From the Principal:

Our P.B.S. Values are:
- Respect for Ourselves
- Respect for Others
- Respect for our Learning

BeAttitudes: Be Honest

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Phil Jackson

In a few short days we will say farewell to our Grade 6 students, most having spent the last 8 years at S.H.C.S. We will also say farewell to some families, as their youngest child leaves S.H.C.S. Some of our families are ending the living tradition with SHCS of many years, sometimes decades and often generations. During their time at SHCS they have made an imprint on our community and we hope that the community will leave an imprint on them.

At the exact same time some are beginning a tradition with SHCS that could last years, decades and possibly generations. In all of this change, one thing remains constant: the school community. The tradition and connection to community is a powerful thing!

I take great pride in being connected to S.H.C.S., having attended St. Patrick’s Junior School (our current Kinder and Grade 5). I like seeing families continue the traditions of attending this school! I like the fact that my children play for Saints Basketball Club, a club that I played for and that their grandma, helped set up, as a founding committee member for students at this school. I love the fact my children experience connections and commitment to something bigger than the individual. That they are part of the continuing tradition of something bigger than them. I am sure many families could name other examples where this same importance of tradition and connecting to community applies for you.

In an increasingly secular society it is so easy to dismiss tradition as something just in the past. It is much more popular to just do what suits us, separate to the group or team, to opt out when things can get difficult. In a world increasingly reluctant to take and accept responsibility of actions as a general rule, our children more than ever need to learn about commitment, perseverance and persistence. There is growing evidence that young people are less likely to be involved in more at risk behaviours as young adults when they have the following 4 ingredients:

1. High levels of responsibility
2. High Expectations placed on them
3. Resilience
4. Tradition- connection with family, school or equivalent.
From the Principal:

People will come and go from organisations, sporting teams, schools and communities generally. Hard as it is to accept, within days, weeks or months, it won’t matter! There will be sadness however soon it will be a memory! This can be hard to swallow to recognise you are special but not that special! As a Principal I must operate and lead in a way that makes my presence increasingly less critical. That the community, team or school has to be stronger than the individual going forward.

As parents our job is to ‘teach’ our children. Not the academics but the intangibles of life! Loyalty, friendship, commitment, resilience and perseverance, to name a few. It is hard when our children want to do certain things but we know as parents the right thing to do is to continue with what is already in place! It is hard as a parent to make the right decision not the populist one!

I want to take this opportunity for those families and students leaving to thank you for choosing our school community. No doubt there were times that were positive, happy and fantastic. No doubt there were also difficult times! No doubt the school got it wrong at times, no doubt as parents you got it wrong too!

I want to thank you for leaving an imprint on our school, for sticking with us when it could have been easier to leave, teaching your children the value of persistence, loyalty and commitment. I hope that when you look back on your time here that you are also proud of shortly being an old collegian of S.H.C.S. I hope that you are proud to name the Primary School you attended and that we have helped as best we could in shaping your life from 4-12 years of age, in a way that this influences your future directions for a greater good from this point on! The following blessing is given to you for the future:

Thou art the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

Thank you for the privilege and honour of being part of Sacred Heart School, Sheridan, 1873 – 2015.

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Alex West. Alex died yesterday after a long battle with cancer. Alex was a former student at S.H.C.S. whose battles with illness started while attending primary school.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
and may perpetual light shine upon him
May he rest in peace
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FAREWELL

We say farewell to some families who at the end of this year, their youngest child will be leaving Grade 6: Adams (Phoenix), Adams (Jonty), Bevis (Adam), Boric, Brohier, Brown (Ruby), Connelly, Culpeper, Donald, Donovan, Fagan, Geale, George, Halley, Hennessy, March, McLellan, Mills, Morgan, Morrow, Newman, Pearce, Pearn, Ratcliffe, Tantari, Tsakirellis, Zupan.

I hope I have not left any family off, apologies if this is the case.

THANKS TO STAFF

We also say farewell to some staff at the end of this year! Thanks to Mrs. Anita Mercer for taking over Kinder Nas for the remaining weeks of this term. Doing so at the busiest time of the year. Mrs Vecchione (Mrs V) will be getting ready for the birth of her second child next year and we wish her all the best in coming weeks and months. Miss Jaimee Underlin will take up her secondment at S.T.M. for 2016 and we wish her every success next year and the learning experience working in a different school will provide.

DANCE FEVER

For those parents who were able to come along to the performances today, I hope you saw enthused and engaged students, enjoying dancing with their classmates. Thanks to Michael and Ally for being such enthusiastic and motivating teachers for our students. They have connected with our students and provided some great experiences. As discussed in the letter home to parents around Levies. We will have Dance Fever back in 2017 and will continue every second year after this as an ongoing program for our students.

