

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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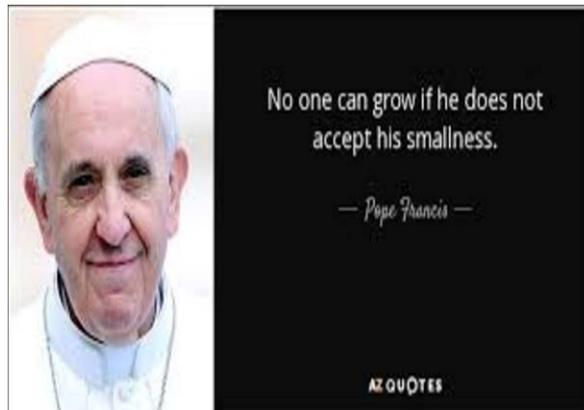
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**Remember, it takes a
village to raise a
child and a village of
advocates to raise a
child who struggles.**

-Dr. Kelli Sandman-Hurley

DyslexiaTrainingInstitute.org



No one can grow if he does not
accept his smallness.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less

- CS Lewis

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From the Principal:

I write our last newsletter for the year and my last newsletter for SHCS. Over the last five years I have had the brief privilege to be part of this community. There have no doubt been challenges, no doubt mistakes; many small and some big. At times loud dissent or whispering disagreement. We do not ignore these nor doubt that in some cases they are valid. For the purpose of this last newsletter it is more appropriate to reflect on our growth, our celebrations and our achievements in the last five years.

Climate and Culture

Enhanced the focus on positive relationships through:

- School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) - including a PBS team lead by Julian Davie.
- Afternoon Tea with the Principal once a month with an MJR focus for two students from each class.
- House Team Competition - teams with most Respect Cards and Good Decision Boards.
- Using Twitter and Facebook to share small great moments from each day.
- Increasing the use of MJR language across the school and into the 'SHCS Vocabulary'
- Respect cards given out to students for respecting themselves, respecting others and respecting learning.

Enhanced sense of pride in SHCS through:

- New Sports Polo Tops including colours of their house along the side panels of the tops.
- Stronger sense of pride in representing the school in sporting domains like Cross Country, Athletics, Basketball Tournaments, Triathlons, Fishing.

Communication

Enhancing communication within staff:

- Use of Zimbra to create online school calendars for all staff along with more detailed staff briefing.
- Principal having mid year conversations with each staff member
- Using Google Drive to collaborate with each other.
- Learning support having two meetings a term with leadership team
- Team Leader meetings more regularly and more focused on leadership and school strategic planning.

Enhancing communication with parents:

- More detailed newsletter for parents, an invitation to stay connected and informed with our school..
- Letters sent out via email and hard copy on request.
- Schoolbag, Twitter and Facebook sites for parents and the wider community along with updated website.
- Having an Parent/Teacher/ Student meeting at the start of the year

Facilities and Resources

Enhancing facilities and buildings including:

- New deck on the oval, AFL Goals on oval and reflective garden outside library.
- Music room refurbishment creating sliding glass door between rooms and general refurbishment.
- Redevelopment of a second Kinder classroom - previously the computer lab.
- Converting of Cellar to an Art Studio and loose parts play area.
- Prep to Grade 2 Building completely redeveloped and completely renovated.
- Redevelopment of Car Park accessed from Margaret Street.
- Providing teachers with laptops and iPads to support their teaching (funded by the school)
- 1:1 iPad program for all students from Grade 3-6 and increased number of laptops and iPads

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Well Being

Enhance physical wellbeing:

- Daily Fitness three mornings a week, water bottles, fruit breaks as part of our physical wellbeing focus.
- Restructure school day with two lunch breaks equal time (30 mins), we provide 10 minutes actual eating time for students too. The last session 1 hour when concentration is at its lowest makes sense.
- Students able to wear their P.E. uniform increased from one to two days a week.

