Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. 2011 has been another successful year at SHCS with the students, staff and community enjoying a range of events and activities. I hope families found the reports informative and a true reflection of the progress of your children.

This Thursday we are gathering in the School Hall for our End of Year Mass where we will give thanks for our year together and also farewell our Grade 6 leavers. We will be also farewelling three staff members – Mr Greg Dwyer, Miss Jacinta Keenan and Mrs Sarah Longey who have all been dedicated and loyal staff members. I would encourage as many members of our community to come along and join in the celebrations. The Mass begins at 10.00am. Following Mass we will award our end of year awards. There is a Sister of St Joseph Award for every Grade from kinder – 6 and then four special Grade 6 awards – Academic Excellence Award, Citizenship Award, Community Service Award and Creative Arts Award. I will be writing to the parents of the children in the 5/6 class as soon as we appoint a replacement for Mr Dwyer. Please note that the children are to be in their full Summer uniform for the Mass on Thursday.

What a great night we had last Wednesday evening at the Dancefever Challenge. I was soooooo proud of our students for their behaviour, attitude, dress and dancing skills. Thank you to Scot McQueen and Samara Ford for driving the buses and to the other staff that assisted with transport arrangements. The children were so excited and their support of their school mates was inspiring when numbers were called out for finals. We had numerous students participating in the finals of the Jive and Tango competitions and quite a few place getters. Special mention to our two first place getters – Maiha Campagna and Jacob Banks-Balding (Grade 5 Jive) and Georgia Griggs and Lochie Griggs (Grade 6 Tango). Awesome effort! We were also successful in the Grade 4 competition in the Jive and Tango. I hope families enjoyed the great night of entertainment. We will definitely be participating in this program in 2012.

| Dates for your diaries |
| Term Dates for 2012 |
| Thurs 15th Dec | End of Year Mass (EOY Awards announced) |
| | -10.00am |
| | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |
| Fri 3rd Feb | Bookday & Uniform sales 9-12am |
| Wed 8th Feb | Students return for 2012 |
| Term 1: 8th February - 25th May |
| Easter: 6th April - 13th April |
| Term 2: 18th June - 7th September |
| Term 3: 24th September - 20th December |

THERE IS NO CANTEEN ON THURSDAY

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Booklists 2012
Booklists for 2012 went home yesterday. It is up to parents now to complete the orders and either order them online or come along to our Bookday on Friday 3rd February (9.00am – 12.00).

Christmas Carols
Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this evening. Families can start arriving at school around 5.00pm for a picnic dinner on the oval. We will be starting the carols around 6.00pm. Thanks to Nev and Chris for organising the stage and to St James Catholic College for making the stage available. The P&F Christmas raffle will be drawn at the carols tonight. I am sure books can still be returned at the event. A note will be sent home this afternoon with the newsletter if there are changes due to the weather.

Grade 6 Dinner
Thank you to Miss Turnock for organising a great family gathering last night. It was a special occasion for the students and their families to reflect upon their years at SHCS. Thank you to the staff that cooked and waited on the families and to the students that assisted with the setting up.

Beginning of the 2012 School Year
All students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 return to Sacred Heart on Wednesday 8th February. Our school buses will be running on this day. The school office will be officially open from the Monday 30th January. If I need to be contacted in the school holidays, please contact the normal school number and it will be diverted to a number where I can be reached. I can also be contacted by email at shg.principal@catholic.tas.edu.au

Congratulations
Congratulations to Miss Jacinta Keenan who last night graduated from the University with her Masters in Education. A great achievement for Jacinta to balance her teaching and leadership roles with full-time study. Well done Jacinta!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a peaceful and safe Christmas. I look forward to catching up with all members of our school community after our Summer break.

Take care
Stuart Kelly

Multilit Volunteers - Thank You
On behalf of the students and staff of Sacred Heart I would like to publicly acknowledge and sincerely thank our small team of dedicated volunteers who keep our Multilit Programme running. This programme helps those students who need a boost with their reading skills. It relies heavily on trained volunteers to work on a weekly basis so that the students receive regular support.

So, a big thank you to the following parents and friends of our school who have been helping us out this year: Pat Freeman, Mandy Geeves, Miriam McMullen, Adrian Short, Margaret Pinkus and Cheryl Townsend.

Fran Reynolds

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Junior Joey Awards

Sebastian Cross: Being a gentle and thoughtful member of class.
Sophie Lovell: Helping a Kinder that was sick by taking her eating time.
Shannon Doyle: For being a very good listener.
Alexander Thursby: Helping a younger child.
Connie Donato: Being a helpful and positive member of Prep.

Geeveston Christmas Pageant

Well done to our students and parents that participated in a rather soggy Geeveston Christmas Pageant last Friday evening. As usual the children (and parents) did a great job of decorating their bikes and themselves. A special thanks to the parents that helped out and Brendan for carrying the banner. It’s always great being part of such community events and seeing our children having fun.

Have a lovely holiday season.

Maree McQueen

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Fri 23rd: 6.00pm - Geeveston
Sat 24th: 9.00am
6.00pm - Cygnet
Midnight with Carols—Franklin
Sun 25th: 10.00am - Ranelagh.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

CARTOONING WORKSHOPS!

BOOK EARLY! CONTACT BRADFIELDDUMPLETON:
1 Skinner Drive, Huonville
(0413) 575 113 / bradfield@toonzone.com.au

AGES 9 - 14
1PM - 3PM
THURS JAN 19
WED FEB 1
$20 PER WORKSHOP

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Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2012

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level. It is available to students attending a Government or registered Non-Government school or college and those students eligible to pay levies at the Tasmanian Academy or the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

The Minister for Education has expanded the student assistance scheme to provide access for grandparents raising grandchildren.

The school or college will receive funding on behalf of eligible students. This financial assistance is provided towards the cost of school levies.

**Income Test:** Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year.

The income test table used for the STAS 2011 scheme is shown below:

### Maximum Total Taxable Parental Income 2010-11

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*For more than 8 children, add $119 per week or $6006 per annum for each additional dependent.

Application forms for Student Assistance in 2012 are now available from the school office or can be downloaded via the link on our school website. For general enquiries contact the school office or for specific information on; assistance in completing the application form or the application procedures, contact the:

BSS Service Centre
Department of Education
GPO Box 169
HOBART 7001

Telephone: 1800 816 057 Facsimile: (03) 6233 7720 email: STAS@education.tas.gov.au

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