Dear Parents,

Last Friday we had a beautiful Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It was great see the children taking such and active role in the celebrations through reading, serving, singing, etc. Thank you to Fr Greg, Mrs Dunn and Miss Keenan for working collaboratively to get the Mass quickly organised after the holiday period. Hopefully families saw the outstanding article in the Saturday Mercury Magazine about Fr Greg and his calling into the Priesthood.

At the completion of the Mass, Fr Greg and I presented our Term Two School Leaders with their badges. **Congratulations to our school leaders – Riley Surendra- Nicholas and Georgia Griggs and our house captains Will Donato, Belle Ransom, Lucy Stride and Campbell Gane.** Thank you to the Grade 5/6 Team for giving the selection process considerable thought and care. I am sure these young people will do an outstanding job representing our community at various
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](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!

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**NAIDOC Week**

Yesterday Mrs Doherty and our School Leaders traveled to Cygnet for a morning tea to launch NAIDOC Week in the Huon Valley. NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

Today, NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week in the first full week of July. In 2011 we are exploring the new Australian Curriculum in regards to Indigenous Education and have not followed our usual Aboriginal Education Curriculum. All teams this week will have a focus on NAIDOC Week and we gathering together for a short prayer service on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Please join us if you are free.

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**Confirmation and First Eucharist**

This week a number of students at SHCS are getting ready to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist in the Huon Valley Parish. Archbishop Adrian is visiting the Parish this week to confirm the children on Thursday evening at St James’ Church Cygnet at 7.00pm. The children and their family have been preparing for these special events for many months.
Aurora Safety Program
For the last two days all the children have been participating in the Aurora Schools Safety Program. The children have been learning about the importance of being sensible and ‘switched on’ around electricity. Each child received a showbag of goodies from Aurora and a safety audit sheet that needs to be completed at home and returned to school.

School Reports
Our school reports are going home this Friday. I hope parents find these informative. Please note that the Kinder reports have changed this year and are a completely different format. The Kinder reports are written using the new Early Years Framework that is ensuring there is consistency across the early years learning throughout the country. The Framework, which will be fully implemented by 2016 will have a significant impact on how early years centres operate. Like all change it will take a while to get used to the changes but I am sure families will still find them informative. We will continue to develop the report over the next few months ready for the end of year Kindergarten report. Thank you to Mrs Klein and Mrs Watkins for spending many hours investigating this new approach.

Mr Dwyer has just commenced an E-LEARNING trial with a number of Grade 5/6 students. This trial will see the students uploading videos, pictures, school work and other school related material to a secure website that teachers, parents and students can access. A great way for the students to showcase their learning. If the trial is successful we will hopefully implement it across the school over the next few years.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
There is a letter with the reports about the upcoming optional parent teacher consultations. These forms need to be returned to the school ASAP, so appointments can be made. As I mentioned previously we are trialing online appointments this year for those families that find it difficult to physically get to the school in the afternoon. I will be seeking feedback after the interviews to see whether this new initiative was successful or not.

Playgroup at Sacred Heart
The School Board, the P&F and I are very interested in getting our playgroup up and running at SHCS again. With our building project and the availability of our Kindergarten learning space we have an opportunity to successful run a program that would benefit families in the community. Unfortunately the school doesn’t have the staffing or funding to staff the program and would have to rely on a group of parents to volunteer their time with the full support of the school. We would be looking at having the playgroup once a week on a Monday or Friday for a few hours. A great way for families and the children to interact and enjoy each other’s company in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me to discuss.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Thank you to everyone that have already sent in barcodes from McCAINs vegetable products.

Our school has registered for the McCAIN School Veggie Patches program.

Every barcode from McCAIN frozen vegetables 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 earn more points for the children to use, simply collect the barcodes and send them to school.

To find out more check out the Kids section on the website there are also fun games and activities or call the school office.

