Dear Parents,

I hope you have been enjoying the small reflections by Sr Kym Harris that have been in the newsletter recently. Sr Kym is always challenging us with her thoughts!

What’s your choice?

A woman died and wasn’t too sure as to whether she would be going to heaven or to hell. St Peter decided to give her a tour of the dining rooms in both places, as there was a little time before her judgment took place.

Into heaven’s dining room, he swept her and it was magnificent – the best food, OMG the wines, everything was extraordinary, except for one strange thing, the fork and spoons were over a metre long. Not wanting to show her ignorance and because St Peter was wanting to move on, she asked nothing.

Now she was swept into hell’s dining room and…it was exactly the same, right down to the strange cutlery. Now she couldn’t be kept silent: “What the hell, or heaven for that matter, is going on? They are both the same!” “Ah!” said St Peter, “the places look both the same but the people are different. You see that cutlery that shows up people for what they are like. They are too long for a person to feed themselves (and they must use cutlery here). In heaven, the people feed each other, enjoy the banquet and each other’s company and love. In hell, they refuse to share, want to only feed themselves and so they starve in the midst of a feast. What is more they taunt and ridicule each other for their failure.”

“By the way, this is now your judgment. What’s your choice?”

Loving God, you desire all people to share in the fullness of your life and love. May we follow the example of Jesus and filled with your Spirit share with others the goodness you have given us. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Thank you to the P&F parents, and staff that assisted at the Huon Show on Saturday. It is great publicity for the school and an opportunity to sell tickets for our Christmas raffle. A reminder that we are hoping to have all Bike-a-thon money returned by this Friday so we can draw the major prize. We currently have a total of around $4200, which is outstanding. We are hoping to have a small ceremony where we can hand the money over to the CCT team. Thanks again to all families that have supported this event. An event that highlights our caring and giving nature and what we stand for as a Catholic School.
**Christmas Carols**
Our Christmas Carols night has been changed from Wednesday 14th December to **Tuesday 13th December** due to a clash with the St James College Speech Night. I hope this doesn’t cause too many hassles.

**End of Year Activities**
Our staff are busily planning numerous end of year activities. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff that are willing to give up time with their own families to support our children and families. Please ensure the below dates are in your diaries.

**Wed 7th December**
DANCEFEVER Interschool Challenge

**Fri 9th December**
Grade 6 Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral

**Mon 12th December**
Grade 6 Dinner

**Tues 13th December**
Carols Night

**Thurs 15th December**
End of Year Mass (EOY Awards announced)

**Director of Catholic Education visiting Sacred Heart**
We are very fortunate to have Dr Trish Hindmarsh the Director of Catholic Education visiting this Friday. Trish will be visiting teams and having morning tea with the staff.

**Huon/Channel Athletics Carnival**
Great to hear that our students competed well at the Huon/Channel Athletics Carnival last Friday! Thanks to Mrs Campagna, Mrs Hall and a number of parent helpers that assisted our team on the day.

**DANCEFEVER Interschool Challenge**
Hopefully all parents received the note last week about the upcoming exciting event at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on the 7th December. If possible I would love all Grade 3-6 students to participate in this event, which promises to be a great night of family entertainment. Dancefever is an initiative of Sacred Heart Geewoeston and we talked the other four Hobart schools into participating to make the program viable. It would be disappointing if we had low numbers, particularly seeing the students have been practising with a partner for ten weeks. We will run a number of buses free of charge for families if it makes transport easier. Can ALL families please complete the return slip attached to the newsletter about travel arrangements, so we have an idea of numbers for buses.

**Grade 6 ‘ipad 2’ Initiative – 2012**
I wrote to Grade 6 families (2012) and informed them of a new initiative for 2012. In 2012 each Grade 6 student will receive an ipad 2. The ipad will be the possession of the student for the year and will be used at school and at home. We are still finalizing arrangements around insurance and warranties. We are committed to ensuring every student has the latest technologies and resources to enhance their learning. The ipad will not only be used for technology lessons, word processing, web access, skyping, etc.. but is also a calculator, atlas, dictionary, thesauras and even a Bible. We can easily and cheaply download numerous educational apps as well as ibooks that can be used during literacy blocks in guided reading. Eventually it will be quite a saving on our budgets and to booklists for parents. Mr Dwyer is holding an information session on Wednesday 23rd November for parents of next year’s Grade 6 class, so parents can see the advantages of such a great resource.

