Opinions do not need to be based on the truth. Even faced with facts opinions may not change, often too loudly shared and believed. Just look at the American Presidential elections as evidence of this.

It was pleasing this week to listen to a parent talk about their experience in a class the previous year. If they had believed half of what other parents had told them about the teacher the year would have been a negative one. However they could not speak highly enough of the teacher in retrospect.
From the Principal:

We don’t know who the new Acting Principal will be yet? We have a new Acting Assistant Principal as well as teachers teaching on some different grades next year. We have work on our Grade 5 and Kinder building, proposed work on the Oval ahead and a looming building program to start next year. Our School is in a short term period of anxiety and uncertainty.

Rather than allow the opinions of others influence you and prejudge, wait and trust the actions you see.

It is easier to prejudge, listen to experiences of others and feed off the negative energy this can create.

**Trust the teacher your child has, see what they do and how they respond.**

It is easy to assume things will not continue positively when leaders leave.

**Trust the staff who already are the dominant force that drive our school will support each other and our new leaders in 2017**

It is easy to listen to who others think will be the new Acting Principal, listen to parents with children in other schools and what they think of their Principal.

**Trust that I will be actively involved and supporting the Acting Principal in the transition of new leadership in our school.**

**Still physically present, regularly in contact and making sure they understand our School.**

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

-Socrates
From the Principal:

**Building Works Grade 5 and Kinder Building**
If having visited the school recently you will see the Grade 5 building is now fenced off and work has commenced. Our response is precautionary, proactive, and best practice. The school is being supported and informed through the advice of experts which gives me confidence around decisions we are making. We will keep parents updated as needed and we thank everyone ahead of time for their patience in coming days and weeks.

**NIJSSA Athletics Carnival**
Our school for the third year in a row won the NIJSSA Athletics Carnival. This year probably more convincing than the two previous. To be out at the carnival for a little time, you cannot help but be proud of our school spirit. We cheer as a team, we rush down to congratulate individuals for their efforts and our staff demand and promote the team cheering and encouraging others when not competing themselves. This energy must have an impact! I am sure others watching wonder how our school has such a positive attitude.

**Primary Schools Triathlon 24th November**
A letter has been sent home with students registered to be involved in the Triathlon Challenge in Devonport on the 24th November. Please complete the form and return it no later than Friday 11th November.

**Art Exhibition**
Thanks to Mrs. Heathorn for her work, time and efforts in coordinating the Art Exhibition in the Art Cellar below the stairs in the Administration Building.

**Thank you Grandparents**
We loved having our Grandparents, Great Grandparents and special others here yesterday.

Yes the school is too hilly and should be flat!
Yes there are not enough car parks close to the school!
Yes there are not enough seats around the playground!

Even though all this is true, our students loved having their special grandparents at school and love their grandparents very much!

**SHCS Care Team**
Thanks to Kylie Crerar who is leading our team. It is great to see help being offered and just as importantly accepted. Kylie is kindly willing to be contacted directly from anyone in our community who might need a ‘helping hand’ for a short or longer period of time. Or you may know of someone who could be helped.

Please feel free to contact Kylie via kcrerar400@gmail.com
NIJSSA Inter- School Athletics

On Friday the 4th, Sacred Heart participated at the NIJSSA. It was a fantastic day, and great sportsmanship was shown by all participants. The team did an awesome job, and Sacred Heart worked hard together and gave 100%.

We won by over 80 points and the day was a great success. We would like to especially thank Mr Anderson, for his efforts that he put into making the day run smoothly, and all the other staff and parents who gave up their time to help out. We were proud of our success, the great teamwork and determination displayed by our school.

Sophie Illingworth & Parker Shea.
# Sacred Heart School Newsletter

## November 2016

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- **7pm Band Information Evening for 2017 @ St Pats**

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- **Band & Strings Program, Catholic Schools Rehearsal day @ St Pats**

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- **5.30pm Carols on the Oval**

- **1.30pm Band/Strings Instrument Collection & Party**

- **7.30pm Board Dinner**

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### Coming Up - Term 4

**Tuesday 6th December**
Gr.6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy

**Monday 12th December**
7pm End of Year Mass

**Wednesday 14th December**
Last day term 4

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**Last day of Term 4 is now Wednesday 14th December**
Sacred Heart Annual Art exhibition was held on Tuesday the 8th of November. Works from across Grade 3-6 were displayed throughout our Art room.

Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who were involved in setting up the exhibition, without you this night wouldn't have been possible.
Mini Vinnie’s Christmas Hampers

Mini Vinnie’s are doing the Christmas hampers again this year. Christmas hampers are baskets that contain goods for those in need or less fortunate people than ourselves. We will ask families to donate non perishable food items. such as canned food, blankets etc.

Each year group is provided with a family to help. We hope you can all bring something in that we can donate to those in need. We will come and collect items from your year group starting next week.

Thank you,
Grace Wesley, Ella Pursell & The Vinnies Team

KINDER - Father, Boys aged 3, 6 & 8, Girl aged 3
PREP - Father, Boys aged 8 & 12, Girls aged 6, 6, 10 &10
GRADE 1 - Father, Boy aged 11, Girl aged 9
GRADE 2 - Mother & 22 year old disabled daughter
GRADE 3 - Father, Mother, Boys aged 2, 4 & 6
GRADE 4 - Father, Mother, Boys aged 7 months, 5 & 7
GRADE 5 - Father, Mother, Boys aged 4, 5 & 8, Girl aged 7
GRADE 6 - Mother, Boys aged 11 & 14

Faith/Spirituality Important Reminders

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and First Eucharist practice will be held on 12th/13th November at all mass centres.

Please contact Rosie (acaelli@bigpond.net.au) if your family were unable to attend the recent Faith Sharing for First Eucharist.

