

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Events:

#### Friday 13th December:

- \* Prep - Grade 2 Swimming
- \* 2.20pm Assembly
- \* Gr.5 Crazy Hair/Hat day

- \* 10-11am Prep.R & 3 Hood, Teddy bears Picnic, Brickfields
- \* 1.45pm Kinder Nas Nativity Play

#### ~ December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15th</b>	<b>16th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gr 5/6 Excursion Swimming @ The Gorge</li> <li>• 1.30pm Birth - 4 Playgroup</li> <li>• 2pm Gr.2 Christmas Play at St.Ailbes</li> </ul>	<b>17th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gr.3 Pilgrimage</li> <li>• 11.30am Gr.6D &amp; 2 S/W excursion to Brickfields</li> <li>• 2pm End of Year Assembly &amp; Gr.6 Awards</li> </ul>	<b>18th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports sent home</li> <li>• Gr.4 Aquatic Centre</li> <li>• 2pm Prep - Gr.6 Carols</li> <li>• 7pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass</li> </ul>	<b>19th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sausage Sizzle &amp; Plain Clothes Day</li> </ul> <p><b>Last day Term 4</b></p>	<b>20th</b>	<b>21st</b>

#### DATES TO NOTE FOR 2014

- 28th Jan** Uniform Shop - Pre-ordered dress fitting day open 10-2
- 29th Jan** Uniform Shop open 10-2
- 30th Jan** Uniform Shop open 10-12
- 6th Feb** First day Term 1
- 7th Feb** 9am Assembly
- 17th Feb** SHS Swimming Carnival
- 17th-19th March** Grade 6 Davie Camp
- 17th- 19th March** Grade 5 Camp

#### 2014 TERM DATES

- TERM 1** Thursday 06.02.14 to Thursday 17.04.14
- TERM 2** Monday 05.05.14 to Friday 04.07.14
- TERM 3** Monday 21.07.14 to Friday 26.09.14
- TERM 4** Monday 13.10.14 to Wednesday 17.12.14
- EASTER** Good Friday 18.04.14 to Monday 21.04.14



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**

*"As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself. Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty but humility."*

**Nelson Mandela**

*"When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude"*

**Gilbert. K. Chesterton**



This is a photo of the new stained glass window located adjacent to our Office Administration area. Thanks to Grade 6 parent, Rolfe de la Motte, who created and installed the window.

It looks fantastic!

The end of year and, in particular, this term has been very busy. Things can be demanding and at times challenging. It is easy to revert our thinking into the default mode of finding fault, getting frustrated and being overly critical. If we look hard enough we can always find flaws in even the most beautiful and seemingly perfect things.

### ***'Tis the Season to be Jolly....'***

A few events have helped regain some perspective and remind me, irrespective of what is happening around me, to focus on what is right, what is working and what we should be proud of as a school, rather than getting caught in the spiral of the glass being half full or, in fact, empty.

Our Grade 6 Leaver's Dinner was held on Monday of this week. The number of staff that attended –(even though they had to pay to attend and have a meal) says much about our staff mindset. To hear the reflections of some of the students and their time at our school was humbling. It was a clear reminder that leadership of our school must continue to focus on the formation of people not just students. To make decisions, even if unpopular or difficult, that support students to learn and develop as people.

Our Grade 2 Sleepover with all Grade 2 teachers attending, even though it was a Friday night and towards the end of the year when our energy levels are diminished. The parents willing and able to attend for part of the evening or morning or, in fact, sleeping over, giving up their time to help provide the experience for our students.

The behaviour and positive attitude our students have when on excursions, performing Carols items, the Grade 3 History Performance or the items shared with grandparents is outstanding. We continue to keep setting high expectations for our students and they continue to keep reaching them.

A mindset of gratitude and being grateful does have a physical and psychological impact on our wellbeing. Actually thinking of others and showing gratitude for others makes a big difference to our own personal wellbeing. Even if for purely selfish reasons it is worth being grateful, giving thanks and gratitude.

Our school is a work in progress and will always be this, if we are striving to do a better job. No different to our teaching, my leadership and our parenting. At the same time it is important to not lose touch and focus with all that is right, good and working.

This is the last newsletter for 2013. On behalf of our staff I wish all our families a fantastic, faith filled and festive Christmas. Please be safe if travelling and thank you for your input and effort in supporting our school and your child's development this year.

**From the Principal: (cont.)****Carols Performances:**

This coming **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm**. Prep – Gr. 6 classes will be performing some of the items that they were going to perform for Carols on the Oval, that was cancelled. We realise that not all parents will be able to make this time, however, we have tried to find a time in the busy schedule of the last few weeks and hope that many parents can come along to watch their children perform.

