

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au

From the Principal:

OUR P.B.S. VALUES ARE:

Respect for Ourselves

Respect for Others

Respect for our Learning

A Principal's Wish List

When considering what I wish for at Christmas, a range of options presented themselves. Chief of these was a cave to crawl into and hide for a while, then a party to celebrate with real friends and a happy, relaxed time with family.

On more serious reflection, and given this is the season of goodwill, I have revised my Christmas wish list. The things I really want for at Christmas are hope, holiness and healing.

Each year has celebrations, laughter, pride and moments we want to savour. (Jack Duffy and the video below, a perfect case in point) Each year also brings difficult moments, sadness, disappointment, poisonous deeds and words and, at times, people.

Out of indifference, insecurity, or a genuine lack of awareness we can often not realise the harm our words and deeds can cause to others, let alone to a culture of a community. If you are anything like me, when experiencing these situations, I quickly dismiss the celebrations and moments to savour, but hang on to the very last thread, the emotions that come with these poisonous words and deeds. This then can spiral and begin to erode positivity, energy and wellbeing.

Christmas is a season but it is also an ending and a beginning. It celebrates the end of a year and the beginning of another. It signals the end of a period of time and all that has come with it, redirecting our focus on hope and optimism for the future.

Hope has to be part of what this season is about. The birth of Christ aside, without hope we cannot renew and reenergise to begin the trek again. The video of Jack is about hope, not just deservedly so for Jack, but also for his family, friends and our school community.

Christmas is also about putting an end point to the accumulated frustrations, poisonous words, deeds and feelings in our lives from the past year. Why? Because Christmas is a story about healing. It is an opportunity to let go, move on and forgive. To embrace the holiness and healing that the Christmas story is. The story must be about forgiveness and hope, otherwise we only scratch the surface of the message of this special time and it is then quickly forgotten early in the New Year.

In the end we deserve to let go of this, we shouldn't hang on to the negatives of others, while we can help, their problems in the end are not our domain to solve. Therefore why should we hang on to the emotions and all that come with this.

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From the Principal:

The Epiphany break is a time of re-creation. Proper re-creation takes more than a few good nights of sleep. For me, it usually takes until the beginning of January before I recognise that the small constant knot in the guts is gone and I remember what feeling relaxed is all about again.

We also need holiness. Holiness is more than candles, incense, Midnight Mass, Carols and priestly vestments. We need holiness to remind us all, that there is something more than the trivial moments that can suck us dry, that there is hope and belief in something more, when faced with significant loss and that there is a chance to always start again, to renew, to heal and to forgive.

This is why we need Christmas, not just a holiday. It diverts us from the bad and encourages us to think of the good. We can ponder on the words whispered to an apostle 2000 years ago:

***God so loved the world that
He gave his only son.***

That act of love offers us healing, hope and holiness. It gives us the ability to live at peace with each other and with our God. May your Christmas be one that is free of all things frustrating, erosive and negative. May it be a time with good friends and loving families. May it be a time of holiness, healing and hope. I wish this for myself and I wish this sincerely for all in our S.H.S. Community.

Please over this break take care of yourselves and those you care for!

This is another example of attitude of gratitude –what a great Christmas message

“Erin Duffy here (mother of Jaimie Duffy, Gr 4 Smith and Xavier Duffy, Gr 3 Hood). Jaime and Xavier's little brother Jack has finally received his communication device (it's been in the works for around 18 months). Sacred Heart helped raise a lot of money for this device and have supported Jack as a community member for well over 6/7 years It shows Jack learning how to use his communication device with his eyes!!!! (Xavier Bird gets a cameo as well) We have no restrictions on who this is shown too and can't put into words what Sacred Heart has done for us as a family!”

Thanks,
Chris and Erin Duffy

<https://vimeo.com/113966378>

Farewell to Families

As this is the last newsletter I wanted to also say farewell on behalf of the school, to all the families that will be leaving S.H.S. at the end of this year. We thank you for what you have brought to our school and how you have shaped our community through your time here. We wish you every success in the future.

We say farewell to the following families:

Gardner, Fenton, Dalton, Visentin, Whitmore, Iezzi, Manche, Smith, Milner, Petty, Griffin, Mudge, Turner, Strauss, Iramu, Knopp-Claxton, McCarron, Stewart, Waddington, Cairns, Beatty, Blythe, Duyst, Coombe, Gumley, Dowling, Frame, Stingel, McMahon and Lovell families.

In particular we would like to recognise the Gardner family, with Remi in Grade 6. They have spent the last 19 years in a row as parents and a S.H.S. family.

