

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



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OUR P.B.S. VALUES ARE:

Respect for Ourselves

Respect for Others

Respect for our Learning

From the Principal:

As someone who has never served in the armed forces, never faced a shot fired in anger, and never lost close family members in war, I am in awe of the Anzac generation, who were tested almost beyond endurance. This Saturday we remember the Gallipoli landing. The 100 year Centenary!

Yet this was just one day and Gallipoli was but one campaign in a four year war. We also remember the great tide of events – of which Gallipoli was just one part – that shaped our nation and that still casts its shadow over the wider world.

The First World War impacted Australia like nothing else, before or since. From a population under five million; 417,000 enlisted; 332,000 served overseas; 152,000 were wounded; and 61,000 never came home. Of men aged 18 to 42, almost one in two served in uniform. Of those who served overseas, almost one in five died on active service. Of the 270,000 who returned, more than half had been wounded – and others had mental scars that never healed. It is incomprehensible to understand the impact of this on families, towns and Australia in general!

Individually and collectively, it was sacrifice on a stupendous scale. When all is said and done, Gallipoli was a defeat; but the Western Front a victory. Victories, even terrible ones, should be no less iconic than heroic defeats. The legendary self-sacrifice of Simpson with his donkey at Gallipoli; or the story of nurse Rachael Pratt tending to the wounded in France despite being herself hit by artillery fire, the centenary of Anzac should mean, for all of us, pondering anew the example of our mighty forebears.

We should be a nation of memory, not just of memorials, for these are our foundation stories. They should be as important to us as the ride of Paul Revere for Americans or the incarceration of Nelson Mandela might be to others. We commemorate ANZAC Day every year because the worst of times can bring out the best in us.

We must understand our history not just know the facts of the historical event! We need to critically interpret the motivations and factors that created these events. Today it is tempting to assume the one minute story on the news is always fact rather than the interpretation of one reporter of one event. Our students need to understand that news corporations have their own agendas and can manipulate public opinion by how they present the news. We need to be discerning and critical in our viewing of world events!

We need young people who will exercise perspective, religious tolerance, fight for social justice and not accept the status quo as 'just the way things are!' We need to teach history giving all sides and points of view as well as allowing students to offer differing opinions based on reason

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ANZAC Day does not glorify war; rather honours what's best and noblest in human nature. Australian soldiers have been called upon to do the terrible deeds that war requires but have remained decent people.

Mateship, humour, and respect for an honourable foe – as well as an implacable will to win – have characterised the Australian soldier from that day to this: in World War II, Korea and Vietnam; in Iraq, Afghanistan and all the other places where Australians have served.

Members of our armed forces have done what most of us are never asked to do: they have been prepared to put their lives on the line for our country.

These are the ties that bind.

Lest we forget! (Source: Sydney Morning Herald April 24th 2014)



Key Events this Term

NAPLAN Testing Year 3 and 5 in May	School and Interschool Cross Country Carnivals.	2016 Kinder Interviews/Enrolments
First Reconciliation	Launceston Speech and Drama Competitions	Cyber Awareness Week
House Team Reflection Days	Mid Year Reports	5/6 Winter Sport Roster

Illness and Sickness

We encourage parents and families, particularly this term with the colder weather, to exercise caution in sending their children to school when they are sick. Schools are fantastic places for germs to spread and thrive causing further sickness and illness beyond where it originated. We are reviewing with our students the importance of washing hands and looking at ways we can support reduction in spreading of germs in classrooms.

Co-Teacher Positions Term 2 onwards

- ✓ Mrs Brownyn Lang will continue working in the 3 / 4 co-teacher role for the remainder of the year.
- ✓ Mrs. Mel Heathorn will replace Miss Lauren Thompson who is soon taking maternity leave as co-teacher for 5/6.
- ✓ Mrs. Lisa Smith will cover Grade 2 when Mr. vanRyn is working with students on I.C.T. every second Friday and cover Mr. Hood's class when we have Team Leader Days.

Grade 4 Camp

Our Grade 4 students left for their overnight Camp at Hagley Farm School today. Thanks to Mr. Wood and Miss Hegarty for their willingness to have a Grade 4 Camp. Thanks to staff who volunteered to help out on the camp in particular Mrs. Beety and Mrs. Halley.

Kinder 2016

We are finalising places for Kindergarten classes for 2016 this term. We will begin Kindergarten Interviews in the next few weeks and from these and families already at SHS with children of Kindergarten age offer first round places in our Kindergarten classes.

Winter Uniform

From the start of Term 2 students are to be wearing their full winter uniform. As written in past newsletters, if uniform orders have not arrived for individual students at the start of Term 2 accommodations will be made for these students until the stock arrives.

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Shadowing Principal Visit

On Monday and Tuesday 4th and 5th May (week 3) Mr. Marcus Donnelly, Principal of St John's in Richmond (Tasmania), will be visiting our school. Marcus will, for the two days, shadow me as I go about my day to day role. This will include (with permission of individual people) being part of as many meetings, conversations and interactions as possible. I have presented to our Principal Association the value of these experiences and our Principal group is in discussions with Tasmanian Catholic Education Office to include this as part of our leadership formation and ongoing professional development. Mr. Peter Douglas, Head of School Services in the North, shadowed three Principals as part of his renewal leave. The feedback from the Principals involved validated to me that this was worth exploring.

