

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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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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Bernard of Chartres in the 12th Century is believed to have stated the following about his generation:

"We are dwarves standing on the shoulders of giants."

Close to a 1000 years later the claim is no less accurate. As a society we can see further and see more not because we are necessarily wiser or taller than those that came before us, rather because of their efforts that have raised us up and made our current achievements possible.

Last weekend the Church of Apostles held a dinner to celebrate 150 years. We are blessed to have great priests in Fr. Mark and Fr. Anthony, as well as Fr. Richard before this (who we still claim as our own).

The individual and collective efforts of the Launceston Catholic community over the last 150 years has led to last weekend's celebration. The building itself is iconic and beautiful however without people from the past our great priests and Parish would not be where it is now.



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From the Principal:

Our school in different forms has been continuing for close to 150 years also! We are currently going through a period of more intense work on buildings (particularly this Term!!!!) . The origins of our school go back to Ireland and the Presentation Sisters, followed by the Christian Brothers years later. There is a long line of Principals, teachers, staff, students and parents throughout this time that have through their efforts helped shape the school community we have now. We certainly are standing on the shoulders of those that came before us and benefit greatly from the servant leadership they lived out.

In listening to 'Conversations with Richard Fidler' recently talking with Waleed Aly, there were some interesting insights Waleed said the following:

"If Religion is a source of arrogance then you are doing it horrifically wrong. Really what you are doing is an identity project not an expression of faith. Humility is a necessary consequence of traditional religious commitment.

We could do really well if we could recognise our own smallness but we are in the process of building a culture that is all about our own bigness..our own consequence, significance - that is potentially character deforming, socially corrosive but it appears to be where we are heading."

I think we can all get caught up in 'drinking our own bath water' from time to time. Leaders including Principals can see their need, their importance and value to their communities sometimes more elevated than the reality! I think at times the greatest challenge is with others in school communities who get caught up in making decisions that are about their own 'identity projects' rather than the humility of simply doing what is needed, beyond and in spite of what is self serving or self promoting.

I am finding this last period of time frustrating and not ending how I would like it to end. I am caught up in important tasks and meetings, they need to be done to help in the transition into my new role and for the new Principal. They are making it difficult for me to be present and as available as I would like, particularly with only a few days left.

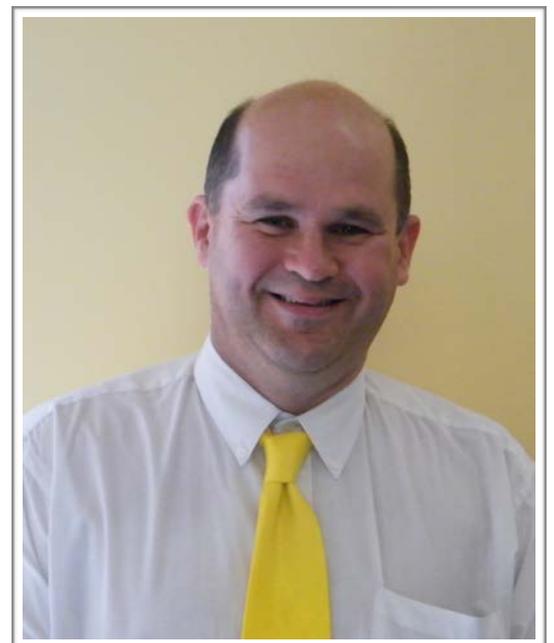
We all need to be reminded, including me, that we are small, bit parts, cameo performances in our school's much bigger epic story and not let our focus on our own bigness get in the way of that story.

Congratulations to the new Acting Principal

I would like to personally and on behalf of our entire school community congratulate and welcome Mr. Brent Wilson to the SHCS Community. From the letter sent out last Friday you can see Brent is an experienced leader across our system.

I have worked with and alongside Brent for many years and he is a passionate, relational and authentic leader in our system. We are creating shared handover documents (googledocs) to make sure as much information is shared and explained and discussed over this next period. Both Brent and I will continue to liase and work together next year in our new roles, including support in the initial transition period of early 2017 around building programs and start of year activities.

Brent will be meeting with Liz Illingworth, Adele Murphy (Acting Assistant Principal in 2017) and myself next Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Carols on the Oval

Thanks to Mr. Barry Nas, teachers and students for their participation in Carols last night. I am genuinely disappointed I was unable to attend. From speaking with my family it was still a great night and continues (even with a different venue this year) a fantastic SHCS Community experience.



