Keep up to date with what is happening in the school, reminders of events and any news as it happens through the school Twitter feed at: @shslton

From the Principal:

"If your happiness depends on what somebody else does, I guess you do have a problem."
Richard Bach

‘When spider webs unite they can tie up a lion.’
African proverb

Recently I had a meeting with a parent who wanted to discuss a genuine concern they had with how a situation had been addressed at school. The key focus was not on what had happened but how it had been addressed. It became clear that what the school had hoped the student would learn did not happen. By the end of the conversation we both agreed on what needed to happen to get a better outcome for the student. In reflecting on the meeting since, it has become clear that how I went about trying to address the issue was the wrong approach and did not bring about the outcomes I had hoped for. Simply, I made an error in judgement in the best way to handle the issue.
From the Principal: (cont.)

The parent organised a meeting with me through the office, came prepared with what they wanted to discuss and was genuinely open to hear what I had to say about the issue. They were also apologetic for having to meet and take up my time in discussing the issue.

There are two reasons why I have shared this:

1. We should never be apologetic as a parent for giving feedback to the school in trying to get a better outcome for our students.

2. We should admit when we make mistakes, whether we are a Principal, teacher, parent or student.

Having been in many schools as a teacher and a Principal as well as having visited many, many more schools within Tasmania, Australia and internationally what has become increasingly clear to me is:

_Great schools have more people with a 'collective mindset of common sense' compared to other schools!

What I mean by _collective mindset of common sense_ here includes:

- Principals who see mistakes as an opportunity to learn and improve for the next time. They create a culture where all members of the community 'have a go', are focused on trying new ways to improve the support of the students, staff and parents knowing that there will always be trial and error in any process.
- Parents are unapologetic about giving feedback; but also know giving feedback to other parents outside of school, but not communicating with the school, achieves nothing positive.
- People trust each other knowing more people, than not, ‘say what they mean and mean what they say’.
- People positively demand the right to be heard while simultaneously accepting the responsibility to listen before making judgement.

Next week we have our mid year parent teacher meetings. We give reports out ahead of these meetings to give parents time to organise what they would like to discuss in the short time available. This year we are also offering to include students in the meetings, seeing this as a great opportunity to further enhance the conversations.

I thank the parent I met with recently for reminding me of the importance of openness, genuine listening and how best to approach giving feedback to get a better result the next day and the day after that! (and the day after that!)

**International Principal Conference:**
I will be attending an International Principal Conference on the mainland this coming week and will not be at school for the last week of this term.

I am still accessible via email and office/staff will forward on any queries during this time. If there is anything needing immediate attention please contact Mr. Simon Wood or Mrs. Helen Halley.

The conference is focusing on Change Leadership and how as leaders we navigate our schools, people and students through the changing landscape of education in 2013 and beyond.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:**
If parents have not returned a form for a time to meet with their child's teacher we will be contacting you this week. We believe this opportunity, which only occurs twice a year, is very important. Our teachers want to meet with every parent to discuss your child’s development, achievements and areas of future focus.
From the Principal: (cont.)

**Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease:**
There has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease identified in Kinder. This is a viral infection and the child becomes mildly unwell with blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet. It is very important to follow good hand washing and cleaning techniques. Your child should stay home if unwell and until blisters have gone. See your doctor is concerned.

**N.A.I.D.O.C. Week:**
This coming week our school is celebrating N.A.I.D.O.C. Week along with other schools across the country. The focus of the week is to celebrate the history, achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme this year is **We value the vision!**

N.A.I.D.O.C. Week celebrations are held across Australia each July and this year's theme celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

On Tuesday 2nd June, at 2.00pm, we will gather in an assembly where each class will share something they have been learning about. This will include artworks, presentations of Creation Stories, a look at first settlement and other historical facts.

The afternoon will conclude with students working with their buddy to make a bracelet using all the colours represented in the flags. This should be an enjoyable afternoon with students gaining an understanding of some Aboriginal culture and history.

**Interschool Cross Country Carnival:**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE S.H.S. TEAM FOR CONVINCINGLY WINNING THE INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL!!

