

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

"Dying will come, and what an adventure it promises to be, but for now there is living to do, there is the Risen Christ to encounter and recognise and respond to..."

Fr. Richard Ross Tasmanian Catholic October 2013

Fr. Richard is known to many of us. He is currently battling cancer and last week received fantastic news. Below is what Richard wanted to share with everyone:

"I am delighted to be able to tell you that a CT scan this week found "no trace of new or residual disease" in my body... that is, no detectable cancer! Alleluia!

The current chemotherapy regime will continue for a further three months through to mid January, to ensure the job is done properly. Doctors and statistics suggest that this is unlikely to be the end of my journey with cancer but at very least we're winning this round, and I'll have an opportunity to re-gather my energies and fitness in 2014 and beyond.

I am once again overwhelmed by the love and support I have received from so many. The saints and soon-to-be-saints are lining up to take the credit for this unfolding miracle, but at the end of the day I give the credit to each and every one of you who have found it in your heart to pray for me. I thank you, and my family, friends and parishioners for your patience, generosity and love. I also take the opportunity to acknowledge my huge debt to my oncologist Dr Stan Gauden and his wonderful family for their personal and professional love and friendship.

Please join me in thanking God for their goodness and love.

The journey continues with its challenges, joys and tough days, but there is light at the end of the tunnel and a future full of hope and possibility with whole new perspectives to ponder and share. I am privileged to face that future so enriched by the experience of faith and hope and love that cancer has been for me. Once again, thank you for your part in that journey."

Fr. Richard Ross

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st

- NIJSSA Athletics Carnival
- 2.20pm Assembly

Monday 4th

- Recreation Day Long Weekend

Wednesday 5th

- 11.30am SPC Primary Music Roadshow@ St.Ailbes

Friday 8th

- Prep - Gr.2 Swimming
- Plain Clothes Day- Fundraiser for schools in Vanuatu
- Last day 2014 Parent Requests
- 2.20pm Assembly
- 7.30pm P & F Trivia Night

***Last day Term 4:
Thurs 19th December**

From the Principal: (cont.)

Faith is such a personal thing! Richard, I am sure, has questioned his faith, and considering what he has had to deal with, it would be understandable. At the same time he embraces what life has thrown at him as an opportunity to see the positive. His attitude to this challenge is about the 'can' not the 'cannot'!

'Every experience no matter how bad it seems holds a blessing within it, the challenge is to find it!'
Buddha

Richard celebrated Tracy and my wedding, he has baptised my three children, was the priest at the first school I was Principal in and buried my mother. Richard's strength and faith energises and motivates me to be a better leader, parent and person.

Last weekend many of our students took another step along their Faith journey. Students celebrated their First Eucharist and Confirmation. They are asked as part of the mass to reconfirm their baptismal promises now they are able to speak and answer for themselves. The Church of Apostles was standing room only at 10:30am Mass on Sunday. On that day there were people with varying degrees of faith or, in fact, no faith at all.

We are a Catholic School not an Independent or Private School. We are focused on supporting the holistic view of education. Education is more than the academic but inclusive of the mental, social, emotional and spiritual formation of all.

'Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof.'
Khalil Gibran

'Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase'
Martin Luther King

Changes to Assembly and Wearing Sports Uniform:

- 1. Assembly will be at 2:20 p.m. each Friday until the end of the year.**
- 2. P - 6 students can wear their Sports Uniform each and every Friday**

P-2 Swimming Friday 8th November:

Friday 8th November we begin the 6 week Swim Program for P - 2 classes. The students are allocated into two groups per class with half the students attending one week, the other half the next week. Across the 6 weeks students attend 3 swimming lessons.

More specific information will be sent out to parents shortly.

P & F Trivia Night:

Friday November the 8th we are holding our 2nd P & F Trivia Night. Those that attended last year would agree it was a great night. BYO drinks and nibbles provided.

Book a table by contacting the office.

NIJSSA Carnival:

We wish all of our athletes competing in the Interschool Athletic's Carnival this Friday all the best. I know they will represent our school with pride and give their best.

