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.
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 1st 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 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd 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 21st 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.
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 to 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.

Helen Halley APRE
OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS

15th May 2013

Live as children of the light

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our 140th year
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 1:30 pm
Recess ends 11:25 am  School finishes 3:00 pm

REMEMBER

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.
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.
Community News

Kung Fu 4 Kids (6 - 12 years)

- 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

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"Our business is based on referrals. If you are happy with our service please refer us to your family, friends and colleagues."

6th Biennial State Conference
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
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Keynote speaker: Dr Linda Silverman

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

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 24th 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.