Once in a leadership position, experiences and opportunities to develop our learning around how we lead are few and far between. I will be seeking out similar shadowing experiences this year with colleagues also. It is professionally arrogant to think that your approach is the only and best way! We need as parents, teachers and Principals to be open to the ideas and approaches of others to improve what we do! We expect it of our students and they deserve and should expect it of us!

~ April 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	1st May	2nd
		3.15pm Gr 5/6 Book club 7.30pm P & F Meeting		10am Strings program 1.30pm Band program Mini Vinnie's Foodstall	9am Assembly 12.30 Gr 5/6 Winter Sport	

~ May 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
			9-11am Mothers Day Celebrations	10am Strings program 1.30pm Band program	9am Assembly 12.30 Gr 5/6 Winter Sport	

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S.H.S. Parents and Friends email shsl.pnf@catholic.tas.edu.au

Student absences

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2015

TERM 1 Thursday 5.2.15 to Thursday 2.4.15

TERM 2 Monday 20.4.15 to Friday 3.7.15

TERM 3 Monday 20.7.15 to Friday 25.9.15

TERM 4 Monday 12.10.15 to Wednesday 16.12.15

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ANZAC Day March

We ask those attending ANZAC Day and marching with our School to meet S.H.S. Staff and the School Captains at Princes Square at 9.45 am on Saturday 25th April. The Sacred Heart School banner will be at the Frederick and St John Street entrance. The students will need to wear their full school winter uniform.

The March will commence at 10.15 am and make its way down Charles Street, left into Paterson Street and continue until it reaches the Cenotaph.

The service will start at 11.00 am and finish at approximately 11.45 am. Our School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of our entire school community. The teachers will wait with the students at the Cenotaph until their parents collect them. Parents must collect their child from the teachers, as we cannot let students leave without seeing their parent or guardian

Grade 3 - 6 Cross Country Training

Grades 3 - 6 Cross Country training will be held at Brickfields on 4/5, 6/5, 11/5, 13/5, 18/5 & 20/5 at 8:00am. These sessions will go for approximately 20 minutes and are optional for ALL students in grades 3 - 6. Please bring a drink bottle and wear full SHS PE uniform - students can wear this all day.



MINI VINNIE'S

Our Mini Vinnie's team recently kicked off with a vibrant energetic team of twenty Grade 6 Students
Congratulations to our office bearers of 2015.

President :Kara Henessy

Vice President:Jacob Zupan

Treasurer: Kate Mcleod.

On **Thursday 30th April** the Vinnie's team will be organising their first fundraiser activity which will be a food stall. We will be selling some lovely bargain priced treats at morning tea.

From the Vinnie's team.



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ATWTP

Thursday 26th MARCH

Congratulations to the "GTS Greet, Treat and Speak " students who celebrated ATWTP

Thank you to Mrs.Northeast for making yummy and healthier food



Prep Hills AMY CONNELL BEN BERLESE	Prep Best JEREMY CHURCHHILL-BAKES TYLER GRAHAM
1 Underlin LUWANNA BEETON ALEC JEONG	1 Crawford ALICE FOX SIENNA WALKER
2 van Ryn LILY TYSON SEBASTION JOHNSTON	2 Reid JACK ADAMS GEORGIA MILLWOOD
3 Hood ASHA LOWE MAX RONEY	3 Symons RUBY DAWKINS ETHAN JEONG
4 Wood NICKOLAI MILLER EMILEE FAULKNER	4 Hegarty KALEB WATTS MAIYA DOWDE
5 Viney/Sydes COOPER WARREN HAYLIE LEHNER	5 McLeod GRACE WESLEY WILL FOX
6 Claessens LACHIE PEARN KAITLYN RICE	6 Davie ZANE FAGAN ALLY BROWN

Tuesday Book Club 20

**THE IMPOSSIBLE QUEST
ESCAPE FROM WOLFHAGEN**

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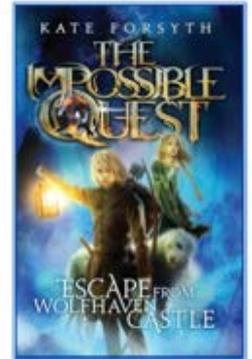
CASTLE

BY

KATE FORSYTH

Wolfhaven Castle has been attacked, and only four escape capture ... Tom, trained to scrub pots, not fight; Elanor, the Lords daughter; Sebastian, a knight in training and Quinn, the witch's apprentice.

Somehow, if they are to save their people, these unlikely heroes must find four magical beasts from legend. But first, they have to make it out of the castle alive...



The next meeting is
Tuesday 28th April
from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Everyone welcome from Grades 5 & 6

The students in Prep Best were asked the question:- If you were in the crowd watching Jesus carry his cross what would you say to him? Here are some of Prep's responses.