From the Principal: (cont.)**Cake Stall: Shelter Box for Syria and Crazy Sock Day:**

On Tuesday of this week our Grade 5 students sold some cakes and treats that they had cooked themselves. The money raised will go towards buying a Shelter Box for refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria. The Shelter Boxes includes: a tent, cooking supplies, blankets, sleeping bags along with other survival items apart from food.

Yesterday, and today, students were invited, for a gold coin donation, to wear Crazy Socks as part of Socktober. The ***Sock it to Something*** concept is an Australian expression that means to fight, punch or strike out at. For example, each year Socktober will sock it to social issues such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking and homelessness. We want you to help us fight, punch or strike out at social issues, but we also need your practical support.

Across our year our students are invited to participate in a variety of social justice opportunities. Whether locally through Mini Vinnies, the Cake Stall or Socktober, as a Catholic community we are called and challenged to act on issues of social justice. Our children will be the decision makers of the future and we must continue to expose them to the 'grey' realities of global and local issues.

Long Weekend Holiday:

A reminder that this coming Monday is a public holiday and school is closed for the day.

Child Health and Parenting Service:

This year is the last year the Child Health & Parenting Service (CHaPS) will offer Prep checks at schools. If your child is aged 3 ^{1/2} to 5 and has not had a Healthy Kids Check (including vision and hearing assessment) an appointment for this check is recommended, either with your local Child and Family Health Nurse or GP.

Fundraiser Plain Clothes Day for Vanuatu Fri 8th Nov:

Earlier this year Parker Shea (Grade 3 Hood) and his family travelled to Port Vila, Vanuatu. During this holiday Parker had the opportunity to attend a local school and interact with students from a grade 3 class. From his visit to the school he quickly realised that the opportunities that he has at Sacred Heart are much better than these children have. There were no Ipads, no computers, very little learning tools and very little school equipment. Each child has 1 lead pencil, 1 exercise book and the teacher uses a black board and chalk. Education in Vanuatu is very expensive and many families sacrifice what little luxury they may afford to pay school fees for their children.

On Friday November 8 Mr Jones has kindly provided an opportunity for a plain clothes day for students with a gold coin donation going to purchase educational supplies for the school that Parker attended. These supplies will give the children a better chance at education and a chance for the future.

Matt and Tiff Shea are returning later in November and will personally deliver these items to the school. Thank you for your support.



R E NEWS

Over the weekend, as a Parish, we celebrated the two Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Congratulations to all the children who received these Sacraments. It was lovely to witness this important celebration in your faith journey. Our new Archbishop Julian confirmed the children with a blessing through the laying of the hands ceremony, followed by the anointing with chrism. After their Confirmation, the children received their very first Eucharist. The children can receive Eucharist every time they go to mass now so next time it will be their second Eucharist, then their third Eucharist and soon they will lose count! When we go to mass and receive Eucharist we are doing as Jesus asked his disciples at his last supper to "do this in memory of me". We are spiritually nourished with the 'bread of life' for our journey. Archbishop Julian spoke about our journey as Christian people. He said God sent the Holy Spirit to help us to be confident and strong and passionate about what we do and who we are.

Our prayer continues for these children and their families that they grow in the love of God, the friendship and guidance of Jesus and the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Thank to all those involved in making these celebrations so special. We especially thank Archbishop Julian, our Parish priests, our Parish sacramental coordinator Jacquie Wood, teachers, staff and classes for their prayer support and all the helpers with the morning tea or supper.