**Book Day 2012**
Thank you to those parents that returned the slips about the opportunity for an online bookday in 2012. At the moment it looks like we will have online orders for families that request it and a shorter (3 hours) book day at school for those families that wish to pick the books up. More information will go home shortly.
Dates for your diaries

Fri 18th Nov    Dr Trish Hindmarsh visiting
Wed 23rd Nov    Ipad presentation (3.15pm)
Thurs 24th Nov  All Schools Triathlon event
Thurs 24th – Fri 25th  Grade 2 Camp
Fri 25th Nov    Grade 5 Leadership Day
Tues 29th Nov   P&F Meeting – 9.00am
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Merit Certificates

Ila Usuga    Showing a caring and mature manner in the classroom.
Rory Brennan  Using some great working out methods in Numeracy.
Abigail Spilling  Excellent listening, thinking and suggestions in rhyming word activities.
Alex Pengilly  A great effort in listening and completing work.
Sebastian Cross  Being a quite achiever.
Chloe Steel    Great listening skills.
William Hardy  His work with fractions.
Gabby Connolly  Fantastic work on her bee investigation.
Samuel Wright  Great work on his bee investigation.
Dylan Gane    Being a great I.T helper.
Reece Norris  His much improved handwriting during literacy.
Riley Griggs  His work with his addition & subtraction.
Darcy Blazely  Her work with fractions.

WGM

Brianna Lovell  Helpful getting sports gear ready for the bike-a-thon.
Keira Akowuei  Welcoming others.
Lilijana Bobbett  Giving up their time to look after the classroom.
Mackenzie Griggs  Being awesome when faced with a challenge.
Lochie Griggs  Looking after younger members of the class.

Junior Joeys

Jordan Walker  Thinking deeply about God’s love.
Jed Jackson    Sharing his bike with those in need at the Bike-a-thon.
Alex Pengilly  Who is always ready to comfort those who are in trouble.
Lukas Ford    Being a bus buddy to the kindy students.
Thomas Shanley, Max Bradley, Lachlan Carter, Lawson Grey, Dylan Hardy
Never seeing a need without doing something about it.
Sacred Heart Catholic School has registered as part of the drive to recycle unwanted mobile phones. Australian Mobile Recycling was founded in September 2011. Our aim is to collect as many used and unwanted mobile phones as possible. All mobile phones received will be recycled for reuse. This means they will be refurbished for resale. Each handset is restored to factory conditions and all sim card and memory cards are destroyed. Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their constituent parts and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers. For your efforts your organisation will receive $3 for every mobile phone returned.

If you have any unwanted mobile phones please drop them into the school office.
Dads Day Out

Dads Day out runs on the last Saturday of each month. Dads and father figures with children of all ages are welcome. Our group has fun engaging in a variety of family activities.

On Saturday 26th November we are heading off on the Ida Bay train and stopping at Elliotts Beach for a BBQ. If you would like to join us please arrive at 11.15 am at Ida Bay train station. You can choose to return on the 1.30 or 3.30 train. Bookings are essential. Cost is $5 per family. To book call Nel on 0457862269 or Anna on 0448188807.

Dads Day out is Funded through the Geeveston Child and Family Centre.
2012 School Calendar

Calendars will feature artwork by your family as well as school photos.

All children's artwork from the same family will be incorporated into one calendar.

Order your Calendar now! Only $7.00 each

The 2012 calendars will have some improvements from last years including not having the tear off strip which caused some problems.

The P&F welcome any other suggestions to improve our calendar! – Just email to ganeclan@gmail.com

Students Names: ........................................ Grade: ..........................
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Number of calendars required: ......................... @ $7.00

Payment Enclosed: ........................................

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DANCEFEVER INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE

Wednesday 7th December

Children’s Names:……………………………………………………………………

☐ We will be making our own way to the event

☐ We will like to travel to the event by bus
   Number of seats required …………………

☐ Unfortunately our children are unable to participate in the event

Please note the bus will be able to pick up families from Geeveston to Hobart at designated stops. More details about bus arrangements will follow once we have an idea of numbers.

Thank you

The P&F committee would like to thank the staff, parents & those students who assisted at the Huon Show selling raffle tickets and helping out on the stall.

Your help is very much appreciated!!!!!!!

regards SHCS P&F Committee.