Dear Parents,

I am not sure where Term Two has gone but we only have a few weeks left before the September school holidays. A great chance for the staff and students to re-energise and hopefully get a well deserved break. Term two has been a challenging one with the extremely cold and wet conditions plus the amount of illness we have had at school. Hopefully everyone in our community can have a relaxing break ready for a busy and exciting Term Three.

Our Cross Country event last Tuesday went extremely well. It was very close all day but the Hartz Team came home strongly in the primary grades to win the competition. It was very pleasing to see all the children participating fully and enjoying themselves. Thank you to the large number of parents that supported the event. It was a great way to spend a sunny day – I think we take for granted the amazing environment we experience each day. Yesterday a large group of Grade 3-6 students represented SHCS at the Southern Catholic Cross Country Competition at Tolosa Park in Glenorchy. Thanks to Mrs Campagna and Miss Turnock for looking after our team.

End of Term Mass
This Friday at 12 noon our Grade 5/6 Team are leading us in a celebration to mark the end of our term together. At the Mass we will also be commissioning and presenting badges to our first group of our Junior Joey’s. The Junior Joey’s are volunteers from Grade 4-6 that have chosen to learn more about our founders, The Sisters of St Joseph and to live their motto of “never see a need without doing something about it”.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 24th August       Book Day dress up - Assembly & Parade 9.00am
                      K/P excursion to Huon Linc
Fri 26th August       End of Term Mass (12.00) & Commissioning of Junior Joeys
Tues 30th August      Indonesian Cultural Day
Tues 30th & Wed 31st Aug Fathers Day Stall
Wed 31st August       Junior Joey group visit to Josephite History & Mission Centre (New Town)
Fri 2nd Sept          End of Term 2
                      Crazy Day
Mon 19th Sept         Start of Term 3
Wed 21st – Fri 23rd Sept Grade 5 Camp – Bruny Island
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Sept Grade 6 Tour of Tassie

Please check school website for upcoming events www.shg.tas.edu.au
Book Day Activities
Hopefully all families received the note late last week about the dress up day we are holding tomorrow to celebrate Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. **Assembly will be held tomorrow in the hall at 9.00am so we can have our book day parade.**

Welcome to SHCS
This week we welcomed Chris Barton to our staff team. Chris has taken up a horticulture traineeship and will be working closely with Neville to ensure our grounds and facilities continue to be ‘second to none’.

Crazy Day
On Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September (the last day of term) the Grade 6 students are hosting a Crazy Day at SHCS. The day is to raise funds for their upcoming Tour of Tassie. There will be a range of activities that the children can participate in – haunted house, face painting, petting zoo, sponge throw, etc… The students are asked to bring a few dollars along so they can join in the games. They can come to school dressed in their crazy outfits. The Grade 6 team will have more information before the event.

Postcard Campaign
Yesterday every family in the school received a green postcard and letter explaining what the postcard is for. Hopefully families signed the postcards and returned it to the school office today so we can forward them onto the Catholic Education Office who will send them through to the Premier and the Education Minister. Thank you for your support!

Fathers Day Stall
Our P&F are holding their annual Father’s Day stall on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August. As usual there will be great gifts for the dads that the children can purchase.

Get Active Program
Last week a flyer went home encouraging parents to join a ‘Get Active Program’ run through the Geeveston Child and Family Centre. A great program that will hopefully be well supported by our parent body! The program runs for 10 weeks and is on Thursdays from 9.00am - 11.00am. The focus is on having fun exercising and engaging in a range of health and well-being discussions. There are spaces for 12 parents.

Chess Competition
With very short notice we have decided to enter a team in the Chess Competition that is happening at Geeveston District tomorrow. The competition is for students in Grades 3-6 and will be held from 9.45am – 2.00pm. Students attending received a permission note this afternoon, which must be returned by tomorrow morning.

Planning for 2012
As mentioned in the newsletter last week the school leadership team and school Board are currently preparing finances, staffing and budgets for 2012. This is very difficult to do if we are unaware of any families that won’t be with us in 2012. I would appreciate a letter from any families that know they won’t be with us next year.

Have a great week

*Stuart Kelly*
*Principal*
**Cross Country 2011**

On the 16th of August 2011, Sacred Heart Catholic School students had their cross country carnival. Everyone had a great time at the carnival. The event was held at the back of our school. We have a track in the paddock at the back that we use every year for cross country.

