Dear Parents,

I was very proud of our Swimming Team at the Southern Catholic Carnival last Friday morning. We competed well and showed a great deal of school spirit. Our swimming program at Sacred Heart has been a success the last 4-5 years and I think having the Kinders participate in Learn to Swim activities has made a difference. Thank you to Mrs Campagna and Miss Longey for looking after the team and to the large number of parents that travelled to support us. Another team will be chosen to compete in the Huon/Channel carnival next Tuesday. Unfortunately there is a clash on our calendar next Tuesday, which we really couldn’t help. Our swimming team won’t have the opportunity to participate in workshops by Kym Lardner, the well-known Australian author. Kym visited a few years ago and entertained our students. You can visit www.kymlardner.com if you would like any more information or read about our visitor next week.

At their meeting today they agreed to assist with the funding for our Grade 6 ipad trial. This funding will allow us to purchase all the educational Apps we require. Our new ipads will be around our teams by the end of the week.

Kindergarten 2013

Thank you to those families that picked up Kinder enrolment packs for 2013. If possible I would love all existing families in the school to do so by the end of this week. This will ensure I have enough places reserved. We have a very healthy number of applications already! I will be contacting families before Easter to make an appointment for a Kinder Interview in mid-April.

P&F

Thank you to families for supporting the Free Dress Day. The gold coin donation goes towards the P&F Easter raffle, which always has a huge amount of prizes for families. Thank you also to the P&F who have already been a great support this year.

Compagation

I try to learn something new every day and last week I hit a winner – a new word. Compagation! It comes from joining compassion with imagination. Now that’s a change we could all do with. Compassion – it is so nice, so good, so boring. Imagination - so light, so full of possibility, yet often useless and wasteful. But put the two together and what do you have: doing good for others that brings joy to them and oneself. I think this is how Jesus must have lived. The Gospels are clear that ordinary people, as well as sinners and outcasts, flocked to him. They enjoyed his stories, they enjoy his presence, they enjoyed the way he treated them. They enjoyed his compagation. Once I thought about how this could work in situations that I routinely have to deal with, I found my heart lifting. So I suggest to you now, think of a person to whom you have to be kind. Now how could you do that imaginatively? Enjoy!

Loving God, kindness and compassion can often feel so boring and stifling. Send us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may love like Jesus is a way that is freeing and joyful. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Dates for your diaries

21st March – Kinder/Prep Excursion to Bonorong Park
26th March – Pupil Free Day
27th March – Huon/Channel Swimming Carnival
PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that this Monday the 26th March is a pupil free day for all students at SHCS. This day is a great opportunity for our staff to work collaboratively with their colleagues from other Catholic primary schools on numerous important issues, particularly the new Australian curriculum.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We are holding our term one P/T meetings on Monday 23rd April and Tuesday 24th April. These appointments are an opportunity to discuss the progress of the children and in some cases meet the class teachers. A note about appointment times will go home before the Easter break. After our successful trial in 2011 we are more than happy to SKYPE meetings if it is convenient for parents that work or find it difficult to physically get to school on those set dates.

Positive Behaviour Support School (PBS)

Last week our School PBS Team met for the first time. This group will be working with students and families to look at our support structures for students. It will particularly focus on the health and well-being of the students. There will be regular newsletter items about PBS to inform parents of our progress.

Found

A Huon Football Association representative badge was found in our playground last week. Please contact the office if you or a family member have lost it. Looks like quite an old badge. Maybe one of the children might have had it at school for news??

Uniform

We received lots of positive feedback about our proposed uniform changes. Our new school jumpers and polo shirts were ordered last week.

Insights Article

Attached to the newsletter is one of Michael Grose’s articles – ‘Raising Mighty Boys’.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly

Library News

If anyone has any spare time (not many of us do) we have some new library books to be covered.

Please contact the office

Thanks

Cathie Stockford

PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 1st April

All students, staff, family and friends are invited to join with the rest of the Tasmanian Church to celebrate Palm Sunday Pilgrimage! This is an event for all ages to mark Palm Sunday, World Youth Day and to celebrate our Catholic Church. Featuring special guest and singing sensation, Fr Rob Galea, along with: pilgrim walk; free kids activities; food; drink; police escorted Street Procession and Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Buses will be available from around the state! Experience the energy and Join in the Fun at this massive event. For more information and to Register go to: www.cymtas.org.au or contact Rachelle on 0400 045 368 or rachel.smith@aohtas.org.au

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage: Volunteers

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage doesn’t happen without the help of wonderful and dedicated volunteers. We are currently looking for people who can volunteer their time and/or skills as: walking marshals, clean-up team, lunch preparation, manning stalls and pick-up and delivery of equipment. If you feel you can help in any of these ways, please contact Rachelle on 0400 045 368 or rachel.smith@aohtas.org.au
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Beginning of Year Mass

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CCT ANNUAL FOOTY POINTS TICKETS

It’s not too late to join in just fill in the below and return to school by 22nd March, with money.

Name: ..........................................................

Send tickets home with ........................... in Grade .........

Season ticket = $28 please enclose with the above. This can be paid in instalments!!

OR

I would like to purchase a ticket in this weeks game:

Round One – GWS V Sydney Saturday Night 24th March

...................... @ $1 each ......................

The first game played each round will be the points game. The difference between the scores is
the “points” margin.

If the difference is over 100 the winning ticket is the last two numbers eg Brisbane wins by 199
then the person with 99 is the winner that week.

If the result is a draw then the person with the draw score wins for that week!!

Pretty simple and lost of fun... anyone can join in.

If you have any questions please ring.

Thanks

Fiona and Trish
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