“Sacramental Moments”

After the Russians sent the first human, Yuri Gagarin, into space, Nikita Khrushchev claimed that though Gagarin had looked, he hadn’t seen God ‘up there’. Maybe that was because Khrushchev was expecting God in the wrong place – ‘up there’ not ‘here’ ‘now’ ‘in me’. In our lives there are moments when something greater shines through our physical and emotional world. Wonder, awe and love can overcome us at the birth of a child, the gesture of a grandchild, a tree or any of the myriad of things that can expand our mind, heart or vision. These are ‘sacramental moments’. The physical world becomes a doorway to the divine. As Catholics we treasure the physical so much that in our communal prayer, the Sacraments, we use the most basic things, water, bread, wine, oil, words, gestures, to convey the reality of God’s love.

So why aren’t we overwhelmed by the reality of God’s presence. Well maybe we are. Maybe we go through life like owls in the noonday sun, blinded by the light. Our ‘sacramental moments’ are when we notice a glimmer. Those moments we should treasure and ponder so that we can notice more often the God in whom we live move and have our being. We need to stop looking for God ‘out there’ and affirm the divine presence ‘here’ ‘now’ ‘in me’.

Loving God, in you we live, move and have our being. Send us your Spirit that we may relax into your presence and see you shining in the ordinary things of life. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

I am writing this newsletter in Canberra as I am away for a couple of days attending the Australian Catholic Primary Principals’ Association meeting. As you can imagine Canberra is very busy at the moment with Labor’s Leadership Issues. I hope families were able to find some respite from the extreme weather conditions on the weekend. Unfortunately I spent Saturday afternoon chasing a cricket ball around a field. I hope it is a bit cooler this weekend when we take on the Kingston Crows in the 2nd Semi-Final.

Unfortunately on the weekend there was a tragic accident in Mrs Moorcroft’s (Miss Turnock) family. The fiancé of Kim’s sister lost his life in an accident on Saturday evening. They were due to be married tomorrow. Please keep Kim and her sister Allison and their families in your prayers and thoughts during this extremely difficult time. Mrs Cathy Stockford will be in the Prep class all this week.

Dates for your diaries
Thursday 1st March - Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday 2nd March - World Day of Prayer Service 1.30pm
Wednesday 7th March - P&F AGM
Thursday 8th March - School Board AGM
- Beginning of Year Mass
Monday 12th March - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 26th March - Pupil Free Day
Swimming Carnival

Last Friday a note went home with all Grade 3-6 students about our upcoming Swimming Carnival. The carnival will commence at 11.00am at the Port Huon Sports Centre. Please ensure the permission note has been signed and returned to school.

World Day of Prayer

This Friday our Grade 6 students are leading a prayer service with members of all the local Churches in Geeveston for World Day of Prayer. It commences at 1.30pm in the Church. Thank you to Miss Hinchen and our grade 6 students for preparing this important event. I would encourage any parents to come along if you are available.

Lent

Last Wednesday we gathered with members of the Parish Community for Ash Wednesday. Fr Greg talked to the students (and adults) about the importance of this time in the Church year and how it challenges us to make a real effort to be better people. All families received a project compassion box last week. These can be returned to school the week before Easter. Our Junior Joey group is planning a fun fund-raising activity for all the students that will contribute to the funds our community raises.

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to our Parents & Friends Association for hosting our welcome BBQ last Thursday afternoon. The weather was extremely kind to us and the families enjoyed spending time together. Thanks to the P&F for the BBQ, drinks and icy poles. If you would like to join this important and supportive group in our school, please come along to the P&F AGM next Wednesday 7th March at 7.00pm.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Kermandie Junior Football Club
Registration Day

Friday 2nd March 2012
4-5pm
Kermandie Oval

All players Under 8 (2005 year of birth)
To Under 12 (2000 year of birth)

Any U13 and U14 players training Sunday 4th March 10am
Franklin Oval – Southern Storm Teams.

Auskick Registration will be later in the year.

Bring along any unwanted boots/shoes for second hand sales.
Swimming Carnival 2012

Grades 3-6

Thursday the 1st of March will be the annual swimming carnival. The carnival will be held at the Port Huon Sports Centre from 11.00 for all grades 3-6.

Come along and bring the whole family. We will have some chairs provided for parents and grandparents along the marina side of the indoor pool.

Your child will need to ensure that they have a cut lunch (no lunch orders for grade 3-6 on this day), healthy snacks and plenty to drink. They will also need their swimming bathers (worn under their sports uniform), goggles, a cap (if possible) and a towel. A large strong plastic bag would also be a good idea so that any wet clothes can be kept from getting other things wet in the school bags.

The grade sixes will need to bring their “Late For School” race clothes; hat, socks, t-shirt (long sleeve) & shorts or a dress (in exchange for the shorts and t-shirt). They will be required to line up on one side of the pool, swim across, get dressed over the top of their bathers, and swim back. A very entertaining race!

It would also be of help if parents would volunteer to ensure the carnival runs smoothly. We need a starting marshal and judges to co-ordinate the day.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at school or via email debbie.campagna@catholic.tas.edu.au

Debbie Campagna
**Delivery of the school newsletter**

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- [ ] Paper Copy
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Students Name: ..............................................................
Students Grade: ..............................................

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Many Thanks
Ellice Direen

**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

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**Piano Lessons** with Mrs Beven have resumed this week. Everyone so far has begun the year with a happy and positive attitude. If you have a child who would like to learn, please phone me on 6297 6221 for more information. I have 4 time slots still available. Cost is $12.50 per week.

*Elizabeth Beven*

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**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**