Dear Parents,

“And what happens when someone dies?”

Coming from a child, that is a question parents and teachers dread. Death is a mystery that we all struggle with and when a child asks it, we struggle even more. How can we answer honestly something for which there are no easy answers or pat evasions? Added to that, we are often ambushed by this question when we are dealing with the death of someone that we love.

For a Christian, the mystery of death is closely entwined with that other great mystery of life: God. Death and God! No wonder we get tongue-tied when a child blurts out the above question. And to make it even tougher, ultimately the answer to this question can only be answered in very personal terms…so I’ll share my answer with you.

Created in God’s own image, we are made for the fullness of love but while we are alive, here in this world, we experience limitations in our loving: time, space, our physical bodies, weakness in personality, our sinfulness. When we die we are released from these and given the opportunity to choose God, love and life in its fullness. Those we leave behind on earth suffer the loss of us…for a time. But the ones who have died are actually free to love us more than they could while on earth. Because of that, I often turn and pray to the people who loved me on earth: my father, grandparents, and friends. Whatever might have limited their love on earth is now cut away and they love me with God’s own love.

In the Catholic Church, November is a time when we remember the dead. We remember them in prayer, knowing that they continue to love and care for us, with us all waiting for the day when we will be reunited in God’s glory.

Loving God, we grieve over those we love who have died. Hold us all together in your love that we may look forward to the day we will be reunited in the fullness of life. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Dates for your diaries

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CTT Bike-a-thon

Thank you to all the students and their families that have returned sponsorship money from our bike-a-thon. It is extremely pleasing to see that we have raised around $4000 all ready. This is an amazing effort for a small school. This will make a massive difference to the Phon family in Cambodia by educating their children and setting up their farming business. We are hoping to have all money back by this Friday, so we can draw the prizes.

DANCEFEVER

The students are loving our dance and drama programs in term 3. It has been great to walk around at lunch times and see groups of children practising their dance moves. A note went home today with the newsletter about the upcoming ‘DANCEFEVER INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE’, which is being held on Wednesday the 7th December for our Grade 3-6 students. I would love as many of the students to participate in this culminating performance that will showcase the skills they have learnt. If there is a need I am quite happy to run some buses from school up to the event (and back again). Maria from DANCEFEVER contacted me late last week to say that they have a very special treat on the night for families. They are bringing with them "Soul Mystique" who are world renowned performers. They have performed in front of Kings and Queens and won episode four of Australia's Got Talent. If you google ‘Soul Mystique” you will get an idea of what we have in store! They were finalist in the 2011 Australian Entertainers of the Year Awards and are rated in the top ten magic acts in the world. It promises to be a great night of entertainment with at least two thousand people in attendance. There will be plenty of room so bring as many family and friends as you like – a great nights entertainment for $5 per person. I have also attached the program for the challenge. Who would have thought that our Gr 3-6 girls and boys would be performing the Tango, Jive, Hip Hop and two others dances!! Please support this event that promises to be something quite outstanding.

Our Kinder to Gr 2 students will be putting on a small performance at school for family and friends.

Huon Show

Thank you to families for supporting the small fundraiser last week that the P&F held to raise money to support their Huon Show Raffle. The P&F do require assistance from parents on the day to assist with the selling of the tickets. It is great to see that a number of staff have already agreed to help on the day. If you are able to assist, please find form enclosed and return to school office.

2012 Book Orders

In the newsletter last week I wrote about the possibility of Birchalls having online orders for 2012. There was a return slip in the newsletter to see what the interest was for our parent body. Unfortunately we had only five returned to the office. We have attached it again this week and I encourage families to let us know what you are thinking before we have to make a decision.

Keep Australia Beautiful Award

It was great to receive a Certificate of Excellence yesterday from the Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmanian Branch for the work the 3/4 Team did earlier in the year that was displayed in the Forest and Heritage Centre. The children contributed to the story “Postcards from the town that disappeared” through their story writing and art skills. Great recognition for their work!

School Board

There is a school Board meeting this Thursday at 6.00pm.