[www.mccainvegiepatches.com](http://www.mccainvegiepatches.com)

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**CCT Footy Points Margin Tickets**

Round 15 Winner was Nev Burgess

This week's game is:

Round 16 = West Coast V Geelong July 8

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

I would like to purchase Season Ticket $13

OR

I would like to purchase .........Round 16 tickets at $1

Please send to school by Thursday to ensure you receive your ticket.
Merits:
Emily Coad – Showing great leadership at the netball carnival
Grace Hardy – Continually being considerate towards others
Nic Paul – Having a positive attitude and showing great determination at football
Chelsea Ballard – Consistently giving everything her best effort
Alexander Thursby – Showing great character and consideration to others
Claire Poole – Being a supportive and caring friend
Reece Scotland – Giving positive feedback to others
Justen Ashworth – Completing some writing
Lily Oates – Listening and following instructions with great care
Harris Short – His persistence with academic tasks
Timothy Mitchell – Contributing in all class discussions
Reece Norris – His effort to be more organized
Travis Hickey – His persistence with academic tasks
Holly Kennedy – Always asking for help and trying her best
Brielle Gordon – Her consistent effort in all learning areas
Beau Swanson – Making some great progress with his ‘letters and sounds’ work
Callum Ballard – Showing more maturity and making better choices in the classroom
Janet McHugh – Some fantastic sounding out in her news writing
Bridie Pepper – Showing some great progress with her sounding in her writing
Alex Griggs – Your contributions in history and your awesome illustrations
Thomas Shanley – Your efforts to incorporate ink writing in all curriculum areas
Shannon Doyle – Taking on more responsibility for your own learning
Lachlan Carter – Your efforts to incorporate link writing in all curriculum areas
Laimon Oates – Taking on the responsibility of ongoing afternoon notices.

WGM:
Lawson Grey – Letting others join in their games
Ilia Usuga – Being Honest
Holly Ashlin – For caring for others
Lily Biffin – For cleaning up the class without being asked
Cade Swanson – Letting others join in their games

Library News
Issue 4 Bookclub has now closed. We will be holding a book fair in the resource room from the 1st August - 5th August. Thank you to all parent who have covered new books.
Cathie Stockford.

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Over the past few months students in the Huon Valley have been preparing to be Confirmed and receive their First Eucharist. Throughout this time the students have participated in numerous events including two retreat days and visiting Archbishop Adrian in Hobart. As well as these activities the students have been working through activities with their families that teach them about the importance of the sacraments. At School they have also been learning about the role of the sacraments in the Church and how we celebrate the Eucharist in Mass. Students will be confirmed on Thursday night while they will receive their first Eucharist at Mass on the weekend. The teachers will be joining the students in these celebrations and it would be great to see some of their friends and families there as well. The times are below.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

**Confirmation:** Thursday 7pm St James Cygnet  
**1st Eucharist:** Saturday 6.30pm St James Cygnet  
**1st Eucharist:** Sunday 9.30 am St Marys Franklin

Our students will all be at Confirmation on Thursday night and students will be at either mass during the weekend. We hope to see you there.

**Sacramental Candidates**

Samuel Wright, Christopher Wright, Alannah Wright, Willis Short, Sophie Burgess, Abby Gordon, Sophie Buick, Kaitlin Wright.

Absent: Emily Wright, Gracie Clark, Mitchell Ransom, Hailee Baldwin, Hailee Baldwin
Huon Skills Xpress

Basic Computer

Huon LINC
1 Skinner Drive, Huonville

Tuesday and Wednesday Evening

26 + 27 July
16 + 17 August
27 + 28 September
1 + 2 November

Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm

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
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Basic computer training offered in your local area; bookings can be made
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Mental Health First Aid

Huonville – Huon LINC
1 Skinner Drive
5 + 6 September
12 + 13 October

Geeveston - Geeveston Community Centre
School Road
7 + 8 September

Cygnet – St James Catholic College
Mary Street
19 + 20 September

Dover – Myola, Dover District High School
Huon Highway
21 + 22 September

All sessions 9.30 – 4pm

Trainer: Rod Lambert

Expressions of interest for all sessions open now
Phone: Huon LINC 62648482

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