Dear Parents,

Last Friday we gathered as a community for our Parish Mass with Fr Ross (Fr Greg’s replacement) and Fr Graeme Howard. The Mass was beautifully organised by our Grade 3/4 Team and we dedicated the Mass to Fr Graeme who recently celebrated 50 years in the Priesthood, seventeen of those years as Parish Priest of the Huon Valley. What an amazing achievement! After Mass I presented Fr Graeme with a gift from our school community and he joined the staff for lunch. We all enjoyed having Fr Graeme back in the school for the day.

Catholic Education Week
Next week is Catholic Education Week. A chance to reflect and give thanks for all the great things that are happening across our system of schools in Tasmania. A highlight of the week will be when the whole school visits St James’ College for the Feast of Mary MacKillop (Wed 8th August). We are gathering for Mass in the morning and then have a day of activities with our friends in Cygnet. The permission note will go home later in the week.

Cross Country Event
We are holding our annual Cross Country Event next Tuesday 7th August on our track behind the school. All teams from K-6 will be participating in the events. The carnival will commence at 11.00am and it usually goes for a couple of hours. Thank you to Nev and Chris for preparing the track. I would suggest that the children dress warmly for the day and ensure they have a waterproof coat.

PE & Music Lessons
Due to staffing arrangements this week PE and Music lessons have been changed to Wednesday. All students need to be in their sports uniform tomorrow.

Dates for your Diary
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

Woolworths Earn and Learn finishes on 13th August 2012
School Improvement
Hopefully all families received the flyer yesterday about the School Improvement Survey that we have online at the moment. The survey can be accessed from the links on the school webpage. Please contact Mrs Dance or myself if you require any assistance or don’t have computer access to complete the survey. The survey is an important tool to gather data for our next plan. I would strongly encourage all families to participate.

Turning Circle
The upgrading of our school turning circle is commencing this weekend. There will be alternative traffic arrangements before and after school for the next month. All parking and access to the school will be from the top car park. All children need to be escorted from their cars to and from the school. An extra staff duty will be in place to ensure that the area is safe.

School Database
It is crucial that parents inform the office if there are any changes to family arrangements. Our records are only updated at the beginning of each year.

School Fees
A reminder that families can make an appointment with me any time to discuss the payment of school fees. I am aware that is particularly difficult for some families in the Valley at the moment. There are a number of ways the school can assist when families are having financial difficulties.

School Board Meeting
Our next School Board meeting has been changed to Thursday the 16th August at 6.00pm.

Community Consultation
A reminder that the Catholic Education Office are hosting a Community Consultation on Monday the 13th August at 6.00pm in the Josephite Learning Centre. The session will assist the Office with the recruitment of the new principal position that will commence at the beginning of 2013. Can you please email or ring the school office and let us know if you are intending to participate.

Mid-Year Reports
I hope the Mid-Year reports gave families a clear indication of your children’s progress. If there are any queries about reports, please contact your child’s class teacher for clarification. Thank you to the families that have returned the Parent/Teacher forms. We will let families know about appointment times before the end of the week.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal

CCT Footy Points Tickets

Winners for the last few rounds have been:

Round 15 = Agnes "Gran" Clark won $100 bonus round
Round 16 = Chris Lovell
Round 17 = Emily Sedgman
Round 18 = Pam Belbin (Dover)

Round 19 is Hawks V Cats
Good luck!! and Thank You for your support.

Fiona + Trish
Juey Bazaar Inc
Merit Certificates
Hannah Drysdale Being ready to learn and always showing respectful listening.
Lewis Burgess Working well learning about shapes.
Lachlan Thompson His hard work sounding out with robot talk.
Bridie Pepper Her great work counting syllables.
Isabel Burdick Her positive attitude in everything she does.
Mitchell Cowmeadow All round effort in his writing.
Denver Chase Constructing some amazing 3D shapes.
April Burgess Consistently being enthusiastic about her reading.
Sebastian Cross Using his knowledge of sounds in his writing.
Eboney Ackerley Always trying her best both within the classroom and playground.
Justen Ashworth His great work in Literacy Circuit, sharing his ideas and completing his writing tasks.
Mitchell Ransom His positive attitude toward English and working hard to improve his results in all areas of the curriculum.
Olivia Riley Showing maturity in her friendships both within the classroom and playground.

WGM
Jayden Gane – Helping people in need
Will Hardy – For helping to keep our room tidy
Lucy Cox – Using manners in the sports box
Mitchell Ransom – Helping people in need
Oscar Thorpe – Encouraging his friend on good work
Kameron Baldwin – For helping his friends in the playground
Laimon Oates – Showing good sportsmanship

Zumba for Big Starz
If you’re aged between 8-12
BoyZ and Gals
This is just for you, no parents allowed
Zumba Party Zone
Dance to rhythm’s from Columbia,
Zumba Cumbia
Hip hop
Reggeaton

Classes are as follows;
Tuesdays 3:15pm and 4:00pm
Wednesday 3:15pm and 4:00pm
Price $7 for casual or $20 for 4 weeks

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Market Stall

Thursday 23rd August
from 9am

Southgate Shopping Centre

Lots of Bargains
Clothes, books, small furniture items,
toys, homewares, linen...
a bit of everything!!

Mystery Raffle!!

Donations are welcome.

All funds raised support
Cambodian Childrens Trust

Please call Trish 62 981 396 or
Fiona 62 981 089

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Are you interested in supporting families in your community?
An upcoming training session for Volunteer Community Parents will begin at the wayrapattee Child & Family Centre Geeveston on Thursday 9th August from 4pm until 9pm, and will run each Thursday evening for seven weeks. Good Beginnings Australia volunteer Community Parents are parents themselves coming from all walks of life, who have been trained as Community Parents. As a part of the Huon Valley Volunteer Family Support Program, Community Parents visit families in their homes to:
- lend a listening ear, offering friendship and companionship
- provide practical support and assist families connect with resources in their community
- offer reassurance about the things parents are doing within their families, helping them to become more confident in their parenting role and much more.

If you are a parent and would like to become involved in this program it’s not too late…please contact Nicole Watt from Good Beginnings on 0407 032 375 or via email at nicole.watt@goodbeginnings.org.au

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