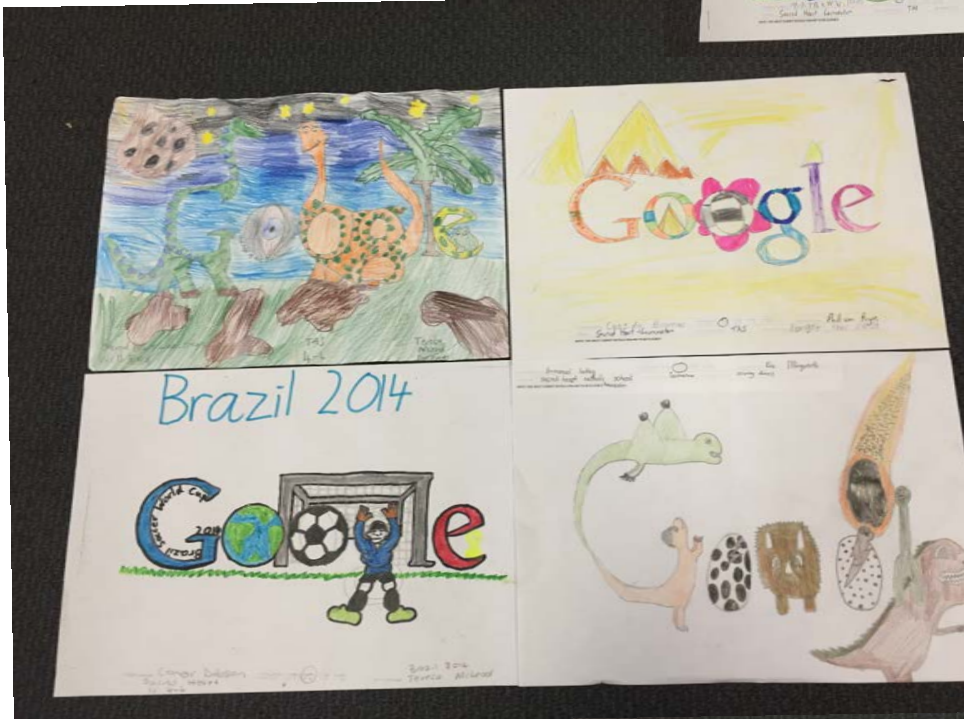
Prep Hills	Kayleb Barker For great participation in all Prep tasks this week	Gus Pederson For improved listening in class this week
Grade 1 Crawford	Jonah Webb For much improved writing this week	Maggie Dick For amazing narrative writing
Grade 1 Underlin	Emily Norton For her awesome work in Literacy	Emily McMullen For always doing her best
Grade 2 Reid	Breanna Harper For fantastic work in Maths this week	Archie Cooper For his fantastic attitude towards his learning
Grade 2 van Ryn	Lachlan Davern For great thinking and recall in Geometry	Connor Davis For putting a big effort into his English work
Grade 3 Hood	Alex Zegveld For your excellent contributions during our science unit 'spinning in space'	Summer Alexander For your wonderful iMovie presentation in R.E
Grade 3 Symons	Lily Robinson For excellence in all academic areas	Liam Slevac For outstanding achievement in his work
Grade 4 Wood	Emilee Faulkner For your excellent progress in Maths	
Grade 4 Hegarty	Jackson Northeast For always being a kind and positive class member	Ryan Leonard For great contributions to all our class discussions
Grade 5 McLeod	Ewen Cooper For effort and persistence in writing a detailed personal response to a recent performance	Sophie Illingworth For outstanding enthusiasm and effort in all areas of school
Grade 5 Viney/Sydes	Elizabeth Hannah For outstanding attention to detail in her work	Connor Leeftang For the application and effort he gives to all tasks and challenges
Grade 6 Davie	Piaf George For being a Go-Kart - a self motivated learner	Stefan Tantari For being a Go-Kart - a self motivated learner
Grade 6 Claessens	Gabriella Brohier For listening to advice and contributing very well to class discussion	Oscar Mansell For improved application and consistently remaining on task

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If I could travel back in time I would...

Many of our students have entered a competition to be published on the Google homepage. Below are a few of our entries. The entries are fantastic and display the amazing art and thinking skills of our students.



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Exciting news and back due to popular demand is the



Market on the Green
Sunday 15th November
On the School Oval from 12 noon.

Parents and Friends Assoc are pleased to be holding this successful event again for 2015 and say thank you to those parents who expressed interest to assist with the planning.