Orientation 2017

We held our 2017 Orientation classes this morning. We wish our current Grade 6 students all the best today attending St. Patrick's College and meeting new teachers, new classmates and navigating a much bigger school.

No doubt children will come home with different feelings about their classes for 2017. One of the great benefits we have at SHCS is being a two stream school where students can continue to have opportunities to broaden their social network and friendship groups. Opportunities to learn to work with and for different teachers, work beside and around other students and continue to take responsibility for their own learning.

Our Grade 6 students will face the reality of having no or little input to which classes or teachers they get in 2017. Whether they like a teacher or not they still need to work and learn - as at the end of the day, it is their future that is at play.

Whether our children come home happy, ok or disappointed we have a great opportunity as parents to direct their attitude and approach to begin 2017 in a positive way. If we encourage and enhance their negative thoughts then we usually help create the exact situations we claim to want to avoid.

No End Of Year Sausage Sizzle/BBQ This Year

- There will be no Sausage Sizzle/BBQ at the end of this year with the last three days moving and packing up of classrooms we have decided to leave the BBQ for this year
- From 2017 we will have an end of term BBQ for Term 1 and Term 4 to celebrate the start and the end of the year.

Help Required To Move Classrooms

If any parents are available and interested in helping move classrooms between 9am-1.30pm on Wednesday 14th December (last day of school) please contact the school office by Friday 9th December so jobs can be allocated. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

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Primary Schools Triathlon 24th November

Our school took a large team to the Primary School's Triathlon in Devonport last week. I am proud our school chooses and can support students by paying for the bus to take them down and to provide relief on classes for both Liz and Teresa to attend. It needs to be noted that most other schools do not offer this support for this event or other events that we do.

It is really important that every student has a chance to 'shine' in whatever moments or opportunities they can. Our school will keep supporting different events and experiences to give our students moments 'in the sun.'



****FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE****

Your final school fee account for the year will be sent out on next week.

Please make sure you have finalised all payments for 2016 ASAP.

If you have any problems please contact us to arrange a payment plan.

UNIFORM SHOP

Email :

shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au

Opening Hours

**Thursday 8th December
2pm - 4pm**

**Wednesday 1st February
10am - 4pm**

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Birth - 4 News

Unfortunately B-4 won't return to finish of the year as planned. There have been delays with the Kinder/Gr 5 building works and there is no possible room to hold the program elsewhere in the school.

Good news is Vera and I would like to invite you to the following:

WHAT- B-4 End of Year Christmas Catch up

WHERE- City Park Playground

WHEN - Tuesday 6th December

TIME- 10am-12noon

BRING- a small plate of food to share, own drink bottle, hats and sun cream.

Surely we've had enough wet weather but if the day doesn't look like it'll be great then I'll email you all the night before.

We realise that this time won't suit everyone and we understand if you can't make it. We just felt like we had to try and catch up to say thank you for what has been a great year for B-4 for 2016.

One other thing more good news, Vera and I will be working with the B-4 program next year and will notify of the starting date early 2017. HOORAY!!!

Take great care and we hope to see you at the park.

Happy Days,

Rebecca and Vera

LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of 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.

Emergency Practice

Before the end of term we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our responses of going into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

This will occur during recess or lunchtime.

Like for fire evacuation, we recognised the worth to test processes.

We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive to students as able. And it will be apparent that this is only a practice – not a real lockdown.

If you have queries you can call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

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| ~ December 2016 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| | | 3.15pm Art Club 6pm Grade 6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy | Last day for School Banking  9-11am Kinder 2017 Orientation (Halley) Gr.6 Kids Paradise | 11.30am Band/Strings Instrument Collection & Party 6.30pm St Pats End of Year Mass | 9-11am Kinder 2017 Orientation (Nas) Gr 6 Skate Park 2.10 Assembly | |
| 11th | 12th | 13th | 14th | 15th | 16th | 17th |
| | 7pm End of year Mass Gr 5/6 Gorge Excursion Gr 4 Aquatic Centre Prep - 2 Tailrace Picnic | 2pm End of year Assembly & Grade 6 Awards | Last Day Term 4 No lunch orders today! | | | |

No BBQ - Last day term 4

Please be advised that this year there will not be a BBQ on the last day of term 4 due to the packing up of class rooms.

BBQ's - 2017

Moving forward to 2017, BBQ's will now be held on the last day of Term 1 and the last day of Term 4 to celebrate the start and the end of the year.

