

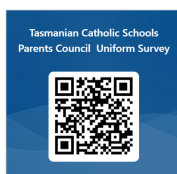


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Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council:

On behalf of the President of the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parent Council, Charlotte Geeves, welcome to the first TCSPC first newsletter for 2024.

We hope the year has begun well, and that everyone now has the opportunity to enjoy the upcoming end of Term 1 break.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the TCSPC (executiveofficer@catholicparentstas.com.au) if you have any questions or comments. Further information is available on our website www.tcspc.org.au and we are also present on [facebook](#)

Parent representatives on the TCSPC for 2024 (at time of finalising this newsletter are:

Sacred Heart Catholic School - Launceston - Darren Clark
St James College – Audrey Holland
St John's Catholic School - Madeleine Beven
St Mary's College – Pep Turner
St Thomas More's Catholic School – Peta Rae
Corpus Christi Catholic School – Sandra Hallsworth
St Brendan-Shaw College - Karen Claridge-Robins
Mt Carmel College – Stuart Thickett
Mackillop Catholic College – Charlotte Geeves
John Paul II – Andrew Barlow
St Finn Barr's Catholic School – Jacinta Newman
St Therese's Catholic School – Jess Russell
Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston – Jonathan Price
St Cuthbert's Catholic School – Mrs Favour David-Onu
St Patrick's College Launceston – Linda Rose

CSPA PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTILIT

28 FEB 2024



Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) is proud to announce it has partnered with MultiLit in a one-year arrangement that will see Catholic School families receive discounted access to literacy assessments. Read the full media release [here](#).

UNIFORM SURVEY

With the support of Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) the TCSPC is conducting a Uniform Survey for parents and carers of children in Catholic schools and colleges.

A link to the Survey is below and we encourage the participations of all parents and carers.

The outcomes of the survey will be shared with Parents, Carers and Principals and discussed with CET.

[TCSPC](#) UNIFORM SURVEY 2024

Tasmanian Catholic Schools
Parents Council Uniform Survey



Annual Parent Engagement Awards:

In 2023, 15 parents and carers were recognised for their contribution to their School/College.

The Parent Engagement Awards were introduced by the TCSPC in 2022, and recognise a parent or carer who is actively involved in building and developing a relationship between the School/College, parents/families, and students.

In this newsletter we have highlighted two parents, Jackie Strong and Jane Smith who were successful in receiving an Award in 2023. Congratulations to not only them, but to all recipients.

Nominations for 2024 will be sought from Principals in November 2024.

Principal supporting comments:

Both Jackie and Jane have given of their time generously, being members of the Advisory Board for six years each. Their children finish Primary school this year and I would like to recognise the time and commitment they have made.





INSIGHT INTO LEARNING

Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) Insight Project.

This year, many Schools and Colleges in Tasmania continue with, or formally move into, Catholic Education Tasmania's Insight Project, focussing on high levels of learning for our students. The Insight project focuses on improving the three key foundations of teaching and learning:

- 1 A comprehensive, knowledge rich curriculum: that supports student's growth in learning, knowing and remembering - every day;
- 2 Cognitive Science (the Science of Learning): Developing our understanding about how people learn; to overcome the limits of working memory in order to maximise student learning and to build long-term memory in all key subjects; and
- 3 High Impact Pedagogy: Regular and intensive coaching to assist our educators in actively applying the science of learning as we design highly efficient and effective teaching and learning methods in the classroom.

The TCSPC will be arranging for a subject matter expert from Catholic Education Tasmania to present on INSIGHT via an on-line information session or sessions. This/these will be held during Term 2 or Term 3 of this year. More information will be provided in due course

Term Dates

Term dates are set by Catholic Education Tasmania. They do not reflect any student free days or regional holidays that may apply to individual schools. Please check with your school or college administration for applicable term dates in your region.

2024

Term One Resume (Teaching Staff):	1 February 2024
Term One Resume (Students):	7 February 2024
Easter (Good Friday):	29 March 2024
Easter (Easter Monday):	1 April 2024
Easter (Easter Tuesday):	2 April 2024
Easter (Return to School):	3 April 2024
Term One Concludes (Students):	11 April 2024
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	12 April 2024
Term One Student Non-Attendance Time:	15 April 2024 – 26 April 2024
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume):	29 April 2024
Term Two Concludes:	5 July 2024
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time:	8 July 2024 – 22 July 2024
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff):	22 July 2024
Term Three Resume (Students):	23 July 2024
Term Three Concludes	27 September 2024
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time:	30 September 2024 – 14 October 2024
Term Four Resume (Teaching Staff):	14 October 2024
Term Four Resume (Students):	15 October
Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff):	18 December 2024

Term One:	3 February 2023 - 6 April 2023
Term Two:	26 April 2023 - 7 July 2023
Term Three:	24 July 2023 - 29 September 2023
Term Four:	16 October 2023 - 14 December 2023

Please check with your school directly for student free days.

School Holiday fun in Tasmania:



Questacon
Science Circus

Bringing spectacular science to a town near you!

FREE!

Free school holiday activity / things to do in Tasmania in April 2024: Kingston Pop-Up Science Centre

Questacon in Hobart: Kingston Pop-Up Science Centre (Free event)

 Dates: **Friday 12 April 2024 - Tuesday 16 April 2024**

 Address: **Kingborough Sports Centre, 10 Kingston View Dr, Kingston TAS 7050**

 Ages: **Toddlers, preschoolers, school kids**



CATS
Young Actors Edition

What's on in Hobart for families (April 2024): CATS Musical (Young Actors Edition)

CATS Musical Hobart (Young Actors Edition)

 Dates: **Saturday 27 April 2024 - Sunday 28 April 2024**

 Address: **Wrest Point, 410 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay TAS 7005**

 Duration: **60 minutes**

 Ages: **All ages**

Riverbend Park

This new all-abilities park has transformed a former industrial precinct into a major new recreational area for Launceston, funded by the City of Launceston and the State and Federal Governments.

Riverbend Park is divided into four zones: The River Play area, Gorge Play area, Wild Core area, and Urban Plaza.

Each zone contains a range of play equipment and experiences, including swings, diggers, sand pits, a wheelchair carousel, a water play area, musical instruments, outdoor table tennis, see-saws and a full size sports court.


The park's largest attractions are undoubtedly the Sky Walk and the 'confluence net', two of the largest pieces of play equipment in Australia.


It also boasts barbecue facilities, public toilets, a giant mural, and a fenced toddler play area.





Location

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