Assembly

We have an assembly this Wednesday afternoon in the School Hall. The assemblies commence at 2.15pm. I would encourage parents to attend if you are available. This week the Kinder/Preps are running our assembly.
St James’ College Band
Today we were fortunate to have the St James’ College band run workshops and perform for us. It was great to see a number of ex-SHCS students doing so well with their music. Our students loved the concert in the afternoon.

Huon/Channel Athletics Carnival
This Friday we have a team representing SHCS at the Huon/Channel Athletics Carnival at the Huon Little Athletics track. Looks like the weather is going to be kind to us. Please ensure the students participating have returned their permission notices.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly

Australian Mobile Recycling
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.
McCains Veggie Patch
Woolworths Earn and Learn
Coles Sports for Schools

A huge thank you for the fantastic support we have received throughout the last few months for these promotional programs.

All have now closed and we have some great new resources that will be delivered soon. Just as a snapshot of what was achieved:

McCains Veggie Patch: Gardening gloves, kids tool sets, netting, fertisiler and mulch, seeds, potato bag, watering cans.

Coles Sports for Schools: balls, vortex, netball kit of 2 sets of bibs and new netballs.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: Approx $1300 worth of various resources to be used across all classes.

Through the great support of families consistently depositing shopping vouchers and McCain barcodes in the collection box, the programs have supplied us with approximately $1700 worth of products.

Parents & Friends Association
2012 Annual Raffle
Huon Agricultural Show

The P&F will be selling raffle tickets at the Huon Agricultural Show in conjunction with the SHCS promotional stall this Saturday (12th November).

We desperately need some helpers to sell tickets.

If you are going to the show and can spare ½ hour to assist, please return the form below to school asap or alternatively phone Narelle Gane on 0429 331 883.

Raffle books will also go home to families today to be returned to school prior to 14th December.

I can assist to sell raffle tickets on Saturday 12th November at the Huon Show at Ranelagh.

I will be available between.................. And..................

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

All childrens 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: ..............................
Information Session for Future Educators

Are you passionate about working with children? Have you thought about working in family day care, but not sure where to begin?

Attend our information and have your questions answered

When: 11 November 2011
Where: Children’s Services, 91-93 Main Road, Huonville
Time: 10 - 11am

Morning tea provided

RSVP:
Please register your interest by 8 November 2011 with Children’s Services on 6264 0333
Can’t make it in? Going on Holiday?

Place your booklist order online!

Birchalls are pleased to make their internet Ordering System available to Parents and Students. Just follow these steps:

1. Internet orders will commence on the 12th December 2011
2. Go to www.birchalls.com.au
3. Click on Text Books Online button.
4. Where it says Enter your school code here type the following code which corresponds to the Grade you want:
   - Kinder: 2SHGK
   - Prep: 2SHGPRE
   - Grade 1: 2SHG01
   - Grade 2: 2SHG02
   - Grade 3: 2SHG03
   - Grade 4: 2SHG04
   - Grade 5: 2SHG05
   - Grade 6: 2SHG06

5. Type in the password: 2012
6. Place a tick in the boxes next to the items you wish to order
7. Press click here to add all 'checked' items to your shopping list
8. Quantities can be changed or amended for each item at this point, once you have changed the quantity of the items, press the refresh quantities button.
9. A postage charge of $10 will be added to your order
10. Once quantities are correct click the confirm the above order
11. Click on the link to pay by credit card
12. Enter ALL your details as requested
13. Follow the prompts. You will be direct to Commonwealth bank secure payment service for your credit card details. Please be advised your card will be charged straight away. Allow 14 working days for delivery
14. Internet orders close two weeks prior to commencement of the school year.

Any question please Free Call 1800 806 867

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Please tick one of the following boxes and return to the school office

☐ I would be interested in completing my childs booklist online
☐ I would prefer to come into school and place my childs booklist
2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SPONSORSHIP

We are currently seeking 12 businesses to sponsor the 2012 school calendar.

Every month will feature the details of a different business.

Cost will be $100.

Last year over 200 calendars were purchased by families so they are viewed by a wide range of potential customers.

We are providing this opportunity to our school community prior to canvassing other local businesses so if you are interested please contact Sharee Burgess at ganeclan@gmail.com or on 0407889314 or Narelle Gane at flossgane@bigpond.com or on 0429331881 as soon as possible.