Dear Parents,

It was great to finally get some sunshine at the end of last week. Thanks again for being so understanding with the closure of the school last Monday due to the weather conditions.

Please note that we have had a few cases of CHICKEN POX the last couple of days. If your child contracts chicken pox they are to stay away from school for at least five days until they recover. Please let the office know if you child contracts the illness ASAP.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Hailee Baldwin who came second in the Tasmanian All-School Cross Country competition last week (Under 9s). An outstanding effort from Hailee! Our Cross Country event is being held on Tuesday 9th August. Times will be advertised closer to the date.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thanks to those parents that braved the cold last Thursday evening to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Our trial using Skype was very successful and will be definitely looked at in the future as an alternative for parents that find it difficult to get to school because of work/family commitments.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Playgroup at SHCS**
Yesterday I met with a number of parents that have volunteered to set up and run a playgroup at SHCS. It is great to see that we have parents willing to contribute to the life of our school community. The group decided that playgroup will be held every Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am in our current Kindergarten facility. Hopefully we will be up and running shortly. Please complete the return slip if you are interested in participating in the program, so we have a rough idea of numbers. Thank you to Nicole Pepper, Leah Stewart, Trudy Short, Karen Pittam & Sammy-Jo Burgess for volunteering to facilitate the service.

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**Uniform Update**
This afternoon the P&F met with myself to look at the possibility of updating our school uniform. It has been tabled at P&F meetings for the last couple of years but has been put aside until we completed other priorities, eg building program. The process will be consultative and we hope to have some samples to the parent body in the next couple of months to view. The School Board has supported the investigation as long as costs are kept to a minimum and that the new uniforms are gradually phased in.

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**Feast of St James**
On Thursday our Grade 5/6 Team are travelling to Cygnet to help St James students celebrate the Feast of St James. Our students will be participating in the Feast Day Mass and then joining some of our ex-students to ‘take on’ St James students in games of football and netball. Promises to be a great day!

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**Principal’s Retreat**
I will be away from school on Thursday and Friday attending a Principal’s retreat on the East Coast of Tassie. If there are problems, please see Miss Keenan or Mr Dwyer

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**P&F Movie Night**
Please put Friday the 12th August in your calendars. Our P&F are holding a movie night at school for the children. Like the successful one we held in 2010 staff will supervise the students after school until the event commences later in the afternoon. We will be able to use our new large screen and surround sound for the first time. The P&F will have more details out to families closer to the date.
New Resources for Kinder/Prep
The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office informed me a couple of weeks ago that we have received some additional funding to purchase resources for our Kinder and Prep teams. After consulting Mrs Klein and Mrs Longey we have decided to purchase equipment that would assist us in running a perceptual motor program to assist our younger students with their gross motors skills. Each morning the new equipment can be set up in the hall to improve the children's balance, flexibility, agility and coordination. We also purchased ten ipads that will be used to assist the literacy and numeracy programs.

DANCEFEVER – Term 3
I am getting very excited about the upcoming DANCEFEVER program in term 3 that Kinder to Grade 6 students will be participating in. DANCEFEVER will replace our normal physical education classes and instead Miss Demarco will be taking all teams for specialized drama lessons. I think for a small school we are offering a range of experiences for the children.

Stop Tasmanian Catholic Schools Funding Cuts Petition
Please read the following message from the Tasmanian Catholic Parents & Friends Association:

The Tasmanian Government announced in the 2011 - 2012 State budget that it intends to directly cut funding to Tasmanian Catholic schools by 5%. Further to this, because the Tasmanian Department of Education is facing significant budget cuts as a whole, the flow on effect to Tasmanian Catholic schools will potentially be ANOTHER 5%. This means parents, grandparents and carers may face significant school fee increases.

Please support the Tasmanian Catholic Parents and Friends Federation by sending a clear message to the Tasmanian Minister for Education and Skills, Hon. Nick McKim that breaking the funding agreement (1998) on state support to the Tasmanian Catholic education sector is not only UNFAIR it will be political suicide for both Labor and the Greens. This support can be demonstrated by signing the petition that is in office or online at http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-tasmanian-catholic-school-funding-cuts.html

I would encourage all families and friends to sign this petition, as these funding cuts will have a significant impact on the staffing at SHCS and potentially lead to an increase in school fees. Thanks for your support!

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal
Playgroup at SHCS

I/We would be interested in participating in the playgroup at Sacred Heart Catholic School on a Monday morning (9.30am – 11.30am).

Name:........................................

Number of children:.....................

Keep up your support for our McCAIN School Veggie Patch

We are off to a great start and we thank local supporters for the points donations made so far. We are eager to continue our McCAIN School Veggie Patch adventure and urge everyone to keep up the great work by collecting McCAIN barcodes for our school.

Every barcode from McCAIN frozen vegetable or McCAIN Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that we can redeem for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for our school veggie patches.

To show your support and earn points for our school, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCAIN frozen vegetables or McCAIN Purely Potato and send them into your child’s teacher or drop them into the collection box in the school office from now until 30th September.

To find out more about School Veggie Patches, please visit the website mccainveggiepatches.com

For any further information on our involvement in McCAIN School Veggie Patches please contact Maree via the school office.
Merits:

Darcy Blazely – Completing Multilit successfully
Roxy Burdon – Completing Multilit successfully
Josh Coad – A great attitude towards his literacy group work and improved skills (particularly handwriting and spelling)
Mollie Ford – Trying really hard with her sounding out in her reading.
Lachlan Thompson – A great effort in his letters and sounds work
Jack McQueen – Completing maths tasks with confidence
Darcy Blazely – Excellent understanding of time and length
Monique Burgess – Completing all literacy tasks to a high standard
Xavier Peatling – Showing great initiative and creativity
Kaleb Ashlin – Showing consideration towards his class mates
Brendan Dolaghan – Having a honest, positive attitude
Maiha Campagna – Having great questioning skills
Mrs Doherty’s Home Class – Keeping your side of the classroom extremely tidy
Jack Burman – Excellent independent work in history
Sebastian Ranso – Excellent behaviour at our Sacred Heart Mass
Gabby Connolly – Helping to look after the class without being asked
Samuel El-Tahche – Excellent work in number
Owen Gordon-Smith – Lovely listening manners
Jack Halton – Listening and sitting quietly during story time

WGMS

Laimon Oates – Excellent behaviour on the bus
Mollie Ford – Helping without being asked
Dylan Gane – Polite, Beautiful manners and respectful
Cam Smith – Honesty
Ben – Being helpful and kind.
******REMINDERS!*****

Keep a look out on Year 3/4’s blogsite for Spikey the Hedgehog who has travelled from St. Walburga’s Primary School in Shipley, England. Spikey has come to the Year 3/4 classroom to learn about Tasmanian and visit the students at their school and home!

Check out the website http://the-hedgehog-chronicle.blogspot.com/ to see all of Spikey’s adventures in Tasmania so far!

Bookfair!
Our school book fair will be held from the 1st - 8th August, hope to see you all there :)

*****REMINDERS!*****

Wanted: Disused Table tennis table & Badminton racquets - please contact the School Office 6297 1313. We will arrange pickup if necessary.
CCT Footy Points Margin Tickets

Round 17 Winner was for the THIRD time this season

Mr Kelly and Family

This weeks game is:

Round 18 = St Kilda V Adelaide 22nd July

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

I would like to purchase Season Ticket $11
OR
I would like to purchase ..........Round 18 tickets at $1

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