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Key dates - December

Friday 12th : 10am - 2pm Prep - Gr.2 End of year Picnic

Monday 15th : Gr.4 Aquatic Centre - End of year celebration

Monday 15th : Gr 5 & 6 Gorge Excursion

Monday 15th : 7pm Thanksgiving Mass & Gr.6 Graduation

Tuesday 16th : Grade 3 Excursion

Tuesday 16th : 2pm End of year Assembly - Grade 6 Awards - Farewell to Gr.6 activity

Wednesday 17th : Last day for students, Sausage Sizzle and plain clothes day, Gr.6 End of year water fight

CANCELLED!

Working Bee Sunday 14th December

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY

" The working bee for this Sunday 14th December from 9-12pm has been postponed. Unfortunately we have not had enough numbers confirm their attendance. We needed some confidence in how many would attend so we could order the right amount of materials and scope of work. We recognise this is a busy time of year and will look to have the working bee again in within the first three weeks of 2015. Thanks to those that offered and confirmed their attendance."

S.H.S Swimming Pool

Mrs. Julie Squires who runs her Swimming School in the S.H.S. Pool is not continuing her lease next year. Julie is looking to work at Launceston Aquatic and enjoy just being an employee rather than a small business owner.

We want to thank Mrs. Julie Squires for her time as part of our community and I know there are many, many families past and present who have connections to Julie and the program she has provided.

In terms of the long term future of our pool, I want to reassure families that at this stage there is no consideration around not continuing using this facility as a pool, still being connected with the school. Having said this we will be shutting down the pool over Christmas in relation to maintenance and other issues. We are continuing to lobby for support in some maintenance and ownership issues around the pool and hopefully can get outcomes for this sooner rather than later. We will keep all informed as soon as we are aware of any progress.

New Polo Tops

It was exciting this week to have all the polo tops arrive ready for the start of next year. I am really looking forward to seeing all of our students in our new polo tops with the colours of each of our 4 Houses included in the design.

The Uniform Shop will be open on the 28th and 29th January, where you can collect pre ordered polo tops. We will also then be open after these dates as per normal. We may need the first week to transition to the new polo tops.

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2015 School Uniform

A reminder that at the end of this year the transition from the 'old' school uniform to the new elements finishes. From the start of next year all students need to be wearing the new boys' shirt and new girls summer dress and socks.

2015 back to School Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Wednesday 28th of January 2015 10am to 2pm

Thursday 29th of January 2015 10am to 2pm

For further information please
email : shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au

Kelly 0400 128 200 Rebecca 0418 721 952

Mini Vinnie's News

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Baskets will be placed in all classrooms shortly in the hope that they will be filled with a selection of goodies for families in need this Christmas. Each class has been allocated a family to collect for. The St Vincent de Paul Society have been very grateful for the wonderful support of our school community in past years. Hopefully this year will be no exception!

Suggestions for hamper items include: cereals, tin fruits and vegetables, pasta and rice, long life milk and custard, sweet and savoury biscuits, chocolates, Christmas treats and small gifts suitable for young children in allocated families. The appeal will conclude on Wednesday 10th December.

Thank you for your anticipated support.
All the best from the Vinnie's team.



Sacred Heart School Fair - 20th of March 2015

Preparations are well under way for the 2015 School Fair. The P&F would like to make this a great event after not running a fair this year. We are calling for **expressions of interest** from families who wish to be involved in or find out more about the school fair – MAKE CONTACT NOW!

If you would like to find out about our fair, or offer suggestions or assistance, please contact:

Kelly Cox by Mob: 0400 128 200 or Email: coxk13@gmail.com.

Ways families can assist include:

- Managing a stall on the night with the assistance of parents from your child's grade
- Donating or suggesting prizes for the raffle or chocolate wheel
- Sponsoring a stall or a spin of the Chocolate Wheel
- Assisting with fair preparations when Term 1 commences
- Ideas for new activities or stalls

Together as a school community we can make the 2015 Sacred Heart School Fair a wonderful event for our school and the wider community. We welcome your ideas and assistance.

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R.E News

Angels bring news of Great Joy at Christmas Time



Angels are often associated with Advent and Christmas for it was the Angel that appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of Jesus. The Angel signalled the momentous nature of what was about to occur. The fact that the news came by means of Angels changes the nature of the news itself: It is the news of the impossible (Luke 1:37) made possible. Angels make the incredible news of the incarnation credible. Their awesome presence quickens the faith of a young girl ... and ours. God graciously moves her and us to welcome his news by presenting it to us in ways too compelling to dismiss or disbelieve.

Remember that though Angels enhance the message, they are still mere couriers. It is the message itself that counts. And the message is this: the Son of God has become human so that humans might become children of God.

