

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### From the Principal:

*"I want to see you game, boys,*

*I want to see you brave and manly and I also want to see you gentle and tender.*

*Be practical as well as generous in your ideals.*

*Keep your eyes on the stars and keep your feet on the ground.*

*Courage, hard work, self mastery and intelligent effort are all essential to a successful life.*

*Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike"*

**Theodore Roosevelt**

The above quote is one of four quotes found at the Museum of Natural History in New York. They are on the entrance to the museum engraved in the stone, 20-30 metres in height. By all accounts they are make a powerful visual statement. Apart from making the quote more gender inclusive, I think that it is still relevant today.

In Catholic Education we are explicit in focusing on people not just students. I am proud of the fact that we have this at the forefront of what we are about, not just the academic development of our students.

At Sacred Heart our Vision Statement is:

*God loves you absolutely just as you are.*

*At Sacred Heart we love each other as God loves us.*

*To love and to be loved allows all of us to flourish and become the best we can be:*

*In ourselves*

*In our relationships*

*In our learning*

When parents enrol their child at S.H.S. this is part of what you commit to as part of the enrolment.

When staff apply and accept positions at S.H.S. this is part of what they commit to as part of their employment.

When I applied and accepted the position of Principal I accepted this commitment in how I was to lead the school and keep living out this vision.

### CALENDAR APRIL

#### Friday 5th

- 9.00 Assembly
- Grade 4 return from Camp
- Principal's meeting - Matt

Mon 8th - Wed 10th  
Principal's meeting - Matt

#### Wednesday 10th

- 12.00 Gr 5 Mass
- Kinder/Parent Meetings

Thursday 11th  
Kinder/Parent Meetings

#### Friday 19th

- 9.00 Assembly
- Last day of Term 1 - plain clothes & sausage sizzle

### MAY

Monday 6th  
Student Free Day

#### Tuesday 7th

- Term 2 commences
- Winter Uniform to be worn

### From the Principal: (Cont.)

Naming a vision is one thing, living it out is completely another thing. I believe that when we are living this out as a school we will be:

*Welcoming all people irrespective of their background or challenges or needs. We embrace all absolutely as they are with the resources we have, giving our best to support them.*

- ✓ *Challenging each other to be our best self as people, educators, parents and students.*
- ✓ *Seeing the values of empathy, forgiveness, integrity, respect, responsibility and faith in the decisions we make, the actions we take and the words we speak.*

At times, this can be really difficult. It may mean that we are being counter cultural to messages that are being presented in popular culture or in the media. However “we are the adults in this relationship” and have to act like adults in modelling this to our students and children.

*‘Forget about likes and dislikes. They are of no consequence. Just do what must be done. Do what is right. This may not be happiness but it is a step towards greatness.’*

*George Bernard Shaw*

### Grade 4 Camp:

We wish all our Grade 4 students, teachers and parents a fantastic camp at Hagley Farm School. Our Camp program is a valuable opportunity for our students to learn about themselves, and each other, in a different setting other than in the school and the classroom.

### Interschool Swimming Carnival:

Last Thursday, many of our Grade 3-6 students represented Sacred Heart in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Our school competes against all the other catholic primary schools in Launceston as well as Scotch, Grammar, Launceston Christian School, Launceston Preparatory School and Launceston Christian Academy.

All of our swimmers represented our school with pride and effort. It was great to see our school one of the loudest in our cheering and encouragement of our team mates.

In the overall standings we came second to Scotch Oakburn by a small margin. It was a very positive effort considering Athletics and Cross Country, historically, are our stronger carnivals as a school.

Thanks to all our competitors, Mr. Anderson for helping organise the carnival along with Mrs. Illingworth and Miss Underlin for attending the carnival.





## From the Principal: (Cont.)

### **Simon Wood - Long Service Leave:**

Beginning next Monday, Mr. Simon Wood will be taking long service leave for the last two weeks of this term and the first week of Term Two. During this three weeks we will not be replacing Simon in his Assistant Principal and Special Learning Needs roles. We think that taking a teacher off class for this short period of time, to cover Simon's role, would have an impact on the students in that class. During this period of time if there are any queries you would normally direct to Simon, please contact myself or Mrs. Helen Halley.

### **Kindergarten Parent Meetings:**

Next week our parents of Kindergarten students will be catching up with our Kindergarten teachers to discuss the start of the year and their wonderful children.

### **Term 2 - Important Information:**

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> May is a student free day. Staff will return to school for professional development, however, ***students do not return until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May to begin Term 2 this year.***

### **Winter Uniform:**

With the advent of four terms, this year, the timing of winter and summer uniform change overs will be altered. Over the next two weeks students may transition from summer to winter uniform.

***From the beginning of Term 2, students must wear their winter uniform.***

### **Kindergarten 2014:**

If you have a child that is 4 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 they are eligible to begin Kindergarten next year. Please contact our office for enrolment forms so that we can confirm numbers of existing families that we will be offering places to. This is important as it determines how many vacant Kindergarten spaces are available for new families wanting to attend S.H.S. next year.

