Sharing Compassion

One of the greatest joys in life is sharing passion with another – think about it. Now when you thought about it, you thought about people very close to you - spouse, partner, children, very best friend. But when you consider the words we use in English for sharing passion – ‘compassion’ (Latin background), ‘empathy’ (Greek background), we see that the relationships in which we show these feelings reach a far wider group of people – even people we have never met. Compassion and empathy stretch our minds and hearts and school us into making friends with many people in a variety of ways.

During Lent, Australian Catholics support ‘Project Compassion’. This is the fund-raising drive of Caritas, the international relief, development and social service agency. Throughout Lent your children will hear about the people helped by the projects of Caritas. As they hear they will be invited to help these people, not only through fundraising but also through prayer and interest. For you, as parents and carers, it is an opportunity to widen the horizons of their hearts and minds, to teach them to care for people beyond their own circle.

Loving God, we are each and all your children. Give us the wide deep love of your holy Spirit that we may recognise all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus. May we share in his compassionate heart. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Dear Parents,

This Thursday at 9.30am we are gathering in the school hall for our Beginning of Year Mass where we will ask God’s blessing for a safe and successful year together. Please feel free to join us. We will also be commissioning our Term 1 School Leaders. Congratulations to our School Leaders – Nathan McQueen and Sarah Duggan and our House Leaders – Willis Short, Jacob Banks, Olivia Riley and Sophie Lovell.

Well done to our Grade 5/6 Team that led the World Day of Prayer event that was held in the Church last Friday afternoon. The event was attended by people from all the other Churches in the local area. Fr Greg and I were very proud of our students and their level of maturity. Thank you to those families that supplied afternoon tea. It was great to hear that a number of students even cooked and prepared the food themselves. Thank you to Miss Hinchen for organising the gathering.

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the swimming carnival last Thursday as I was supporting Mrs Moorcroft and her family. From all accounts it was very successful with Hartz just coming out in front. We will be choosing our team later this week to represent the school at the upcoming Southern Catholic Carnival on Friday 16th March at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

Thank you to Mrs Campagna for coordinating the carnival and to all the parents that assisted.

Junior Joeys

Yesterday afternoon a group of students from Grade 4-6 stayed after school to work with Sr Jill Dance, the leader of the Sisters of St Joseph in Tasmania. This group of dedicated students have chosen to follow in the footsteps of our founding order and give up some of their own time at school (lunch times) to meet and organise numerous activities. Last night the group planned a fundraiser for Lent that the students will enjoy. ‘Sacred Heart has Talent’ is coming soon! Thank you to Mrs Eva Dunn for looking after our Junior Joey group.

Dates for your diaries

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

A reminder that this Monday 12th March is a public holiday and Monday the 26th March is a pupil free day for all students.
I am very excited that this week our new ipads are arriving at SHCS. We are commencing our ipad trial in Grade 6 where every student will receive an ipad for the year to use at school and home. We are just finalising some of the arrangements. Other teams around the school will also be receiving ipads to use in their daily activities. We are committed to ensuring the students and staff have the latest technologies to enhance their learning. Thank you to the Parents & Friends association for agreeing to cover the cost of the new ipad covers.

Parent Meetings this week

P&F – Our P&F group are holding their AGM this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the staff room. This meeting is open to all parents. The P&F executive will be elected at the meeting. Nomination forms have been sent home over the last few weeks.

School Board – Our School Board is holding their AGM on Thursday night at 6.00pm in the staff room. Thank you to Mrs Cathy Coad who recently resigned from the school board after serving the last few years. Cathy has been a dedicated member of the Board that has overseen great change at Sacred Heart the last four years.

School Fees

This week an invoice was sent out to all families for the 2012 school fees. A reminder that families are invoiced at the beginning of the year for the full fee amount. There is a 5% discount if the total fee amount is paid before the end of March. Please remember that the School Board is very conscious that it is a difficult time at the moment for many families in our community. We do not want to place any extra stress on families, please contact me if there are any issues or concerns regarding fees.

Playgroup

Our Playgroup will be commencing after the Easter break. Playgroup is held in our Kindergarten learning space every Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.00am. The Playgroup is open to all members of the community. Thank you to Nicole Pepper and Leah Stewart for organising this important social gathering for members of our community.

Kindergarten Enrolments – 2013

Our Kinder enrolments for 2013 will open next Tuesday 13th March. Please contact the school office if you would like an enrolment package. Forms will be due back to the office before the Easter break and I will be meeting with families in the middle of April.

