

# Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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## From the Principal:

Please visit our website for more detailed information, video and photo galleries of our school:

[www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au](http://www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au)

**Our P.B.S. Values are:**

*Respect for Ourselves*

*Respect for Others*

*Respect for our Learning*

“If daily you feel a sense of gratitude for the blessings of this life it will be a cushion and buffer for when challenges arise.” - anon

The last three days of last week I was at home unable to come to work. Having experienced Sciatica pain for the first time in any seriousness, I would not wish the experience on anyone. Now those that know me, also recognize that a high threshold of pain is not one of my strengths. However, being unable to move for two days and the practical realities of not being able to get off your back that come with this, the experience was one of the most painful I have had.

By Saturday I was able to walk again and am now coming good. That great feeling of returning to 'normal' gives you a heightened appreciation of what you take for granted on a daily basis: the great feeling of being o.k. !!!!!

I am sure many of us completely understand that fantastic feeling of coming out the other side of feeling under the weather, from time to time, from over indulgence in celebratory drinks.

We cannot genuinely appreciate the daily gifts of our lives if we have never experienced the disappointment, pain and sadness that is the other side of the same coin.

**Maybe one purpose of pain and sadness is to allow us to fully understand what joy and flourishing really are?**

**Maybe their purpose is a stark reminder to kick us in the backside to appreciate, celebrate and make the most of the moments each day that we often do not appreciate until we go without them for a period of time?**

My beliefs about the role of education and what in our Catholic Schools should be a priority, has only really been clarified once I had children. My shift from the importance of academic success to emotional, social, physical and mental wellness as a priority only resulted through the love of my children and learning with them as they have grown.

When everything is peeled back, stripped back to the heart of the matter their wellbeing takes priority. Obviously the development of academic and more formal skills is important –it would be ridiculous to suggest otherwise - but it is not the main ingredient in the future success and wellbeing of our children.

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### From the Principal:

I am currently in the middle of close to 60 Kindergarten interviews for 2015. When asking parents what they see as a priority for them and the reasons they are choosing a Catholic School, and our school in particular, the overwhelming response is around our focus on the whole person.

It is easy to accept this philosophically, it is much harder to accept in reality, when having to balance out the limited hours of each school day. This will continue to be our challenge going forward as a school- continuing to re-evaluate the balance we have across all areas and domains of learning, both informal and formal.

I continue to believe in encouraging moments of disappointment, pain and sadness as opportunities to be grateful and appreciative of all that is great and good in our lives. Understanding and appreciation of this has real implications for the quality of life our students will experience through their lives once they leave S.H.S.

### Interschool Cross Country Carnival:

This year we have initiated having Captains for our Interschool Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnival. With our House Captains taking on a leadership role across the year we thought it appropriate to also recognise students who are leaders through their sporting endeavours. The Carnival will be this Tuesday. Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Anderson will be the teachers on duty at the Interschool Carnival.

**We wish to congratulate Olivia Roney and Bailey Gillow as our School Cross Country Captains for 2014.**

### Dogs on School Grounds:

At a recent meeting of Principal's of Catholic Primary Schools W.H.S. discussion was had around Dogs in and on school grounds. With different children and adults not always being comfortable with dogs in close proximity, we were encouraged to have a consistent approach across our schools and the Dog Control Act of 2000 states that dogs are " A person must not take a dog into -

(a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or...any area within 10 metres of a children's playground.

We are asking members of our school community to refrain from bringing dogs into our school grounds. One exception we are comfortable with is when a child wants to bring in a *new puppy* to share with the class. Please if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

### DONATIONS- LOOSE PARTS PLAY / MILK CRATES:

We are asking parents to please donate some items to our school. These items are going to be used to create a loose parts play area in our playground where kids can build, play, tinker -offering a space for students in our school that play in this way.