**School Captains Term 1 and 2 2014:**

I am pleased to announce that the Grade 5 students have voted the following students as School Captains for the first two terms next year:

*Lachlan Mudge**Lachlan Dalton**Ava Drew**Ebonie Sydes*

The students who presented speeches to their classmates should be exceptionally proud of their efforts and the regard in which they are held. We are looking forward to seeing our entire Grade 5 develop in their leadership in 2014.

**School Fair 2014:**

A letter was emailed out on Monday of this week letting parents know that we have made the decision to not have a School Fair next year. The decision was not entered into lightly, however, the realities of the timeframe of the building program close to the date of the Fair and other implications of moving the Fair to a different date, have lead to the decision to not hold a School Fair.

**Stage One Building Program Completion:**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the building program will not be finished to a point for students and teachers to move into until early in Term 1 next year. At the start of next year we will be able to give more exact details about the final completion date and our plans for moving classes back into their new learning spaces. We look forward to a building free year in 2014 before embarking again on Stage 2 of our Building Program : redevelopment of our Grade 3 and 4 classrooms as well as our current Grade 6 classrooms.

**L.O.T.E. 2014:**

Ms Brooke Campbell, who has lead our Auslan sign language with such success this year, will not be continuing in the role next year. Brooke is taking a change in career path and doing some further study next year. Brooke will be here on occasion to help out and we are finalising another person, with Brooke's help, to run the program in 2014. We probably won't be in a position to make an announcement on this before the end of the school year.

**End of Year Reports:**

Student reports for the end of year will be handed out this coming Wednesday.

**Booklists 2014:**

Information is being sent home around a different process for ordering Booklists. Office Max will handle the booklist requirements for 2014. The school will not have an actual Book Sale day as such. Please read the letter detailing this carefully, however some key points include:

- ✓ You will need to prepay when you order (Mastercard, Visa or PAYPAL)
- ✓ Confirmation order will be emailed to you
- ✓ You can choose how your backpack is mailed in January including having it sent to SHS where it can be collected from the 27<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

Please, after reading the letter, if there are any queries do not hesitate to contact our office who can help with any questions or queries you have.

# THANKYOU!

Grade 5 would like to thank everyone who bought jelly from our jelly cup stall. We raised \$273. Mrs. Brock and her husband donated another \$50. As well as the money we raised earlier in the term from our cake stall we now have \$773.

This Friday we are having a crazy hair and crazy hat day. If you wish to participate in our fundraiser you will need to bring a gold coin contribution. If you wish you can have colored hairspray or hair chalk. Crazy hat day means that you can wear any hat that you want instead of your school hat.

We have almost reached our \$1000 mark for our shelter box. Thank you again to everyone who is supporting us.

From Grade 5

# R E NEWS

## Advent – Week 2

I wanted to share with you this article I recently read titled "Musings at the empty manger" by Sr Angela Grant rsj. May you find some sense of possibility and hope during this Advent time.



All year long, the Manger lies empty and dusty along with the Crib figures in the Church store room. With Advent upon us and Christmas on the way, it's time to get it out, dust it off and do any necessary repairs. So I'm sitting with the empty manger, taking time to meditate on the significance of its emptiness.

Empty means there is room for more. If I have an empty day in my diary (or even an empty hour with no appointment noted) I can tend to want to fill it in ...what can I do to fill that empty space? Sometimes it is good to let the emptiness be an invitation simply to enjoy the space. Creativity needs space. The poet's thoughts emerge in the quiet and empty space. Emptiness is a really precious thing.

If I cultivate the emptiness, I have time to give you if you call. Yes, I have time to talk, time to meet for coffee and a chat. Yes, I can answer that request. Having no emptiness can be a problem, I'm filled up, have no space, not wanting you to ask anything of me.

Emptiness spells Possibility. What can I become in the space?  
Emptiness spells Hope, a future not yet found, a promise waiting.

I think emptiness is filled with the colour green, colour of hope. It speaks of yearning. An empty heart is ready for love just as an empty vase is ready to take the flowers I put in it.

But it is not made to remain forever empty. Emptiness is not a value in itself but the precious time before fullness.

Back to the empty manger, what if Jesus didn't come to fill that empty space? What if the world was still waiting for a saviour? That would be an emptiness of great pain. We'd be still yearning, in a loveless void that would be the worst kind of emptiness. But Jesus has come. The manger has been filled and at Christmas we'll put the baby or the statue there, to reassure us that all is well.

The manger is ready now, but what of me? What dusting off or touching up do I need in this Advent time?