Enhance social/emotional/spiritual wellbeing:

- All the aspects already mentioned under climate and culture.
- Establishing a Wellbeing Coordinator Role to support students released two days a week.
- Circle Time, Gratitude Journals, MyTern and MJR programs part of our regular timetable and language.
- Create SHCS Care Team -offering a helping hand, for families who need it within our school co

Learning and Teaching

- NAPLAN Results continuing to trend upwards from already very good results to equal if not better than any other Primary School. Co-teacher program Prep - 6. Provide Health, Art and in 2017 Science specialist teachers.
- Google Classroom for student learning and teaching. Grade 5 Book and Art Club once a month.
- Review Homework Policy with whole school approach in 2017.

Leadership

- Having two defined and separate roles for Assistant Principal and Special Learning Needs.
- Creating a Co-Principal model with Assistant Principal full time off class.
- Executive Assistant to the Principal help coordinate administration & communication within school.
- Office Manager coordinates relief, WHS and organisation of the school.
- Support staff to build leadership capacity e.g. Wellbeing Coordinator, MJR, PBS, ICT and Team Leaders.
- Increase the focus of team leaders (K-2, 3-4 and 5-6) meeting monthly with Principal and AP to support their leadership development and enhance collaborative planning processes, behaviours and understanding.
- Grade 6 students providing tours for new families and visitors, as part of being a WEST School. running assembly and House Captains involved in more leadership.

Sacred Heart School Community is a genuinely special place. The positive climate, energy and spirit is unique and enhanced more than other places I have been in and am aware of. We produce great results academically, we know this through public sites that track school performance. We are just as proud of the wellbeing focus and the focus on broader aspects of educating young people. Skills, interpersonal development, values, attitudes and dispositions are just as important as content knowledge.

Our community's growth is due to people not a person. Our benefit comes from those that have lead the way before. This strength is here before many of us and hopefully beyond our time.

The key message I want to leave with our community is we are all responsible for creating this and we are all part of maintaining this. The moment individuals think this is the responsibility of others or the new principal or others alone, then we risk losing what we have.

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From the Principal:

Having attended this school as a young man (St. Patrick's Preparatory School), enrolling my daughter Meg to attend Kindergarten in 2007 (before becoming Principal of OLOL Devonport and relocating), to returning to the school in 2012 with my 3 children in Grade 4, 2 and 1, it seems fitting that this school is where I finish my career as a Principal.

I want to thank each and every person in our community as all interactions, all challenges and all celebrations have helped me grow and develop. I wish everyone: staff, students and parents every success into the future and hope you achieve all you aspire to achieve. I look forward to being just a parent of SHCS community in 2017 and will make efforts to take it easy on the new Principal.

Class Allocations

Classes are now allocated for 2017. We have had Orientation Days and students have had their first sense and experience of 2017. We understand for some students (and some parents) they may be disappointed for a variety of reasons. We respect these opinions while knowing that we cannot accommodate all demands asked of us.

- Whether people like it or not we only have so many choices we can make.
- Our students enter High School where little or no time is given to teacher requests.
- We also know anecdotally from students attending SPC in High School that students with broader social networks find the transition much, much easier.
- We do not expect 100% of community to be happy with every decision we make however we hope we are respected as professionals in the time and expertise we give in making these decisions.
- For example sharing your frustrations via Facebook or Social media whether private or public is not showing the trust and respect of people within the school looking after your children's welfare.

Again parents may not like reading this however we find overwhelmingly in the majority of cases where conversations at home are around finding the positive, learning to deal with disappointment and accepting that life does not always give you everything you want, children usually transition well into the following year.

In situations where there is over sharing in front of children, discussions around why next year is going to be disappointing or cause problems, it should not be a surprise that the following year this is exactly what happens.

In light of all of this we encourage parents to work with their children and to work through disappointment with an attitude that is positive into next year, that is solution and strategy focused and optimistic in outlook.

End of Year Activities

- **Reminder we have our End of Year Mass this coming Monday**
- **End of Year Grade 6 Awards Assembly**
- **Wednesday moving and cleaning up of rooms in preparation**

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****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

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.