It was the first time in over a decade that we have won an Interschool Carnival. Specific details and results are included in this newsletter. I wanted to thank Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Anna Davie for helping with before school training each Monday and Wednesday for the last 5 - 6 weeks.
From the Principal: (cont.)

**All Schools Cross Country:**
We wish our students competing in the Statewide All School Cross Country Event at Symmon’s Plains today the very best.

**Birth – 4 Program: Playgroup at Sacred Heart**
This will begin on **Monday 29th July** (Week 2, Term 3) and be held in Mrs Nas’ Kindergarten room from 1.30pm - 3.00pm.
Families from our school, parish and local area are welcome to attend.
Our program will be facilitated by Mrs Jodie Beardwood.
Any queries can be directed to Jane Hills - email: jane.hills@catholic.tas.edu.au

**CYBERSAFETY:**

**REMINDER ABOUT THE CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, ORGANISED BY S.H.S., FOR WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 7PM**
Please RSVP to our School Office - We have received only a small number of confirmed attendance so far

**Prep Vision and Hearing Screening:**
**A REMINDER to parents of Prep and Grade One children.** If you haven’t already returned the School Screening form to school yet please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form, spares are available from the office.

**End of Term Sausage Sizzle Friday 5th July:**
Please place your order with your child’s teacher and prepay **before Monday 1st July**
Sausages $1.50 each, hamburgers $2.00 each

**Term Dates for 2014:**
Listed below are the term dates for the 2014 school year:

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Last week we celebrated the Feast Day of Sacred Heart and we reflected upon how we are called, as a school community, to live out that love of Jesus. Our school mission statement states …

“Go forward and share God’s gift of love to make our world a better place”.

There are so many wonderful things we do as a school community for others. Two great examples of this were held in the last two weeks - our encouragement and support for Jack Duffy and his family and our amazing response for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

This year we have also generously supported Caritas’ Project Compassion and our sponsor child Rhay, the Archbishop’s Good Samaritan Fund and the Care for Africa Organisation.

Many parents help by being members of the P/F or School Board, our team coaches or managers, parent help volunteers in the classrooms, canteen and sports days. Staff going beyond the call of their every day roles. And our students showing both kindness and initiation to one another at school and in outreach to others beyond our school.

There is a real sense of compassion and care when we live out our mission statement, not just in word and prayer, but in action and deed. Thank you to everyone who helps to make a difference and helps make our world a better place.

*Making a Difference: the Starfish Award*

An old man was picking up objects off the beach and tossing them out into the sea. A young man approached him and saw that the objects were starfish. "Why in the world are you throwing starfish into the water?"

"If the starfish are still on the beach when the tide goes out and the sun rises high in the sky, they will die," replied the old man.

"That is ridiculous. There are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. You can't really believe that what you're doing could possibly make a difference!"

The wise old man picked up another starfish, paused thoughtfully, and remarked as he tossed it out into the waves,

"It makes a difference to this one."