I'm always in transition in some way or other in my life. And transition is a special kind of emptiness. Long time ago the troubled space between youth and adulthood and more recently the emptiness from full-time ministry to a blessed (but uncomfortable) time of not so much to do. Resisting the impulse to fill in time in order to be busy, or seem so. There have been empty times between relationships. When someone very dear has died and empty means alone.

I'm hoping this year, I'll take time in Advent to take the time, some how to find those empty spaces I can fill with prayer. I want at Christmas, to have a space for God, the emptiness of a heart that knows its deepest yearnings to welcome in again the fullest Love, the Christ.

*Helen Halley APRE*

Dear Parents,

Every year our Catholic school children are invited to participate in the Nativity play that takes place at 6.30pm, Christmas Eve mass, at the Church of Apostles.

If your child would be interested in participating, there will be a practice on Wednesday, the 18th of December at 3.30pm at the Church of Apostles.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend the practice on Wednesday, they are still more than welcome to participate on the day. On the 24th of December they will need to arrive at the mass at the Church of Apostles in a Nativity costume. Because this is a very busy mass it is a good idea to arrive by 6.00pm.

Thank you and I will see you on Wednesday afternoon.

Mercedes Clear (Parish Nativity Organiser)



# RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Reid		
Prep Hills	<b>Brodie Gardner</b> For improved listening in class	<b>Elyse Campbell</b> For being a helpful and caring friend
Grade 1 Crawford	<b>Lily Robinson</b> For an outstanding year in Grade 1	<b>Charlotte Cox</b> For being a kind and considerate
Grade 1 Best	<b>Jackson Radley</b> For an outstanding effort with her story writing	<b>Kane Russell</b> For a great effort with his reading this term
Grade 2 Sydes/Weir		
Grade 2 van Ryn	<b>Lauren Wright</b> For completing our Maths homework challenge <b>Alex Luttrell</b> For completing our Maths homework challenge	<b>Emma Wright</b> For completing our Maths homework challenge <b>Shae Nichols</b> For putting extra effort into her maths work
Grade 3 Hood	<b>Cameron Spencer</b> For thoughtful questions during our science unit	<b>Lily Heather</b> For always thinking of others
Grade 3 Symons	<b>Emmanuel Lockley</b> For outstanding achievement in Maths	<b>Quinn Hardy</b> For keeping our classroom clean and tidy
Grade 4 Smith	<b>Ally Brown</b> For being an exceptional classmate	<b>Adam Bevis</b> For his conscientious approach to his learning
Grade 4 Underlin	<b>Pheonix Adams</b> For making good choices <b>Amelia Cox</b> For always giving 100%	<b>Esmae Morrow</b> For exceptional efforts in English <b>Sam O'Shea</b> For exceptional efforts in English
Grade 5 McLeod/Viney	<b>Amelia Hoyland</b> For her dedication and commitment to her Geography project	<b>Patrick Donald</b> For being a great helper at the jelly stall day
Grade 5 Illingworth	<b>Cody Smith</b> For raising the bar with his Geography Project	<b>Heath Sackley - Akacich</b> For making a brilliant mask
Grade 6 Claessens	<b>Jacob Boutcher</b> For jumping three levels in his reading. Well done Jacob <b>Will Compagne</b> For working extremely hard and giving his very best	<b>Gabriella Sertori</b> For producing an outstanding 'Me' project <b>Joe Philpott</b> For working much harder to remain focused and give his best
Grade 6 Davie	<b>Stephen Talbot</b> For being attentive and on task regularly and for the quality of his project work	<b>Chelsea Hughes</b> For her continued pursuit of excellence and her positive attitude

## OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS



**GRADE 6 LEAVERS DINNER**





## OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS



**GRADE 6 LEAVERS DINNER**



**GRADE 2 BIKE SAFETY**



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2013

### RECONCILIATION

7.30pm Thursday, 19th December

Church of the Apostles, Launceston

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

6.00 pm Sacred Heart, Newstead Family Mass

6.30 pm Church of the Apostles Family Mass

9.00 pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston

Midnight ` Church of the Apostles, Launceston

Midnight Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December

8.30 am Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

9.00 am St Patrick's College Chapel, Prospect

9.00 am St Finn Barr's, Invermay

10.30am Church of the Apostles

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

### NEW YEAR DAY

Wednesday 1 st January 2014

7.30 am Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

10am Church of the Apostles, Launceston



### *HELP NEEDED FOR THE END OF YEAR BBQ*

Help needed to cook the BBQ on the last day of School. Kinder and Prep parents are responsible this term and as we are new to the routine, it would be great to have a couple of helpers who know the ropes. If you are able to help, please let Wendy Nas know.'

