Dear Parents,

Yesterday was I fortunate enough to travel to Sacred Heart College in New Town with Belle Ransom, Will Donato and Campbell Gane to celebrate the launch of Catholic Education Week. Catholic Ed Week is an opportunity to reflect upon all the great things that are happening in our system across the state. Hopefully families saw the supplement in the Sunday Tasmanian that highlighted the significance of the week. Since 1823, Catholic Education has evolved into a community of 37 schools and colleges serving more than 15,500 students and their families. On Thursday Miss Keenan and I are taking 20 students to the Catholic Ed Week Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral.

Hopefully families read in today’s Mercury the article that was written about our online projects and our ICT curriculum and resources. Great recognition of the leadership of Mr Dwyer and the whole staff to ensure students at Sacred Heart have every opportunity to use these new technologies to enhance and extend their learning.

Samaritan Fund – Plain-Clothes Day
We held our plain-clothes day today for the Archbishop’s Samaritan Fund. I hope this didn’t confuse too many families as we swapped days due to the excursion the 3/4 team are participating in tomorrow. Thank you to those families that supported the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 3rd August     Grade 3/4 Excursion to TSO
Thurs 4th August   Catholic Education Week Mass
Fri 5th August     Grade 5/6 excursion
Mon 8th August     Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass – 10.30am
Tues 9th August    SHCS Cross Country Event – 11.00am
Fri 12th August    P&F Movie Night
Feast of Mary MacKillop
This Monday we are gathering in the school hall with the St James Primary students to celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop. Families are more than welcome to join us for this important day where we remember the contribution Mary made to the Josephite order and the greater Catholic community. The Mass commences at 10.30am. Thank you to Miss Keenan for coordinating this special event with the staff at St James College. After Mass the students will be enjoying a BBQ and activities with their friends from Cygnet. The BBQ is an extra and we are not asking for orders. We are cooking one sausage for every student, so they will still require some lunch on the day. Mrs Klein is attending the Mass for those Kinder students that would like to join us.

Cross Country Event
We are holding our annual Cross Country event on Tuesday 9th August on our track behind the school. All teams from Kinder – 6 will be participating on the day. The races will commence at 11.00am and will be in this order – Gr 5, kinder, Prep, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 3, Gr 4 & Gr 6. Thank you to Mrs Campagna for organising this fun day for us. Hopefully Picton will challenge Hartz for the title. They have been getting closer the last few years. The place getters from Grades 3-6 will be chosen to represent our school at the Catholic Carnival in a few weeks.

DANCEFEVER
This week we have been finalising the arrangements with our new exciting dance program. DANCEFEVER will be held for all students in third term on a Thursday. Dance will replace our Physical Education Program for the term and Miss Demarco will be taking all students for Drama activities instead. “DANCEFEVER Interschool Challenge” will be held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on Wed 7th December from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. On this night all our Grade 3-6 students will be showcasing their dancing skills with students from four other Catholic Schools in the South. It promises to be a great night of entertainment. Our instructors and other special guests hold the event like a traditional dance competition with prizes and displays. It has been rumoured that there might be a special appearance from some people from the ‘Dancing with the Stars’ TV show. Please let your family and friends know. The K-2 students will be putting on a performance at school during the school day (not sure of the date yet).

Grandparents Day
This year we are holding a Grandparents Day/Special Persons Day on Friday 21st October. Please ensure grandparents have this date in their diaries. There will more information early in term 3.

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World Youth Day
Please keep in your prayers a number of young people in Tassie that are departing this weekend for Spain to participate in World Youth Day. The Huon Valley Parish is being represented by a group of young people, including two old scholars of SHCS. Mrs Longey, Fr Greg and I were fortunate enough to attend the last event held in Sydney in 2008.

Have a great day

Stuart Kelly
Principal

This week only is **DOUBLE** Earn & Learn Points!

Thank you all for the support and so far we are off to a great start! Remember 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). The points are located at the bottom of your shopping docket and all you need to do is bring your docket into school and place it in our collection box in the office!


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.

**Library News**

Book Fair is on this week. Its open from 8.30 -3.30 daily in the Josephite Centre. Don’t forget we receive 30% off books sold to purchase books for the library.
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 6297 1313
Updated Timings for the Dover Sports Centre

(Commencing Monday 1st August 2011)

MONDAY
FUN AND FITNESS (Primary School Only) 4:00pm – 5:00pm
FUN AND FITNESS (High School and Adults) 5:30pm – 6:30pm

TUESDAY
INDOOR SOCCER (Primary School only) 4:00pm – 5:00pm
INDOOR SOCCER (High School and Adults) 5:00pm – 6:00pm

THURSDAY
INDOOR CRICKET (All Ages) 6:00pm – 7:00pm
INDOOR CRICKET (All Ages) 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Cost: Under 16 y.o. = $3.50 / Other = $4.50 – Jarrod Eastley (Coordinator)
ph: 0410 549 266
Any feedback to:
dovercommunitysportscentre@gmail.com
or visit our facebook page

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:....................

