Lent or Owned?

Have you noticed how many people don’t take care of other people’s property as well as they do their own? Whether it is public property or that of a friend’s, what is ‘lent’ is often not treated well.

This week, we begin the Church’s season of Lent. Yes, this Lent has a different meaning but ‘lending’ and ‘owning’ can be a way into the challenge of Lent. We often lead our lives as though we don’t really own them, as though they have been lent to us. We allow fashion, the prejudices of others, what everyone else is doing to dictate our lives rather than listen to the deepest needs of our hearts. If we find ourselves indulging in excessive use of food, alcohol or gambling, in abuse of drugs, mindless TV or internet surfing, we need to seriously ask ourselves: what desires, what needs of the heart are we trying to dull? It is as though we are trash ing our own lives, rather than living them to the full. This Lent, take time to reflect on who God has made you to be, so that you are no longer lent but rather come to own your own self, precious in the eyes of God.

Loving God, each year you invite us to reflect on the quality of our lives. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may know and follow the way that leads to fullness of life. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

We are gathering tomorrow in the Church at 12 noon to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are chrstened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

I would encourage any parents who are free to join us tomorrow. Traditionally one of the things we have done to prepare for Easter is to think about and pray for others that are less fortunate than ourselves. This week each family will be sent home a Project Compassion box to assist communities around the globe that are struggling. For example $5 could provide one year’s supply of text books for a Burmese student in a community-based learning centre on the Thai-Burma border. More information can be found on the Caritas website – www.caritas.org.au

Recently a local member of the community traveled to Cambodia and visited the Phon Family that we supported in our Bike-a-thon in third term last year. The family is doing very well and is extremely grateful for our assistance. Hopefully we will have photos and stories to share when the person returns.

WELCOME

Yesterday we welcomed Miss Shae Longey to our staff team. Shae commenced this week in our Grade 5/6 Team with Miss Hinchen. Shae is well known to all members of our community and I am looking forward to the valuable contributions she will make to the community. I am excited about Shae sharing her talents in the ARTS area of the curriculum (visual arts & drama).
Welcome BBQ
This Thursday evening our Parents & Friends Association are holding a Welcome BBQ for all families in our community. A relaxed and casual evening for everyone to enjoy! Looks like the weather is going to be kind for us as well. Please see the note below for details.

Primary Swimming Carnival
We are still finalizing the arrangements for our Primary Swimming Carnival, which is being held at the Port Huon Sports Centre next Thursday 1st March. Our Grade 3-6 students participate in this carnival. A note about the carnival will be going home with students before the end of this week.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
This year we are participating in a two-year supported program to introduce Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support alongside the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. SWPBS is proactive schoolwide systems of support for defining teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviour to create positive school environments. The program also looks at research, data and evidence to assist and promote student health and well-being. Denise Long the Coordinator of the project is facilitating a session with our staff on Wednesday afternoon. There will be regular articles about SWPBS in our newsletter.

Rainbows
A flyer about the Rainbows program went home last week to all families. If you would like your child/children to participate, please return the slip to the school office asap.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal

Welcome BBQ
23rd February
P&F Committee invite all families to join in celebrating 2012 at SHCS on Thursday at 5pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there
RSVP: School Office 62971313

War Veterans Wanted
The Grade 3 class are completing a unit of work about ANZAC Day. We are looking for war veterans to come in and give a simple talk about being part of the armed forces and about life before and after these experiences. The talks would only need to be about 20 or 30 minutes long.

If you have any family or friends who could help us out, please put a note in your child’s diary with a contact phone number or leave a message with the office and Mrs. Doherty will get back to you.

Thank you.
Mrs. Doherty

Library News
Please return your book club order by 28th February.
Thank you

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shg@catholic.tas.edu.au
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Dates for your diaries

Thursday 23rd Feb - Welcome BBQ
Monday 26th March - Pupil Free Day
Thursday 1st March - Primary Swimming Carnival
Monday 12th March - STUDENT FREE DAY

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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 Tim Low 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: 6264 145 or mobile 0447 322 624, or via email loweti@utas.edu.au

Our Kinder Class needs your help

In Kinder we like to use lots of different things to help us learn. If you have any of the following items at home and would like to donate them to our kinder class we would be very appreciative. Drop into the kinder room and see Ms D or Mrs Watkins or contact the school if you have any questions. You’ll be amazed at what we find useful.

Thanks from the Kinder team.

- Golf tees
- Outdoor/indoor plants
- Matchbox cars / Tonka trucks
- Jewelry for our dress ups
- 0000 size baby clothes
- Digital camera with computer attachment
- Wildlife & Gardening magazines
- LEGO
- Meccano
- Small boxes e.g. sultana boxes
INFORMATION SESSION FOR MULTILIT

Our school uses the reading intervention programme “Multilit” to assist those students who find learning to read difficult. We have a very small group of dedicated volunteers involved in keeping this programme running but would like to have some new, fresh faces to help!

An information session will be held at school on Tuesday 28th February at 2.00 pm. If you are interested in helping out at school this is one of the best ways to do so! The information session will give an outline of the process we use in working with the children and how we would teach this to you; and the commitment that is involved if you decide to become a volunteer. It is easy to learn as our current volunteers would attest to and deeply satisfying to watch the confidence of these children grow alongside their reading skills.

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office as soon as possible if you wish to attend the information session. If you can’t make this time but wish to know more then I am very happy to make another time to meet with you.

Thank you,
Mrs Fran Reynolds
Learning support Teacher

I would like to attend the Multilit Information Session on Thursday 1st March at 2.00 pm.

Name ..................................

(I will meet all attendees in the office and then take you to my room)