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The last school account for the year has now been forwarded to families. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be finalized by the end of the school year.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are several 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.

With thanks.

School Office.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop's **last day for 2013** will be **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Orders can still be placed at the school office or emailed to [shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au).

Please ensure your Summer Dress Pre-order form has been returned to ensure a dress is available in January.

### **Back to School 2014 Opening Days**

**Pre-ordered Dress Fitting Days** - Tuesday 28th January 10am - 2pm (open only for families with a pre-ordered dress)

**General Opening Days** - Wednesday 29th January 10am-2pm & Thursday 30th January 10am - 12pm



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### **BOOKLISTS 2014**

A reminder to parents that booklists for next year have been handed out to children today, so if you have not received one please contact the school office.

Next year we will not be having a booksale day. All booklist orders will be done online with Officemax and will be mailed out to your choice of address. You can use your home address or alternatively the school address and we will be happy to hold your pack here for collection from the 28<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

The mailout will be free of charge on orders placed before the 31<sup>st</sup> December after which a late fee of \$9.95 will be applied so try to get your order in before this date.

If this new arrangement does not suit you please contact the office on 0363 311011 and we will organize an alternative arrangement for you.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

This week was the last week for school banking so there will be no school banking on Wednesday 18/12/13. Banking will resume Wednesday 12/2/14. We would like to thank Mrs. Susan von Samorzewski for generously volunteering her time each week to ensure the smooth running of the school banking.

### **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

**Extra copies of the School Magazine are available at the office for \$15.00**

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, families and our staff farewell.

Date: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Autism Parent Support Group



### Overview:

Each session is a casual information sharing evening for parents who have one or more children on the autism spectrum.

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions or share concerns about anything to do with your child at home, school or in the community. Everyone is encouraged to participate but there is not pressure to do so. Just sit and listen if you like.

**When:** 25 March 2014

24 June 2014

26 August 2014

28 October 2014

**Where:** Sacred Heart Primary school (please phone me for directions to the meeting room.)  
55 Bourke Street  
Launceston

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Other:** Tea/Coffee and nibbles will be available

*\*Free childcare will be available at the school.*

**For more information or to register interest please email Richard Wassom at [richard.wassom@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:richard.wassom@catholic.tas.edu.au) and indicate the number of adult attendees and children (including ages) for childcare.**

**Please RSVP no later than three days prior to the meeting date.**

## 2014 Piano Lessons

Angela Crothers

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UTAS trained and 20 years experience in music education.

All enquiries Ph. 0409295782



## FOR SALE

St.Patricks College Blazer - Boys

Size 100

Perfect condition

\$100

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## Saints Basketball Registration for 2014

- if interested please phone Jo Stone on [0418520260](tel:0418520260). Registration forms available at school office or on the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/thesaintsjuniorbasketballclub/home>





# COMMUNITY NEWS



[www.launcestontriclub.com](http://www.launcestontriclub.com)

## CROWE HORWATH BRIDPORT TRIATHLON

Race 1 of the Tasmanian Triathlon Series

**Village Green, Bridport Sunday 29th Dec 2013**

**ONLINE ENTRY ONLY.** Online entry closes at 12.00 noon on Saturday 28th Dec. Please enter via the club website [www.launcestontriclub.com](http://www.launcestontriclub.com) as entries will not be accepted on race day.

For more information visit the website  
[www.launcestontriclub.com](http://www.launcestontriclub.com)



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## ACCENT SIGNS TRIATHLON

**The Esplanade, Beauty Point Sunday 15th Dec 2013**

This race is a club race which is open to members of Triathlon Australia or any affiliated Tasmanian Triathlon Club – Launceston Triathlon Club, Cradle Coast Triathlon Club or Tri South Triathlon Club. Club membership may be taken out on the day but preferably you will join up before the day through the online portal on the club website.

Online entry is available at [www.launcestontriclub.com](http://www.launcestontriclub.com), and encouraged, for race. This will close at 12noon, Saturday 14th December 2013. Entry on the day is available between 7.30am and 8.30am but will incur an additional late entry fee of \$10 (other than for TryStars where ONLY race day entry is available).

Race registration and body marking opens at 7.30am and closes 8.30am.

### Race Brief 8.30am Entry Fees

Trystars Aquathon	8.45am	Trystars -Free
Novice Triathlon	9.00am	Novice \$15 (\$5 discount for Triathlon Australia members)
Sprint Triathlon	9.15am	Sprint \$25 (\$5 discount for Triathlon Australia members)
		Teams \$30 (sprint distance only)

For more information visit the website  
[www.launcestontriclub.com](http://www.launcestontriclub.com)



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