The Hope of Change

Beginnings! They offer the hope of change. Now that the rush of organizing the new school year is over, pause before the new year’s rhythm sets in. “What do you want?” Jesus asked this question of his first disciples and it is a good one to let him ask us. “What do you hope for yourself in this coming year? What do you hope for your children?” Of course you want good things but they don’t come about by drifting. Real change needs a decision, some practical planning and the belief that God is on our side.

At times, our lives can be messy, confused and difficult and we can feel that God is remote or has abandoned us. But maybe our expectations for change may be unrealistic. God does not act like a fairy godmother using magic to take away our challenges but rather works through our situations with us. That is why it is important for us to think, to dream, to hope for change. When we are clearer about what we want, we can give God the room to move in our lives.

Loving God, your desire for us is the fullness of love and life. As we begin this year, may we hear Jesus ask us “What do you want?” Give us the wisdom of your Spirit as we sift the desires of our hearts. May the Spirit strengthen and guide us to changes. We ask this in Jesus name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym

Dear Parents,

I hope families had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather over the long weekend. We had a positive start to our school year with the teams being very settled last week. We are gathering together with Fr Greg on Thursday 8th March in the school hall for our Beginning of Year Mass. This is a great occasion to pray for a successful year as a community and to also induct our Year 6 leaders. The Mass will commence at 12.00 noon. Hopefully parents will be able to join us.

Our Parents and Friends Association are holding a Welcome BBQ for families on Thursday 23rd February from 5.00pm onwards. This is an opportunity for our community to come together and have a relaxing evening together. Learning spaces will be open so parents can wander through with the children. Thank you to the P&F for organising this event. The next P&F meeting is Tuesday 21st February at 9.00am in the staff room.

Rainbows Program

A flyer about the Rainbows program that we offer every term at SHCS went home this afternoon. Rainbows is a small support group facilitated by Mrs Eva Dunn for those children that have experienced any form of loss in their lives – eg death of a loved one, marriage separation, etc.. If you would like your child/children to participate, please complete the slip and return it to the school office.

Primary Structures

We have had lots of interest in our advertised teaching position that closes this Thursday morning. We are hoping to short-list and then interview this Friday, so the successful applicant can commence on Monday 20th February. The new teacher will be working in the 5/6 team with Miss Hinchen. The Year 3-6 students will be in their current structures until the end of this week then the new arrangements will start at the beginning of next week. Please contact me if you have any concerns or issues.
Specialist Classes

Our Specialist Classes commence this week. Students will be enjoying lessons and activities in Indonesian, Library, PE and Music. All students are to be in their school sports uniform on Thursday, so they can participate fully in the PE classes. Great to hear that DANCEFEVER is commencing in another four Catholic Schools in Southern Tasmania this term! We will be participating in the dance program in third term again this year.

School Canteen

Our school canteen will be open this week. The canteen will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you to our canteen manager, Mrs Mandy Geeves for having everything in place for this week’s opening.

School Fees & Other Expenses

The School Board and I are very conscious that the beginning of the school year is often a challenging time financially for many families. Please be assured that we are extremely supportive of all families and can arrange fee assistance for any families that may need support. I would strongly encourage any families to see me if school fees become an issue. There are many options we can work through.

School Website – www.shg.tas.edu.au

A reminder that any changes to a normal school day will be updated immediately to the school website (eg cancellation of sports carnival). It is a great place to also see what is happening in the school and to download the newsletter and other articles. Unfortunately the calendar on our website is down at the moment and we are working to have it fixed. Sorry if this causes any problems.

Technology & Resources

Last week we placed an order for 30 new ipads for the students. Fifteen of these will be for the new iPad trial for the Year 6 students, which will see each student have their own personal device for the school year. The other ipads will be shared among the teams. With our apple macs and ipads we nearly have one devise for every student in the school. This is an amazing achievement and one that would be hard to match anywhere. Our technology programs continue to impress educators nationally. Last week the leading teaching magazine in the country – ‘Teacher Magazine’ contacted us for a story about our online programs with the Tiwi Islands.

School Diaries

Last week school diaries were handed out to all students. Please ensure any changes to normal bus arrangements are noted in the diaries for teachers. It is crucial that we know any changes to normal routines for all students not only the younger ones.

Congratulations

Well done to Nathan McQueen (Yr 6) who made the Huon/Channel representative U/13 Cricket Team over the holiday period. There where also a number of our Year 6 students in 2011 in the side.

Assembly

We will be holding our first assembly of the year this Wednesday afternoon in the school hall (2.20pm). Families and friends are always welcome at these gatherings where we recognise the positive contributions the students are making to their learning and our community.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that Monday 26th March is a pupil free day for all students at SHCS.
Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 21st Feb - P&F Meeting 9.00am
Thursday 23rd Feb - Welcome BBQ
Monday 26th March - Pupil Free Day

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS & FRIENDS

Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers 2012-2013

Election of Office Bearers
Position ____________________________________
Name of Nominee (print name) ___________________________________
Signature of Nominee ___________________________________
Proposed by (print name) ___________________________________
Signature ___________________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE BY THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

Guitar Lessons.

Mr Lowe will be starting guitar lessons from early as next week.

Mr Lowe is a fully qualified guitar teacher who had majored in classical guitar at the conservatorium of music in 2008. He can teach all styles and all levels of guitar playing including Rock, Classical, Jazz and Flamenco.

Tim is available to teach in and out of school hours, at $20.00 per half hour.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tim on, 62641465 or mobile 0447322624, or via e-mail lowetj@utas.edu.au

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Delivery of the school newsletter

Please indicate how you would like to receive our school newsletter. All existing email recipients will be notified separately.

- Paper Copy
- Email: ..........................................................................................................

Students Name:............................................................................................
Students Grade:......................................................................................

Newsletters are also available on the schools website

Many Thanks
Ellice Direen

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.