If you have not advised Rosie of your choice of mass centre and seating numbers please do so ASAP.

Bring A Plate! Please, if you are able, provide a plate for the children's table and one for the parish to enable everyone to share in the celebrations.

First Eucharist Celebration to be held after Mass in the Presentation Gym.

The date for First Eucharist is 19/20 November. We look forward to seeing you!
Uniform Shop News

- The Uniform Shop is operating from the Art Room each Thursday between 2.00pm-4.00pm.

- Thursday 1st December will be the last day the Uniform shop is open for 2016. Uniform orders will need to be emailed to shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au and can be collected from the school office.

- 2017 Prep Pre order forms are now available and have been sent home with your child. Copies are available from the school office.

- Current school families with a child enrolled for Kinder next year requiring a uniform, order forms can be collected from the office.

- The Uniform Shop will open Wednesday 1st February 2017, 10.00am-4.00pm for Back to School uniform purchases.

- Boys Grey Shorts (long leg style) are on sale for $10.00 a pair. Limited sizes available.

2016 NATIONAL POETRY OBJECT COMPETITION

This year Ava Jones and Annaliese Leeflang (Grade 4 Wood) entered 2 evocative poems into the national “Poetry Object Competition”. Their poems, “The Little Boat” and “Bicheno”, were fortunate to be shortlisted for the Primary Student section. Both Ava and Annaliese demonstrated outstanding creative thinking, language usage, editing and revision skills which ensured the judges selected their poems for this shortlist from over 3000 student entries from schools across Australia and New Zealand! They are the only two Grade Four students from Tasmania whose poems were shortlisted and we wish them all the very best of luck when the judges announce the Winning and Highly Commended poems on November the 17th. Both students will perform their poems at Assembly on the 11th of November.

Listen out for Annaliese’s line “hear the waves crashing down on the beach / and the birds playing the flute” and Ava’s “The wind blows, it turns / Waves ripple and surge.” Congratulations Annaliese and Ava :) -

Ms. Lang (3 / 4 Co-Teacher)
Sacred Heart School Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

SESQUI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS  CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377

PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS — Pastoral Centre, 44 Margaret Street

The people of God at the Church of Apostles: a community committed to the status quo or evangelisation?  All presentations will be at 1.30pm or 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th November:  Sr. Carmel Hinkley will present “Mercy in the Year of Jubilee”
Tuesday 15th November:  Fr. Max Vodola will present
“The Parish as an instrument of evangelisation in the light of Vatican II”
Tuesday 22nd November:  Fr. Elio Capra will present
“The Sacraments of Initiation as opportunities for evangelisation in the twenty first century.”

Friday, 25 November:  Sesquicentenary Dinner 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside.  Tickets now available after Mass or from the Parish Office.  Cost $40 per person (3 course meal, tea/ coffee), Children 12 and under $15.  Drinks available at bar prices.  You are welcome to sit with friends (tables of 10 max) or we will allocate seating.  Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Saturday 26 November:  Open Day and Historical Display 11.00am — 4pm in the Pastoral Centre including Archbishop Guilford Young Centenary Commemoration
Promenade of Music in the Church from 2.00pm — 4.30pm.  Please see program details below.

Sunday 27 November:  Archbishop Porteous will celebrate a Mass of Solemn Dedication of the Church at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch in Sacred Heart School Hall.  Please bring a plate of food to share.  Please also note that this will be the only Mass in the Parish on this day (normal 7.30am Mass at Carmelite Monastery)

Photographs of Baptisms, Wedding, Ordinations, the Church interior and exterior for the display being mounted for the Open day are still welcome.  You can submit copies or bring originals to the Parish Office for copying.  Look through your albums and make your contribution to our 150th Celebrations.

 Promenade Concert — Church of the Apostles  2pm—4.30pm
 Featuring

Patrick Chivers  Classical Guitar
Hetty Bins  Soprano. Accompanied by Wayne Madden
Tobias Trio  Piano—Janet Hoare, Violin Alexandra Harris,
            Cello Gillian Marsden
Launceston Parish Choir/ Evandale Singers
            Director—Jane Elos; Accompanied by Janet Hoare
Lynda Jessup  Pipe Organ recital

Interpersed by short talks by Fr Mark Freeman
on various aspects of the Church
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 will 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 school office so your name, registration number and expiry date can be recorded and verified.
Term Dates
Catholic Schools

2016
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 Wednesday 14.12.16

Friday 20th May 2016 Student Free day

2017
Term 1 Thursday 9.2.17 to Thursday 13.4.17
Term 2 Monday 1.5.17 to Friday 7.7.17
Term 3 Monday 24.7.17 to Friday 29.9.17
Term 4 Monday 16.10.17 to Thursday 21.12.17

2018
Term 1 Thursday 8.2.18 to Friday 13.4.18
Term 2 Monday 30.4.18 to Friday 6.7.18
Term 3 Monday 23.7.18 to Friday 28.9.18
Term 4 Monday 15.10.18 to Thursday 20.12.18

LAUNCESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM
presents the
14th
Annual Concert
&
Awards Evening

Thursday 24th November 2016
7.00pm
Nano Nagle Gymnasium
St Patrick’s College, Launceston

Tickets available from your school office
or at the door.
Adults: $5.00
Child: $3.00 (3-16)

Please join us for our
Family Mass
6pm Saturday
Newstead Church
19th March
14th May
18th June
20th August
17th September
22nd October
12th November

If you or your child/ren would like to help with the Mass please contact Jacquie Wood 6344 5714 or jacquie.wood@catholic.tas.edu.au

Tuesday Book Club 2016
Peter Pan
by JM Barrie

The next meeting is
Tuesday 29th November
from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.
in the staff room
Everyone welcome
from Grades 5 and 6.