*Helen Halley APRE*
## RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Sebastian Johnston</td>
<td>For great writing</td>
<td>Max Powell For great work in Maths</td>
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<td>Prep Hills</td>
<td>Cain Lee</td>
<td>For fantastic participation in all of our Sacred Heart Day activities</td>
<td>Lachlan Davern For making a great effort with his journal writing</td>
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<td>Seth Clark</td>
<td>For completing his work with a positive attitude</td>
<td>William Andrews For being a helpful and positive person</td>
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<td>Crawford</td>
<td>Lachlan Jenkins</td>
<td>For outstanding work in Mrs Johnson’s Literacy group</td>
<td>Alice Mathers For being an outstanding W.E.S.T. student</td>
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<td>Elina McCormack</td>
<td>For trying so hard with her Maths sums</td>
<td>Sereya Millwood-MacKenzie For always being encouraging and supportive</td>
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<td>Grace Campbell</td>
<td>For great work in Drama</td>
<td>Emilee Faulkner For fantastic work in Science</td>
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<td>Charlotte Roney</td>
<td>For improved Maths skills</td>
<td>Nicholas Reid For excellent handwriting skills</td>
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<td>Chelsea Whitchurch</td>
<td>For always respecting others</td>
<td>Ewen Cooper For a positive attitude towards his work in class</td>
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<td>Kara Hennessey</td>
<td>For Polish paper cut in Art</td>
<td>Matthew Cairns For great work in Maths</td>
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<td>van Ryn</td>
<td>Gianne Donovan</td>
<td>For making better choices</td>
<td>Jesse Madden For sharing his thinking more consistently!</td>
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<td>Billee Hannah</td>
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<td>Hood</td>
<td>Taylah Griffin</td>
<td>For always trying to do her best</td>
<td>Fletcher Frame For persisting with all tasks</td>
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<td>Grade 3</td>
<td>Tibbie Dowling</td>
<td>For her friendly and caring attitude at all times</td>
<td>Imogen Beardwood For her friendly and caring attitude at all times</td>
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<td>Symons</td>
<td>Matthew Bell</td>
<td>For showing improved effort and producing a fine Creative Writing piece</td>
<td>Cohen Reaburn For slowing down and putting more thought into his work</td>
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<td>Grade 4</td>
<td>SASCHA NEWMAN</td>
<td>For her great input into our discussions about Fairy Tales and the work she is producing this unit</td>
<td>Kyle Hardinge For the excellent progress he has made on his Artistic Film!</td>
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Dear Parents,

**Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online**

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Sacred Heart is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Sacred Heart is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. Our program of internet safety initiatives includes:

- In school Cyber Safety education sessions
- ACMA presentation
- Use of an ICT agreement
- Staff professional development

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 3 July 2013  
**Session 1:** Student Presentation (3-6) @ 2.00pm  
**Session 2:** Staff Presentation @ 3.30pm  
**Session 3:** Parent Presentation @ 7.00pm

To register your attendance, please contact Phill van Ryn.
Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Regards,

Phill van Ryn  
(ICC Coordinator)  
phill.vanryn@catholic.tas.edu.au
On the 20th June the Sacred Heart Cross Country students headed to Scotch Oakburn for the NIJSSA Cross Country Carnival. The team had been doing lots of training and I was quietly confident we would win this event for the first time in many years. This prediction ended up coming to fruition thanks to the efforts from ALL of our team. There were many wonderful moments throughout the day. Here are some of the highlights:

- 1st place to Sophie Illingworth (grade 3 girls)
- 1st place to Connor Leeflang (grade 3 boys)
- 3rd place to Liam Jones (grade 3 boys)
- 3rd place to Mia Titmus (grade 4 girls)
- 1st place to Olivia Roney (grade 5 girls)
- 2nd place to Bailey Gillow (grade 5 boys)
- 3rd place to Mason Gardner (grade 5 boys)
- 3rd place to Isaac Nicholson (grade 6 boys)
- Team winners (grade 3 boys)
- Team winners (grade 6 boys)

These outstanding results don’t happen by accident and a few big thank you’s need to go out:
Thank you to all the running squad for your dedication, commitment, perseverance and stamina. All those training sessions in the cold really paid off!
Thank you to the reserves... although you didn't run, your support and commitment to training was greatly appreciated.
Thank you to Matt Jones, Liz Illingworth and Anna Davie who have helped out with training or coaching the students.
Finally, thank you to all of the parents that have supported the training at Brickfields. The numbers for training were excellent and I really believe this helped us win the event.

Mr John Anderson
PE Teacher
Grade 5I celebrated a Liturgy recently with Fr Mark. Our Liturgy was based around Creation.

We have been studying Creation and learning about our responsibilities for looking after the Earth. We wrote some Prayers of the Faithful celebrating the beautiful things we are grateful for.

The Liturgy was a lovely event where we all involved ourselves fully and really enjoyed being able to ask Fr Mark some questions afterwards.

National Walk Safely to School Day

We downloaded the App onto our iPhone before we walked to school that day, as the newsletter advised, and Sophie Petrack won a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. I think there was maybe 8 to give away Australia wide! We are so very excited.
Tuesday Book Club

Alice in Wonderland
by Lewis Carroll

Alice in Wonderland is one of the most popular, inviting, and adventurous stories of all time.