This year the track was muddy and slippery. Everyone participated and had fun. When you went down the hill you got a line from Miss Coleman, so you could remember how many laps you had done.

Hartz won by 98 points. It was the closest Picton has been to Hartz since Mr Kelly has been at this school. The top eight boys & girls from Grade 3-6 participated in the Southern Primary Catholic School Cross Country that was held at Tolosa park in Hobart on the 22nd of August 2011.

**By Fraser, Hailee and Lilijana**

**Catholic Cross Country**

Cross Country was really exciting, we got a bit muddy but it was good. We had lots of fun it was amazing and exhausting. The track was huge. First we had a flat spot then there was a huge turn coming onto a straight then we had to snake up a hill and do a u turn, after that it was down hill.

Then it was a long lap around a dam onto a blocked road coming up onto the finishing line after a small hill. There was lots of other schools there such as St Johns, St Paul’s, St James, St Aloysius etc. There was about 60 children in each race. The best place that our school got was 13th scored by Hailee Baldwin.

**Grade 3/4 and 5/6 Excursion**

Wednesday 17th of August 2011 Grade 3/4 and 5/6’s went to the Tahune Airwalk. The Tahune Airwalk had big beautiful trees. The leaves on the trees were light green and dark green. The Tahune Airwalk had heaps of moss. There were interesting white spots on the trees that are called lichen. There were heaps of plants. One of the plants was called Bush Pepper. You can take a leaf off the Pepper Bush and eat it. It tasted like pepper and it burns your mouth.

There were two big rivers that connected. They are called the Picton River and the Huon River. They were brownish colour because of the seeds from the Tea Tree, this is called tannin.

The Airwalk was wobbly when you got to the very end. Mr Pepper cut down the top of a tree because it got zapped by lighting and it was hanging on the side of the Airwalk, so it was very dangerous. People now throw money on top of it because they call it a wishing tree.

We learned that trees have bark on them to protect them from bugs biting the inside of the tree.
Huon Valley
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 – Community Health Centre
Fredrick Street
19 & 20 September

Dover – Esperance Multi Purpose Centre
Huon Highway
21 & 22 September

All sessions 9.30am – 4pm
Trainer: Rod Lambert
Expression of interest for all sessions open now
Phone: Huon Linc 6264 8482

***Shopping Vouchers***
The school is still collecting:
- McCains barcodes
- Earn & Learn from Woolworths
- Coles Sport for Schools

The collection boxes are located in the school office. Your support so far has been fantastic.

Please remember to place your name and number on the Woolworths dockets and also on one of the Coles vouchers with the amount of vouchers you earned as P&F will pick out a winner at the very end of the program.

Father’s Day Stall - Tuesday 30th & 31st August
A stall is being held at school for all children (Kinder to Grade 6) to come along and purchase 2 or 3 gifts to give to a special person, dad or pop on Father’s Day (Which is Sunday 4th September) Gifts range in price from 50c to $4.50. We will also have a free draw for all families and some lucky dads will receive a nice prize.  Parents help most welcome.

The Catholic Parish of the Huon Valley

Life is often full of challenges as well as opportunities. These can lead us to ask the most fundamental of questions though, what is the meaning of my life? The human desire for meaning can take many twists and turns as we seek to know fulfillment, support and love. Do you feel like you are on a journey, being called on by Jesus to something deeper or more meaningful? Maybe you are simply searching for something? The Catholic Parish of the Huon Valley invites you to an inquiry evening for those who may be recognising God’s call to deepen their faith as a member of the Catholic Church. This evening is open to those of you who are looking for a community to call home and think maybe that the Catholic community may be for you and also to anyone who may be baptised Catholic already but are yet to complete their other sacraments and want to know how to take these next faith steps. We are a community called forward in love and centred on Christ whose values are based firmly in the scriptures and celebrated in ritual and tradition. Learn more about our process for baptism and fuller membership of this Christian Catholic community in an informal evening over a cuppa in the Huonville RSL meeting room, Wednesday 31 August at 7.30pm. For more information or to let us know of your interest to attend contact Fr Greg Barker on PH: 62951239 or Jacky and Lyn Driessen our RCIA co-ordinators on PH: 6297 1619

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