- I'll help you carry this cross
- Do you need help?
- I will miss you Jesus
- Are you okay?
- I love you Jesus
- Come on Jesus you can do it
- I love you a lot
- I will never forget you Jesus
- Bye Jesus
- You will always be in my heart Jesus
- Thank you for loving us
- Thank you God for sending down Jesus and we will always have Jesus in our hearts
- Thank you Jesus for helping us to be friends
- Thank you for teaching us to be like you

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Mother's Day Invitation



Date: 6th May, 2015

Time: 9-11am

Location: Sacred Heart



YOU are invited to celebrate Mother's Day at Sacred Heart. The following activities will be available between 9-11, with a Morning Tea being provided in the Gym from 10.15am onwards. These activities will be ongoing, so feel free to move between them at your own pace.

Hand massages, Making a necklace or bracelet, iPad's (using Pic Collage), Chalk Drawings, Morning Tea and Cooking, Sport Activities, Music/Ukulele, Reading Time and Board Games, Church (Prayer and candle), Hair and Nail Salon, Messages to Mum...

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2015 are Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child's results and a comparison of your child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child's areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child's results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to 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.

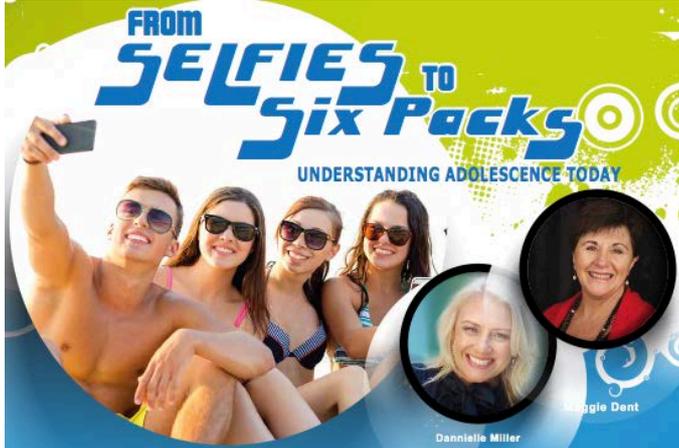
For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

Family
Mass
6pm Saturday
Newstead Church

21 March
25 April
16 May
27 June
25 July
22 August
19 September
17 October
21 November

If you or your child/ren would like to help with our Family Masses please contact your school's APRE or Jacque Wood 6344 5714 or wood1991@bigpond.net.au

FROM
SELFIES TO SIX PACKS
UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENCE TODAY



Two of Australia's leading adolescent authors and educators — Dannielle Miller and Maggie Dent — have created an inspiring seminar that explores the dynamic, confusing time of adolescence in today's modern context. Maggie will explore the unique changes that occur during adolescence, which explain why bedrooms go off, things get lost and communication can become a challenge. As a boy champion she will cover the 'six packs' aspect of the evening. Dannielle is recognised as a passionate girl champion and she will explore this time of transition with information that will help you guide your adolescent girl towards adulthood with self-respect, assertiveness and self-esteem. This seminar is excellent for parents, educators, youth workers, allied health professionals, doctors and anyone who gets to live with or work with adolescents.

Date: Monday 27th April 2015
Venue: The Tramsheds Function Centre, Auditorium, 4 Invermay Rd, Launceston, Tasmania 7248
Time: 7pm-9pm
Cost: \$30 per head
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/HENY
Books & resources available for purchase at the event.

The Launceston presentation of this event has been made possible through the support of the following organisations:



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS
Dannielle Miller is an author, educator and media commentator. She is the co-founder and CEO of Australia's largest provider of workshops aimed at empowering teen girls, Enlighten Education, and the founder of Goodfellas, a new initiative supporting teen boys. Her books include *The Butterfly Effect*, *The Girl with the Butterfly Tattoo* and *Loveability*.
Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist. She has extensive experience as a high-school teacher, and counsellor with young people and their families, in suicide prevention and palliative care. She is the mother of four adult sons. She has written seven books including *Saving Our Adolescents*.

enlighten education
Maggie Dent
quietly improving lives

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Craft Club

Parent/Child Workshop
Saturday 2nd May
Mother's Day Mini Album

Come and make a special gift for
your Mum or Grandmother.
Add your own photos to this
lovely little album.

10:30am-12:00pm

St Thomas More's School
(Cost is \$15 for this project)

RSVP by Thursday before to:
Sharnee Torrents
0409 865355

sharneetorrents@netspace.net.au

Basketball Skill Sessions – Saturday mornings in four locations

The skills sessions are ideal for all junior levels wanting to improve their game with skill development and fun.

The sessions are conducted in **Burnie, Devonport, Hobart and Launceston** every Saturday morning with the following times:

- 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 year olds – 9am to 10am.
- 10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds – 10am to 11am.

Sessions for Term 2 start on Saturday 25 April and run through until Saturday 27 June.

Participants can pre-register for the 10 weeks through the BTAS website at a cost of \$60 or pay \$10 per session at the door.

All enquiries can be directed to enquiry@basketballtas.com.au