Helen Halley APRE



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST



RECENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Reid	Eloise Heather For her excellent attitude towards her reading and writing	Eva O'Shea For always being cheerful and helpful
Prep Hills	Isobel Leake For making great progress with all her Literacy tasks	Lily Tyson For being a caring and considerate class member
Grade 1 Crawford	Max Maloney For excellent improvements in Maths	Oliver Baldock For producing great work in Geography
Grade 1 Best	Mackenzie Bowman For outstanding progress with her reading	Anaiya Madden For consistently living out the Gospel Values by being a WEST student
Grade 2 Sydes/Weir	Emma Mcleod For displaying amazing courage and resilience	Samual Barrett For thoughtful and insightful thinking in Science
Grade 2 van Ryn	Ioan Hardy For great work in Geography this week	Ryan Leonard For fantastic progress in Literacy
Grade 3 Hood	Will Symons For your extensive knowledge of our States, Territories and Cities	Lucy Petrack For your attention to detail in your Artwork
Grade 3 Symons	Elizabeth Hannah For fantastic listening skills	Aidan Krushka For excellent thinking in Maths
Grade 4 Smith	Jack Ross For showing initiative and enthusiasm	Harrison Mills For being a great team member
Grade 4 Underlin	Jesse Madden For his excellent problem solving	Emma Madden For her excellent work in Geography
Grade 5 McLeod/Viney	Nathan Cairns For Great participation in the Science Circus	Daniel Nicholas For enjoying the challenge of computer programming
Grade 5 Illingworth	Mikaela Petty For always looking for ways to improve and extend her work	Nathan Fenton For fantastic attitude towards greeting and talking to all class members each morning
Grade 6 Claessens	Ellie Blake For the life and enthusiasm she brings to the classroom and the amazing work ethic she has maintained all year	Gabby Sertori For regularly showing great drive and determination when completing work
Grade 6 Davie	Makensey Adams For her dedication towards her school work	Oscar Cibik For his dedication towards his school work

OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS



Socktober Fundraiser



Gr.1 Art with Miss. Young



Gr.4 Smith Mosaics

OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS



Grade 5's Cake stall

Grade 5 M/V and 5 I, did a cake stall on Tuesday the 29th of October. The food that we bought to school were Fudge, Chocolate chip cookies, Jelly cups, Cupcakes and many more. It was great that all the food we bought to school was all gone at the end of recess.

The money that we raised so far to go to the shelter box for Syria is \$307 and more donations to come.

All grade 5s would like to Thank all students that bought money to school to buy our food. We all appreciate everyone that contributed to our little project. Again thankyou very much to help us for our first project, for money to go towards the shelter box for the people in Syria.

Thankyou.

By Bailey Gillow and Lauren Waddington.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dear Grandparents / Significant Elders,

As part of Sacred Heart School celebrating being 140 years old,

You are cordially invited to our

- Ye Olde Fashioned Day -

"Olden but Golden"

Concert

When: Wednesday, 13th November

Where: Presentation Hall (new gym)

Time: 1330 - 1500 hours

Parent and Friends News

Sacrament morning tea-Sunday 27th

P&F would like to thank Teresa McLeod, Susie Lehner, Bianca Dowde and Jayne Leatherman for giving up their Sunday morning to assist with the First Eucharist and Confirmation Morning Tea. These ladies helped set up the hall and serve the morning tea to ensure the candidates and their families had an enjoyable celebration after their special Sacrament service. The time you gave was much appreciated by all thank you.

Steve Biddulph-"The Secret of Happy Children"

Helen Halley came to the P&F with the idea of having a guest speaker and suggested Steve Biddulph to do a presentation on "The Secret of Happy Children." This was perfect as this idea was matching the goals set by P&F in February. On Tuesday night 77 people attended this evening to hear about topics from toddlerhood to teenage-hood in a comical, moving and practical way. This was not a fundraiser for the P&F, Steve did not charge for his service and all proceeds from the ticket sales went to a Wildlife charity. Thank you to Helen and Steve, Kate, Gina and Jayne for bringing together a successful and worthwhile evening.

SCHOOL NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP

The remaining stock of
Girls Fawn Summer Dresses and
Boys Grey Shirts

have been reduced

Dresses \$45.00

Grey shirts \$20.00

Reminder to Grade 6 Parents

**St.Patricks College Information
Evening for Parents of students
enrolled in Grade 7, 2014**

7.30pm Nano Nagle Gym

Tuesday Nov 12th, 2013



Sacred Heart

Trivia Night

Inviting all School Parents

Come along for a casual, fun and entertaining

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 8th November

Commencing at 7.30pm

Presentation Hall

BYO Drinks/\$2.00 entry per person

Prize- \$200 Restaurant Voucher

Complimentary Bottle of Wine per table and snacks

Bring along your friends for a fun night out.