Please return to the school office.

Playgroup at Sacred Heart will commence soon on Mondays from 9.30 - 11.30am

Playgroup helps children to prepare for Kindergarten.
COME TO THE MOVIES

MYSTERY MOVIE TO SCREEN AT

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Friday 12 August,
After school > 5.45 pm

***Children will not be permitted to leave the hall until collected by an adult***

A BBQ will be available before the movie and extra snacks will be available to purchase at interval

I give permission for my children to attend the Movie night.

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

BBQ Order:  No of Sausages: ................. @ $1.50
No of Burgers: ................. @ $2.00
Movie Night .................students @ $5.00

Total Amount Enclosed: $.............

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CCT Footy Points Margin Tickets

Round 19 winner was Clive Wood – Dover

This week's game is:

Round 20 = St Kilda V Fremantle 5th August

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

I would like to purchase Season Ticket $9
OR
I would like to purchase ........Round 20 tickets at $1

Please send to school by Thursday to ensure you receive your ticket.
Cadel Evans – one tough hombre, one great role model

Finally, here is someone worthy of emulation by our kids. Cadel Evans showed all the qualities of grit, determination and mental toughness that most parents I meet would love their kids to develop.

Cadel Evans, supreme cyclist that he is, showed in winning the Tour de France that he is also the master of timing.

Not only did he time his winning ride to perfection, taking the coveted yellow jersey on the only day that mattered – the final real-day of racing, but his win has come at a time when Australians are in desperate need of heroes and positive role models who display the types of attributes we want our kids to aspire to.

Federal politics isn’t a hotbed of inspiration right now! The banal antics of our leaders in Parliament have become something of a national embarrassment. More disturbingly, the adverse public response to the Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s carbon pricing campaign has been so bitter that for the first time in living memory, Australians en masse have shown little respect for the institution of prime minister.

The recent Murdoch phone tapping scandal was high drama, but somehow has rekindled what many have suspected for a long time. That is, that there is something fishy going on in high places. It’s only the size of the stench that has shocked us!

It says something about the state of affairs when the only hero from the whole unsavoury event was Wendi Deng for delivering a mean right hook when she came to her husband’s aid during a filmed Parliamentary Enquiry. That’s how cynical we have become about public life.

Then along came Cadel Evans, and his winning ride. Finally, here is someone worthy of emulation by our kids. He showed all the qualities of grit, determination and mental toughness that most parents I meet would love their kids to develop.

The story behind his success is fascinating, and worth-relaying to your kids. He is no overnight success. He’s been cycling at an elite level for over fifteen years, riding mountain bikes in the 1990’s before switching to road cycling after the Sydney Olympics. He’s worked long and hard to master his craft.

He didn’t let disappointment deter him either. Twice runner-up in the biggest road race of them all, and on another occasion harried by a broken elbow, he didn’t let set-backs and bad luck derail him. Learning from those past experiences, and taking lessons in preparation from past winners, he came back stronger and more determined than ever to make this race his own.

But the race itself that brought him victory is the story that’s worth telling your kids about. It’s a story of working with others, but at the same time not relying on others to get the job done. According to press reports, Evans’ BMC team gave him terrific support until he got to the final mountain stages. Without quality climbers in his team he took it on himself to attack the leaders alone.

Best of all, Evans held his nerve. Evans always said that the last three days would determine the tour. And so it did. He didn’t panic, even when he experienced equipment failure and lost valuable time on the second last day. After receiving a new bike he took his way back to the front in readiness to strike when it mattered.

Evans’ feat was a shining story of resilience. His ability to hang in both physically and mentally when times were tough was astounding. Sure, cyclists are a breed unto themselves, as they are used to enduring pain that long days in the saddle can bring. But Evans’ efforts were supreme even by cycling’s lofty standards.

It’s also a story of preparation and knowing what it takes to be successful. A loner by nature, Evans told his minders he needed 30 minutes a day of solitude for the sake of his sanity. For Evans to achieve success it was vital that he attend to his mental state, in the same way as he looked after his physical state. One of the lessons of the past he learned was the importance of carving out moments of calm, even at the busiest and most chaotic times.

As a parent and teacher there is so much to take from the Cadel Evans’ story. It’s the type of story that doesn’t come along every often, and too good an opportunity to pass up. Besides, he’s come along when there’s a dearth of quality stories in public life that offer kids the type of inspiration and hope that they need right now. As Evans showed timing is everything. Now is the time to share his story.