A Victoria’s Cross in Humility

Last week, Corporal Daniel Keighran received the Victoria’s Cross for the conspicuous bravery during an incident in Afghanistan. How he twice drew fire to himself is beyond me and I, along with probably most people reading this, doubt that we would ever be in such a situation that we could follow his example. But it is his attitude in receiving this award that is impressive and one we all could emulate. He must have known that he was in line for an award. No doubt he had been feted by his mates. One fellow soldier said they would fight to fight at his side. Yet he has rarely spoken of the event. Why, he only told his wife what had happened 13 days before he received the Victoria Cross.

Corporal Keighran rather than focus on himself and what he did, praises the community that formed him to do what he did: the Army that provided the training, that came into play when all hell broke out around them, and the support and comradeship he received from his fellow soldiers. While receiving this highest of military awards he did not see it as ‘all about me’. It is all about community. And he is largely right. We are made in God’s image and our God is a community. Life and goodness flow to us from others and are in turn to flow to others. Even in the most ordinary of lives, we can stand on the shoulders of giants. The example of Corporal Keighran can inspire us to live, love and serve with generosity and heroism even in our ordinary lives.

Loving God, give us the wisdom to recognise the goodness that comes to us from people around us. Open us to their example. May we live lives rich in generosity and heroism. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have only seven weeks left in the school year! Last week Mr Luch Brighella spent a day in our community meeting with staff, students and the P&F. Luch enjoyed his day and is excited about his upcoming role leading the community. This week I have a number of commitments at St Therese’s where my principalship commences in 2013. I am very fortunate to have a great team at SHCS that can easily and capably lead in my absence. Yesterday Fr Greg, Luch, Sean Gill (Southern Regional Director) and I interviewed a number of applicants for our recently advertised Assistant Principal positions. It is very pleasing to see that there are numerous people around that are very keen to join our community. The positions will be announced by the end of this week.

Mrs Sarah Dance will be returning to Holy Rosary Catholic School at the end of this year. Sarah has done an exceptional job as an Acting Assistant Principal and we are very grateful for her willingness to come down to SHCS for the past twelve months. Sarah is a dedicated and committed teacher/leader that has had a very positive impact on our community. At the end of the year we will also be farewelling Mrs Jacquie Peattie, our Indonesian teacher. Jacquie is one of our longest serving staff members and has been a member of the community for well over twenty years. We will have an opportunity to say thank you to both Sarah and Jacquie at the end of the year.
Athletics Carnival
Our Team performed very well at the Southern Catholic Carnival last Friday. As expected our students participated fully and enjoyed themselves. We had numerous place getters across a range of events. Thank you to Mrs Campagna, Miss Longey, Mr McQueen and Mr Freeman for looking after our team and the numerous parent helpers. Another team has been selected to participate in the Huon/Channel Carnival tomorrow.

Turning Circle
The weather forecast looks very promising this week, so hopefully we will complete our Turning Circle project. As soon as this area is completed parts of the top car park will be resurfaced. The minor works that are happening during the January holidays should go out to tender in the next couple of weeks.

School Board Meeting
Our last Board meeting for the year is on this Thursday at 6.00pm in the staff room. I would like to thank the Board, led by Mr Tony Bradley for their ongoing commitment to SHCS by ensuring we are keeping a close eye on our finances and other key areas of management. Mr Brighella and Tony will be calling for new Board members in early 2013.

DANCEFEVER
The students are loving our 2012 Dancefever program. Michael and Janine are doing a fantastic job teaching the children (and staff) some very complicated dance moves. A reminder that the Gr. 3-6 Dancefever Challenge is being held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 5th December! We will be running a bus from Geeveston and back on this evening for families that would like to use this service. Our Kinder to Grade 2 students will have their own performance at school on Thursday 6th December at 9.30am. Both these events last year were huge successes!

Pre-Kinder
It was great to welcome all our 2013 Kinders to SHCS last Friday. Miss Demarco and Mrs Watkins are running a comprehensive Pre-Kinder program each Friday for the remainder of the year.

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Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Remembrance Day
Poppies
Ms Coleman is selling poppies in the school office all week for Remembrance Day. Gold coin donation required.

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**Merit Certificates**

Fraser Johns: Showing leadership qualities in the class.
Tiahn Abbott: Always getting fully involved in class activities.
Elke Nelson-Bletz: Always being ready to learn.
Lewis Burgess: Great work during writing time.
Tommy Wall: Always being ready to learn.
Polly O’Neill: Great work in math area of capacity!
Reine Goodwin: Great work in math area of capacity!
Oscar Thorpe: Excellent work in comprehension.
Bailey Mifsud: Joining our Prep class with such a big smile!
Brianna Lovell: Working so hard on her ‘Frogs in a pond’.
Prue Kennedy: Putting so much effort into her beautiful rainbow fish.
Sophie Lovell: For working hard during group work and encouraging others.
Jennifer Pittam: Asking for help when needed and then taking on the advice needed to complete the task.
Callum Lowe: Trying hard to improve his handwriting and bookwork.
Bailey Reeve: Working hard to improve his writing skills.

**Junior Joeys**

Ila Usuga: For always helping little kids.
Kiera Akowuei: At the Athletics Carnival she was cheering everyone.
Monique Burgess: Letting others enjoy and play without arguing.
Lucy Cox: Accepting responsibility without looking for acknowledgment.
Will Gordon: For being a good friend.

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**REMINDER**

**Raffle Tickets...**

Teddy Bear Harrison - 50c a ticket
A basket of teddies - 50c a ticket
Beading kit - 50c a ticket
3D Architectural puzzle - Sydney Opera House - 50c a ticket

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*

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**Huon Valley Aquatic**

Registration/come and try nights will be
- **Monday 5th and 12th November**
- **Thursday 8th and 15th November**
at 6.00pm at the Huonville Pool

Nationally accredited and qualified coaches
Stroke correction
Swim in groups with others of similar ability
Compete OR swim just for fun & fitness
November - March - AFFORDABLE

“new and retuning swimmers are all welcome”

Australia's most Southern Swimming Club
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2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP

We are currently seeking 12 businesses to sponsor the 2013 school calendar.

Every month will feature the details of a different business.

Cost will be $100.

Last year over 200 calendars were purchased by families so they are viewed by a wide range of potential customers.

We are providing this opportunity to our school community prior to canvassing other local businesses so if you are interested please contact Sharee Burgess at ganeclan@gmail.com or on 0407 889 314 or Narelle Gane at flossgane@bigpond.com or on 0429 331 881 as soon as possible.