Dear Parents,

Next week we are celebrating Catholic Education Week. The week is a chance to reflect upon all the great things that are happening at Sacred Heart Catholic School and all the other schools across Tasmania. Catholic Education has now grown to become the largest non-government education system in Tasmania with nearly 16,000 students attending primary and secondary schools. Catholic Education Week is also a chance to remind the State Government of our strength as a system and the contribution it makes to Tasmania. Thank you to those parents and friends that have signed the petition in the office (or online) objecting to the State Government’s reduction in our funding.

Four of our school leaders will be travelling to Hobart on Monday next week with me to attend the launch of Catholic Education Week and on Thursday 4th August we have 20 students participating in a Mass with other students and staff from all the other Catholic schools/colleges at St Mary’s Cathedral. Each year during Catholic Education Week we support the Archbishop’s Samaritan Fund by having a fundraising activity. This year we have decided to have a plain clothes day on Wednesday 3rd August. We are asking that the children make a $2 donation to the fund that supports local families all over the state.

We should be very proud of our small school and our major achievements the last few years. Sacred Heart was the first school/college in the state to implement the School Improvement Framework and respond to the Archbishop’s Charter for Catholic Schools. We have also had a very successful building program, which is seen as an exemplar for contemporary teaching and learning. A few weeks ago in the newsletter I listed all the new programs and initiatives that have commenced at the school in the last couple of years. A great achievement by staff, students and the parent body!

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**Kinders/Preps**

It was great to see that some of our new resources for the Kinder and Preps arrived late last week. We received a grant from the Catholic Education Office and purchased ten new ipads for the children and a range of resources to set up a gross motor program in the hall. The ipads will be used extensively to support the literacy and numeracy programs in the team and the gross motor program will support all children to improve their coordination, balance, flexibility and agility. Thank you to Mrs Klein and Mrs Longey for quickly organising these resources.

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**Playgroup at SHCS**

We have a small group of dedicated parents that have volunteered to set up a playgroup at SHCS. We hope to start ASAP after we finalise a few arrangements. The playgroup will be held every Monday morning in our current Kindergarten learning space from 9.30am to 11.30am. The group will be opened to all members of the community to enjoy the facilities and activities. We hope to have a start date and more information in the newsletter next week.

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**Kinder Enrolments 2012**

We have a very healthy number of enrolments for Kinder at SHCS next year. We have limited places available, so please let any friends or neighbours know if they’re intending to join our school community in 2012.

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**CCEL Conference**

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Catholic College of Educational Leaders (CCEL) conference at John Paul II Catholic School. An important gathering of leaders in our system from across the state. Please see Mr Dwyer or Miss Keenan if there are any issues or concerns. Last week I was fortunate enough to be on retreat on the beautiful East Coast of Tassie. On Thursday evening our ‘old’ Parish Priest Fr Mark Freeman joined us for Mass. Fr Mark asked me to pass on his regards to our community and is hoping to visit in the next few months. Fr Mark was heavily involved in the initial part of our building program.

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**Huon FM**

Thanks to Huon FM for their continued support of our school. Yesterday we had our regular fortnightly session with Riley and Taylee (Gr 6) talking about their visit to St James College last week and the new Better Buddies program that is running with their Prep buddies.
Visit to St James
Last Thursday our Grade 5/6 Team had a great day with their friends at Cygnet. A great opportunity for the students to interact and have some fun participating in games of footy and netball and importantly helping them to celebrate the Feast of St James by participating in the Feast Day Mass. We are repaying the favour when their primary students join us on the 8th August to celebrate the feast day of Mary MacKillop in our school hall.

Sponsor Day at the Kermandie Oval
On Sunday I was very pleased to be invited to participate in the Sponsor Day at the Kermandie Junior Football club. This year the school has assisted the club when teams have played away games in other areas of Southern Tassie by making our school bus available. It was great to see so many of our boys participating and enjoying themselves in a team environment, which is supported by numerous parent volunteers. The value of team sports and activities can never be underestimated. I am a life member of the Richmond Football Club and the Richmond/Cambridge Cricket Club and value highly the friendships and experiences. I enjoyed and continue to enjoy by participating in team sports. No doubt the highlight of Sunday was the massive ‘specky’ taken by Jackson Gordon in the under 12 game against Sorell and Cooper Coulson kicking four goals in a quarter in the under 10 game against Huonville.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal

Library News:
Book Fair will be held in the Resource room from Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August. It will be open from 8.30 – 3.30 daily.

Anyone is welcome to visit the fair and purchase books.

The children will do wish lists after browsing through the books. These are purely ‘wish lists’. if the children wish to purchase they can place the money and order in an envelope with their name on it and give it to the class teacher. Older children can purchase at lunch time.

The library receives 3% of all book sales to purchase new books for the school. The fair is a good time to stock up on Christmas and birthday presents. There is a varied selection of books and price.

Thanks
Cathie Stockford

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Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, Modern Teaching Aids is giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources to schools all over Australia – and one of them is us!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much more.

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Please write your name and phone number on the back of your receipt as at the very end of the Earn and Learn program the P&F are going to have a lucky draw with the receipts. So for your chance to win a great prize please remember to write your name and number on the back of the receipt.
This month (July) we can earn DOUBLE Veggie Patch Points. Get in quick as the double points offer ends on 31st July 2011.

Thank you for all your support for our McCAIN School Veggie Patch, please keep it up.

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.

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School uniforms

The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid’s school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?

From 1 July 2011, start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.

2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school’s dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
About the Education Tax Refund

Who is eligible?
- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school.
- People on other allowances may be eligible too.

How much can be claimed?
Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010–11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:
- $794 for each primary school child — that is, a refund of up to $397, and
- $1,588 for each secondary school child — that is a refund of up to $794.

What can be claimed in 2010-11?
Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:
- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- computer repairs
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

How do people claim?
- The ETR is claimed in an individual’s tax return, or
- For those who don’t lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the Education Tax Refund for individuals claim form, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.

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CCT Footy Points Margin Tickets

Round 18 Winner was for the FOURTH time this season (no this is NOT a misprint!!!)

Mr Kelly and Family

This weeks game is:

Round 19 = North Melbourne V Carlton 29th July

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

I would like to purchase Season Ticket $10
OR
I would like to purchase ........Round 19tickets at $1

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