Dear Parents,

This Thursday the Kinders and Preps are running our Parish Mass (1.30pm). Miss Demarco and Mrs Moorcroft and their students have put a lot of effort into organising this gathering for the Parish and our school community. We would be the only Catholic school in the state where kinders/preps lead a Mass. I would encourage all parents to attend if possible.

It is great to see our students thinking of others at this time of the year. Last week our Junior Joeys with Mrs Dunn visited Eldercare for the morning. The residents loved interacting with students and receiving some small gifts. Our Grade 3/4 team for their Religious Education unit are organising a range of small fundraisers for local community groups and our friends at the Cambodian Children’s Trust. One of the groups is organing the ABC Giving Tree, which is a great tradition at SHCS. We have supported the Giving Tree for many years and each year I am amazed at the generosity of our community. The 3/4 Team are putting a great deal of time and effort into their fundraising, please support what you can.

School Fees
Thank you to families that have contributed this year with the payment of school fees. I fully understand that it has been a challenging year for numerous families in the community. If possible we would like all fee accounts settled by the end of the school year. If there are any concerns, please contact Mr Lovell or myself.

Team Arrangements for 2013
We have finalised our team arrangements for 2013.
Kinder – Miss Anna Demarco
Prep – Mrs Kim Moorcroft
Grade 1 – Mr Stuart Grey
Grade 2 – Mrs Alessandra Klein (4 days) & Mrs Cathie Stockford (1 day)
Grade 3 – Mrs Cate Doherty
Grade 4 – Mrs Debbie Campagna
Grade 5 – Miss Shae Longey
Grade 6 – Mr Ryan Kinder
Library (Monday) – Mrs Cathie Stockford
LOTE (Monday) – Miss Anna Demarco
PE (Thursday) – Mrs Kari Thomas
Music (Thursday) – Mrs Mary Faulkner
Miss Kathy Cane – Assistant Principal release days
Mrs Ronita Barratt – Investing in Focus Schools Project

Dates for your diary

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Language of than English (LOTE)
This year we will be farewelling Mrs Jacquie Peattie and the Indonesian program that we have been running for numerous years. In 2013 Miss Demarco will be facilitating LOTE for SHCS students. Miss D will be taking Spanish on a Monday for Prep – Grade 6 students. Miss D is a native Spanish speaker and will be planning an interactive and exciting program.

Investing in Focus Schools Project
I am very excited to announce to the community that in 2013 SHCS and St James Catholic College will be working collaboratively to raise the learning outcome of all our students. The Federal Government has given us considerable funds to assist our teachers to cater for the individual needs of all students. Both schools are going to use the skills and experience of Mrs Ronita Barratt to facilitate this exciting initiative. Ronita will be working as a coach for the teaching staff and assisting them with their planning, assessment and pedagogy. Ronita will also be visiting classrooms to assist teachers and provide them with valuable feedback. A very exciting and progressive program! I am very proud that SHCS continues to be a leader in our system in regards to learning and teaching and how we are catering for our students.

Canteen
The canteen will be closed tomorrow. The students have been reminded a number of times. Please ensure the students have a cut lunch.

Bus for DANCEFEVER
We are coming to the end of our Dancefever program. As expected it has been a massive success with the students loving the new dances they have learnt this year. I am hoping that all Grade 3-6 students are able to participate in the Inter-School challenge on Wednesday 5th December at the Derwent Entertainment Centre.

A note went home last week about the transport arrangements. It is crucial that we know how many families would like to use the buses we are supplying for the evening asap. At the moment we have had little interest from families. The note is on the school webpage if you need to download another one. Promises to be an entertaining night! I have been blown away by the commitment and enthusiasm of the students again this year. I think families will be surprised by the progress of the students since last year.

Combined Board Meeting
Last night our School Board met with the Board from St James Catholic College. It was a productive meeting where we discussed issues concerning Catholic Education in the Huon Valley. This was our last gathering of the year. I would like to thank our dedicated and committed Board for another successful year. Our Board led by Mr Tony Bradley has been a tremendous support to the school community. I would like to thank Tony Bradley, Fiona Donato, David Clark, Fr Greg, Fiona Steel, Adrian Short and Michael Buick for their guidance and support.

Assembly
We have our fortnightly assembly tomorrow in the school hall commencing at 2.15pm. The Kinders are having a ‘Special Person Day’ tomorrow where visitors will spend some time in the Kinder learning area interacting with the students. Hopefully some of the guests will stay on for the assembly in the afternoon.

End of Year Concert
A reminder that our Christmas Concert is now on Tuesday 11th December!

