Dear Parents,

I hope you have been enjoying the reflections about Lent that we have included in the newsletter the last few weeks. The reflection this week looks at the importance of prayer.

"Speak to me, I will listen with the heart."

As parents, one of the greatest joys is when our child opens his or her heart to us. We feel fulfilled in who we are. We know that we can’t force it to happen. We know it rarely happens when we are tired or cranky or busy or distracted. We know that such a sharing touches something very deep within us and within our child.

God too is a parent...one who has made it clear that listening to the desires of our hearts is of highest importance. God is never tired, cranky, busy, distracted, rather God is just waiting for us to crawl up into the divine lap and pour out our heart. Unbelievable as it seems, God listens to each of us as though we were the only one. We may find that hard to understand as we complain that our prayers go unanswered but we have to ask ourselves what type of prayers are they. Are they just words we repeat with our hearts far away? Are they orders given to God to make life easier – don’t let the boss be angry? find me the parking spot? let us get a good price for the house? We are more than these concerns, we have deeper needs and God knows this. Something deeply human within us blossoms when we share heart to heart with God.

This Lent, take some quiet moments with God. Perhaps when waiting to pick up the kids, when putting the washing out, during a lull at work, ask yourself, “What is my heart feeling?” and share that with God.

Loving God, you want us to draw close to you. Send up your Spirit so that we may see how much you loved us by sending us your Son. May the example of Jesus inspire our prayer. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.  

Sr Kym Harris osb
Free Dress Day
This Friday the 1st April is a FREE DRESS DAY. Each student is asked to make a gold coin donation that will go towards supporting the P & F’s Easter Egg Raffle.

Cyber Safety Presentation
I apologise that last week I forgot to put the starting time on the Cyber Safety presentation that is happening at school on the Monday 18th April. This informative presentation will commence at 7.00pm in the Josephite Learning Centre. A presenter is flying in from Canberra to run the evening.
We need at least 25 parents in attendance for the night to go ahead. Once again I strongly encourage all parents to make an effort to attend this session. If you are able to attend please, rsvp to the school office by the end of this week.

School Website
A reminder that our new school website has a NEWS page with the latest school information and events included. The newsletter is also placed on the site every Wednesday afternoon.

Kinder Enrolments 2011
I am hoping to meet with all families that have children for our Kinder program in 2012 in the next couple of weeks. I am having four weeks long service leave after the Easter break and I am conducting the Kinder interviews before I depart. Mr Greg Dwyer will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival
Good Luck to our team that is participating in the Huon/Channel Swimming Carnival this Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Campagna for organising our team and to those parents that have already volunteered to assist.

Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thank you to those families that returned the Parent/Teacher forms. Appointments will be made early this week and families will be notified in writing by the end of week of their times. Please be assured that every effort will be made to make appointments that suit the requests of families.
50 Years of the Catholic Education Office
Last Thursday evening I was very fortunate to represent our community at a Mass celebrating 50 years since the establishment of the Catholic Education Office. The Mass was lead by His Grace, Archbishop Adrian and numerous priests from around the state assisted with the celebration. The Catholic Education Office has been assisting our school community for many years and we are very grateful for their continued support and commitment to ensuring that families in the Geeveston area can receive a quality Catholic education.

Blessing & Opening – 12th April (10.30am)
A reminder that I sent home an open invitation to all members of our school community with the newsletter last week. It would be great to have large numbers of parents in attendance to thank all the people responsible for our amazing new facilities.

ANZAC DAY Celebrations
For many years the students and families at SHCS have been supporting local ANZAC Day services across the Huon Valley. This year ANZAC Day falls on Easter Monday and we are hoping that we have large numbers of children actively participating in services in Huonville, Geeveston, Dover and Cygnet. A note will be going home shortly asking for children to commit to attending one of these services.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal

Library News
Bookclub closes on the 5th April.
If anyone has a spare minute there are new library books to cover.
Thanks
Cathie Stockford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Fri 1st April     Free Dress Day – to support P&F Easter Raffle
Tues 5th April   Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 7th April  Parent Teacher Interviews
Tues 12th April  Opening & Blessing of Josephite Learning Centre & Refurbishments 10.30am
Mon 18th April  Cyber Safety Presentation 7.00pm


