Images of Grace

I find that the notion of grace is best expressed from experience. When I think of ‘grace’ the first image that comes to mind is the beauty of the man who built ‘on-site’ our concrete water tanks down in Victoria. Rarely have I seen a person so graceful, not a movement was wasted and everything he did, seemed without effort: spreading gravel, mixing concrete, climbing in and out of the half-finished tanks. He exhibited a level of discipline and care that one would expect of ballet artists and when he finally finished by putting his ‘signature’, his phone number on the tanks, he stepped back and said: “They are beautiful!” So like God over creation: “God saw ...it was very good!” (Gen1: 31)

Why does this come to mind as an image of grace? Because this man recognised the deep dignity of his work. He did not dismiss himself as a glorified concreter but rather he understood that every action can be precious and good, no matter how humble. Was he religious? I don’t know. We only talked about his wife, whom he dearly loved, and his footy. He was over forty and still played for the local senior side. He kept on trying to retire but the team wouldn’t let him. Why would they? You don’t let spirit like that go.

In this Year of Grace, I hope to occasionally describe images of grace that have touched me: people, moments, events. I invite you to do the same and to share them with others – they can change your lives for the better.

Loving Jesus, your grace comes to us through the experiences of life. Send us your Spirit that we may realise when grace is happening and respond in love. We ask this in your name, confident that the Father will hear.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

This morning a number of staff and I attended a funeral for a colleague that passed away during the school holidays. Many families in our community would have known Terry Smee and her family. Terry was a teacher at St James Catholic College for 15 years. Below is an email sent from the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Trish Hindmarsh:

“It is with deep sadness that I share with you the news that Mrs Terry Smee died very unexpectedly during the night on Friday last. Many of you will have known Terry as the AP/RE at St James College and this year at St Aloysius College. Her sudden death is of course a great shock to Terry’s husband and family and to the staff of the Colleges.

In the meantime, I know you will pray for Terry, who was a woman of very strong faith, and for her family and friends as they mourn her loss. We are so grateful to Terry for her magnificent contribution to Catholic Education and to the young people of Tasmania. We commend her to the kindness of God, whom she served so faithfully and well”.

School Photo Day Tuesday 26th June
Family photo packs are available from the school office.
Photo envelopes are to be returned on

Dates for your diaries

20th June - Music Assembly 1.45pm
26th June - School photo day
29th June - Grade 3/4 & 5/6 to Tasmania
Symphony Orchestra

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I hope all families had a relaxing and restful holiday and the children were able to recharge their batteries for the long Winter months ahead of us. That was our last three week May school holiday break as we commence the four term year in 2013. This is a great initiative that was led by the Catholic Education Office here in Hobart. The below dates are now in ‘concrete’ for those families that may be organising holidays or other arrangements for next year:

Term 1 – Wed 6th February to Fri 19th April
Term 2 – Mon 6th May to Fri 5th July
Term 3 – Mon 22nd July to Fri 27th Sept
Term 4 – Mon 14th Oct to Thurs 19th December

Please note:

• There is a two week break between each of the terms.
• Easter Break in 2013 is from Fri 29th March (Good Friday) to Tues 2nd April

Welcome

This week we welcomed two new students and their family to Sacred Heart - Cameron (Gr 1) and Melanie Darling (Kinder). Both students enjoyed their first few days in our school community.

Huon/Channel Cross Country Competition

During the last week of term 1 our cross country team battled very wet and cold conditions to compete in the Huon/Channel Competition at the Huonville Oval. Our team performed extremely well and we had some outstanding results, particularly Hailee Baldwin who finished first in the Grade 5 girls and our Grade 3 boys team, which won the team competition – Travis Hickey, Joshua Bradley, Jack McQueen and Ethan Lovell. Thanks to Miss Shae Longey and Mr Scot McQueen for assisting the team and to Mrs Erica Walker for helping with scoring. A great team effort!

Thank you to the Bendigo Bank for quickly organising (morning of the event) their tents for us to borrow on the day, which ensured our students and staff didn’t have to stand out in the ordinary weather conditions.

School Board Meeting

Our School Board have their monthly meeting this Thursday evening at school commencing at 6.00pm.

School Turning Circle

With the support of the Catholic Education Office we are planning an upgrade of the School Turning Circle. Work will commence on this project in the next few weeks. This upgrade will compliment all the other work that has happened at SHCS the last few years. Once the project commences the area will be closed to traffic for at least two to three weeks. All buses and cars will have to arrive and depart from the top carpark.