Items we would love to have donated include:

- milk crates, as many as possible
- pieces of material
- pieces of timber/plank that require more than one child to move
- shells, pieces of tyre, tubing, string, rope, etc etc
- blue tarpaulins
- mats

We will store the donations in our cellar and bring them out in the coming weeks once we have created the space (at the back of the Grade 6 area below the Grade 6 basketball court



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### **Board Meeting Update:**

Key points of discussion at our last Board included:

- ✓ Financial update of our Budget
- ✓ Discussion of New Polo Top Design – P - 6 or K - 6 approach
- ✓ Stage 1 building defect update
- ✓ Stage 2 building 2015 discussion
- ✓ iPads 2015 – 1:1 iPads in 2015 will be in Grade 3 - 5. – Discussion around funding of these – cannot continue to fund them as a school long term, whether we investigate Bring Your Own Device Approach, lease out iPads, other options, all discussed with work done between meetings to finalise which options are viable and achievable.
- ✓ Railings around new stairs and Gr 1 / 2 classrooms
  - they do meet requirements and standards – discussion that from parent point of view they do feel lower when standing near them.
  - Stage 2 will involve further upgrading of this area – including reviewing the height of railings once the current Grade 4 classrooms are renovated next year.



### **Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council**

#### **General Meeting/Conference**

## **DATE CLAIMER**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Launceston**

The General Meeting for the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council, is to bring together everyone involved in the education of children within Tasmanian Catholic Schools and Colleges.

The conference has secured the following speakers

**Archbishop of Hobart, Most Reverend Julian Porteous, DD**

**Mr Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, Truth, Justice & Healing Council**

The Archbishop's attendance will be the first time to welcome the Archbishop of Hobart on behalf of all catholic school parents. Mr Francis Sullivan is heading up Truth, Justice & Healing Council, which is heavily engaged with the Royal Commission into the way institutions across Australia have responded to complaints of child sexual abuse, through the Catholic Church's response. Both of these speakers are extremely engaging and the Parents Council invites you to participate in the General Meeting/Conference and request that you make this date 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in your calendars.

Further details will be issued shortly.

### **All Schools Cross Country:**

All Schools Cross Country: This event is on Wednesday 25th June @ Symmons Plains. If your child is interested in participating please email: [john.anderson@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:john.anderson@catholic.tas.edu.au)

The school will organise the on-line registrations and cover the cost of the \$10 entry fee.

### **Student absences**

Please remember to call the School office on 63311011 or email [shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au) if your child will be absent from school.

Children arriving late to school need to report to the school office on arrival to update our records and avoid unnecessary absentee text messages.



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~ June 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY	• 6pm Board meeting	• 10.30am Gr 5 M/I Class Liturgy	• 11.30am Band Program	• 9am Assembly • 9.30am Strings Program • 12.30pm Gr 5/6 Friday Sport	
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
		• NIJSSA Cross Country Carnival	• 10.30am Gr 4S Class Liturgy • 5pm Band Soiree	• 11.30am Band Program • 4.30pm Gr.3 City park radio performance	• 9am Assembly • 9.30am Strings Program • 12.30pm Gr 5/6 Friday Sport	
22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
		• 5pm Strings Soiree • 7.30pm P & F Meeting	• Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country at Symmons Plains	• 11.30am Band Program	• 9am Assembly • 9.30am Strings Program • Feast of Sacred Heart celebrations	

## Reminder

School banking is every  
Wednesday, please hand  
bankbooks to your class teacher.



## Please Note

Monday 21st July is a Pupil Free Day

## LOST Cello Bow

Lost at last Fridays strings lesson. Could all violin & cello players check to make sure they do not have two bows or if anyone has seen it please let the office know.



Please make sure children have money for the bus or that their metro bus card has been recharged as there have been a number of students trying to catch the bus without a fare.

## Mini Vinnie's Winter Woollies Appeal

Dear Parents,

Mini Vinnie's are asking families that have any good quality unwanted blankets, clothes or non-perishable food items to bring them to their classes for collection by our Mini Vinnie's team. This will go a long way to making somebody that is in need a little warmer this Winter.

All items will be very much appreciated!

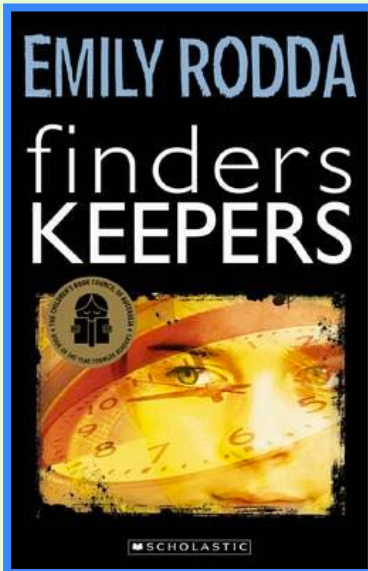


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## Tuesday Book Club

### Finders Keepers

by Emily Rodda



"The quizmaster opened his arms and laughed, 'Patrick!' he shouted. 'Are you ready to play . . . Finders Keepers?' Patrick's eyes bulged. He licked his lips, swallowed. 'Yes,' he squeaked. 'Well, come on over!' bawled the quizmaster. And then everything went black. Patrick is a Finder, someone who can cross the barrier between two worlds and retrieve lost objects. He's been chosen in a game of chance, but he'll need more than luck to win, and time is running out."

