In the last few weeks Kinder and Prep have been working on a program called “Circle Time”. Circle Time sessions aim to promote emotional literacy for children. It provides children with a quiet time where such things as feelings can be discussed and explored. We have discussed feelings such as anger and kindness and how we feel in these situations.

We have been busy with our unit of work "Collections". We have been very happy with the staff of Sacred Heart School in their response to the children's interviewing on collections. We are amazed at the different types of objects people collect. Here are some photos of staff collections. Can you guess which member of staff collects which objects? More next time!

In preparation for next year the Prep and Year 1 classes have been joining forces and working together. During maths sessions we have been opening the rooms up and working in small groups, participating in various activities. The grade one's have been demonstrating great leadership qualities by showing the preps the tasks that they could be doing next year. The preps responded by demonstrating great listening skills, sharing and questioning skills and both showed that while they may be in different classes they had the common ground of having fun. As well as maths the two classes have also participated in circle time activities as well as literacy sessions.

This week saw the assistant professional from Royal Hobart come and give a golf clinic to the students. They were so excited. Many of the year 1/2 have tried golf before and most said that it is the hardest game to play. Few of us would disagree. Joshua showed that he knew how to hit a ball by nearly hitting the flag every time and he and Reece were trying get closest to the pin. Poor Mrs Beven was busy dodging golf balls that the students were hitting, lucky they were rubber practice balls.
Joe Smith's visit to Year 3/4

On Tuesday the 15th of November, 2011 a man called Joe visited our School. Joe is an Aboriginal person and he taught us all a lot about his childhood and the ways of Traditional Aboriginals.

He also told us a bit about some of his wooden tools and some plants you can eat, use for medicine and some that were poisonous.

Joe had lots of tools to show us that he had made himself. They had his signature symbol on them and he had some that weren’t made by him but he still showed us.

Joe also told us that all the people in the tribe had to have a signature on all their tools that they owned.

He said they could only use lines or circles. His signature was two circles around his tools.

Joe then took us out the back of the school to learn about native plants and their uses.

We found a Hop Bush. Its flowers have three petals which are purple and in the middle is a green seed that tastes like apple. You can also chew the leaves of the plant to help a sore tooth.

We also found a Wattle Tree. It has orange pods with black seeds that taste like blood. The Wattle seeds have to be burnt to germinate.

Next we found Sagg Grass. You have to wrap it around your hand and tug it or it will cut you if you don’t hold it right. Once you have pulled it out you peel the bottom of it and eat the white part. It is very sweet.

After that we found a Bracken Fern. The little curly bits on the end is what you eat. It tastes like mushroom. The root of the plant is used for medicine on sores.

Joe taught us all lots of new interesting facts. We hope he comes again.

Year 5/6

The Grade Five and Six team have been extremely busy over the last few weeks organizing and writing their newspaper – The Sacred Heart Times. The Sacred Heart Times will be available in the next couple of weeks as the final draft of the paper is sent to the printers.

You can read all about everything that has happened throughout the year from the camps at the beginning of the year to the wonderful celebration that was the CCT Bike-a-thon.

Below is an extract from the newspaper written by our scoop reporter Jacob Banks. It’s not the full story, you’ll have to wait until the full story is reported in the Paper.

“On the 3rd of October, the children at Sacred Heart Primary School in Geeveston were terrified, when they were playing on the oval at lunch time a big, black, tiger snake appeared.

As people tried to herd the beast away, there was a back-breaking announcement over the P.A. “CODE BLUE!” As the children hurried urgently back to their classroom, it is thought that the snake went down the bank behind the oval.

A group of grade 5/6 boys were a major part of the event. One of them; Jayden, was having a leisurely walk on the oval, when he spontaneously leaped back after a big tiger snake moved right next to him.

Jayden claims “It scared the absolute hebegibies out of me……” (to be continued)

Just Leadership Day

On Friday Sophie Lovell, Nathan McQueen, Jacob Banks, Bailey Reeve, Sarah Duggan and Chelsea Ballard will travel to Corpus Christi to participate in the Just Leadership Day for Grade Five Students. The Just Leadership one-day seminar encourages school communities through their senior students (to be) to extend their service activities by highlighting the ground beyond fundraising, offering the senior leaders the chance to;

• Explore the implications of Christian Leadership
• Meet with fellow students to discuss leadership and social justice issues
• Learn practical ways to share these new understandings in our school and local communities.