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

REMINDER: Raffle Books need to be returned to the school office by Friday 7th December.
Term Dates 2013

Easter Break: 29th March - 2nd April

Term 1: 6th February - 19th April
Holidays: 22nd April - 3rd May

Term 2: 6th May - 5th July
Holidays: 8th July - 19th July

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September
Holidays: 30th September - 11th October

Term 4: 14th October - 19th December

ABC Giving tree

Just one week to bring in a present

There are lots of people who need help at Christmas. Please give a gift to those who don’t have toys like us. Bring in a gift by Wednesday 5th December (that’s next week) and put it under the Christmas tree in the office.

Please write on the wrapping paper if its for a boy or a girl and what age you think it would be for.

Reece Norris

Tri-athlon Report

Swim, Bike, Run

The Tri-athlon was an amazing Memory.
The biking experience was my favorite but I quite enjoyed everything. The water was Freezing when we hoped in. I got overtaken in the biking by quite a few people, probably about 23. The swim was really short but no one really swam, they sort of waddled in the water. I’m pretty sure that everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good time.

Milo Burgess

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Aboriginal Garden Excursion

Yesterday Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Coleman took the P-6 Aboriginal Students on an excursion to the Nicholls Rivulet Living History Museum of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage. Tess Strong and Heath the Horticulturalist showed the students around their beautiful garden. They learnt about how Tasmanian Aborigines use plants for food, medicine and weaving. The students got lots of ideas about plants that they would like to plant in our Reconciliation Garden. We were also lucky to have some parents and grandparents on the excursion, including Vera Delphin, Jayden Gane’s great grandmother. We also had a quick visit to St James where we checked out their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, which includes a bush foods section, then we went to the Red Velvet Lounge in Cygnet for some morning tea.

We are very excited about our developing gardening group and are hoping that lots of parents and grandparents will get involved as well. We are hoping to start planting before the end of the year and there will lots happening next year.

Junior Joeys visit Eldercare

Our Junior Joeys group visited Eldercare in Franklin on the 20th November. After Mass with the Catholic residents, we broke into small groups of three or four and went around visiting people in their rooms. We had an early Christmas card to give them. All those we visited enjoyed seeing us and having a chat about all sorts of things. One lady, who is 100 years old told us about the time when her city was bombed during World War II in England. She also showed us the letter she got from the Queen. We hope that our visit was done in the spirit of St Mary MacKillop: “We saw a need and we did something about it.”

We would like to thank Neville for driving us and staying with us, and Rosie Gorman for being our adult helper.

FREE DRESS DAY

In Grade 3/4 we are doing a project to help someone for Christmas this year. We will be having a Free Dress Day at school on the 30th November 2012. The Free Dress Day will be a gold coin donation. We are raising money for the Cambodian Children Trust so it will help them for Christmas to get some presents for the kids.
Sacred Heart Catholic School is participating in the Christmas Pageant this year, at Geeveston on Friday 14th December. Our school has had great fun in the pageant in previous years. It would not have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of the children and their families. So we hope you have your festive spirit ready and come along and be part of the pageant.

We have decided to enter as a pedestrian and bicycle group, with adult supervision at all times. This will enable children to hand out lollies and balloons along the way. There is to be no throwing of lollies and all bike riders must have helmets, otherwise they will be refused participation.

Children are encouraged to dress up although, if you do not wish to dress up, please still come along and walk with us anyway.

Everyone is to meet outside Huon FM, on School Road at 6.00pm. The parade will depart from School Road at 6.30pm and conclude at the Heritage Park. There will be a BBQ to follow (gold coin donation). There will also be a jumping castle and carols.

With the changeable weather, please ensure that children have a Santa hat (or normal hat), a drink and a coat.

If your child/children would like to participate, please return the slip below to school, or phone me on 0409 337 065. Parent/guardian participation is always appreciated. If you are able to walk with the parade please indicate on the slip also.

Thanyou
Maree McQueen

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Child/Children’s Name

Walking or bicycle Class

Parents Name:
Do you intend to stay with the floats: YES / NO
Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2013

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level. It is available to students attending a Government or registered Non-Government school or college and those students eligible to pay levies at the Tasmanian Academy or the Tasmanian Polytechnic. The Minister for Education has expanded the student assistance scheme to provide access for grandparents raising grandchildren.

The school or college will receive funding on behalf of eligible students. This financial assistance is provided towards the cost of school levies.

Income Test: Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year. The income test table used for the STAS 2013 scheme is shown below:

### Maximum Total Taxable Parental Income 2012-13

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*For more than 8 children, add $123 per week or $6204 per annum for each additional dependent.

Application forms for Student Assistance in 2013 are now available from the school office or can be collected from the school office or downloaded via the website. For general enquiries contact the school office or for specific information on; assistance in completing the application form or the application procedures, contact the:

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Department of Education
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REMEMBER
Not long left now
Raffle Tickets...
Only 50c each!

Teddy Bear Harrison
A basket of teddies
Beading 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