Merit Certificates

Shannon Doyle: Your informative report writing on a ‘Native Tasmanian Animal’
Fraser Johns: Your efforts and self-commitment to improve your book work
Mitchell Ransom: Your fantastic and informative report on the Pedra Blanca skink which you completed whilst away from school
Kurtt Reynolds: Being polite and considerate class member
Cameron Smith: Setting the standard with regard to school attitude
Emily Sedgman: Having a mature and responsible approach to her own learning
Mollie Riley: Trying to add more detail to her writing and making her writing more interesting
William Hardy: A detailed report on the earthquake in Japan
Georgia Goulding: Recognising spelling errors in her writing
Lilli Steel: Completing all writing tasks to a high standard
Ellie-Fraser-Marriott: Consistently being a positive class member
Philip Nichols: His consistent work on his character description
Ben Mitchell: Excellent answers and great listening
Jack Darwin: His contribution to class activities and discussions
Brianna Lovell: Good thinking and listening
Jeremy Pavletich: Showing more maturity in the classroom
Riley Surrendra-Nicholas: Being switched on. Always striving to do his best and having great resilience.
Campbell Gane: Helping around the class and contributing to a happy class.
Hannah Geeves: Having a very positive attitude to all school activities
Reece Scotland: Making mature decisions within the classroom, especially during group work.

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Samuel El-Tahche: For sharing the tricycle with his friends
Will Hardy: Being a great sport
Dylan Gane: Packing up things without being asked
Gabby Connolly: Very helpful
Jack McQueen: For acting responsibly
Jack Darwin: Saying a positive comment on a friends work
Isabel Burdick: Waiting politely
Lilli Steel: For acting responsibly in assembly

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CCT Footy Points Margin Tickets

Congratulations to the McQueen Family
who were the first winners for 2011 with the lucky number 20.

Its not too late to join in.....

Season Ticket is $27 for a guaranteed ticket each week.
Or
Buy a ticket for $1 each week.

This weeks game is:

St Kilda V Richmond on Friday 1st April.

Name: ..................................... Grade..................

I would like to purchase Season Ticket $27
OR
I would like to purchase ........ tickets at $1 each

Please send to school by Thursday to ensure you receive your ticket.

Geeveston Bowls Club Open Family Day

Bring your husband, wife, children, grandchildren,
grandparents, aunts and uncles along for a friendly bowl on the
green.

Everybody welcome!
Bowls supplied

When: Saturday, 9th April
Friendly games start: 10:00 am
P&F Dates to remember
5th April - Next P&F meeting at 1:30 p.m. all welcome.
12th April - Wrapping of easter egg raffle and mother's day presents, Helpers would be greatly appreciated please come along from 1:30 p.m.

Huon Skills Xpress

Internet and Email - Basic

@ Huon LINC
1 Skinner Drive, Huonville

When: 5.30 – 7.30pm
19 + 20 April

This course is for absolute beginners
or those with minimal experience

Cost: $30.00

Payable 1 week prior to the course starting; to avoid cancellation of booking.

Basic computer training offered in your local area; bookings can be made by calling in to Huon LINC or phoning on 62648482
Grade 4 Camp

The Grade four students recently travelled to Waddamanna in central Tasmania for their two night camp. The students had great fun going bushwalking, cooking sausages and damper on a camp fire, building bush shelters, constructing rafts and dams. Through all this fun and activity the students were set many challenges, which could only be solved by good communication and cooperation. This camp is a wonderful extension of our classroom’s regular program as it offers more opportunities for the students to develop independence, resilience and excellent team building skills. The children were fantastic on the camp, getting themselves organised, helping with meals and generally working well together. Mrs. Doherty and the Grade 4’s would especially like to thank Scot McQueen, Narelle Gane, Mr. Dwyer and Mr Kelly for helping out on the camp.
GET THE FAMILY TOGETHER AND COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF COMEDY WITH THE HUON VALLEY COUNCIL'S YOUTH SERVICES

(This includes parents and guardians, not just young people)

We will head to Village Cinemas and see the animated Easter comedy Hop. Transport and your ticket are covered by the cost of the night so all you will need is money if you want anything at the kiosk.

DATE:  Thursday 14th April
       Friday 15th April
TIME:  5:30pm - Leave Huonville Skinner Dr bus shelter
COST:  $8 per person - children under 3 free

SEATS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK IN EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A TICKET CALL YOUTH SERVICES: 62 640 300