“Games we play”
“Just what is it about games that draw us in?” A friend was recounting the trials of Killer Sudoku, when another asked, “But do you enjoy it?” She paused, “It’s so frustrating but I do.” We like to be challenged, to grow, to improve ourselves. That is human. In good games we can both learn skills for life and relax. We enjoy the flow, the frustration, the success and we like to win! But, like all good things, games can get out of hand. They can become a substitute for that area of life where we have our greatest challenge and frustration, our relationships with each other.

Trying to keep Jesus’ command to ‘love one another’ is challenging in so many ways, but mostly because people, including us, keep changing. We never can ‘win’, but neither are we meant to. We are meant to love and to serve, most often in the most mundane events: getting the kids to eat their vegetables, talking with the family grumps, dealing with difficult neighbours. When family life gets sticky, there is a real temptation, both for us and for our children, to withdraw into cyberspace or wherever and neglect the reality of the world. But that is not the way to true happiness. The frustrations of dealing with people must be faced and carefully worked through with all the wit, wisdom and humour we can muster. And if at times it feels that you really are on a loosing streak, then ask for the grace of God and hang on.

Loving God, we all need wisdom in how we love and play. Send us your Spirit of freedom and joy that we may learn to love like Jesus loves in the challenges and frustrations of family life. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris Osb

Share your responses to these reflections at http://castingthenetaustralia.blogspot.com.au/.

Farewell Lilla Saho
This Friday evening the school staff are gathering together to farewell Lilla Saho who has been volunteering in our community the last 12 months. Lilla arrived from Hungry this time last year and has since dedicated her time to supporting the staff and students at SHCS. Lilla is an inspirational young person who has had a positive influence on many of our students. Her considerate, thoughtful and caring approach to our students will be greatly missed. Lilla is excited to be returning home to see family and friends and to commence her university study to become a teacher. I think that anyone that has met and worked with Lilla would agree that she is going to be an outstanding educator.

Mother’s Day
I hope all the mums had a great weekend and enjoyed receiving the special and thoughtful gifts that the children made or purchased at school. Unfortunately I missed the Mother’s Day assembly last Wednesday but from all accounts it was a great event and one I am sure the mums and grandmothers enjoyed. Thank you to the P&F for organising the Mother’s Day stall for the students. Thanks to Trudy Short for donating a beautiful bunch of flowers for the mother’s day draw, which was won by Will and Mollie Ford.

Dare to Lead
This Thursday and Friday we are participating in the Dare to Lead program. The Dare to Lead program is looking at how we cater for the Aboriginal students in our community and to support us into the future. Thank you to those parents that have agreed to be part of the interview process.

Board Meeting – Thursday 17th May
Our School Board meeting has been rescheduled to this Thursday the 17th May commencing at 6.00pm.

Dates for your diaries
25th May - End of Term 1
18th June - Term 2 begins
NAPLAN Testing
This week we are encouraging students to participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. Please ensure students are at school on time and that they are well prepared for the tests by having a good night sleep. Parents will receive a report about the tests towards the end of term 2. These tests are becoming increasingly important for our school and the Catholic Education system.

School Website
Hopefully parents are using the school website. Each week we are endeavouring to put up a number of articles about what is happening at SHCS. There is also an up-to-date online calendar.

Kinder 2013
I have completed the Kinder Interviews for 2013. Families will be formally offered a place at SHCS in the next few weeks. It is definitely a highlight of my Principalship to have the opportunity to be the one responsible for introducing schooling to many new kinder students and their families.

Playgroup
A reminder that our Playgroup commenced after the Easter break. We have a number of families using this service, which is a great social gathering. Thank you to Nicole Pepper and Leah Stewart for organising our playgroup sessions every Monday morning (9.30am).

Huon/Channel Cross Country Event
Next Wednesday 23rd May some of our Grade 3-6 students will be participating in the Huon/Channel cross country event. This Thursday during PE classes the children that are interested in competing will have a mini-competition on our school track to trial for the team.