For everyone who is part of S.H.C.S. thank you for your commitment to the school, to the teachers and to your children. We wish everyone a safe, spirit filled and happy Christmas as well as enjoyable holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back at S.H.C.S. in 2016.
From the Principal:

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                          9-11am Gr. 2 Bike Safety at SHS |
| Mon 14/12  | Grade 5 /6 Gorge Excursion  
                          Gr. 3 Pilgrimage  
                          9:30-11:30 Kinder Halley walk to Gorge  
                          Gr. 4 Aquatic Centre  
                          7pm SHS End of Year Mass - |
| Tues 15/12 | 2pm End of Year Assembly - Graduation and Gr. 6 Awards |
| Wed 16/12  | Last day for students for 2015. |

BACKYARD BLITZ : THANKS

Thank you to the people who have helped in big and small ways, supporting a family in our school that have been doing it quite tough! Thanks to our staff for giving up their Friday night to go and help with a ‘backyard blitz’.

Thanks to the following families/businesses who offered their help:

- Drew Family - TasGas,
- Thomas Family - Complete Electrical,
- Hartley Family - bricklaying,
- Watts Family - building,
- Martin family - Dancefit
- Colgrave family - Haircuts
- Prospect Timber and Landscape Supplies, Veolia Environmental Services, Launceston City Council and Island Block and Paving

1:1 iPAD PROGRAM 2016 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding another parent session for 2016 Grade 3 parents who couldn’t attend the session held a few weeks back. It is important parents attend the session to then be able to have the iPad allocated to their child and start using it in the classroom as a learning tool. It will be several weeks into Term 1 next year, before the iPads are implemented in the classrooms. We will confirm a date for the parent session on our first newsletter.

B - 4 PROGRAM 2016

We will be continuing with our Birth to 4 program in 2016. We will be staying with Tuesday as designated day. In 2016 Mrs. Rebecca Millwood will be facilitating the program with support from Mrs Vera Hull. We will wait a few weeks before starting the program in 2016. We will provide information to the community about when the program starts in 2016 in the first newsletter of 2016.
Advent and Christmas Time

The season of Advent is well upon us, with Christmas day not far away now. This time of waiting and preparation, is such a busy time, but I am very aware of trying to take some time too to wait and prepare for the promise of Hope that this Christmas offers. What is it that you wait and prepare and Hope for?

This Advent time perhaps you may like to spend some quiet time, some non-rush, non-busy, some non-stress time to Hope … in essence, your Christmas wish list. May the promise of Jesus’ love and light at Christmas time, come into your hearts and offer you great Hope.

Wishing you all a truly blessed and Hopeful Christmas and New Year.

Helen Halley
Faith and Mission

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Dear Children and Families

You are cordially invited to celebrate the

**Sacred Heart School Community**

**End of Year Thanksgiving Mass**

Our Thanksgiving Mass is for children and families here at Sacred Heart School. It is a beautiful and special thanksgiving time for us all. We especially give thanks for our blessings this year and remember those who need our prayers. We give thanks for and wish our Grade 6 students as well as our leaving children and families farewell.

**Date:** Monday, 14th December

**Where:** Church of Apostles

**At:** 7.00pm

We would like all children and families to be seated by 6.50 please

To wear: School summer uniform

Children may sit with their families unless they are involved in some aspect of the mass.
On Thursday 19/11/15, I went to Adelaide to compete in the Pacific School Games for 10 days. I had to compete against all states in Australia and some international countries. I swam against teams from Fiji, China, Macau, India, Pakistan, Cambodia and New Zealand. The first day I did two team relay events the first was a 4x50 Medley relay and the second was the 4x100 Freestyle relay our team swam really well and finished second in our heats. In the afternoon, we had our official games Opening Ceremony. We got to meet everybody competing in the Pacific School Games (including people from other sports) We gathered at the Adelaide Showgrounds with around 4000 other kids. Team Tasmania sat next to China so I managed to get a selfie with my new Chinese friends! My individual races were, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 200m Breaststroke. The competition was incredibly tough but I was really proud that I got Personal Bests in all my events. A highlight was swimming the 50m Freestyle in 29.48 seconds and taking 13 seconds off my 200m Breaststroke race. We had an excursion day and got to go to The Adelaide Zoo with all the other 12/13 year old competitors, it was fantastic. The Pacific School Games was an amazing experience. I met lots of great kids from other states and countries. I had a lot of fun and it was a terrific opportunity for which I am really grateful.

Jonte Adams

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A big “thankyou” to Mrs Sarah Northeast for continuing to support ATWTP by cooking delicious and healthy food each month!

