Jesus comes home...to us!

Last Sunday, we had a strange Gospel reading. It told the story of Jesus’ return to his home town. You would have thought they would have been delighted, ‘Local boy makes good!’ and at first it seems they were, but then they turned on him. They had heard about his teaching and miracles and they wondered and questioned where he got his power. Right question! Well, the obvious answer was from God. Oh dear, that made them uncomfortable. How could someone that they knew well- why he was a local traddie, they knew his Mum…and all his relieves- reveal God to them? And they rejected him, closed their hearts to him.

What they did reveals something about how we humans want to do religion. We want God to be ‘special’ (which God is) but we can make God special by removing him from our ordinary daily life. We can do this by excessive religious practices that neglect the people around us. Or we can do it by leaving religion for the special occasions when we go to church, e.g. Christmas, First Communion. Is that what our Christian faith is about? With the coming of God in human flesh, God tells us very clearly, “I don’t want to be out there, something special. I want to be here, now, in the midst of your ordinary life, transforming from within.” In this coming week, imagine God coming to you as a local traddie to do some maintenance. He sees your situation and offers reassurance and advice – what could he say that you need?

*Loving God, with the coming of Jesus you showed how much you want to be part of lives. Show me how I keep you remote from my life. Heal my heart of its fear and embarrassment and let me be open to your Spirit’s life and grace. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.*

Sr Kym

Dear Parents,

Hopefully everyone received the message last week about the cancellation of our School Improvement night. In the next few weeks we will have an online survey ready for parents where you can provide feedback about the key areas at SHCS. The survey will highlight our strengths as well as identify areas for improvement. The survey should take about 30 – 40 minutes to complete. I would encourage all parents to participate in the survey so we have enough relevant data. We will have computers available at the school for those families that may not have access to the internet at home.

Book Fair
Mrs Stockford has once again spent lots of time preparing for the Book Fair this year. The Fair is situated in the Josephite Learning Centre and has a range of reading material suitable for all ages and abilities. I would encourage parents to spend some time with the children viewing the Fair. Mrs Stockford has also organised a guest speaker from MS Society to speak to the teams about the MS Readathon at assembly this week.

**Dates for your diaries**

9th - 13th July - Book Fair
11th July - MS Society Speakers
- Kinder visit the Huonville library
18th July - Kinder excursion to TMAG
Minor Capital Works
It was great last Thursday to welcome our architects David and Tisha Lee back to SHCS. David and Tisha were responsible for the all the building and refurbishments during our BER Program a few years ago. They were back to start plans to complete a couple of small projects around the school, which is very exciting! We will be replacing the undercover area, completing some minor adjustments to the 3/4 building and fixing up the disabled access to our K-2 building. We are also hoping to commence work on our Turning Circle in the next few weeks.

Bravehearts & ‘The Return of the Bully’
Hopefully the children informed families about the two quality performances we had at SHCS last week. The K-3 students joined our friends from Geeveston and Dover for Bravehearts performance, which looked at protective behaviours. The children from the other schools enjoyed spending time at Sacred Heart and interacting with our students. Thank you to the School Leaders for assisting on the day and to Mr Lovell for cooking the BBQ.

On Wednesday morning the whole school gathered in the hall for the ‘Return of the Bully’ performance. This entertaining but powerful performance focused on teaching the children strategies to cope with bullying.

Bendigo Bank Grant
Last Friday afternoon Mr Stu Grey attended a ceremony at the Palias in Franklin to receive the grant that we won through the bank this year. With the grant we purchased an amazing bit of equipment (defibrillator) that hopefully we never have to use. Thank you to Mr Grey for preparing the submission and to the Bendigo Bank for their continued support of our community.

Assembly
Our Prep Team is hosting our assembly this Wednesday. The assembly starts at 2.15pm. Please come along if you are free!

Congratulations
Last week Shayla Ackerley (Gr 5) and Hailee Baldwin (Gr 5) represented SHCS at the All Schools State Cross Country Championships. A great effort from both girls with Hailee coming 8th and missing the qualifying for the Tasmanian Team by only two seconds.

Centacare Family Life Sessions
Centacare are running their Family Life sessions for all Prep – Grade 6 students next week. Forms only had to be returned to school if you didn’t want your child to participate. The Grade 5/6 children have a session with their parents after school on Monday 16th July. Our Lego Robotics Club is not meeting on the 16th July due to the family session.

Whooping Cough
A note went home to families last Friday informing them that we have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough. Hopefully parents read the form carefully and know what are the signs and symptoms. At a gathering last week I reinforced to the children the importance of washing hands, not sharing drinks, eating well and the importance of sleep, so hopefully their immune systems can fight the ‘bugs’ that are around at the moment. We have had large numbers of children away from school already this term.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Yoplait Vanilla Yoghurt is now available in the canteen $1.50
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 at Dover Hardware  
Round 5 = Bev Wood - Dover  
Round 6 = Lydia Eastley - Dover  
Round 7 = Chris Lovell  
Round 8 = Unsold at Dover Hardware  
Round 9 = Chloe Huett (Dover)  
Round 10 = Coad Family  
Round 11 = Unclaimed at present Number 12  
Round 12 = Unsold at Dover Hardware  
Round 13 = Unsold at Dover Hardware  
Round 14 = McQueen Family

Round 15 = Collingwood V Carlton July 6th MCG

This week will be a bonus round with the winner taking $100!!!

Tickets are $1 each!!

The unclaimed number 12 is a ticket at Sacred Heart!! Please check them!!!

Good luck!! and Thank You for your support.

Fiona + Trish  
Juey Bazaar Inc

Library News

Book Fair is being held this week. Please fell free to come and browse before, after or during school time.

MS Readathon speakers are visiting school tomorrow at 2pm. You are welcome to attend.

Book Club we had an order without any name on it. It was for:
Lucky – Moshi Monsters Quiz Book  
- 4 Ingredients Kids  
Special offer – Double the dun to draw

These are at the office to collect.

Thank You  
Cathie Stockford
Naidoc Week Prayer Service

A big thank you to all the aboriginal students who participated in the service.