As Christmas comes!

My sister-in-law in Sydney went to Miranda Fair Shoppingtown the other day and wondered what the frenzy was. Then she realised – Christmas! Frenzy seems to have become an accepted part of Christmas. Is it seen to add to the excitement? But there is a down side to it—people get hurt, missed out forgotten. As we still have a few weeks to go, we have the opportunity to think and care for some of those people and make our Christmas a true sharing in the giving of God.

One group in our society, who get missed, are those who don’t have enough to join in the now very traditional spending spree. It is especially the children in this group who can feel as though they don’t belong. The St Vincent de Paul society, along with other groups, try to help out with food Hampers and gifts. They especially welcome gifts for children targeted to age and sex of the child.

Another group are those with few family or friends. We all know a few. Some offer of friendliness over the Christmas period – perhaps a shared coffee, a meal, a gift given – can have an effect out of all proportion to any effort we might have to make.

When we care for these people, we are thinking and feeling like God...and that is one of the primary gifts that Jesus offered to us: to become divine. But we can only receive that gift when we give as he gave, generously and without the expectation of return.

Loving God, we are now winding up for Christmas. In the rush, let me not forget how Jesus came into our world – poor and marginalised. Let me welcome him in the people in need in my community. May our families Christmas be rich in your love. We ask this in Jesus name confident that your will hear us.

Sr Kym

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**Dates for your diary**

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Dear Parents,

We have finally completed our Turning Circle Project. It looks great and is very effective as a bus turning area. A reminder that the area can be used in the morning for a drop of zone for parents that may wish to not park on the top area. I would encourage all parents using this area to ensure the children have their school bags in the car and not in the boot. This will make the area safer if the children hop straight out on the left side of the car. Thank you to Squid Gordon and his crew for their efforts and to the Catholic Education Office who financed the project. The school is looking amazing from the road and the once overgrown and swampy back part of the school is now looking a ‘million dollars’.

We are now starting work immediately on the top car park area with large areas of the bitumen being replaced. During this project the car park will be available for parking still. Once we complete this minor works we will be ready in the school holidays to replace the undercover area and tidy up a few other areas.

Our new Assistant Principal in 2013, Mr Ryan Kinder visited on Monday. Ryan enjoyed meeting the students and having a tour of our facilities. Ryan will have a number of leadership responsibilities as well as a significant teaching load in Grade 6. Unfortunately Ryan didn’t find too many other Brisbane Lions supporters!!

Network Meeting
Today we had twenty Grade 3/4 teachers from Southern Catholic Schools visit Sacred Heart and work in our school hall. I was proud to ‘show off’ our facilities and resources to our special guests. As usual our beautiful rural setting pleasantly surprised them. I have been trying to convince our office for many years to hold some of these gatherings at SHCS, so our teaching staff don’t always have to travel.

Triathlon
We have a number of students competing in the Triathlon this Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Campagna and Mrs Thomas for organizing the activity for the children. Parents are required to transport the bikes and the children to and from the event. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Campagna will meet the students at the venue. Good luck!

Huon Show
Our new marquee looked great at the Huon Show last Saturday. Thank you to the P&F and numerous staff members that looked after the stall throughout the day. We sold numerous books of raffle tickets and also gave quite a few flyers out about the school. All families have been given a raffle book recently, I would encourage all families to support our hard-working P&F and purchase the tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Concert.

Mobile Devices
I wrote a few weeks ago about issues regarding mobile devices at SHCS. I would like to stress again that there is no need for students to have phones or other devices at school unless they are absolutely necessary. Under our policy students are to place their devices in the storage containers as soon as they arrive at school and then they are handed out at the end of the school day. Any device not in the container will be confiscated and kept in my office until a parent is able to pick it up. I would also encourage all parents to regularly check the children’s devices to ensure they are viewing age appropriate material, including games and film clips.

Christmas Concert
Unfortunately I have a clash with the Christmas concert with both my boys receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday 12th December. I am very keen to attend the concert (my last one at SHCS) so we are hoping to move the concert to Tuesday 11th December. I hope this doesn’t cause too many hassles. The concert will start at 6.00pm.

Positive Behaviour Support
In early 2013 the school will launch our new Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program. We have spent the last twelve months carefully planning the introduction of this exciting initiative. After a lengthy consultation we have decided on our three values – **we are safe, we are respectful & we are positive**. Staff will design learning and teaching programs around these values, which sits nicely with our Catholic Ethos and Josephite tradition. The program will focus on rewarding positive behaviour and rewarding students that continually do the right thing. You will hear a lot more about this program at the beginning of 2013.

Have a great week!

Stuart Kelly
Principal
Merit Certificates
Oscar Thorpe: Excellent thinking strategies in measuring length
Justen Ashworth: His enthusiasm within our science unit about system. Well done Justen.
Juliet Kovac: Her enthusiasm and effort with her in class science project.
Sophie Lovell: Excellent listening in class and asking questions to clarify her understandings.
Jayden Gane: His mature decision, asking and standing up for what he believes is right.
Sienna Green: Being a wonderful host to St Als.
Samuel El-Tahche: Giving every task his best effort.
Jack Darwin: Being polite and helping out when Mrs M isn’t at school.
Campbell Scanlan: Finishing his number work.
Olivia Clayton: Working well during her number writing.
Hannah Drysdale: Trying hard during writing time.
Ava Swanson: Being a consistently hard worker in all areas.
Darcy Blazely: Some wonderful speaking.
Jeremy Pavletich: Being enthusiastic towards assembly.
Samantha Sales: Great story writing.
Nathaniel Bradley: Using excellent descriptive words when talking about water.

Josephpite Certificates
Darcy Riley: For being brave in facing his difficulties.
Reine Goodwin: Being cheerful even when things are difficult.
Lucy O’Neill: Facing up to bad feeling and helping herself.

REMINDER
Not long left now
Raffle Tickets…
Only 50c each!
Teddy Bear Harrison
A basket of teddies
Beadng kit
3D Architectural puzzle
All of the prizes are in the foyer of the office.
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

For all those that have assisted the P&F this year are invited to attend a thank you dinner at The Lady Franklin Friday 23rd November at 6:30pm.
Please RSVP to Narelle Gane 0429 331 883
Calendars will feature artwork by your family as well as school photos.

All childrens artwork from the same family will be incorporated into one calendar.

Order your Calendar now! Only $7.50 each

The P&F welcome any suggestions to improve our calendar from previous years! – Just email to ganeclan@gmail.com

Students Names: ........................................ Grade: .........................
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Number of calendars required: .................. @ $7.50
Payment Enclosed: $....................... Calendar orders and payment must be received in office before Friday 7 December 2012

Book Sale

November 24th - 11am to 5pm
Southern Design Centre
All money raised supports Camodian Children's Trust
Donations welcome!!
Contact Fiona 0427 560 151 or Trish 0409 020 372

Trivia Night

24th November 2012
TV, Music, Movies, Sport & General Knowledge

Geeveston Community Hall
$10 entry per person
Doors open: 6:15pm
Questions commence: 7:00pm

Bring your own drinks & nibbles
Lots of great prizes & auctions

Tables of 6-8 people (Mixed ages are best!)
Choose a theme for your table!

Bookings Essential
Ph: Michelle 0400 382 384

All proceeds go to the Geeveston Gold Waratah Girl calendars will feature artwork by your family as well as school photos.

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