Stall bookings are now available at \$25.00 per trestle table or \$15.00 if you supply your own trestle table. To secure your booking contact Tracy on 0419 568 598 or email shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

For further information contact Rebecca on 0418 721 952.

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



An Invitation for the whole Family

Come and join the fun at the ever popular

ROCK AND ROLL NIGHT

Do the Macarena or get your Grease Lightening moves going.

Friday 28th August

Doors open 5.45pm

6.00pm-8.00pm

St Ailbes Hall

\$10.00 per family

BYO Takeaway Tea/Snacks and Drinks

Your child/ren have been practising their dance moves for weeks and are ready to ROCK the night away with Mr Nas's great music.

Parent/Guardian supervision is essential, not the responsibility of staff or P &F.

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- 1. Shop at Woolworths and get 1 Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10.00 spent**
- 2. Stick them on the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheet**
- 3. Once the sheet is full put it in the collection box at the School office**



Changes to Fare Structure

METRO is planning to make changes to our fare structure from **1 October 2015**. Greencards are cheaper, easier, and help us run more efficient services so we are:

- making **standard daily caps** even lower
- discontinuing Day Tripper and Day Rover all-day tickets
- ceasing 90-minute transfers on cash tickets

With free Greencards between 2 August and 30 September 2015, low **daily caps** and discounted fares, there's never been a better time to get on-board.

For more information on these changes get in touch with our customer service team by emailing correspondence@metrotas.com.au or calling **13 22 01**.

Change is always challenging, and we want to ensure that Metro's considerable customer-base of travellers is well informed and understands how these changes can benefit them!

Getting a Greencard is easy and we'll make it even easier as we bring in these changes by waiving the \$5 issue fee for a new card between 2 August and 30 September 2015. We will also remove the \$5 minimum top up when recharging your Greencard.

Apply for your **FREE** Greencard online at metrotas.com.au, or in person at a **Metro** Shop or depot. Other Greencard agents can only issue unregistered Adult cards, however they can provide information and application forms for other card types. We can even send you out an application form when you call us on **13 22 01**. Keep an eye on our website for details of when the **Metro** team will be in your area to distribute Greencards.

We're all short on time and the Greencard makes it easier and quicker to board a bus – you won't need to worry about finding the right change, demonstrating a concession, or knowing which kind of ticket to ask for. Greencard also saves you 20% on any fare, any time, as well as capping the amount your travel will cost each day.

Once you've got your free Greencard, you can easily top up your credit:

- At a Greencard agent (using cash, credit card or EFTPOS)
- On a bus (giving cash to the driver)
- Online (using your credit card) – for registered Greencard holders only
- On the **Metro Tas App** (free download from the App Store for iOS users).

Effective
1 October 2015



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St Patrick's College and Friends of Music 2015 MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT



St Ailbes Hall - Margaret Street

**Saturday 12th of September
6:30PM for a 7:00PM start**

LIVE MUSIC BY THE St Pat's

BIG BAND

**SILENT
AUCTION**

**BUY A BALLOON, EVERYONE
WINS A PRIZE**

\$10 ENTRY PER HEAD

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NIBBLES!

Lollies, desserts and drinks are available for purchase on the night.

CONTACT Giselle on 0419 560 204 or Sharon on 0408 402 681 for tickets!



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Professional Development Workshop



FREE Workshop

It's all about Relationships!

Presented by TRACEY WICKS

Social Work practitioner, Assessor and Trainer

Tracey Wicks is a Trainer/Assessor with Community Training Australia.

Tracey has close to 20 years' social work experience, working in the community sector in the areas of family homelessness, child protection and aged care. Her last 10 years have been working with families experiencing high levels of distress.

She is well known in the community for bringing NewPin to Northern Tasmania. Tracey is an experienced group work facilitator.

This is an experiential (and theory based) workshop that will give participants insight into relationship dynamics –

- What enhances intimacy within a relationship?
- Why intimate relationships can be so challenging
- Why communication breakdown occurs so frequently within a relationship
- How to assist others (and yourself) in creating the relationship you want

Whether you work with couples, individuals or families; whether you are in a relationship or not – this free workshop will provide you with knowledge and skills to work with relationships. With divorce and relationship break up on the rise in Australia and with estimated 41,747 children impacted by family divorce, it is so important that we understand how relationships work – for the clients we work with and ourselves.

**Tuesday 25th August
10am – 1pm**

**Ravenswood Child Family Centre
Morning Tea Provided**

RSVP: Community Training Australia

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