CANTEEN

Please note: there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** on **Wednesday 14th December** (last day of school)

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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 12th 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.

Church of the Apostles - Christmas Eve Family Mass - 6.30pm

Children's Nativity Rehearsal Tuesday 6th of December 3.15pm in the Church

Please come along to be part of the Nativity acted out during the Mass

Children's Christmas Mass Choir Rehearsal will follow on from the Nativity practice from 3.45pm. Rosie Caelli will be arranging the singing, please come along and be a part of the Family Mass Choir

If you are unable to attend the rehearsal and would like to be a part of the Christmas Family Mass please let us know by

contacting Kelly 0400 128 200
or the Parish Office 63 31 4377



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Mini Vinnie's Christmas Hampers

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all those families who have so kindly donated items for our Christmas Hampers Appeal so far. Your kindness has been very much appreciated and will go along way to making one family's Christmas a little happier this Year.

We are ending the appeal on the December 6th so Vinnie's can make their collection. We would greatly appreciate any donations by this time.

Kind regards

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



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.

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The Spirit of Jesus is Alive in:

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| Prep Hills | Thomas Davie For learning the backward number sequence from 20 | Emersyn Bramich For learning the backward number sequence from 20 |
| Prep Best | Maddison Fogarty For the amazing effort and attitude she has shown towards reading this year | Ebony Harper For always being a caring and generous friend to all |
| Grade 1 Murphy | Amelie Millar For being a conscientious worker | Daniel Wojcik For concentrating and always trying his best |
| Grade 1 Crawford | Gianna Acquarola For much improved handwriting | Lily Humphries For making better choices in the classroom |
| Grade 2 Reid | Lucas Mineall For excellent scientific research about plants | Heidi Brewer For being a wonderful WEST class member. Always happy and inclusive |
| Grade 2 van Ryn | Alec Jeong For always having an amazing attitude | Luwanna Beeton For a great effort at swimming |
| Grade 3 Symons | Eloise Heather For great efforts in her Maths | Oliver Wright For outstanding achievement in her work |
| Grade 4 Hegarty | Thomas Page For always respecting others | Lachlan Jenkins For great work in Maths this week |
| Grade 4 Wood | Max Symons For your excellent work on probability in Maths | Dillan Norton For treating your class mates with great kindness and respect |
| Grade 5 McLeod | Serena Millwood-McKenzie For an outstanding effort at triathlon and band performance | Sam Cowley For doing his best at the triathlon |
| Grade 5 Viney/Steven | Fletcher Tyson For outstanding effort and attitude in Orienteering | Alice Jones For the thoroughness and dedication she shows towards her learning |

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Congratulations to **Jackson Radley** (3 Symons) who is currently representing Tasmania at the Ego Senses 2016 Australasia Show Horse and Rider National Championship in Melbourne. Good luck Jackson!



Congratulations to **Isaac Hyatt** (6 Claessens) has been selected to represent Northern Tasmania in the U13 Emerging Tigers Cricket Team and also the State Cricket Team. He will be flying to Canberra in January to represent Tasmania. Goodluck Isaac!

A lovely thank you letter sent to our Sacred Heart Care Team

Our family would like to send a heartfelt thanks to those who are a part of the Sacred Heart School Care Team for the meals they have provided our family over the past couple of months.

Having the meal drops has been a tremendous help to our family and one less thing to worry about while we concentrate on medical appointments and health issues.

Your small gesture has been very much appreciated and we are very grateful to be a part of an amazing school community that has shown us care and support.



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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

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

SPORT'S NEWEST KIDS PROGRAM IS HERE!




For more information or to register go to:
<http://www.bowlpatrol.com.au>

Bowl Patrol is a program to teach kids the basic skills of tenpin bowling.

Features:

- For kids aged 6-12
- Learn to bowl
- Improve balance & co-ordination
- 8 week program
- Skills based progression
- Qualified instructor



BOWL PATROL WILL BE HELD AT:
Launceston Lanes
20 Innocent Street - Phone 63449933
Starting term 1 2017 click and register on web link above

KEEP CALM AND ENROL NOW!

FOR 2017



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|  LAUNCESTON PCYC Police and Community Youth Club | KinderGym | Boxing | Weight Gym |
| | Gymnastics | Karate | Fitness Rockwall |
| | Trampoline | KravMaga | Power Lifting |
| | Tumbling | BattleFit | Olympic Lifting |
| | KinderDance | Op Resilience | FreeG |
| | Dance | Iron Disciples | Sporting EDGE |

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