One normal summer day, Alice is sitting on the riverbank when a big, white, talking rabbit runs past. He pops into a big rabbit hole, and Alice follows him down, down, down into a strange and magical land.

Alice has many exciting adventures in this extraordinary place called Wonderland. Here, anything can happen: All the animals talk, a deck of cards comes to life, and everything gets curiouser and curiouser.

This is the timeless tale of Alice's adventures in Wonderland.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th August from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.
We meet 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.
SCHOOL NOTICES

CARE FOR AFRICA FOUNDATION

Thanks to everyone that donated prizes for the Care for Africa Foundation raffle

Late in Term 3 we will be having a “Care for Africa Colours for All” plain clothes day to raise funds for the Care for Africa Foundation. Further information will follow.

Thank you

Annie, Alison and Helen 😊

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

OPEN THURSDAYS 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Did you know that the Uniform Shop has in stock

- Girls Bottle Green Winter Trousers, size 8, 10 & 12
- Polar Fleece Bottle Green Beanies $5.00 each
- Fleecy Lined Bottle Green Raincoats, great value at $35.00 each
- Girls Woollen Stockings at $12.50 pair

We can be contacted via email at shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to check lost property as there are numerous unnamed items - particularly DRINK BOTTLES and LUNCH BOXES. If you are missing any items, please check the lost property basket near the office.

2013 TERM DATES

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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

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.
**Basketball Basics Day**

Do you like basketball? Are you keen to give it a try?

Come to a Basketball Basics Day and develop your skills, learn about basketball, play fun games and meet new people.

**Thursday 11th July**
(For children born 2000 – 2002)

**Monday 15th July**
(For children born 2003 – 2004)

> Open to males & females
> 9:30am – 4:00pm
> Cost = $50.00

These days are for players new, or relatively new, to basketball (less than 2 years playing).

The younger group (2003-2004) will use lowered baskets to make Shooting easier!

Head Coach for the Camps is BEN RUSH. Ben has coached beginners through to elite players in Australia & Europe.

He’s worked with many NBA, Opals, Boomers, European, NBL & WNBL players on their way to the top, including:

- Patty Mills (San Antonio Spurs)
- Hollie Grima (Opals World Champion)
- Adam Gibson (Boomers Olympian)

**IMPORTANT**

Numbers are limited due to court space, so be quick.

Players may not turn up on the day to register; you must submit your form & payment by Thursday 4th of July.

Registration Forms available from your school front office, from the office & canteen at Action Packed Stadium (Elphin Sports Centre), or contact Ben Rush. If you have any questions, please call or email Ben.

0498 228 326 ben43_swish@hotmail.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

Prep Vision and Hearing Screening

The Child Health and Parenting Service will be visiting the Sacred Heart Primary School to perform the vision and hearing screening program for Prep and Grade 1 children on the 25th, 26th and 27th of June and the 2nd and 4th of July 2013.

All children in Prep and Grade 1 will receive a consent form to be filled in and signed by their parents/guardians. Please return this form to school as soon as possible to ensure that your child is tested as the nurse will not be able to return to the school after the screening day/s. I will be collecting the consents on Monday the 17th of June.

Results will be sent home to parents on the day of screening.

Jenna Bayes (Child & Family Health Nurse)

St Patrick’s College Clothing Store

Our College Clothing Store hours are:
Tuesday and Thursday 10:30am - 4:00pm
closed between 12:00 - 12:30pm for lunch
Filomena is available to assist parents and students for all uniform requirements.
Lay-by is welcome.

meenah mienie
July Arts School Holiday Program

The meenah mienie school holiday program is open to all young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students aged 6 - 12 at 11 Tamar Street, Launceston.

All activities are free.

The program runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8th – 17th July.

All sessions run from 10am – 4pm and lunch is provided.

Some activities for the holiday period include: NAIDOC week celebrations and exhibition opening, mosaic tiling, fibre sculpture, ochre painting and bark hut making.

For bookings please contact Vicki or Linda on 63343460 or email: vicki@meenahmienne.org.au

The Communities for Children Initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.