Road to true success

We are having our driveway done. It has been a worry – it is long, steep and gets washed out in torrential rain but I must admit that the greatest worry was to get tradesmen who would do the job properly. We are women and know nothing about these things. Well, the crew doing the job are a joy. From the beginning, we could see the pride and even pleasure they took in their work. Attentive to detail, working steadily, they have produced a road that is joy to use. In them we have seen a very important aspect of human nature: made in God’s image, we are made to work and our hearts are made to take pride in what we do.

One of the primary skills we need to teach our children is how to work well and we do this both by example and by explaining things to them. Good work begins by being attentive to the task at hand. This attentiveness helps us break big overwhelming jobs down into a series of little tasks, that are then methodically worked through. Each step of the way, we do our best and then take pleasure in what we have accomplished. The best reward of work is not the money received but joy in accomplishment and the sense of service that integrates us into the wider community. After this road crew has gone, we may never see them again but what they had done so well will continue to make life more pleasant for us and our friends.

Loving God, help me to treasure the work I have to do. As I work well, may I teach my children the dignity of work. May we all realise that we can share in your creative Spirit. we ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

Our Grade 6 students had a great time last week on their ‘Tour of Tassie’. They enjoyed a range of activities across the State and had the opportunity to meet peers at St Joseph’s (Queenstown) and St Brigid’s (New Norfolk). Thank you to Mrs Sarah Dance for all her efforts in organising and running the experience and to Scot McQueen for his driving. We also had quite a few parents assisting.

This week our Learn to Swim Program commenced at the Pot Huon Sports Centre. The staff and students have quickly settled into their new routines for the next fortnight. I would encourage families to ensure the students have a little extra to eat and drink during the program. Learn to Swim is an important part of the curriculum and a crucial life skill for the children.

Whooping Cough

We have a confirmed case of WHOOPING COUGH in the school. Please read carefully the flyer that went home this afternoon with the newsletter regarding whooping cough and the symptoms to look out for. Students (and staff) that have been diagnosed with whooping cough can return to school five days after starting the antibiotics.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th Oct – Learn to Swim starts (2 week program)
Thurs 11th Oct - Free Dress Day
Wed 17th - Assembly 2.00pm Prep
Fri 19th Oct – School Fair
Wed 24th Oct – SHCS Athletics Carnival
Plain Clothes Day – Thursday 11th October
We are holding a plain clothes day on Thursday for all grades as a small fundraiser for the School Fair. Each child is asked to make a gold coin donation that will go towards items that need to be purchased for some of the food stalls. It is a small way that all families can contribute. Our Fair is only a week and half away! Please note that the original date for the plain clothes day was Wednesday but we have Mrs Pat Fielding’s funeral at school on Wednesday afternoon and we have been asked by the family to form a guard of honour. Please keep Mrs Fielding and her family in your prayers and thoughts. Mrs Fielding’s family have been very strong supporters of SHCS for many years.

Parking for the school fair will be at the Kermandie Oval. We will run a shuttle bus from the oval every 15 minutes to our new turning circle. There will be no parking at school unless it is needed for the elderly or disabled. The gate leading up the drive way will be closed after the school buses leave (3.15pm). There will be no parking available on the highway in front of the school. This is a dangerous road and not suitable for parking. The local police will be assisting us on the day to ensure everyone can enjoy the activities and that access to the school is safe for everyone.

The fair starts at 3.30pm and all children are to be either picked up from school or travelling as normal by bus. Please ensure class teachers are aware how the children are getting home.

School Board Meeting
Our School Board meeting has been changed from this week to next Thursday 18th October at 6.00pm.

Phones and other Electronic Devices
The School Leadership Team and School Board are both discussing issues around the use of electronic devices at school and on our buses at their upcoming meetings. We have had a few issues recently regarding the use of these devices, particularly on our buses. I would encourage all parents to know exactly what is on your children’s devices, particularly songs and youtube clips that they may have downloaded at home. We are reviewing our existing policies and will inform parents of any changes. For the time being I would suggest that these devices (including phones) stay at home if they are not absolutely necessary.

School Hats
By Monday 15th October all students are required to have their school hat with them during the school day. Under our Sunsmart Policy hats will be worn at all times when the children are outside from the next Monday.

Athletics Carnival
Our School Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday 24th October at the Kermandie Oval. This is the first time we have used the Kermandie Oval for many years. We have changed venue because of the time ‘lost’ on the day travelling to Huonville and we now have our own equipment for each event. We will also have the clubrooms and canteen. Nev has kindly offered to do the line making for the day.

Important End of Year dates:
Wed 5th December Dancefever Challenge (DEC)
Wed 12th December Christmas Concert
Fri 14th December Reports go home
Mon 17th December Grade 6 Dinner

Have a great week!

Stuart Kelly
Principal
No 30 - 9th October 2012

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.

Raffle Tickets...

Teddy bear Harrison - 50c a ticket
A basket of teddies - 50c a ticket.
Beading kit - 50c a ticket

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

SCHOOL FAIR

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.

Also if you would be able to make some cakes for our cake stall - please ensure they are labelled with the ingredients. Plates will be going home shortly.

Please bring to the school office.

HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED please contact the school office or Narelle Gane

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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

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