### **Changes to visitors and collection of students:**

- ✓ All visitors to the school must sign in before going anywhere in the school.
- ✓ If parents are collecting students early they need to sign the student out before leaving.
- ✓ If a child is late to school they need to go to our school office first so that we can record that they are present as absentee data sheets have already recorded them as being absent.

It will be helpful if parents can make sure they follow these steps. If unsure, please speak with our office.

### **National Boys Choir:**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are asking if any families would be willing to host and billet a student/s from the National Boys Choir. They will be need billeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to help out in billeting a student over night please contact our school office or Karen Cettolin at [karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:karen.cettolin@catholic.tas.edu.au).

### **Afternoon Tea with the Principal - Greet, Treat & Speak:**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for A.T.W.T.P. for March.



# R.E. NEWS

## Happy Easter Season!

Over this Easter break, this email was sent to me and I wanted to share it with you. It's taken from GR8 Prayer Enterprises Pty Ltd.

### HOPE

Hope never gives up.  
Hope looks forward to better things... in the next moment...in the next hour ...or the next day.  
Hope gives possibilities to new situations...and gives perspective to old ones.  
Hope never reacts impulsively but always thinks things through...  
Hope is the child of wild imaginings...of fresh beginnings...  
It is impossible to suppress hope forever.

- It searches.
- It seeks.
- It is restless until it finds peace.

Hope springs from the need for change.  
And with change comes the possibility of new directions.

- Hope always inspires new dreams.
- Hope encourages us to keep going when the going is difficult.

We cannot live without hope.

And knowing this, God became hope...in the life of and Resurrection of Jesus.  
Like hope, God never gives up... on us.

Lord, thank you for the gift of hope. You sent us Your Son Jesus so that we could all experience hope through his Resurrection and in the Good News of the Gospels.  
We pray for all people who struggle to have hope in their lives. May they experience the gift of hope and be transformed to be beacons of hope for others.

AMEN.

The Tasmanian Catholic magazine has been sent home this week, please find it in your child's schoolbag.





# GR 6C CAMP WOODFIELD LODGE





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# HARMONY DAY K - 2



## END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND PLAIN CLOTHES DAY

FRIDAY 19th APRIL

Please place your orders with your child's class teacher and pre-pay before Monday 15th April

Sausages - \$1.50 each

Hamburgers - \$2.00 each

### Beginning and Ending Times of the School Day

First bell	8:55 am	Lunch begins	12:50 pm
Recess begins	11:00 am	Lunch ends	1:30pm
Recess ends	11:25 am	School finishes	3:00 pm

### REMINDER

**A reminder to all parents when entering the school between 9.15am and 2.45 pm that they are required to sign in at the office.**

### UNIFORM SHOP

Could all pre ordered uniform orders be collected and payments made from the school office before the end of Term One please. Any orders not collected after this date will be returned to uniform shop stock.

### 2013 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 06.02.2013 to Friday 19.04.2013
TERM 2	Tuesday 07.05.2013 to Friday 05.07.2013
TERM 3	Tuesday 23.07.2013 to Friday 27.09.2013
TERM 4	Monday 14.10.2013 to Thursday 19.12.2013

### UNSW EXAMS

We are offering students an opportunity, this year, to participate in the University of New South Wales exams in Writing, English and Mathematics.

These exams will be held throughout the year, at school, for interested students in grades four, five and six.

They will give students a wonderful opportunity to test their knowledge and skills.

The exams are marked by the University of New South Wales and all children will receive a detailed copy of their results and a certificate of merit.

There is a cost associated with these exams.

For more information please email Linda Sydes before the end of term 1.  
[linda.sydes@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:linda.sydes@catholic.tas.edu.au)

### Grades 3 and 5

#### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2013

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2013 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2013 are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child's results and a comparison of their child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2011.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.nap.edu.au>



## Outside News

### SACRED HEART SOCCER

All families interested in having their children play for Sacred Heart in the NTCSL at Windsor park.

The season will kick off on Saturday 13th April.

All children of all abilities are welcome to play and it's a great family orientated way to introduce the children to soccer.

Information packs are available from the office.

For more information please contact Jason Ellery on 0428 402 042 or email: [mlellery@internode.on.net](mailto:mlellery@internode.on.net)



**St Patrick's College  
presents.....**

**WEST SIDE STORY**

**3 - 6 April  
7.00pm**

**2.00pm Matinee Saturday 6th  
St Ailbe's Hall,  
Margaret Street,  
Launceston**

**Adults: \$16.50  
Children/Concession: \$11.00**

**Book online at:  
[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)  
Type "St Patricks College TAS"  
in the search bar under  
"What's on at your school?"  
& follow the prompts.**

*A limited amount of tickets are available at the College  
for those with no internet access.*

A great opportunity for brass students to experience a performance by an Australian jazz musician

**James  
Morrison  
+ band**

**LIVE IN CONCERT**  
Saturday April 20 7pm  
**Door of Hope**

Tickets: \$40  
available from  
Mojo Music  
[door-of-hope.org](http://door-of-hope.org)  
Door of Hope  
Reception



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