

NEWSLETTER



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Love Thy Neighbour

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From the Principal:

Our P.B.S. Values are:

Respect for Ourselves

Respect for Others

Respect for our Learning

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TURNING OUR WORDS INTO ACTIONS

"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill)

I was walking past a school last week that had a number of values emblazoned on a long list of steps that led to their front entrance. There must have been at least 30 steps that led to the front entrance of the school. The words included compassion, forgiveness, love, respect, hospitality, honesty and integrity. The words sent a clear message to all those that climbed those steps. For me it said, as I climb these steps and enter this school, I should expect to follow and implement these words and turn them into deeds.

As I continued my walk I wondered what words would we emblazon on any steps that would lead to our front entrance? Do we hold ourselves to account for these words? What evidences are there of us at SHS have made these words into deeds?

This weekend was the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 31-46 speaks of how we treat strangers. Jesus tells us that the only effective and lasting power in the world is that of unselfish love. This message can be difficult for because we find it hard to believe that quiet, gentle and persistent love, which seeks only the good of others, can possibly be more powerful than money, possessions and weapons which we rely on for security. The message is revolutionary and challenging for another reason. Caring for the least of our brothers and sisters is not always a primary value. One only needs to listen to our radios or watch our TV to know and notice this. Whose praise is sung and who is congratulated the most? Not the poor, not those who are hungry, or sick or in prison; but those who are in positions of power and privilege. Thank God, Scripture and the social teachings of our church promote a different message. In them we are reminded that a basic moral test of any society is how it treats its most vulnerable members.

When I listened and reflected on our school I wondered what living examples of deeds could we proclaim as a celebration of unselfish love? Two immediately spring to mind. Our school should be proud that we have a SHS Care Team that was established in 2016 to support the needy in our school community. The team responds to need expecting nothing in return. Secondly our response to needy families of Launceston by filling hampers at Christmas time is a small act of service that will mean much to the families that we provide for.

As we move into the season of Advent this coming weekend take a moment to consider what simple acts of service can each one of us bring about that will improve the lives of others.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." (Mahatma Gandhi)

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This weekend our school will be represented at the Tasmanian Primary School Basketball Championships in Launceston. Our school is represented in the Grade 3/4 Boys and Girls and Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls. Our school is the only school in Tasmania to be represented in all four competitions. We should celebrate that our school has already performed exceptionally well in reaching the state championships, regardless of the results. Happy dribbling to all of our teams.

CAROLS

On Wednesday 6th December we will gather for our "Carols Evening". The night will be held at St Thomas More's in Newstead again this year because of the works on the oval. We look forward to listening to our children perform. Please bring a rug to sit on, drinks and nibbles and enthusiastic audience participation.



Brent Wilson
PRINCIPAL

CAROLS ON THE OVAL

Wednesday 6th December @ 7pm

Please note the carols will be held at St
Thomas Mores Primary School



Important Uniform Shop Information

- Thursday 30th November will be the last day that the Uniform Shop is open for 2017. Uniform orders can be left at the office or emailed to shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au after this date.
- Please ensure Kinder and Prep preorder forms have been returned if you require your child's uniform before end of term or wish to collect at the back to school open day
- The Uniform Shop will open for back to school requirements on Thursday 1st February between 10am-4pm
- EFTPOS now available for uniform purchases.



Birth - 4 Christmas Party at City Park

Join us for our last B-4 for 2017
Tuesday 19th December
9:30am – 11:30am

Please bring along a small plate of food to share for a picnic morning tea and celebrate what's been a great year at B-4.

Meet at the playground and if wet weather I will notify families the night before and we'll meet at school in our B-4 room. Please note there will be no afternoon B-4 session on this day.



Event: Launceston Historical Society Prize Presentation 2017 at Town Hall with Launceston Mayor, Mr. Albert Van Zetten.

Students (from left): Jasper Jamieson, Charlotte Conway, Meg Rickerby, Isobelle Leake, Molly Ross, Jack Cramp, Georgia Millwood.

Congratulations to all participants.

