Dear Parents,

I was very fortunate to spend three days last week with our Grade 6 Team on their Tour of Tassie. It was a great experience for all involved and the children were a credit to the school and their families. We received compliments all over the state about the children’s manners and behaviour and I was extremely impressed with their willingness to assist and follow expectations. Each morning there were groups of children cleaning, making lunches, packing the trailer and numerous other jobs (I am sure they do this at home each morning as well!!). Thank you to Miss Turnock for her outstanding organizational skills and enthusiasm and to Scot McQueen for all his efforts in driving the bus, often on very challenging roads. Thank you to Mr Dwyer and the parents that assisted and to the community organizations that sponsored the Tour.

The Grade 6 group are hoping to make imovies of their adventures that can be shared with our community on the webpage.

Dates for your diaries

- Thurs 6th Oct
- Wed 19th Oct
- Thurs 20th Oct
- Fri 21st Oct
- Wed 26th Oct
- Fri 28th Oct

- DANCEFEVER commences
- SHCS Athletics Carnival
- Show Day Holiday
- Grandparents Day
- Assembly 3/4 Team
- CCT Ride-a-thon
‘Making Every School A Great School’
I was very pleased to hear last week that the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is featuring Sacred Heart on a new site on their webpage in the next couple of weeks, which promotes our Josephite Learning Centre and the other improvements we have made over the last few years. We are the second of about six schools in the country to be featured. Not bad for our small school seeing every school in Australia participated in the BER Project! The story came about when the BER Compliance people visited earlier in the year and were extremely impressed with our physical environment and our commitment to a team and collaborative approach to learning.

Linking Latitudes
Our online projects at SHCS continue to interest people around the globe. Mrs Doherty’s project with the UK was recently featured in a national education publication. Tomorrow night Mr Dwyer and a couple of students have been asked to skype into a session with Professor Stephen Heppell in Madrid, Spain. We worked with Stephen at the Listen2Learners Conference in Melbourne last year. Stephen is a global leader in ICT and is currently working in Spain on a number of projects.

Learn to Swim
The Learn to Swim program has started well with the children from all teams enjoying the activities at the Centre. Thank you to parents for ensuring the children were organised yesterday morning. Children that are not swimming are required to have a signed note from their parents. The Grade 4-6 students on Tuesday next week are required to have PDFs (life jackets) as part of their program. We do require the students to bring some from home if possible. Please ensure they are clearly labeled.

DANCEFEVER
I am very excited about DANCEFEVER starting this week. A program that we have worked for over 12 months to get to Tassie! The children are to wear their sports uniform for dance and drama that we are having on Thursdays this term.

School Uniform
We traditionally change into our summer uniform after the Hobart Show public holiday but this year we can make the change on Monday 17th October (Show Week). I have talked to the P&F and the School Board and we don’t have any difficulty if the girls would like to continue wearing their trousers as part of their summer uniform if they feel more comfortable when participating in daily PE and other more active programs. We are still hoping to have a new summer uniform by early 2012 that will have a few more flexible options for all students and families.

A reminder that all children should have a hat on during playtimes. Children without a hat are required to play in the undercover area.

K-2 TSO Excursion
The Kinder – Grade 2 students have an excursion to the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (TSO) next Wednesday. We are hoping that swimming can be arranged around the trip to Hobart as there is time in the morning before they depart and time when they return in the afternoon. Today a note went home to all families from the TSO asking families to sign a ‘Student Participation Consent’ form because they are intending to use some footage from the concert for promotional purposes.
Junior Joeys Group
As I mentioned last week our Junior Joey group have been very proactive with a number of small initiatives. On Monday the 17th October they are participating in a Mass in Hobart that is supporting children that are suffering from leukaemia. They will be joining other Junior Joey groups from Josephite Schools in the South. The group wants to take some money up to this day of prayer to support the Leukaemia Foundation. They are holding an ‘ODD SOCKS’ day on Thursday 13th October, when for a gold coin donation the children wear funny socks with their sports uniform. I encourage families to support this worthy cause.

First Anniversary of Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop.
The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to celebrate the first anniversary of the canonisation of St. Mary MacKillop by visiting the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare Street, New Town and/or joining us for Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5.00 pm. The Centre will be open between the hours of 9.30 am and 5.30 pm on Sunday, 16 October. Refreshments will be available during the day, whenever you visit. Everyone is most welcome.

Bike-a-thon – Friday 28th October
Hopefully all students are collecting sponsors for our upcoming bike-a-thon that is raising money for the Phon Family in Cambodia. Mr Dwyer has kindly offered to have a bike riding session for all those students that are not confident riding. Mr Dwyer will be at school on Saturday 15th October from 8.00am to 10.00am with a range of bikes. Greg is an experienced rider who competes in road races and mountain bike challenges. This is an opportunity for students to gain some confidence and skills before the event. There will be a walking track on the day that will be on the inside of the oval for those students that are still not comfortable.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

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Fraser Johns – Your efforts with your GARDEN homework
Thomas Shanley – Your tourist advertisement assignment
George Scott – Your efforts with your GARDEN homework
Juliet Kovac – Your efforts with your GARDEN homework
Tara Shanley – Your efforts with your tourist brochure assignment
Sophie Lovell – Being helpful to other class members by showing them how to do things.
Kaleb Ashlin – Working hard on a project for Mr D.
Shannon Doyle – A great effort in maths
Juliet Kovac – Asking for help

WGM

Liljana Bobbett – Picking up things around the classroom without being asked
Laimon Oates – Being a happy chappy in his guided reading group
Laimon Oates – Enthusiastic practice for Mass
Olivia Peatling – Being a happy chappy in her guided reading group
Justen Ashworth – Being a happy chappy in his guided reading group
Dear Parents,

This year we’re going to do the same format as last year for our Athletics Carnival. We wish to give the children the experience of participating in a formal Athletics Carnival with a number of different activities running at the same time. There will be a timetable of the events attached in the newsletter next week.

**What:** Sacred Heart Catholic School Athletics Carnival (Hartz V Picton)

**When:** Wednesday 19th October

**Where:** Huonville Little Athletics Centre

**Time:** 9:30-2:30

**Need:** **Lots of Parent help.** For the carnival to run successfully we will be relying on parents to help. Your assistance will be required with the running of the events as well as assisting groups of students as they move between the different events. If those parents who are interested in helping with a specific event or with their child’s class on the day as they move around the events, could you please make contact with either myself or your child’s teacher before the day.

**Other information:**

- The children will move around the events in their class groups
- The relays will be conducted in front of the pavilion at approx 2:00pm.
- During the rest periods those infant classes can either rest or watch other events.
- Children can be driven to the carnival by their parents and taken home once the carnival has finished.
- There will be a barbeque provided on the day (sausage in bread for 50c).
- It would be nice to have a picnic style lunch where parents come along to watch and have lunch with their child/children.
- Parents will need to make sure that their children have everything that they need.
  - Sports uniform + house team colours. Picton (Blue), Hartz (Red)
  - Warm coat
  - School Hat
  - Sunscreen (children can still get sunburn on an overcast day)
  - Plenty to drink & eat during the day.

Regards,

Debbie Campagna
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