May this Christmas time be the time of possibility: possibility for our total transformation, singularly achieved by the living God, creating new birth in the human heart and forming Christ with us (Gal 4:19) capturing the imaginations and hearts of all. May the Angels be a reminder of the echoing service in the words of Mary: "May it be to me as you have said".

And may the Angels be a reminder of a warm and wondrous presence opening doors and preparing hearts for the miraculous event about to happen.

Wishing you a very Holy Christmas time and all the happiness this Christmas season brings.

adapted from:

<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/september-1995/have-you-seen-angels-series-advent-and-christmas-services-series-advent-and-c>

Helen Halley – Faith, Mission and Wellbeing

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~ December 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14th	15th • Gr 5 & 6 Gorge Excursion • Gr 4 Aquatic Centre Excursion • 7pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass • No Birth-4 Program Today	16th • Reports to Parents • Gr.3 Excursion • 2pm End of year Assembly & Gr.6 Awards	17th • Term 4 Ends Sausage Sizzle & Plain Clothes day	18th	19th	20th

Living Christmas Cards for Sale

\$6 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

Price reduced to \$4 a pack!



S.H.S. Parents and Friends email
shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

Student absences

Please remember to call the School office on 63311011 or email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au if your child will be absent from school.

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

End of Term 4 Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 17th December

Sausage/Hamburger orders along with payment need to be given to the class teachers by Wednesday 10/12

Hamburgers \$2.00

Sausages \$1.50



Key Dates - 2015

January

28th Uniform Shop Open 10am-2pm

29th Uniform Shop Open 10am-2pm

February

5th Term 1 Commences

16th SHS Gr3-6 Swimming Carnival

20th P & F Welcome BBQ

24th 7pm P & F Meeting

March

19th NIJSSA Swimming Carnival

20th SHS School Fair

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Recent students of the week

Prep Hills	<p>Broden Harper For always being a fantastic listener</p>	<p>Alice Fox For being a great friend</p>
Prep Best	<p>Emily McMullen For outstanding achievement with her reading</p>	<p>Lucas Mineall For always being a WEST student</p>
Grade 1 Crawford	<p>Lily Tyson For amazing artwork this week</p>	<p>Gidget O'Connell For filling so many buckets this week</p>
Grade 1 Underlin	<p>Lennox Wood For being a claimer</p>	<p>Lilia Colgrave For being super helpful</p>
Grade 3 Hood	<p>Hayden Gardner For your welcoming behaviour towards a new student</p>	<p>Lily Scolyer For your resilience under pressure</p>
Grade 3 Symons	<p>Polly O'Connell For terrific participation in our Arts program</p> <p>Grace Campbell For excellent singing in the Carols</p>	<p>Sienna Foster For excellent singing in the Carols</p> <p>Sierra Di Maio For excellent singing in the Carols</p>
Grade 4 Smith	<p>Abbey Brewer For building strong friendships</p>	<p>Jenna Williams For a positive approach despite physical difficulties</p>
Grade 4 Wood	<p>Haylie Lehner For your wonderful efforts with your Passion Project</p>	<p>Will Fox For your patience and great attitude</p>
Grade 5 McLeod/ Illingworth	<p>Yasmine O'Keefe For an entertaining narrative</p> <p>Jackson Armour For fantastic teamwork in tower building</p>	<p>Emma Madden For leading class prayers in a respectful and reflective manner</p> <p>Billee Hannah For fantastic teamwork in tower building</p>
Grade 5 Viney/Sydes	<p>Isobelle Mathers For the commitment and extra effort she puts into everything she does</p>	<p>Jacob Zupan For his positive attitude towards school and others</p>
Grade 6 Davie	<p>Sophie Cibik For being an active member of grade 6</p>	<p>Daniel Nicholas For his great work and concentration on his advertising unit</p>
Grade 6 Claessens/ Thompson	<p>Cody Smith For being a walking god moment in his relations with others</p>	<p>Zander Turner For having a positive attitude to life and tasks</p>

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Congratulations to our School Captains for 2015

Jonte Adams, Will Reilly

Ally Brown, Hannah Sydes

P & F Annual Survey

Thanks to all those who took the time to reply to the P & F annual survey with 74 families responding. Below is an overview of the feedback:

Have you ever been involved in the P & F?

- 79% attended events such as the Welcome BBQ, Twilight Fair and Rock 'n' Roll Night.
- 77% donated goods/items
- 37% had volunteered at P & F events.

In regard to events/projects that families support?,

- Twilight Fair (87%), Rock n' Roll Night (83%), Carols on the Oval (89%)
- Fundraisers such as raffles or entertainment books (74%) were the most supported events

What should the P & F focus on?