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to parents that returned the slips letting us know that they would be interested in attending some sessions to learn more about a number of programs we are facilitating at SHCS. At the moment there is significant interest to hold a number of sessions early in term 2. Forms can still be returned to school this week.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal

Merit Certificates
Alfie Cullen – His consistent effort in all areas of work
Caleb Burgess – His effort and determination in maths
Travis Hickey – Fantastic letter writing
Darcy Blazely – Wonderful, humor letter writing
Chloe Steel – Always doing her best and helping others
Aston Fletcher – Being a friendly new member of Prep
Lachlan Carter – His positive contributions during class singing
Thomas Shanley – His positive attitude towards all areas of his schooling
Kiera Akwuei – Her excellent work on contractions and handwriting
Lucy Cox – Her great effort in handwriting lesson
Year 1/2 - Their fabulous efforts in making 48 jars of apple chutney.
Reece Scotland – Being a responsible and helpful member of the class.

WGMS
Nathan McQueen – Taking responsibility without being asked
Kameron Baldwin – Thoughtful contribution in R.E lesson
Jack McQueen – Being honest in a game
Mollie Riley – Helping solve a problem without being asked
Reece Norris – Helping a younger child
Nic Paul – Helping 3/4s with camp bags
Jack McQueen – Helping a younger child

Dear Parents,

Rice Day was on the 19th April – I missed the boat! SHCS will have Rice Day on 18th May. The canteen will be operating as usual at recess but will only be serving rice/soy sauce at lunch time. Money from the sale of the rice will go to our friends in Cambodia – CCT

| Child: __________________________ | Grade: __________________________ |
| Steamed Rice $1__________ Soy Sauce 10c __________ |
| Parent Signature________________________ |

Thank you Bu Peattie

WANTED - Garden pots - all different sizes.
Please leave at the school
Catholic Education Tasmania Strategic Directions (2013-2016)
DISCERNMENT PROCESS

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

At the commencement of Term Two this year Catholic Education Tasmania will be engaged in a process of review and renewal. This process will identify major areas of Strategic Direction to guide overall planning towards the future (2013-2016).

Dr Trish Hindmarsh, Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, Mr Greg McNamara and I, as Principal of the school/college invite you to contribute to this process by participating in a Consultation Meeting to be held

Venue: Sacred Heart College – New Town
Date: Wednesday 20th June
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

The consultation will be facilitated by an experienced facilitator and will focus on the following open questions:
- What is working well in Catholic Education Tasmania?
- What needs development / improvement?
- Other comments that might assist us with our discernment.

Your participation in this consultation will be greatly valued. For organisational purposes can you RSVP to the school/college office no later that 18 June.

However, if you are unable to attend you may wish to send a written response addressing the above three questions to the TCEO coordinator of the process: Christine Edwards, PO Box 102, North Hobart.

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Year 4 Excursion

As part of the Grade 4 history unit on Tasmanian Aboriginals, the students visited the Living History Museum of Aboriginal Cultural and Heritage near Cygnet to explore Traditional Aboriginal life.

The students explored local environment and discovered how the plants provided the Aboriginal people with food, treats and medicinal values.

The lovely restored church, which is full of historical Aboriginal cultural facts and artefacts.

The students explored some of the culture of Aboriginal life around the campfire, including story telling, spear making, ochre painting and many other culture experiences.

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CCT Footy Points Tickets

Winners so far this season have been:

Round 1 = McQueen Family
Round 2 = Coad Family
Round 3 = Phyliss Riley (EMPHC - Dover)
Round 4 = Ticket unsold
Round 5 = Bev Wood - Dover
Round 6 = Lydia Eastley - Dover
Round 7 = Number 66 - unclaimed as yet

This week's game is Collingwood V Geelong on 18th May....

Tickets are $1 each or buy season ticket for $20 - just send money in envelope with your details on front to school by Thursday.

Thanks for your support!! So far the footy tickets have raised $300 for our family in Cambodia.

Fiona + Trish
Juey Bazaar Inc

Dear Parents,

RE: The article in 5th May Mercury Newspaper.

Would you have any unwanted blankets, coats, jackets, jumpers, hats, scarves and/or gloves. City Mission is urgently requiring these for the homeless in Hobart and surrounding areas. They are also in urgent need of mens clothing. I will collect these items on Tuesday 22nd May to give to the Hobart City Mission to distribute (free) to the homeless.

Winter is on your doorstep!!

Thank you
Bu Peattie

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