Parent Help

Our teams are very keen for any assistance in the classrooms. A reminder that all parent helpers are required to have a police check (Archdiocesan Policy). The police checks are only in relation to child related offences and checks are not viewed at a school level. The cost of the check is covered by the school. Please see your child’s class teacher if you are able to assist in any way.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Merit Certificates

Lily Oates – your artistic flair you put into your illustrations.
Oliver Townsend – Being really focused in the classroom.
Reece Scotland – being really focused in the classroom and producing some fantastic work.
Roxy Burdon – Being a great classroom helper.
Reine Goodwin – Her contribution to class discussions and activities
Caitlin Drysdale – Amazing effort during our mates study
Will Tinker – Excellent work in mathematics
Tim Mitchell – Excellence in all areas of school so far this year
Ava Hickey – being a positive and caring class member

WGM

Bailey Reeve – Holding the door open
Charlotte Cox – Well mannered in the sports box
Cayden Burgess- Helping friends when they are upset
Tahlia Scotland – Packing away quickly
Chloe Steel – Packing away quickly

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2012 Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston Swimming Carnival

A great start to the swimming carnival, with across the pool. Everybody in across the pool did sensation-ally well. It was awesome because throughout the whole carnival there was absolutely no DNF. Well done to everyone who participated. Awesome job to both Hartz and Picton. It was epic that the whole carnival came down to the late for school race, that was a photo finish! Sarah Duggan and Willis Short came extremely close, but the finish line officials gave Sarah the win, and she was in Hartz!

One of the highlights of the event was in the Grade 6 relay, Nicholas Paul from Hartz did the most huge bellysmacker, and got all the teachers and parents wet. Awesome job Nic!

Thanks so much to all the parents/guardians that came along to watch and to help out, and Mrs Campagna, Scotty McQueen, our groundsman Chris and all of the people at Port Huon Sports And Aquatic Centre for making this event possible and setting it all up.

It was great to see so many people enjoying participating because it doesn’t matter where you came, even if you didn’t get a place you still got points for your team. Congratulations if you got a ribbon but if you didn’t, I’m sure everyone you know will be just as proud, and there is always next year.

We look forward to this year’s Grade 2’s to come up to Grade 3 and participate in the carnival next year and have heaps of fun!

From your Term 1, 2012 Hartz Captains, Sophie and Jacob.

Swimming Carnival 2012

On Thursday March 1st Sacred Heart Geeveston had their school swimming carnival.

It was a great day! Everyone participated and had a go. It was also a big thing for the younger students, so we all made them feel welcome. The Grade six students had a great day remembering that this is their last chance to have fun at our swimming carnival.

We would like to congratulate in advance all of the students who will be picked to swim to represent our school in the Southern Catholic School Carnival and the Huon and Channel Carnival.

Just one of the best highlights is Nic (Grade 6) in the relay with one of his dives. Just want to say thanks to Nic for a great belly laugh.

At the end of the relay, the Grade 6 ‘late for school race’ was to decide the winners, Picton or Hartz. When the race began it was very close but coming back was different Willis Short and Sarah Duggan were so close but the umpire gave Sarah the win. Good race Sarah!

From your Term 1, Picton Sports Captains, Willis Short and Olivia Riley.

Thank you to all the Grade 3-6’s for their great participation and sportsmanship. Thank you also to all the parents who came to support the students and helped in the smooth running of the carnival.

The Southern Catholic Carnival is on at the Aquatic Centre next Friday the 16th of March and those students selected will be notified by the end of this week.
**CCT ANNUAL FOOTY POINTS TICKETS**

If you would like to secure weekly season tickets in this exciting fundraiser for our friends in Cambodia please fill in the below and return to school by 16th March, with money.

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

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

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

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.

Fiona and Trish
0427 560 151 (Fiona)

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**Southern Storm Youth Teams**

**All Under 13 & Under 15**

Training Wednesday Nights 5pm at Franklin Oval and Friday Nights at home clubs

Please contact Cameron 0407 523 295
Or Colin 0429 950 104

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**Junior Golf Clinic**

For boys & girls ages 7+

To be held at the Geeveston Golf Club – Day & time to be finalised depending on numbers.

Please contact Luella Couslon
0447 504 584

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**Kermandie Junior Football Club**

**2012 Training**

Training this week THURSDAY 8th March 4pm – 5pm

Then returns to Fridays from the 16th March 4pm – 5pm

Uniform orders in by 16th March

Please register your child ASAP

Fiona - 0427 560 151

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