- 86% suggested fundraising
- Funds allocation (47%) and providing guest speakers/workshops (43%) being the next main responses.

How well is information about the P & F currently being communicated?

- 58% of respondents were happy with the current newsletter delivery
- 22% responding they would like access to the P & F through the school website

Rebranding the P & F name?

- 67% wanted to stay with the current title – Parents and Friends Association

Any other suggestions for the P & F that they may be overlooking?

- Keep it social
- Long term goal setting
- Getting new parents involved in their first year at the school
- Meeting at an earlier time
- Classroom sub groups

The P & F will discuss these results and begin working with this information at the 2015 February meeting

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Co teachers

In 2015 we are lucky enough to have 4 co-teachers working in our school. An extra teacher will be working in each team for between 1 to 2 full days per week each, to increase the learning outcomes of all our students.

Teaching teams are currently planning how co-teachers will be used in their grade. We are really excited about this opportunity for our students. Students working with co-teachers will experience different and hopefully challenging work in literacy and maths with a focus on problem solving, reasoning and inquiry. These groups will be fluent and changeable over the year, but stay together long enough to give individual students a sustained experience. Having co-teachers will support classroom teachers by having a smaller number of students in the classroom while the co-teacher works with groups of students themselves. This will support all students learning for the better!

To begin with, these groups will be selected by classroom teachers using data (e.g. NAPLAN, Pat Assessments, Reading levels), we have gathered as a school and through discussion with previous year teachers.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students and staff and we look forward to this evolving over the academic year. We will share more detailed information at the start of next year in relation to this.

Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2

Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 students will wear their
P.E gear on the first 2 days next year
Thursday 5th Feb - P E gear
Friday 6th Feb - P E gear

Office hours for 2015

21st January onwards : 8.30am - 4pm

Traffic Safety

During this busy time of year please be aware of traffic safety around the school

- No parking in the Drop off/Pick up zones
- No double parking to pick up children
- No parking in Bus stops
- No parking in the turning circle
- No right turn out of bottom car park into Margaret St

At this busy time please be aware of children / pedestrians and take care driving

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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, families and our staff farewell.

Date: Monday, 15th 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.

Does your child want to play basketball in 2015?



Launceston Saints Basketball Club will be holding their Registration clinic and sausage sizzle on February 2nd 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic school gym

Under 10's and 12's 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Under 14's and 16's 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Bring your ball and have a bit of fun with other children your age -
sausages will be available for \$2**

**To register your expression of interest or for further information please
email us at launcestonsaints@gmail.com**

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Following a directive from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office there will be a change in the way your fees are invoiced to you next year. This will apply not only to our school but to all Catholic schools in Tasmania. The total amount of your fees will be charged to you on the 1st March 2015 and the due date for payment will be the 31st March, 2015. This will not mean that you will have to pay the entire year's fees by the end of the month!

We are conscious of the fact that full payment is not an option for most families so when the invoice is received by you it will be accompanied by a Payment Arrangement Form which we will ask you to complete and return to advise how you would like to pay and over what period of time you would like to complete payment throughout the year. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly payments will all be acceptable as in previous years by all of the payment options currently in place. If you have any queries regarding this change please feel free to contact the school office and we will be only too happy to assist you.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2015

Enrolment deposit	\$50.00 per application
Capital Levy	\$200.00 per family per year
Tuition Fees (Kinder to Grade 6)	\$1438.00 per student per year
Tuition Levies (included on booklist)	
Prep	\$50.00 per student per year
Grade 1	\$45.00 per student per year
Grade 2	\$45.00 per student per year
Grade 3	\$135.00 per student per year (inc iPad levy)
Grade 4	\$142.00 per student per year (inc iPad levy)
Grade 5	\$157.00 per student per year (inc iPad levy)
Grade 6	\$111.00 per student per year

Parents & Friends Levy \$63.00 per family per year (voluntary)

Uniforms See Website

Invoice Terms

Invoices will be issued to you at the commencement of the new school year. Full payment will be due 30 days from the date of the invoice, unless other arrangements are made using the payment arrangement form.

Please note that any payment arrangement entered into is purely administrative. In the event of default on payment arrangements, the total amount outstanding will become immediately due and the school reserves its right to take steps to recover it in full.

Changes to terms and conditions

New Terms and Conditions are to be introduced on 1 January 2015. By continuing your child/ren's enrolment in 2015, you will be taken to have accepted the new Terms and Conditions. We strongly encourage you to visit our website www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au. Or enquire at the school office for a full copy of our new Terms and Conditions, which you should read carefully.