Dear Parents,

Thank you for braving the wet and cold conditions the last couple of afternoons/evenings to attend the parent/teacher consultations. Hopefully parents found the sessions informative and received a clear indication of how your children have settled into the school year. Please contact your child’s class teacher for another appointment if you thought the discussion was limited by time. A massive thank you to all the teaching staff that spent many hours preparing and hosting the interviews.

I have been fortunate this week to meet with families that have completed applications for Kinder for 2013. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to introduce new families to our school community. The interviews are continuing this Friday.

Welcome
This week we welcome Kyesha-Anne Carter and her family to our Kindergarten Team. Kyesha and her family have just arrived from NSW.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to the Grade 3 students for organising our ANZAC Prayer service today and also assisting with the service at Geeveston tomorrow. We have large numbers of students participating in marches in Huonville, Geeveston and Dover. A great tradition of SHCS to support the local RSL branches! Students attending the marches need to be in their full school uniform.

Parents & Friends Association
Our Parents and Friends group met this morning. They continue to raise valuable funds for the school and are in the process of organising our fair that is being held in October. Our P&F meetings are open to all parents and are normally held once a month on a Tuesday morning. The P&F are currently preparing for the Mother’s Day stalls in a few weeks.

Playgroup
Our Playgroup commenced last Monday and it has been pleasing to see a number of families using this service. Playgroup is held every Monday morning at 9.30am in the Kinder learning space.

Lego Robotics
Our Lego Robotics Club commenced yesterday afternoon. We had thirteen Grade 5/6 students participating in the session, which is being facilitated by John and Anne Riley. Thank you to the parents that have made arrangements for the children to be involved.

2011 Bike-a-thon
Last Wednesday afternoon we had a special guest speak to the children about the family that we supported in our Bike-a-thon late last year. Lydia had just returned from Cambodia and had spent a few days with the Phon Family. I have placed a few words and pictures on the website so families can see the positive influence we have made to this family. We should be very proud of our small community that continues to support people that need assistance. Our contribution to the Phon Family has made a massive difference to the lives of thirty people. The best part of the story is that some of their children that left to find work in Thailand have now returned to the family farm. Some of these children are not much older than our Grade 6 students.

Dates for your diaries

25th April - ANZAC Day
27th April - Parish Mass 12pm
30th April - Playgroup 9.30am - 11.00am
2nd - 4th May - Grade 3/4 Camp @ Waddamanna
Grade 3/4 Camp
Our Grade 3 and 4 students are participating in their outdoor education experience next week at Waddamana. Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to assist and to Mrs Campagna and Mrs Doherty for organising this valuable experience for the children and to Mrs Hall for assisting with the bus driving. Please ensure the children have plenty of warm clothes, it can get quite fresh in that area of Tassie.

Catholic College of Education Leaders (CCEL)
I will be in Wynyard next Monday and Tuesday attending the CCEL Conference. CCEL is a gathering of Principals and Catholic Education Office staff that happens once a school term. These important meetings that ensure Catholic Education continues to thrive! If there are any issues, please see Mrs Dance or Mrs Campagna in my absence.

Term Dates for 2013
A final decision was made today by the Catholic Education Office to have four terms in 2013. Please read the below media statement from the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Trish Hindmarsh:

This decision is consistent with the recommendations of the Minister’s Advisory Group Report (Report on the Merits of Introducing a 4 Term School Year in Tasmania - 2011) and with our Catholic sector’s submission to this group where our main reasons for supporting this move were based on:

- The belief that shorter more concentrated spans of learning time (e.g. 4 x 10 week terms) facilitated more effective student learning outcomes;
- The belief that there would be student and staff welfare benefits through less sickness as a result of the shorter terms and better placed holiday breaks; and
- The fact that the Australian Curriculum is premised and constructed on the supposition that schools operate under a four (4) term structure and that this would be particularly pertinent (and probably problematic in matters of planning, delivery and assessment) in such cases where courses are designed specifically around two (2) semesters within a four (4) term structure (e.g. in Senior Secondary / Years 11 & 12).

Dates for systemic school terms in 2013 will be communicated to you ASAP, but are expected to be very close to those ‘probable’ dates as currently found on the Department of Education’s website.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

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.
Geeveston Junior & cadet fire-fighters
Come and join us!

Aged between 10 and 17? Then this is the place for you
Come and participate in exciting and fun training activities at the Geeveston Fire Station.

If you’re young and one day you would like to become a volunteer or career fire-fighter, there’s no better way to start than joining up as junior or cadet member. Contact your local brigade and find out if they have a junior and cadet program. You will need your parent’s consent in order to join.

Please phone: Amelia 0488922679 for more details.

Huon Valley Anzac Day Sports
Wednesday 25th April
Sports ground behind Woolworths
Registrations from 11am - Events start at noon
Events are for Age 5 to 105 - Toddler races for under 5.
Win medals and ribbons
Free for all.
Bbq and canteen available for purchases
**JUNE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOOTY FRENZY!**

**Kids Aged 6-13yrs**

**TSC Footy Camps - Come and Learn from the Stars!**

**GUEST COACHES**

DREW PETRIE (North Melbourne – Tuesdays)
CAM MOONEY (Geelong Cats - Wednesdays)
TADHG KENNELLY (Sydney Swans- Thursdays)

*Special Guest Appearance from Barry Hall (Thursday 14th in Hobart)*

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**HOBART**

**DATE:**
TUESDAY 12th JUNE
WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE
THURSDAY 14th JUNE

**VENUE:**
OGILVIE HIGH SCHOOL, NEW TOWN

**TIME:**
10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM DAILY

**LAUNCESTON**

**DATE:**
TUESDAY 5th JUNE
WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE
THURSDAY 7th JUNE

**VENUE:**
SOUTH LAUNCESTON FOOTBALL GROUND

**TIME:**
10AM UNTIL 3.00PM DAILY

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**ALL Children go into a draw to win a FOOTBALL memorabilia item to keep**

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2 Days $130
3 Days $170

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Ph: Ros on 0419380207

*E-mail or call to see which of the AFL players will be at your Clinic as they can change*

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We are a Registered Child Care Facility with the Family Assistance Office. If you are eligible to claim please ask for details when booking.

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