



NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL



From the Principal:

“Advent”

The season of Advent commenced last weekend.

Last week John Mula, Executive Director Catholic Education Tasmania, shared the following reflection...

“Next Sunday 2 December is the first Sunday of Advent. Looking around town it’s obvious that retailers have ‘jumped the gun’ so to speak in promoting the festive season. For Christians, Advent can be a challenging season to observe because it is swamped by all things Christmas and all things commercial. Carols are piped throughout shopping centres which are full of Christmas decoration and advertising; card writing is in full swing and our children are working on Christmas themes at school. Maybe all this activity is a form of active waiting, of expectation that something important will happen in the end.

Waiting in expectancy is like waiting in the darkness at a concert for the light show to commence. We know something exciting is about to happen and everyone else is waiting with the same expectation. We might know what to expect because we saw the advertisement, bought the tickets, looked over the programme, but the experience is yet to happen. So, we wait expectantly, open to the experience about to unfold.

During Advent as we wait in expectation of Christ’s coming, it could be that the bright lights, the prospect of presents and special food, leave us unable to recognise what it is for which we are ‘waiting in expectation’. We might ‘miss out’ on the coming of Christ in whatever manner that coming might manifest itself to each of us. The simplicity and openness of the newborn Christ child, shows us how uncomplicated it can be for us to build or renew our personal relationship with God. The Advent wreath with the ‘Christ candle’ in the centre might help keep in focus the reason for our ‘waiting in expectation’.”

This weekend we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. We are reminded that the season of Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. There are many ways we can do this. As a school and families we can focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Next week St Vincent de Paul will come to collect our Christmas Hampers. Each year I am amazed at the generosity of our school community. This is one small way that we can provide outreach for those less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks to the many families who donated items.

Brent Wilson
PRINCIPAL

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Respect for Ourselves
Respect for Others
Respect for our Learning
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**Uniform Shop -
last day for 2018 was 29th
Nov**

**Uniform Shop Back to
School Day 2019-
Thursday January 31st,
10-3pm**

“Staffing 2019”

Two weeks ago we advised parents of Class Teachers for 2019.

I am pleased to advise parents of the following appointments:

Co Teachers

Prep -	Patricia Crombie
Grade 1 -	Anna Davie
Grade 2 -	Brendan Rose
Grade 3/4 -	Bronwyn Lang
Grade 5/6 -	Penelope Izard

- Patricia has taught in several schools in London, England. In the latter half of 2018 Patricia has been relief teaching in many of our classes.
- Brendan joins us from St Joseph's, Queenstown. He has also relief taught in many Catholic schools in Northern Tasmania.
- Penelope has taught at both Our Lady of Lourdes and Sacred Heart Ulverstone. In Term 3 she taught Grade 5 whilst Mr Hood was on leave.

We welcome Patricia, Brendan and Penelope to SHS.

Early Years Teacher

Wendy Nas is retiring from her teaching of Kindergarten teacher after many years of dedicated service to our school. Wendy will be working in all Kinder - Grade 2 classes providing additional support in Literacy and Numeracy.

Teachers leaving and retiring

- Jess Gleadow has been successful in her application for a teaching position at St Thomas More's. Jess has taught at SHS for three years. In that short time Jess has proven herself to be an excellent teacher.
- Jo Liston has been successful in her application for a teaching position at St Finn Barr's. Jo has only been with us for 1 year but in that short time leaves us with many positive memories.
- Tony Claessans is retiring from teaching after many decades of teaching. There are hundreds of children who have enjoyed and significantly benefited from Tony's teaching. Our school, and many others, are fortunate to have had Tony sharing his talents.

We wish Jess, Jo and Tony the very best in all of their new journeys and give thanks for their significant contributions to our school.

Leadership Positions

We are finalising some of our Leadership positions and are working towards advising families of this in the last week of term.

“Classing Arrangements and Orientation Day”

Children moved to their “new teachers” and “new classmates” this morning. We all know that teachers spend considerable time considering all the possible scenarios when they place children and we also know that our teachers need to be aware of all the children in the classes when making the best choice. One of the great things about our school, different from many other primary schools, is that our school, because of its size enables us to mix children year after year, this means that children will be able to develop new relationships.

As teachers we have no doubt there will be some children who return home from school today excited about what 2019 will bring, equally there may be some children who will return home disappointed for varying reasons. It is in moments like these that we as parents impact on how children are likely to continue to respond. If we choose to look for fault in the decision and provide children with a reason to continue their disappointment then this is exactly what your child will do. Alternatively if we look for the positives then children will take the lead from adults.