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 17th June!**  
from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.  
Everyone welcome from Grades 5 and 6.

## City Park Radio 103.7FM

**Thursday 19th June**

Grade 3 Hood & Grade 3 Symons are performing on City Park Radio 103.7

Schools Out Program from 4.30-5pm

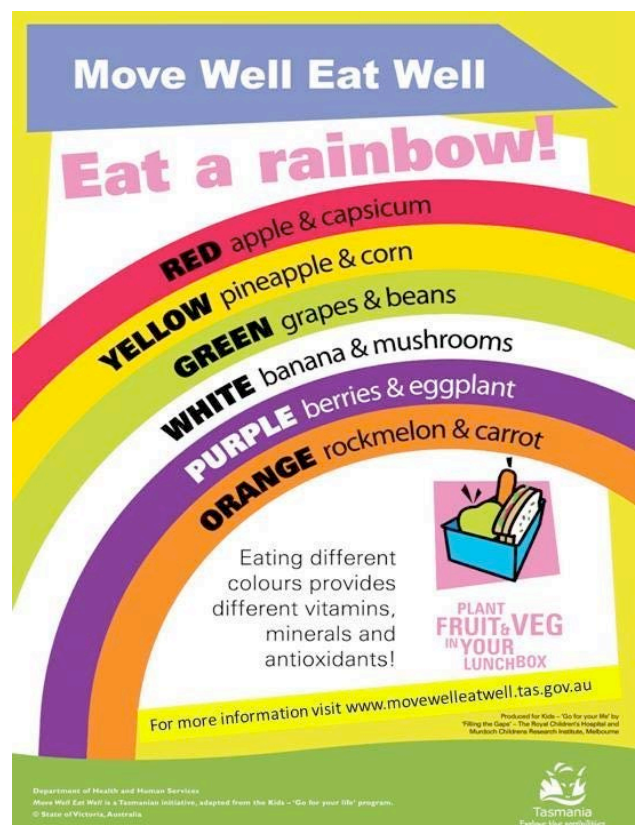
### School Gates

The Bourke St and Margaret St gates will be **locked from 4pm each day**, so after this time you will need to use the York St entrance

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There are several unnamed items in Lost Property – if you are missing any items of clothing, lunchbox's etc, please check the Lost Property at the bottom of the stairs below the office.

With thanks. School Office.



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## Recent students of the week

Prep Hills	<b>Oliver Woolley</b> For fantastic participation in all Prep activities	<b>Isabelle Crerar</b> For great work on using pic collage
Grade 1 Crawford	<b>Cain Lee</b> For making good choices this week	<b>Isabella Olding</b> For excellent work on doubles in Maths
Grade 1 Underlin	<b>Erin Hughes</b> For being an amazing friend	<b>Jordan Enright</b> For his excellent reading
Grade 2 van Ryn	<b>Sebastion Stone</b> For great work in persuasive writing	<b>Max Symons</b> For showing great thought and reasoning in his persuasive writing
Grade 2 Reid	<b>Sam Dick</b> For consistently making good choices	<b>Max Maloney</b> For being helpful to others
Grade 3 Hood	<b>Cayley Quill</b> For being a good friend to others	<b>Hayden Gardner</b> For excellent work in Maths
Grade 3 Symons	<b>Zak Costello</b> For respecting learning	<b>Seraya Millwood-Mckenzie</b> For respecting learning
Grade 4 Smith	<b>Maddalena Ercole</b> For excellent communication skills	<b>Nicholas Ralph</b> For diligence and being a good friend
Grade 4 Wood	<b>Gabriel Kirk</b> For a great effort in completing work <b>Ewan Cooper</b> For great work in Maths and a positive attitude	<b>Lucy Petrack</b> For excellent progress in reading <b>Mia Baldock</b> For great work at keeping on task
Grade 5 McLeod/ Illingworth	<b>Jaxon Ratcliffe</b> For significant improvement towards organisation	<b>Ella Millwood</b> For outstanding attitude and effort in all tasks
Grade 5 Viney/Sydes	<b>Kaitlyn Rice</b> For getting involved in all areas of school life with enthusiasm	<b>Stefan Tantari</b> For excellent effort and attitude towards all tasks
Grade 6 Claessens	<b>Alana Whitmore</b> For an engaging and educational oral science presentation and for being brave enough to do it independently	<b>Imogen Beardwood</b> For a confident and engaging oral science presentation
Grade 6 Davie	<b>Bridget Heather</b> For a wonderful attitude and application towards all areas of school work	<b>Lachlan Dalton</b> For being a thoughtful, kind and respectful student

