Dear Parents,

Hopefully all families saw the letter from the Director of Catholic Education last week, which announced my new appointment at St Therese’s Catholic School in Moonah from the beginning of 2013. Please be assured that it was a decision that was made so that I can be a more active husband and father with my own family. Due to my commitments at SHCS during the week I rarely have an opportunity to spend quality time with my wife and boys. I have loved my five years at SHCS and will cherish the next six months. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure SHCS students and staff have every opportunity to enjoy themselves and be successful at school. I am also committed to facilitating an extensive transition process with the new principal.

Dr. Trish Hindmarsh the Director of Catholic Education visited SHCS yesterday and spent a couple of hours visiting teams and meeting students and staff. At morning tea Trish spoke to the staff about her desire to recruit and attract the right person to lead SHCS into the future. Part of the process is to have a number of COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS to gather information about what type of leadership the community requires. **The session for parents will be held at SHCS on Monday 13th August at 6.00pm.** There will be a session with staff on the same afternoon. I would encourage parents to participate in this important process. A notice will be sent home in the next couple of weeks with more details about the gathering.

I would like to thank everyone in the community that has kept my Mum in their prayers and thoughts. Mum has been fighting very hard and after a difficult couple of weeks is making some progress. The support she has received from the school community, including the cards and posters that the children made have overwhelmed her. Mum has a very long and hard road to recovery. Thank you to Mrs Campagna and Mrs Dance for leading the school so well during my absence the last few weeks.

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**Dates for your Diary**

- Fri 27th July - Reports go home
- Mon 6th August - Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tues 7th August - SHCS Cross Country
- Thurs 9th August - Board Meeting
- Mon 13th August - Community Consultation – New Principal Appointment
School Reports
Our Mid-Year Reports are being sent home this coming Friday. Hopefully parents will find the reports give a clear indication of how your child/children are going across the curriculum and socially and emotionally.
There is an important note with the reports about Parent/Teacher Interviews. This form needs to be returned to school immediately if you would like to have a discussion with your child’s teacher.
A massive thank you to the teachers that have prepared the reports. Teachers have spent over 60 hours of their own time writing and preparing the reports. An amazing effort!

Congratulations Fr Graham Howard
This Friday Fr Graham is joining our community for our Parish Mass (12.00). After Mass Fr Graham is joining the staff for lunch, so we can celebrate his 50 years of priesthood. I know a number of families joined in the celebrations last weekend across the Parish. What an achievement! Our Grade 3/4 Team are organising the Parish Mass this week.

P&F Meeting
Our hard working P&F committee met this morning. They have recently purchased two large marquees for the school community. Great assets for our community that can be used at sporting carnivals and other community gatherings. They are also working very hard preparing our school fair, which is being held on Friday 19th October.

Welcome
Last week we welcomed Polly (Gr 2) and Lucy O’Neil (Prep) to SHCS. The girls have settled in well and have enjoyed meeting their new classmates.

Family Life Sessions
The teaching staff informed me that the Family Life sessions facilitated by Centacare last week were very successful. It is the first time that we have facilitated the sessions in classrooms. Thank you to the families that supported the 5/6 family session on the Monday afternoon.

Staffing
This week we are farewelling Mrs Cathie Stockford as she travels to the UK to visit family for her Long Service Leave. Ms Kari Thomas will be replacing Cathie in the Library each Tuesday. Mr Scot McQueen is on leave from his bus driving duties for the next month. Ms Kari Thomas and Mrs Katrina Coleman are replacing Scot on his Lucaston run.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal
Congratulations to our Term Two Leaders

NEW IN THE CANTEEN

Curry Chicken Pies $3.00
Chicken & Garlic Balls $1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap $4.00
- Chicken munchies with lettuce and sweet chilli sauce in a wrap
Vanilla Youghurt $1.50
Fruit Salad $1.00

MISSING!!!!

One sports jumper size 10
One school jumper size 10
With the names Alex Griggs or Mackenzie Griggs on the tags.
If found please return to school office

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