Catholic Schools Instrumental Concert



Last Thursday evening our Band and Strings performed at St Patrick's College for the 16th Annual Northern Catholic Schools Instrumental Concert. Thanks to the families who supported the evening. Congratulations to our performers.

We especially acknowledge our award winners.

- Excellence Award for Orchestral Strings - Kate Rigby
- Endeavour Award for Orchestral Strings - Thomas Page
- Excellence Award for Band - Lucas Powell
- Endeavour Award for Band - Mia Goody



If you attended the concert and did not receive a music program they can be collected from the Sacred Heart School office on Friday 7th December

“Tasmanian Primary Basketball Championships”

Last weekend our four teams competed at the State Basketball Championships at Elphin. Our school should great pride in the numbers of parents and friends who came to support the children during the tournament.

Thanks to our coaches and managers who gave up another weekend. Congratulations to all of our teams for their performances both on and off the court.

- Grade 3/4 Girls - Third
- Grade 3/4 Boys - Fourth
- Grade 5/6 Girls - Fifth
- Grade 5/6 Boys - First



We especially acknowledge the Grade 5/6 Boys team who were crowned Tasmanian Champions in front of a packed stadium. The Grade 6 Boys are to be commended for the style of play they have conducted throughout the two tournaments. It has been a delight to watch the boys play basketball with intensity but remaining committed to displaying high levels of sportsmanship.

“Carols”

Thanks to the large number of families that joined us last night. Congratulations to our children for your beautiful singing. Thanks to our talented staff for your ‘performance’ and support.

A HUGE thanks to Barry Nas for organising another memorable night.



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd	3rd	4th	5th 6.45pm Carols on the Oval 	6th Band & Strings Program instrument return and celebration	7th 2.10pm Assembly	8th
Prep & Grade 1 Intensive Swim Program @ Launceston Aquatic Centre						
9th	10th 6.30pm Gr 6 Leavers Dinner & Liturgy	11th	12th Gr 6 to Kids Paradise Last day school banking for 2018	13th Gr 5 Excursion Aquatic Centre 7pm SPC End of Year Mass	14th 1pm Gr 5/6 Excursion, Mowgli @ Princess Theatre 2.10pm Assembly	15th
16th	17th Gr 4 Excursion Aquatic Centre Gr 3 Excursion Royal Park Prep -Gr.2 Picnic at the Tailrace	18th 9am -1pm Gr 5/6 Excursion to the Gorge 2pm Final Assembly & Grade 6 Awards	19th 7pm SHS End of Year Mass @ Church of Apostles	20th Final Day for Students BBQ & Plain Clothes Day	21st	22nd

End of Term 4 BBQ & Plain Clothes Day

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Sausage/Hamburger orders along with payment need to be given to the class teachers by Thursday December 13th

Hamburgers \$2.50

Sausages \$2.00



2019 Carnivals

Monday 11th- Wednesday 13th February
Swimming Trials

Monday 18th February
SHS Swimming Carnival

Friday 17th May
SHS Prep - 2 Cross Country

Thursday 23rd May
SHS Gr 3-6 Cross Country

Monday 9th September
SHS Gr 3-6 Athletics

Thursday 14th November
SHS Prep-2 Athletics

2019 Camps

Monday 4th- Wednesday 6th March
Gr 5 Camp to Camp Clayton

Monday 4th- Wednesday 6th March
Gr 6 Camp to Dodges Ferry

Thursday 7th- Friday 8th March
Gr 4 Camp to Hagley Farm School



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 19th 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.

The Spirit of Jesus is Alive in:

Prep Hills	<p>Eli Heathorn For great progress in reading</p>	<p>Owen Richardson For building his resilience</p>
Grade 1 Gleadow	<p>Grace Matthews For being a kind and considerate friend</p>	<p>Liam Birch For exceptional problem solving skills in maths this week. Well done!</p>
Grade 1 Foster	<p>Oliver Bishop For his care and consideration of all his friends Maddie Mayne For Great writing about our excursion to Royal Park</p>	<p>Harrison Vinar For a wonderful effort during our excursion to Royal Park Imogen Lee For consistently trying her hardest in all areas of her learning</p>
Grade 2 Reid	<p>Charlie van Zetten For his persistence and problem solving skills in STEM Murphy Widdowson For his persistence and problem solving skills in STEM</p>	<p>Taj Weber For his persistence and problem solving skills in STEM</p>
Grade 4 van Ryn	<p>Hugh Rickerby Congratulations on your History award</p>	<p>Jonah Webb For challenging himself with his kite design in Science</p>
Grade 5 Viney/Liston	<p>Archie Cooper For being a role model to others with his infectious love of learning</p>	<p>Erin Hughes For sharing her ideas and contributing to class discussions</p>
Grade 5 Hood	<p>Lucy van Zetten For your excellent narrative for your kinder buddy</p>	<p>James Hogarth For your excellent narrative for your kinder buddy</p>
Grade 6 Steven	<p>Molly Tanton For her genuine desire and commitment to Grade 6</p>	<p>William Saltmarsh For living like Jesus and being a kind and caring person</p>
Grade 6 Davie	<p>Annaliese Leeflang For being a Go Kart! A self motivated and responsible learner</p>	<p>Anaiya Madden For her "have a go" attitude to all tasks</p>

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



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**Sacred Heart's
2019 school fair
date has been
confirmed as
Friday March
22nd.**

We have some new faces joining the Fair Committee Team with:

Fair Coordinator – Catherine Pel 0406 769 553

Food Stall Coordinator – Sarah Khun

Non-Food Stall Coordinator – Rebecca Millwood 0418 721 952

Entertainment Coordinator – Phil Illingworth

Parent support and assistance is needed to ensure we are able to staff the Fair and make it yet another successful year.

If you would like to become involved and be a stall convenor, please direct your enquiries to the appropriate committee person.



Congratulations-Hugh

Congratulations to Hugh Rickerby, he entered the Launceston Historical Society History Competition and was announced the winner for Year 4. They loved his research on The Cork Tree at Sacred Heart - What a Corker!

question of the week

If you could change one thing about yourself what would you change? Why?

2019 Term Dates Catholic Schools

Term 1 Thursday 7.2.19 to Friday 12.4.19
Term 2 Monday 29.4.19 to Friday 5.7.19
Term 3 Monday 22.7.19 to Friday 27.9.19
Term 4 Monday 14.10.19 to Tues 17.12.19

22nd July 2018 - Pupil Free Day

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Student absences

If your child will be absent from school please remember to either:

- call the School office on 63311011
- email shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au
- use the Skoolbag app, fill out an eForm
- advise their teacher

If you arrive at school after 9am your child must be walked into the office via the York Street gate and report to the school office to update our records and avoid unnecessary absentee text messages.

It is a legal requirement that parents are expected to advise the school as to why their child is absent.

Signing students out during the day

- You must sign your child out if you need to pick them up from school for an appointment or for your child to leave early.
- Please pre-arrange this with your child's class teacher and the teacher will send your child to the office at the required time so you can collect them from the office and sign them out.

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE 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.

Reminder - Before School expectations

Even though it is a parent responsibility to make arrangements for the supervision of your children before 8:30 a.m., S.H.S. offer an arrangement for families who need their children to be arriving at school earlier.

- ❖ Mrs. Deb Scott will be at school from **8:00am** each school day for any students.
- ❖ **Students are not to arrive before 8am**
- ❖ If a student is here before 8:30 a.m. they need to go to the Gym. **The cost will be \$2 per child per day, which needs to be paid as the student arrives at the Presentation Gym.**
- ❖ The child's name will also be recorded on an attendance sheet on a daily basis.

Reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds without prior permission from the Principal

TOILET ACCESS AFTER HOURS

Student toilets are locked daily at approximately 3:15pm-3:30pm. There is a toilet located in the administration building, which is opened until 4:00pm daily.

Art Exhibition 2018

Sacred Heart Catholic School
would like to invite you to our annual
Art exhibition, to be held in
the Art room, on Tuesday the 11th of December.
Works from Grades 3-6 will be on display.

Time: 3:00 - 4:00pm

For those unable to attend on the night, the exhibition will
be open for viewing on
Wednesday morning between 8:30-9:00am

BEFORE SCHOOL SWIM LESSONS 2019



We are taking bookings now for swimming lessons
at the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Pool
before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

available time slots include
7:20am, 7:55am and 8:25am

book your free info/assessment session before the 22nd
December to secure 2018 prices

To send an inquiry go to
www.streamlineswimacademy.com.au

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