Phone the school office on 6331 1011 to book a table of ten

A SHS Parents and Friends Event



SCHOOL NOTICES

Sacred Heart 140 year celebrations!
(combined with Grandparents Day)
In celebration of 140 years old our
school is having an
OLD FASHIONED DAY
- all things olden but golden!



Wednesday, 13th November

Wear Old Fashioned Clothes ...

e.g.: boys - collared shirt, braces, long shorts or trousers with long socks, cap boots or school shoes

e.g.: girls - collared shirt, long skirt, shawl, gloves, boots or school shoes

As part of our celebrations we will be having olden day activities all day long including classes and games.

In the afternoon, at 1.30, we will be having a special concert with olden day items especially for all our Grandparents.

Please mark this date on your calendars and diaries.

More details to come in following weeks but for now please give some thought to what you could wear (the holidays might be a good time to find some things) and letting Grandparents or Significant Elders you would like to invite know.



Tuesday Book Club *The Last Thirteen* by James Phelan

"I click my fingers and everybody dies. Sam wakes from his nightmare to discover the terrifying reality. It will come true. Kidnapped from school and finding out his parents aren't who he thinks they are, Sam is suddenly running from danger at every turn. Nothing will ever be the same again. With his life and identity shattered, Sam's salvation is tied to an ancient prophecy. He is in the final battle to save the world, up against an enemy plotting to destroy us all. He alone can find the last 13. 13 books. 13 nightmares. 1 destiny"

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 5th November** from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Everyone welcome from Grades 5 and 6.

SCHOOL



HATS

\$10.00

Available from the office

2014 TERM DATES

TERM 1 Thursday 06.02.14 to Thursday 17.04.14

TERM 2 Monday 05.05.14 to Friday 04.07.14

TERM 3 Monday 21.07.14 to Friday 26.09.14

TERM 4 Monday 13.10.14 to Wednesday 17.12.14

EASTER Friday 18.04.14 to Monday 21.04.14

COMMUNITY NEWS

Riverside Cricket Club MILO T20 BLAST

Riverside CC - Windsor Park, Riverside

Sundays, 9.30am-10.30am, 15/12 - 02/03

(break over Xmas/ New Year)

Contact Angela (0438 291970) for details



NetSetGo – Junior Netball

Esk Netball Club invites all 5-10 year olds (girls & boys) to join us for a fun-filled introduction to netball.

Children will have the chance to run, skip, jump, catch, throw, play games, etc each week, as they develop skills at their own pace in a fun, nurturing environment.

Program Details:

When: Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

Where: Riverside Primary School Gym

Registration & Start date: 7 Nov 13 - 3.30pm

Cost: \$50- per person

Duration: 10 weeks (7/11/13-5/12/13 & 6/2/14-6/3/14)

Further information:

Esk NC NetSetGo Program

Contact Michelle Cooley on 0418 322285

ANZ NetSetGo – Junior Netball

Check out the website: www.netsetgo.netball.asn.au

Just Imagine Youth Drama School would like to congratulate and wish their drama students Elyse Campbell, Grace Campbell, Shelby Tubb, Abigail Talbot, Stephen Talbot, Nicholas Collins and Hayden Gardener the best of luck in their student production, "A Feast of Fairy Tales"! If you would like to come along to support these students in their exciting production and be swept away into a magical land of fairy tales, we are now selling all tickets for a special price of \$10! The production is on this Saturday from 2-5pm, at The Door of Hope Theatre! Please call 63448450, to make a booking!



Open Invitation

To past staff and students of St Thomas More's Primary School/Marian College and anyone else who would like to visit the school during our 75th Anniversary celebrations on 29 and 30 Nov.

Friday:

Open School 9.00am - 4.00pm

Planting of time capsule and tree - 11.15am

Tea, coffee & scones from 9.00am

Sausage sizzle - 12.30pm onwards

Concert inc play about Mary

MacKillop and choir - 2.00-3.00pm

Saturday:

Open School 4.00 - 6.00pm

Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 6.00pm

Supper in the Josephite Hall - 7.00pm

RSVP by 8 November



St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School
Launceston Tasmania

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!