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MINI VINNIE’S

Our Christmas hamper collection concludes today. Special thanks to all those families who so kindly donated items to help make some of our less fortunate families a little happier this Christmas. With their raised funds, the Vinnie’s team has decided to sponsor two overseas children with their education next year. As well as this they have also decided make a donation to the Christmas Hamper appeal. We take this opportunity extend a sincere thank you to our Vinnie’s team for their fine work this year and we wish all families a very happy, holy and meaningful Christmas.

All Parents, pop this date in your diary for 2016:  **Tuesday Feb 16th 7:00pm.** Parent Session on MYTERN (Taking Emotional Responsibility Now).

MYTERN teaches you that it is your response to life’s challenges that dictates your emotions, and that you can learn to take control of that response


Christmas Eve Family Mass

Church of Apostles 24th December @ 6.30

Any children who want to be involved in this year’s Nativity at the Christmas Eve family mass, we will be having a practice on the 15th December in the church after school @ 3.15pm

Please contact Helen Halley if needed @ helen.halley@catholic.tas.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of unnamed items in Lost Property – if you are missing any items of clothing, lunchbox’s etc, please check the Lost Property before the end of the year, as they will be forwarded to St. Vincent De Paul if left unclaimed at this time.

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE REGISTRATION

Government legislation now requires all people working or volunteering with vulnerable people to be registered. It is an expectation placed on our schools that any person who is on an excursion, helping in the classroom, helping out with students getting changed after swimming, attending camps etc must have this registration.

If parents do not have registration or registration is pending you may not be able to volunteer and attend the excursion or school event. This is something that we do not want to have to do but as legislation and system policy we need to adhere to.

**How to apply for a WWVP and Number**

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 WWVP card, please bring it to the
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Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will open on January 28th between 10.00-4.00pm for back to school orders.

shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

Your final school fee account will be sent out on Monday. Please make sure you have finalised all payments for 2016 ASAP. If you have any problems please contact us to arrange a payment plan.

We are moving into a new fee database in 2016. To help the roll over process could you please notify the office if you have any changes to your address.

Students should have brought home their 2016 booklists from orientation day. If your child has misplaced their booklist please come to the office to get another copy. Our new book supplier is Birchalls.

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**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

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TERM 1 Thursday 4.2.16 to Friday 8.4.16
TERM 2 Tuesday 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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Pinterest: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
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SHS P&F Twilight Fair - Friday 18th of March 2016, 5 to 8pm

Raffle and Chocolate Wheel Prizes
The Fair Committee is seeking the assistance of school families. We are looking for quality prizes for the Fair Raffle, Treasure Chest and Chocolate Wheel. Prizes suggestions include the donation of goods or services or offering sponsorship to purchase prizes. Our sincere thanks to the school family businesses that have already committed to donate prizes or sponsor a stall. If you are able to help in anyway with prizes or know of someone who may help, please contact Kelly Cox mob 0400 128 200 email coxk13@gmail.com
To allow time for raffle tickets to be printed, raffle prizes must be found by the end of this term.

Plant and Produce Stall
We will again have a plant stall at the 2016 Twilight Fair, anyone with a “green thumb” we would love you to grow some plants or vegetable/fruit produce to sell on the stall. We have 4 short months till our fair, we would love to see what you could propagate in that time. Recycling stations for pots will mostly allow you to take pots to reuse. Cuttings, seedlings, cacti, bulbs etc have all been popular on the stall in past years.

White Elephant Stall
Anyone cleaning out over the school holidays please keep in mind that white elephant stall donations can start rolling once school starts, we would love your trash to turn into someone’s treasure. Suggested items include, books, games, toys, DVDs, CDs, computer games, household goods, small furniture items, kitchenwares basically anything saleable. No clothes please (these can be left at the Vinnie’s bin in the school carpark)

Together as a school community we can make 2016’s Fair a great event for both school families and the wider community.

ART CLUB
"SCREEN PRINTING"

Living Christmas Cards for Sale
$4 for 4 cards
Each card contains special paper that can be planted to grow Australian Native Swan River Daisies
All funds raised go to the P & F
Cards available for purchase at the office
Grade 6
Leavers Dinner
2015
RECONCILIATION
Monday 21st December
7.30pm  St Finn Barr’s Church, Invermay

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday 24th December
6.00pm  Sacred Heart, Newstead  Family Mass
6.30pm  Church of the Apostles  Family Mass
9.00pm  Church of the Apostles, Launceston
Midnight Church of the Apostles, Launceston
(Carols from 11.15pm)
Midnight Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday 25th December
8.30am  Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston
9.00am  St Patrick’s College Chapel, Prospect
9.00am  St Finn Barr’s, Invermay
10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston
No evening Mass on Christmas Day

NEW YEARS DAY
Friday 1st January 2016
7.30am  Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston
10.00am Church of the Apostles, Launceston