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26th	27th Gr 6 Excursion to the AMC/UTAS	28th 3.15pm Gr 5/6 Bookclub Gr 5 Excursion to "CHARLIE" at the Annex Theatre 7.30pm P & F Meeting	29th 11.30am Band Program	30th Catholic Schools End of Year Music Rehearsal Day @SPC Schools Triathlon Challenge @ Devonport LAST DAY UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FOR 2017	1st December 2.10pm Assembly 7pm Catholic Schools End of Year Music Concert @SPC	2nd
Grade 2,3 & 4 Intensive Swimming Program						

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3rd	4th 2pm Kinder Halley Nativity Play	5th	6th School Banking 7pm SHS Carols on the Oval @ St Thomas Mores	7th Grade 7, 2018 SPC Orientation day	8th 2.10pm Assembly	9th
10th	11th Gr 5/6 Skate Park Excursion	12th	13th LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2017	14th Gr 6 Excursion to Kids Paradise 2.15pm Kinder Nas Nativity Play 7pm SPC End of Year Mass	15th 2.10pm Assembly Gr 5 Excursion to Airtime	16th
17th	18th Gr 2 Picnic @ Tailrace 6pm Gr 6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy	19th Gr 5/6 Gorge Excursion 2pm Gr 6 End Of Year Assembly	20th 7pm End of Year Mass	21st LAST DAY TERM 4 BBQ & Plain Clothes Day	22nd	23rd

End of Term 4 BBQ

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

Sausage/Hamburger orders along with payment need to be given to the class teachers by WEDNESDAY 13th December

Hamburgers \$2.50

Sausages \$2.00



The Spirit of Jesus is Alive in:

Prep Hills	Caleb McMahon-Keys For fantastic work on his dolphin poster	Ava Woolley For excellent engagement in our Science lessons
Prep Best	Santino Ramirez For outstanding progress with his reading	Liam Birch For interesting and creative coding with the Bee Bots
Grade 1 Hegarty	Lily Mercer For always being a kind and respectful member of our class	Charlie van Zetten For always putting in your best effort with every task
Grade 1 Gleadow	Hamish Williams For amazing efforts with his reading Logan McHenry For always being a kind and thoughtful class member	Layla Wines For amazing efforts with her reading
Grade 2 Crawford	Joan Thomas For using excellent expressive language in her persuasive writing & reading	Harrison Millwood For creating an amazing Geography poster and always being a good student
Grade 2 Reid	Cameron Nicholas For his amazing persuasive writing	Ivy McCullagh For always listening and taking care with all her work
Grade 3 Underlin	Emily McMullen For her exceptional attitude	Ethan Ercole For his efforts at swimming
Grade 3 Symons	Quentin Jones For being a wonderful contributor to our class discussions	Alice Fox For a friendly and positive attitude
Grade 4 Wood	Zane Headland For his efforts and achievements in swimming	Eliza Johnson For being an amazing and inclusive friend to her peers
Grade 4 van Ryn	Elyse Campbell For great science work in our materials unit	Lily Tyson For making the best of a bad situation and being a great Grade 1 helper
Grade 5 Hood	Sebastian Stone For showing extra care and attention to younger children at our school	Anna McNeair For another outstanding piece of creative writing
Grade 5 Viney/Steven	Kate Rigby For the extensive consideration and genuine effort she gives to everything she does	Tom Mineall For showing interest and enthusiasm during co-teacher lessons and always being positive
Grade 6 Davie	Joy Aldeib Thank you for your wonderful contribution to our school community. We will miss you. Good luck!	Xavier Barker For his enthusiasm and dedication to all Maths tasks
Grade 6 McLeod	Ms Higgins For being an awesome teacher in 6M Elina McCormack For believing in herself	Nikolai Miller For his efforts in the choices movie making and HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

In Term 4 the Mini Vinnies team will be focusing on Christmas Hampers for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Each grade has been given a family to fill a hamper for.

Things to fill the hampers with include:

- **Food items** and **Christmas treats** - must be non-perishable and in-date
- Age-appropriate **gifts** for the children - new and in original packaging



Please do not wrap any items as the Vinnies staff will need to check everything.

Below are the families each grade will be helping out:

Hamper No	Family			
SH1 - Kinder	-	Mother	Boys 6, 8	Girl 3, 11
SH2 - Prep	-	Mother	Boy 10, 13	-
SH3 - Grade 1	-	Mother	-	Girl 12
SH4 - Grade 2	Father	-	Boy 11	Girl 9
SH5 - Grade 3	Father	-	Boy 12	Girls 6, 9
SH6 - Grade 4	Father	Mother	Boys 2, 4, 6	-
SH7 - Grade 5	Father	Mother	Boy 1, 5	Girl 8
SH8 - Grade 6	Father	Mother	Boys 4, 5, 8	Girl 7

Please bring in all items by Tuesday December 5.