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## Grade 5/6 Friday Sport - Round 5 - Friday 13th June

SCOTCH	HOBLERS BRIDGE	HOCKEY CENTRE	LAUNCESTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	BROADLAND PARK	BIRCH AVENUE
<b>Netball - Div 1</b> <b>SHS2-</b> Maloney team	<b>Netball - Div 1</b> <b>SHS1-</b> Beardwood team	<b>Hockey -</b> Illingworth team	<b>Football - Div 2</b> Jones team	<b>Football - Div 1</b> Davie team	<b>Soccer - Div 1</b> <b>SHS1 -</b> Coombe team
<b>Soccer - Div 2</b> <b>SHS1-</b> Collins/ Sydes Team	<b>Netball - Div 2</b> <b>SHS2 -</b> Viney team				<b>Soccer - Div 1</b> <b>SHS2 -</b> Mills team
<b>Soccer - Div 2</b> <b>SHS2 -</b> McLeod team	<b>Netball - Div 2</b> <b>SHS1 -</b> Cox team				



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4<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

The Principal,  
Sacred Heart Catholic School,  
Launceston.

Dear Mr Matt Jones,

### END OF MY SIX YEAR CONTRACT

I write to inform you that my six year contract with the Archdiocese of Hobart comes to a close by the end of the month. To that effect, my pastoral ministries with the Catholic Parish of Launceston end at the same time but I will still be in the parish for few weeks in July as a supply priest while Frs Mark and Richard are away.

I wish to thank you, the staff, students and the school board in offering me the opportunity to minister to the school in the capacities I have done so far. They were quite enriching.

It is in agreement with my local Archbishop that I should undertake some further studies after my contract before going back to Nigeria for good.

Wishing you all the best of luck in your generousities for the well-being of others.

Yours sincerely,

Kene Jude Onwukwe

### 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** Good Friday 18.04.14 to Monday 21.04.14

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

[shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:shs.clothingpool@catholic.tas.edu.au)

### 2014 Opening Days

Thursday's 2.00pm - 4.00pm



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## LOVE YOUR SWEAT 50% OFF JOINING FEE\*

Jetts 24 Hour Fitness Mowbray is under new management! To celebrate we would like to offer Parents and Friends a **14% discount** off Direct Debt membership fees. We are also offering a pay up front option of **\$489.00**. See in club or contact Jetts 24 Hour Fitness on 6326 6026



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workout on your terms.

\*Offer is available at participating clubs until 30/06/2014. Terms and conditions apply and are available at [jetts.com.au](http://jetts.com.au)

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# NETBALL

**for awesome girls aged 10-16  
with additional needs!!**

**21st, 28th June, 5th, 26th July & 2nd August!!**  
**10.30am—11.30am**

## ALL INCLUSIVE FUN

Northern Tasmanian Netball Association  
Court 5, Hoblers Bridge Road, Newstead

Cost—FREE inc. 5 weeks of sessions and a T-Shirt  
Only 16 spots available....  
please phone Peta on 0408 585 201 or  
email [juniorgames@ntna.org.au](mailto:juniorgames@ntna.org.au)  
for more information and/or a membership form.






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### Tasmanian Premier's Reading Challenge

**10 June -  
18 August 2014**



## Hey Kids!

Get ready for the Challenge  
**Just read 10 books in 10 weeks**

For more info talk to your teacher or librarian, or visit:

**[www.premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au)**