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

Key dates for February 2017	
1st	10am - 4pm Uniform Shop Open
9th	Students First Day
14th	6.30pm Board Meeting 7pm Prep Parent Information Evening
15th	7pm Kinder Parent Information Evening
16th	7pm Grade 1 & 2 Parent Information Evening
17th	5pm Welcome BBQ
20th	SHS Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival

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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.

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

Next Tuesday afternoon, 15th December at 3.10pm in the Church of the Apostles, we will have our second rehearsal for the Children's Nativity acted out as part of the Mass and the Children's Christmas Choir, led by Rosie Caelli, will practise. There are still places available in the Nativity and the Choir. If your child would like to be a part of the Nativity or Choir please come along next Tuesday or contact Kelly Cox on 0400128200 if you are unable to attend this rehearsal so we know who to expect on Christmas Eve. This is a lovely Family Mass and we would like the children to be a part of the Mass.

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2016 LAUNCESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRIZE



Congratulations to all Grade 4 students who participated in the 2016 Launceston Historical Society History Prize. Asha Lowe's fantastic project on Chalmers' Church was awarded First Place. Her slideshow project was reflective of her outstanding critical and creative thinking skills and her excellent effort was justly rewarded. Well done Asha!

My State Student Film Festival 2016



Congratulations to all students in Grade Three and Four who entered the MyState Student Film Festival Competition 2016. Well done to Max Symons, Lily Robinson and Oliver Tys. Their short film, *The Flight That Never Arrived*, is a finalist for the *Jonathan Dawson Most Promising Filmmakers Award*

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:

Prep Hills	Sophie Macri For an outstanding year in Prep	Fletcher Luttrell For showing great leadership this year in Prep
Prep Best	William Allison Wow, what an amazing boy! For always being caring and considerate to all	Tim Innes For an amazing year in Prep!
Grade 1 Murphy	Colby Crawford For being a conscientious worker	Thomas Tanton For being a helpful class member
Grade 1 Crawford	Kirra Piper For her wonderful attitude towards school	Sylvain de Clouet-Cooper For a great final term in Grade 1
Grade 2 van Ryn	Hugh Rickerby For adding valuable comments to our discussion in Religious Education	Aria Spencer For a great attitude to work throughout the whole year
Grade 2 Reid	Samuel Tyson For always willing to help with classroom chores	Cooper van Emmerik For his positive attitude to all tasks
Grade 3 Hood	Lily Tyson For your determination to improve your reading Jack Adams For your enthusiastic approach to school work Zane Headland For your impressive performance as a foreign correspondent	Imogen Bennetts-Menis For always working well in reading groups Erin Hughes For your lovely portrayal of Nano Nagle
Grade 3 Symons	Molly Ross For working hard in all areas	Sebastian Page For being a great WEST person
Grade 4 Hegarty	Charlotte Cox For being a fantastic helper to others	Anna McNear For always striving to do your best
Grade 4 Wood	Max Symons For your outstanding skills in film production	Molly Tanton For always giving your best in everything
Grade 5 McLeod	Cayley Quill For being an outstanding helper in class	Corey Quiver For being an outstanding helper in class
Grade 5 Viney/Steven	Sierra Di Maio For demonstrating strong research skills in your country research	Brady Meek For his wonderful efforts in scripted drama
Grade 6 Claessens	Jenna Williams For always being happy, positive and caring in and around class	Mia Baldock For really working very hard and always giving of her very best
Grade 6 Davie	Jamie Duffy For always having a positive attitude towards work	Nicky Ralph For improved dedication to assignments in term 4

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GRADE 6 LEAVERS DINNER



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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



Carswell Coaching



Holiday Tennis

Newstead Tennis and Squash Centre, Olive Street Newstead
Monday 19th December to Wednesday 21st December 2016

9am – 11am each day

\$70 for the 3 days, or \$25 each day.

All enquiries and enrolment's please contact Mathew Carswell

Phone 63261020 / 0417290261 matcarswell@yahoo.com.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
- 8 week program
- Learn to bowl
- Skills based progression
- Improve balance & co-ordination
- 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

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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