Dear Parents,

Yesterday we farewelled our Grade 6 students who departed on their Tour of Tassie. A great tradition at Sacred Heart that has seen students over the years enjoying a week of fun activities all over the state! I will be traveling to the North West Coast very early on Wednesday morning to spend the second half of the week with them. A massive thank you to Miss Turnock, Mr McQueen, Mr Dwyer and a number of parent’s helpers that have given up their week to ensure the students enjoy themselves. You can follow the Tour on a BLOG site that the students have set up – shg6ontour.blogspot.com (there is a link on our school webpage to the site).

Grade 5 Camp
Thank you to Mr Dwyer and Miss Turnock for all their efforts last week with the Grade 5 students on their camping experience on Bruny Island. The students had a great time exploring the beautiful island even in quite ordinary conditions on Thursday evening. There are photos on the school website if you are interested.
Learn to Swim

Yesterday an information note went home to all families about our upcoming Learn to Swim program at the Port Huon Sports Centre. Please read the note carefully and see your child’s class teacher of there any issues. Unless there is a medical reason, it is expected that all students will participate in these valuable classes. Please note that Learn to Swim will not be held on Thursdays.

DANCEFEVER

I am very excited about our DANCEFEVER program that is commencing next Thursday. All teams from Kinder to Grade 6 have a session a week with the instructors who are also working in four other Catholic Primary schools in the South. I am hoping to get a few videos uploaded on the webpage so families can see the program in action. DANCEFEVER will be replacing our specialist PE classes in third term and Miss Demarco will be introducing drama sessions to all teams.

Junior Joeys

Our Junior Joey group has been very proactive lately. They are introducing a new award to be presented at our fortnightly assemblies. The students will nominate and then choose five students that are living out the charism of our founding order. These students through their actions will ‘Never see a need, without doing something about it’ (motto of the Sisters of St Joseph). The group has made a Joey tree in the hall where students who receive the award will have their name placed. A great initiative by the group!

NAPLAN

All Grade Three and Five parents should have received their child’s individual NAPLAN report. This report is a summary of the National Tests that the children sat in May. Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

It is also possible to get a sense of your child’s achievement overtime by looking at previous NAPLAN reports, however caution should be exercised as the results refer to a single point in time only and may not reflect the full range of your child’s ability. In 2011 a new writing scale has been established for persuasive writing, which is not comparable with the previous narrative writing scale.

If you have any queries or are unsure how to read the data, please contact your child’s teacher or myself.
Promotional Flyer
This week all households in the Huon Valley (on our side of the river) will receive a promotional flyer about Sacred Heart that showcases all the programs we offer and also our outstanding educational facilities.

Hats – Sunsmart Policy
All children are required to wear their school hats in third term. It is a part of our Sunsmart Policy that hats are worn outside at all times in Term 1 and 3.

What’s happening this week!
Mon – Fri – Grade 6 Tour of Tassie

Wednesday 2.15pm – School Assembly 1/2 in the hall

Friday 12.00pm – Parish Mass led by the 3/4 Team

Support the right to choose the education you want for your child
All children deserve the very best possible opportunities in life. A good education is vital to a child’s future.

A “one size fits all” approach to schooling does not hold water. Parents are best placed to make decisions about the educational needs of their child. Families need to be able to exercise choice when it comes to their children’s schooling.

Parental choice of school is underpinned in Australia by support from government. Choice is not only a right, but government funding allows it to work.

Funding for Catholic schools is a partnership between Australian families and governments. Catholic schools have a commitment to affordability for families from all backgrounds. For this commitment to continue, schools depend on the current level of government funding support, indexed in real terms, as a minimum.

Ensuring Government support for Catholic schools continues is essential to guaranteeing real parental choice in education.

The Federal Government has announced a sweeping review of the nation’s system of funding for all schools – government and non-government, including Catholic schools.

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has made a submission to the review strongly supporting choice in education. For more information visit www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal
No 28 - 27th September 2011

**Dates for your diaries**

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**REMINDERS**

- Don’t forget to bring in your shopping vouchers!
- Please return Book Club by 4th October please. Thank You

For Sale: Boys St Aloysius blazer.
Size 15. Dry cleaned every term. $60 ph Wendy Clark on 0459028608

Indonesian/Cultural Day

What a wonderful day we had on the 20th August. Every student experienced hands-on activities and produced some great work. A big thank you to Mrs Doherty for dancing her way through the day!

The chefs and their assistants cooked very tasty food, which everybody enjoyed. A big thank you to Nigel Blazely, Mandy Geeves, Veronica Pearce, Narelle Duggan, Floss Gane, Kelly Gordon and Samara Ford for their expertise and efforts in the canteen. Donations were plentiful. Thank you for donating goods – Mince (Narelle Duggan), Potatoes (Scott Steel) and rice and soy sauce (Mark Pavletich) and other ingredients from various parents. Also thank you to Tom and Pat Freeman for assisting in the classes. The day raised $220 which will be donated to the East Africa Appeal.

I apologise if I have left anyone out as it was a very busy day.

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