We have been very busy in Kinder and Prep since our return from holidays. Together we have been learning more about ‘the Church’ and discovering new things about our own St Joseph’s Church as well as many other Churches throughout Hobart, greater Hobart, Australia and also some amazing Churches in Italy through the use of Google Earth.

Kinder have been learning more about the number 3 and many nursery rhymes and songs that are connected to it.

Prep have been busy working through our ‘Letters and Sounds’ program and also counting and addition. We have been having a great time working on the class laptops and playing on some Literacy and numeracy educational games.

Grade 3/4

The Grade Three/Four’s have began a busy term two. Both classes are involved in online learning projects. Mrs Campagna’s literacy class is involved in the Linking Latitudes project and are communicating with a Grade Three/Four class at Pularumi School on the Tiwi Islands. The students have produced a profile of themselves including some of their likes and interests. These have been sent to Pularumi so they could read them whilst we were on holidays and as a way to initiate similar interests and conversations between the students. We are now eagerly waiting for the Pularumpi students’ profiles to arrive.

We have also been in regular contact with the students on skype and through the Linking Latitudes network. Some of the aims of the project are to improve social and communication skills, share both common and different experiences and interests, share different cultures, climate, environment, food and recreational experiences.

Mrs Doherty’s Literacy class have linked up with a school in Shipley, England called St. Walburga’s. The children have sent us a hedgehog (a toy one, not a real one!) and the students in Mrs. Doherty’s literacy class are taking turns to take Spikey home and write about Spikey’s visit. Their writing and photos are then uploaded onto a blogsite that we have created especially for this purpose. This project gives our students an authentic reason for reading and writing and learning about technology, as well as allowing them to share life in Tasmania with the children in England. Check out the blog at www.the-hedgehog-chronicle.blogspot.com

For homework the students had to design and create a maths board game to show their understanding of addition and subtraction. Here are some of the students playing their board games.
Grade 1/2 - Its all about time

In mathematics this term we have been learning about time. We have had fun making our own clocks and learning how to tell the time on both digital and analogue clocks. We have also learnt about what time we do certain things during the day, most importantly we know that at school it is recess time at 11 o'clock and lunch time at 1 o'clock. Some of us are even able to tell when it is half past the hour, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour. Who would have thought that fractions are important when telling the time!

Grade 5/6

On Friday, the Grade 5/6 team had the opportunity to compete in two Round Robin competitions – the girls participated in a netball carnival whilst the boys competed in a football carnival.

The netball Round Robin carnival was held at the Creek Road netball complex (which some of you are very familiar with!). Both the Grade 5's and Grade 6's competed in four games against other Catholic primary schools. Although we didn't keep score, both teams finished the day undefeated! All of the girls should be very proud of the way they competed, supporting each other with words of encouragement and showing great sportsmanship. It was particularly pleasing to see the girls who had never played netball before give it a go and improve over the day!

The Grade 5 & 6 boys headed to the University to play St Aloysius, St John's (Richmond), St Virgils & Holy Rosary (Claremont). Everyone was confident that they would play well, and that's exactly what happened. Our first game against St Johns was very close, and it was only the final kick of the day that stole the game from us by 6 points. The team then regrouped and met with Mr Fab for a bit of a chat before playing St Aloysius where the Sacred Heart boys took the game by the ball and won comfortably. We then had a short break before heading to play one of the strongest teams in the competition, St Virgils. The game was played in great spirit and we managed to come home with the win, just as the rain started to fall. The final game was played against Holy Rosary, and 6 quarters of football started to take their toll, everyone was very tired, and we couldn't hold the stronger and more rested team from Claremont and they ran away to record a good win.

Everyone played really well, and encouraged each other to give their best performances. There were some standout performances, notably Nic Paul who played very well, now nick-named the “Rhino”. Other notable performances came from Will Donato, Jackson Gordon, Jesse Burdon, Lochie Griggs & Riley Surrenda-Nicholas.

Last week also saw Grade 5/6 vote for the school leaders for Term 2. Congratulations to Riley Surrenda-Nicholas and Georgia Griggs who are our new School Leaders. Congratulations also go to our new Sports Captains, Campbell Gane and Belle Ransom for Picton whilst Hartz will be represented by Will Donato and Lucy Stride. Our leaders received their badges at Mass last Friday.