So what’s your cross?

The last two Sunday’s Gospels are ones we well may have problems with. In both Jesus teaches us about the cross. No bones about it ‘the cross’ doesn’t fit comfortably on any of us. We can so easily get cross about it, especially if we are unsure just what we are supposed to be carrying and how we are supposed to be doing it. Just putting up with bad things that happen doesn’t look like being very life-giving, nor is it.

For most of us, most of the time, our cross involves people, ourselves included. St Benedict offers a piece of wisdom which I have found useful; “Always do what is best for another.” No, that does not mean lie down and be trampled on. It means using all our wit, ingenuity, creativity, love, compassion and kindness in dealing with the people we live with. Oh, and did I say courage….and imagination. Doing what is best for the ones we love is not being a submissive servant but being a lovingly engaged person who seeks to support, challenge, love…and dare we say it, confront and discipline. Aiming to live like that will bring us a rich and full life…and it will be a cross to carry.

Loving God, when Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him, it is a call to love like him, drawing others into the fullness of love. Give me the wisdom of your Spirit that I may answer truly the needs of others. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had the opportunity to welcome Mr Luch Brighella to Sacred Heart. Luch enjoyed interacting with the members of our community and like all visitors to our community was ‘blown away’ by our beautiful school environment. Luch will be down a few more times during the term to meet with key groups in the school, particularly the School Board and P&F.

Our Grade 6 students are having a great time on their Tour of Tassie. We received a message from Mrs Dance yesterday when the students were enjoying a play in the snow at Derwent Bridge on their way to Queenstown. Mrs Dance has set up a Twitter account for those parents that would like regular updates about their adventures. The address is - @SHCSTOT

I am still Tweeting daily about all the great things that are happening at school. If you would like an update about what’s happening, please follow my tweets at @StuKelly71. It only takes a few minutes to sign up for Twitter.

I made a mistake in the newsletter last week when I announced the School Leaders for this Term. The Picton (male) leader for this term is Jayden Gane. Congratulations Jayden!

Found: Scouts Polar Fleece Jacket.
Please contact office

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Learn to Swim
A notice has gone home this week about our upcoming Learn to Swim Program. This important program is a compulsory part of the curriculum and a crucial life skill for the children. Please ensure the permission note is returned to school and that the children have what they require for the sessions. The Sports Centre asks that all children wear swimming caps for the lessons. We have a number of new caps supplied by the P&F for those children that do not have their own.

Woolworths Points
Thank you to all the families that supported the Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ points. We collected a staggering 46,000 points, which will be used to purchase valuable resources for the school. This is three times the amount we collected last year.

Free Dress Day
Next Wednesday 10th October is a free dress day for all students. It is a fundraiser for the school fair. Children are asked to make a gold coin donation that will assist the P&F purchase ingredients for some of the food stalls. Our Fair is only a few weeks away and I would encourage families to support our hard working and dedicated fair committee.

DANCEFEVER
I am very excited to welcome Michael back to SHCS. Michael will be facilitating our dance program for third term. We all saw last year the value of this extra-curricular activity. I have never seen the children so excited at assembly last term when I mentioned that we were once again participating in this activity.

Turning Circle
Thank you again for being patient with our traffic arrangements the last few months. The weather forecast looks very promising this week, so hopefully we can complete the project. We had the architects at school this week looking at our next minor projects. We hope to replace the undercover area and do some minor adjustments to the 3/4 block and the Kindergarten.

Aboriginal Education
Mrs Cate Doherty is leading some very exciting initiatives in regards to Aboriginal Education. These initiatives will see the development of our Reconciliation Garden (community garden project) and a cultural experience for families on the Murrayfield property on Bruny Island in early 2013. We are also receiving considerable funding from the Federal government the next few years to further develop some of our programs. Thank you to Mrs Doherty for leading these exciting developments.

Thank you to Miss Longey for organising a great experience for the Grade 5 students on Bruny Island last week. I was fortunate enough to spend Thursday night with them. It was great to see the children (and adults) enjoying each others company in such an amazing part of the world! Thank you to Scot McQueen for driving and to the parents that assisted.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal
@StuKelly71

Library News
Book Club closes on the 9th October
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Donations required for the white elephant sale for our School Fair. Please ensure items are clean and respectable for sale before forwarding them to school. Please bring to the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 1st - 5th Oct – Grade 6 Tour of Tassie
Thurs 4th Oct – Dancefever commences
Mon 8th Oct – Learn to Swim starts (2 week program)
Fri 19th Oct – School Fair
Wed 24th Oct – SHCS Athletics Carnival

Christmas Card Design Competition

The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office is once again offering students of all ages the opportunity to design the Office Christmas Card.

All entries should be on A4 paper and given to your Principal by October 12.

On the back of your design, please write your name, school/college, grade/year and age.

The winning entry will receive a prize, be used as the Christmas card for 2012, and feature in the Connections supplement of the Tasmanian Catholic magazine.

Dear Parents and Students,

Teddy bear Harrison needs a home and someone to love him. He has so many cuddles to give. He is going to be raffled for 50c a ticket so he can be loved.
Harrison also has some smaller friends – a basket actually. They want to stay together. They are being raffled for 50c a ticket.
Are you budding jeweller. I have a beading kit for raffle at 50c a ticket. Make your necklaces and/or bracelets. Maybe open a shop in years to come!!
All monies raised will be sent to our friends at the orphanage in Cambodia. This will help them enjoy Christmas.

Terima Kasih (Thank you)
Bu Peattie

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Southern Tigers Cricket Club

Juniors
Milo Cricket - Age 5-10 years.
Starting mid November

Under 13 start 7th November

Any interested players, please contact Scot McQueen 0408 034 875 or scotmaree@activ8.net.au

Registration Sunday 14th October, 11.00am
At Castle Forbes Bay Cricket Club

Guitar Lesson are now $14.00 per half hour this term only!

Mr Lowe is currently in a heavy metal rock-band performing in the state finals of an international competition, he is an active member of the Hobart Guitar Society who perform regularly in classical guitar ensembles and he teaches guitar at numerous schools throughout the state. Mr Lowe has had 16 years of experience in teaching guitar and a career spanning more than 20 years as a solo performer winning numerous competition throughout the years. He has studied under the likes of Antony Field, David Malone, Robert De jong and with numerous lesson under Slava Grigoryan, Karin Schaupp, and Timothy Kane.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tim on, 62641465 or mobile 0447 322 624, or via e-mail lowetj@utas.edu.au

Get Active in the Huon!

Are you a Mum or Dad? Would you like to become more active? Meet new people and make new friends?

The Get Active Program (GAP) could be for you! A 10 week series of 2 hour sessions. The first hour covers topics including motivation, goal-setting and self-esteem. The second part focuses on fun physical activities that are chosen by the group.

The next GAP funded by the wayraparattie Child and Family Centre, Geeveston, will start on Friday 12th October. To find out more information or register please contact Rowena 0409297291 or Kate 0427971514.