



SHS Parents and Friends Newsletter

Term 3 2013

Parent Involvement

Never underestimate the power of parent/family involvement in a school environment. Last term I attended the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parent Council (TCSPC) conference/AGM. At this event we heard from a guest speaker Caz Bosch. Caz delivered thoughtful points regarding the “Importance of Parent Involvement” in the school environment and I would like to share these points with you:

- Parents voices can make positive contributions on how schools determine ambitions for the school, students and planning for improvement
- Parents working in partnership with schools will strengthen their child’s learning outcomes and strengthen their social and emotional wellbeing
- Parent involvement shows support for the teachers.
- Never underestimate your role as a parent within our schools
- Parent’s voices are heard and this is evident at SHS.

At Sacred Heart there are many ways we see Parent Involvement:

Parent help, volunteering in the canteen, cooking on a bbq, helping out at Sport Carnival’s, attending information sessions, school banking duties, joining a class celebration, donating and supporting charity events, attending school assembly, attending excursions, coming to a P&F meeting and helping out with P&F projects and the list goes on.

In today’s world our lives are very busy and time is often short; however, if you choose to spend your time at school with your child/ren take the time to remind yourself of the benefits for your child, yourself and the school. This commitment doesn’t go un-noticed and is greatly appreciated.



Put this date in your diary

Steve Biddulph

will coming to Sacred Heart and giving a presentation based on his bestselling book

“The Secret of Happy Children”

Tuesday 29th October, 7.15pm for 7.30pm

\$15.00 per person

Rsvp essential and phone the school office on 63311 011

More details to follow



THANK YOU THANK YOU

On behalf of the Prep and Grade One staff we would like to say a very big thank you to the 17 mums, dads and grandparents who help pack up and move classrooms last term. There were many trips up and down stairs, packing and moving boxes but please know that your time and energies were much appreciated. This was a large task for staff to do amongst writing reports and preparing for busy learning days with the children and it was great that we could offer this support. Thank you.

Remaining 2013 Meetings

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

All meetings are held in the staffroom at 7.30pm. All welcome to come along to these informal meetings to hear about the latest news and events occurring around our school.

P&F Funding

After the school Fair is over and all the hard work and many hours of planning has been done, P&F come together to allocate funding to areas of need around the school. The annual Fair is the only fundraiser for Sacred Heart so great care is taken to ensure funds are spent wisely.

Have you seen the new tables and seating popping up around the school in recent weeks? Seating and Tables was an area of need, therefore P&F committed \$18,000 towards this equipment for these reasons:

- There wasn't adequate seating for the children during recess/lunch times
- Aim is to encourage and make available social opportunities for the children
- Needed portable seating options that can be moved to other areas around the school.
- Create outdoor learning areas
- Tidy up eating areas outside classrooms

Thanks to the support you gave at the school Fair, P&F were able to support this project and purchase 14 seating/table units. Thank you to Mr Bennett for his advice and time in putting this high quality furniture together made from recycled materials.

Class Funding Allocations

Once again P&F committed to providing funding for classroom and \$500 was given to each class to purchase resources and equipment for their class. This year the PE department was allocated \$2,000 to purchase equipment to support class lessons/events. Some classes have had a lovely time spending their funding and this is what they have purchased

Grade 2S/W-	Books, Dress Ups for drama, Material to make a puppet theatre, portable microphones
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Grade 4U-	Guided Reading Resources, Science Week Excursion
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Grade 1B-

Resources to support a Phonics program: magnetic letters, word games, sound flip board, cushions and \$200 from each class pool of funds is combined for guided readers for P-2.

Kinder-

Construction sets, new books, puzzles and outdoor cubes.



P&F Calendar

Look out for these P&F events to come and dates to remember:

World Teacher's Day Morning Tea-Wednesday 16th October: P&F provide morning tea for all staff.

World Teachers Day Project- Look out for your notice and stationary bag, to be sent home this week. Please return items 18th October.

Steve Biddulph "The Secret of Happy Children" Presentation, Tuesday 29th October in the Presentation Hall, \$15.00 per person.

SHS Trivia Night-Yes it's on again and will be held Friday 8th November in the Presentation Hall. More details soon.

Carols on the Oval: Wednesday 4th December.

Remember the P&F email: shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

Thank you for reading about P&F news.

Regards

Rebecca Millwood-President

On behalf of SHS P&F Association.