We are also commencing the planning to replace the undercover area. Our architects from the BER program will be down in early July to commence the concept drawings. This is an extremely important area in the school, particularly during the Winter months. At this stage we are hoping to have this project completed by the end of Term 3.

School Photos

A reminder that the school photo envelopes need to be at school on Tuesday 26th June. This year for the photos we will require all students to be in a Sacred Heart school jumper but ties are not compulsory. It is a little difficult this year as we are in a transition year with our uniform but I am confident that we can work this out quiet easily. We have made some progress with our new uniforms and we have a number of new items on order at the moment. Thank you for your patience with our uniform and please remember that there is no requirement for any new items to be purchased. It may take quite a bit of time to fully transition.
**Technology Conference – Sydney**

I was fortunate enough to participate in a large Technology In Education Conference in Sydney during the first week of the holidays. It was great to see what is happening around the Nation and globally with technology and education. The great news is that Sacred Heart continues to ‘punch above its weight’ in regards to technologies. The school leadership and staff team made some very wise decisions a few years ago when were in the middle of our BER building project in regards to technology. Many schools around the nation with their BER funds installed very expensive technology that is already proving to be outdated and not suited to the learning that is taking place and will take place in the future. Our decision to invest in a range of technologies is proving to be a success one.

I have been very excited about a few programs and initiatives I saw at the conference, particularly in regards to social media for schools. I am starting to experiment with Twitter as a form of communication between home and school. I am hoping to Tweet daily about the great things that are happening at SHCS and also use the tweets to remind parents about upcoming events and activities. If you would like to follow the tweets, please follow @StuKelly71. I would very be interested in hearing any feedback or suggestions. This is a trial to see how we can enhance communication between home and school by using a free service like Twitter (it will also hopefully increase my following, which currently stands at 3!!!).

**Bendigo Bank Grants**

I received notification in last week that we were successful with our application for a Bendigo Bank Grant for this year. Mr Stuart Grey prepared the submission that will see Sacred Heart receiving a defibrillator valued at over $2,500. This piece of life saving equipment will be a valuable asset for the whole Port Huon/Geeveston community. It is hopefully one piece of equipment that we will never use! Well done Mr Grey and a massive thanks to the Bendigo Bank for their continued support of our school community.

**Music Assembly – Wednesday 20th June**

This Wednesday afternoon we are holding a special Music assembly for the students and parents. Each class will perform an item that they have been learning in our specialist music program. The assembly starts at 2.00pm in the school hall. Thank you to Mrs Mary Faulkner for organising this event for the community.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

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**Wool and Fabric Donations**

The Grade Three’s are going to get creative this term with textiles. We are looking for donations of wool, string, ribbon, fabric, cotton thread, onion and orange net bags and old plain white sheets. If you have any of these items to spare can you please drop them into Grade Three or drop them off at the office.

Thank you,
Cate Doherty
World Youth Day 2013 Information Sessions

Catholic Youth Ministry will be leading an exciting, faith-filled, adventure-filled pilgrimage to Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day in July 2013. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our faith and Church; to meet other young people from around the state, country and the world; to have a vibrant and life-changing experience of faith; to witness and experience all that South America has to offer from shanty towns to large electric cities, natural beauty, and the beauty of its people and rich heritage. If you are at all interested in joining this pilgrimage, or just interested to find out more, come along to the **Information Session on Sunday 1st July, 3.00pm in the foyer of Holy Spirit Church, cnr Sandy Bay Rd & Duke St, Sandy Bay.**

Library News

We as a school are supporting the MS Readathon challenge this year. This involves the students reading a quantity of books and getting sponsors for how many they read. The students will receive a certificate and a reward at the end of the Readathon which is an added incentive. The school also receive a reward for participating. The Readathon is open to students of all ages.

The students register online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au). This site also gives more information on what MS is and how the fundraiser works for parents as well as students. Registration is now open online and the Readathon period is from the 1st - 31st August. We are hoping to have a speaker from the MS society visit the school to speak to the students about MS and the Readathon in the next few weeks.

This is one way to encourage the students reading both at home and at school in this National Year of Reading.

Cathie Stockford

Australian Mobile Recycling

**ONLY FOUR MORE NEEDED**

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.