Thanks for your help and support,

The Mini Vinnies Team

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

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 WWVP card, please bring it to the school office so your name, registration number and expiry date can be recorded and verified.



HeartBeat Yearbook

The School Magazine has gone home to families this week.

If one copy is not enough for your family we do have extra copies in the Office for sale.

Limited Amount!

\$15 Each

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday 13th December.

If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned on Wednesday 6th December so that your child has the opportunity to receive their reward before the end of term.

Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year will be carried over into next year and can be used to redeem rewards in 2018.

And finally, our first School Banking day for 2018 will be Wednesday 14th February.

Merry Christmas and wishing you all a safe and relaxing break.

Chantal McMullen
School Banking Co-Ordinator



Term Dates Catholic Schools

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 Tuesday 17.10.17 to Thursday 21.12.17

2018

Term 1 Thursday 8.2.18 to Friday 13.4.18

Term 2 Monday 30.4.18 to Thursday 5.7.18

Term 3 Monday 23.7.18 to Friday 28.9.18

Term 4 Tuesday 16.10.18 to Thursday 20.12.18

6th July 2018 - Pupil Free Day

15 October 2018 - Pupil Free Day

Reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds without prior permission from the Principal



TOILET ACCESS AFTER HOURS

Student toilets are locked daily at approximately 3:15pm-3:30pm. There is a toilet located in the administration building, which is opened until 4:00pm daily.

Reminder - Before School expectations

Even though it is a parent responsibility to make arrangements for the supervision of your children before 8:30 a.m., S.H.S. offer an arrangement for families who need their children to be arriving at school earlier.

- ❖ Mrs. Deb Scott will be at school from **8:00am** each school day for any students.
- ❖ **Students are not to arrive before 8am**
- ❖ If a student is here before 8:30 a.m. they need to go to the Gym. **The cost will be \$2 per child per day, which needs to be paid as the student arrives at the Presentation Gym.**
- ❖ The child's name will also be recorded on an attendance sheet on a daily basis.

Student absences

If your child will be absent from school please remember to either:

- call the School office on 63311011
- email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au
- use the Skoolbag app, fill out an eForm

Please note that children arriving late to school need to enter the school via the York St entrance and report to the school office to update our records and avoid unnecessary absentee text messages.



Developing life skills through sport

The Launceston Saints Basketball Club aims to develop players to the best of their ability in an inclusive and supportive environment. The club promotes a culture where a child's enjoyment of the sport is paramount and the development of both sporting and life skills are highly valued.

SELECTION DAYS

SUNDAY 10TH DEC @ ST PATS GYM

SUNDAY 17TH DEC @ ELPHIN STADIUM

(see adjacent times for each age group)

Players are to attend at least one session however both are encouraged. Bring a basketball and a reversible light/dark singlet (or both a dark and light coloured top)

FOR THOSE INTENDING TO PLAY BUT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THESE DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CLUB VIA EMAIL, PRIOR TO SELECTIONS.

launcestonsaints@gmail.com

Registration with SAINTS and BTAS will occur online via SportsTG when fees are paid. Registration information will be provided separately. All fees must be paid upfront in one payment prior to Rd 1 of the roster, for players to take the court.



Sun 10th Dec - St Pats
Sun 17th Dec - Elphin

Arrive 15 mins prior
to session start time

U10 G&B
9:30am - 10:30am
(born 2009 - 2010)

U16 & U18 G&B
10:30am - 11:30am

U12 G
11:30am - 12:30pm
U12 B
1pm - 2pm

U14 G 2pm - 3pm
U14 B 3pm - 4pm

SAINTS merchandise

Hoodies - \$45
Long sleeve t's - \$30
Playing shorts with logo
(compulsory) - \$20
Socks - \$12
Orders taken at selection
days (cash payment only)

LAUNCESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM

presents the

15th

Annual Concert

&

Awards Evening

Friday 1st December, 2017

7.00pm

Nano Nagle Gymnasium

St Patrick's College, Launceston

**Tickets available from your school office
or at the door.**

Adults: \$6.00

Child: \$4.00 (3-16)

Family Mass

Saturday 6pm
Sacred Heart Church
Newstead

All Welcome

25th February
18th March
8th April
20th May
10th June
1st July
12th August
16th September
28th October
25th November

If you would like to help by
reading at Mass please email
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