How to give a gift, especially to Mum.

Gifts can be tricky things. We all know stories of people giving gifts to spouses that really were something they themselves wanted. One husband finally stopped giving his wife power tools for her birthday, when she gave him a frilly nightdress for his! To truly give a gift, you need to understand what the person may truly want or need, you need to get ‘inside the skin’ as it were. Then such a gift goes straight to the heart.

We see this in the life of Jesus. One of the truly amazing things, I find, is that he lived our human life for 30 years before he began his preaching. Given that he came from God, you would have thought he would have come and just told us what to do. But no, he came experiencing all our stages of growth. By the time he began preaching he was a very mature age. When Jesus offers us guidance for life, we know he has been inside our skin.

Mother’s Day is coming soon and it is very easy for us to presume that we know what our mother would want – after all we have truly been inside her skin. We can presume too much. A good idea over the coming week would be to ponder on our mother is like and ask “What does she really want?” We may be surprised to realise that it is not so much presents as presence.

_Loving God, your Son Jesus experienced what it was to have a human mother, to know growth as a human person. Send us your Spirit that we may live in awe at the mystery of every person, especially our mother. We ask this in Jesus’ name, confident that you will hear us._

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

I was very proud on ANZAC Day to see so many of our students and staff participating in local services. We had nearly half the school actively involved in services around the Valley. It must be very heartening to the local RSL Clubs to see the children involved and interested in ANZAC Day. There is a small article on the website that has photos from the services and also the prayer service that our Grade 3 students prepared last Tuesday.

Unfortunately I will be out of school this week attending two major events. On Monday and Tuesday I am on the North West Coast meeting with all Principals and Catholic Education staff from around the state. On Wednesday and Thursday I am attending the Grade 3/4 camp at Waddamana to assist Mrs Campagna and Mrs Doherty. I was only planning a ‘fly in’ visit to camp but unfortunately we are a bit down on Dads available to assist, so I will be required to stay both nights (otherwise the camp couldn’t go ahead). I know it is difficult for parents to take time away from work to assist on camps but we can only continue our outstanding camping programs if we have the assistance from parents (remembering that all parents need to have an updated police check to participate). There is unreliable mobile coverage in Waddamana, so please see Mrs Dance if there are any concerns and issues whilst I am on camp.

Thank you to Mrs Campagna and Mrs Doherty for organising the camp and to Mrs McQueen and Mrs Hall for assisting.
Dare to Lead

Thank you to the parents and staff that have agreed to assist with the upcoming ‘Dare to Lead’ visit that we have in a few weeks. The visitors will be looking at the way we assist the Aboriginal students and their families in our school community. After the visit we receive a report that will assist us with future planning. Thank you to Mrs Doherty for coordinating this activity.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all parents that made themselves available to participate in the interviews last week. Hopefully parents were informed of the progress of their children and areas for improvement were highlighted. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you were unable to attend last week, so an alternative appointment can be made.

‘Making Friends Performance’

All children from K-6 will be travelling to Geeveston District on Tuesday 8th May to view the ‘Making Friends Performance’. We are hosting the Geeveston District students (and Dover) in second term for another session looking at protective behaviours. A great opportunity for the two schools to come together and share resources.

Grade 7 enrolments in Catholic Education

A reminder to our Grade 6 families that enrolments for Catholic Education in 2013 have closed. Please contact your school of choice asap if you have not done so already. If you need any assistance, please contact Mrs Dance.

Grade 1/2 Team

I was very proud of our Gr 1/2 Team last Friday afternoon for hosting a prayer service due to our Parish Mass being cancelled (Fr Greg was at a conference). I was ‘blown away’ by their confidence to read and perform in front of the whole school.

Mother’s Day Assembly

We are holding an assembly for all Mums on Wednesday 9th May in the school hall (1.45pm). Each team will be preparing a short presentation dedicated to Mums. Hope to see you there!

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012

Sacred Heart is participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn again this year.

From 9th May, Woolworths will give you one sticker for every $10 you spend (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards) A sticker Card Sheet will be sent home with each eldest child today, where you can place your stickers from Woolworths. When you have collected 30 you can hand it into the school office.

Understanding the Mass

Listed below is a great website to help parents and students understand the elements of the Mass. A greater understanding of the Mass allows us to engage further with Christ.

Together At One Altar

www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au

Dates for your diaries

2nd - 4th May - Grade 3/4 Camp @ Waddamana
7th May - Playgroup 9.30am - 11am
25th May - End of Term 1
18th June - Term 2 begins
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.

Get Excited!

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SW-PBS) is here!

The purpose of SW-PBS is to establish a school climate in which appropriate behaviour is the norm for all students. It provides school communities with an effective evidence based approach to creating positive and engaging school environments and focusses on three levels of intervention: primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.

The framework requires the establishment of school wide expectations that are developed in collaboration, explicitly taught and reinforced with all school community members.

What does this mean for SHCS?

This means that our first step is to develop three whole school expectations that will be explicitly taught and used by all members of our school community. They will then be embedded in all learning and social environments at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

We look forward to informing you of our progress. If you have any questions about SW-PBS just ask any of the classroom teachers.

We are excited about the positive improvements that this approach will bring to the way that we support behaviour at SHCS.

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Geeveston and Port Huon Consultation Surveys

With the assistance of the Bendigo Bank the Council has commissioned an independent, strategic review of the opportunities and challenges that will be faced by the community of Geeveston / Port Huon in the coming years.

We are inviting your input – here is your chance to have a say on the future of this vitally important district.

This project is being undertaken by IMC-Link, a Tasmanian firm that specialises in social and economic research. IMC-Link developed a survey for the community to complete in order to obtain their feedback. All responses are anonymous, unless you explicitly give your consent otherwise. The findings will be presented to Council by the end of July.

The survey is available to complete online from the Council’s website – www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au – and can be accessed from the home page (look under ‘Consultations’, Geeveston and Port Huon Consultation Surveys). Hard copies are being sent home with this newsletter today.

Please note that there are 2 surveys – one for residents, employees and visitors to the area, and another for business owners in Geeveston/Port Huon to provide their input. The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you have any queries about this project please contact me on the details below, or Luke Doyle, Economic Development Coordinator on 6264 0630.

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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.

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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)

HOBART
VENUE: OCEANEERING HIGH SCHOOL, NEWTOWN
TIME: 10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM DAILY

LAUNCESTON
VENUE: SOUTH LAUNCESTON FOOTBALL GROUND
TIME: 10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM DAILY

Log on to our website
1 Day $80
2 Days $120
3 Days $170

www.tas-sport.com.au
Ph: Ros on 0419380207
*If you or a friend of the player is unable to attend then please let us know.

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