Kinder and Prep have been looking at Book Week and this year the theme is ‘One world, many stories’. Because of this we have been completing ‘mini projects’ about many different countries in the world. The children have learnt an array of new things about many places and have surprised themselves about how much information they now know. We have also ‘chipped’ each countries flag and are looking forward to displaying them at the Huonville Library.

Prep had a lovely afternoon on Monday working with the 1 – 2 Learning Team. In our time together we talked about the Assumption of Mary and how special this day is for us. This feast day celebrates Mary’s rise into heaven after her death. It is an example of Jesus’ words from John 14:3 where he said “If I go and place for you, I will come again and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.”

Year 1/2 It has been a busy time in the Year 1/2 team, Mr Grey’s maths class discovered that the area of an object can be the same even though it looks very different to other objects of the same area. Will Tinker enthusiastically created many creations all with the same area.

Miss Keenan’s and Mr Grey’s science classes are looking at animals and how to classify them. They posed a question to them. Can you come up with a question that only fits one animal? For example, if you said, “Does this animal live in the ocean?” It would fit more than one animal. Ethan Lovell asks, “Does this animal have a trunk?” Can you think of more than one animal with a trunk?

The Year 1/2 had a fantastic time with their friends from St James when they came over to celebrate Mary Mackillop’s feast day. We shared our activities such as Study Ladder and Scootle. We also did some oil
**Year 3/4**

In Mrs Campanga Literacy class we have been skyping Pularumpi school on the Tiwi Islands in Northern Territory. We skype them every day at 10:00am. They are half an hour later then us. So they Skype us at 9.30am (their time).

They start school at 8am and finish at 2pm.

We have learnt a lot about their culture and some of the things they like to do. The students go fishing almost every day after school. They catch red snapper barracuda.

They also go hunting for buffalo and eat turtle eggs. We spoke to them yesterday morning and they told us about a crocodile they caught on the weekend. It was 3.4 metres. They can not go swimming in the ocean because of crocodiles, jellyfish and sharks.

It is about 30-32 degrees most days. They have never seen frost and have never had fog. They speak Tiwi and they have been teaching us some Tiwi words.

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**Year 5/6**

On Monday, 8th of August, all of the primary students from St. James visited Sacred Heart to help us celebrate the feast day of Mary MacKillop. Whilst the Grade 5 Sacred Heart students spent the day with our own kinder students and St. James kinder students making a ‘Helping Hand Rainbow’, the Grade 6 Sacred Heart students hosted the Grade 5/6’s from St. James in the Josephite Learning Centre.

The Grade 5 & 6’s from St James were split into smaller groups, we looked at the Cursoe Project – where Andrew Hughes has marooned himself on an island in PNG for one whole month of August. As part of the project we had to design a raft that would hold the most weight – 20c coins – using a piece of cardboard, some tooth picks and marshmallows – yes marshmallows!

It was a hoot, everyone had a great time, even Fr. Greg was very impressed with out designs, maybe because the figurine we were saving was a depiction of Jesus! Fr. Greg thought Jesus was a good choice because he can walk on water.

The winning team got to eat – marshmallows!

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Grade 5/6 also had the pleasure of visiting the University of Tasmania on Friday, the 5th of August. We visited both the School of Zoology, where we got to dissect a squid, and the School of Plant Science. Here we were able to look at the cellular structure of different plants under microscopes. We all had a great time at the uni, with lots of us taking home the pen, beak and even eyeballs or brains of our squid as souvenirs. Thanks very much to the University of Tasmania for organising and resourcing our excursion so well, and providing so many people to help us out.