Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I write my last newsletter for Sacred Heart. I have spent many hours reflecting upon the last five years and I am very proud of the achievements we all have been able to achieve. Sacred Heart is considered a leader in our Catholic Education for our commitment to a collaborative approach and our dedication to School Improvement. There has been great change over the last five years due to the commitment of the staff, students and parents.

Thank you to the School Board and to the Parents and Friends Association for their hard work and guidance. These important parents groups have been extremely active in supporting and promoting our school community. Before the BER Building Program and other grants from the Federal Government the P&F had raised significant funds and were assisting staff and the students by resourcing classrooms, particularly with a whole range of digital devices.

I would like to thank all members of the community for their support and friendship and the trust they have placed in me to lead the school community. I am excited about my new challenges but will always be grateful to the SHCS community for their encouragement and support of my leadership. Even though I am heading to a ‘city’ school I will continue to be a supporter of regional schools and do my best to ensure they continue to prosper in our system and are able to retain and attract quality staff.

I am excited about our End of Year Mass this Thursday morning (9.30am) in the school hall, as it is always a highlight of our year together. Fr Greg and I would love the hall to be full, so we can give our Grade 6 students an awesome farewell.

I wish all the members of community and their families a safe and enjoyable Christmas and I wish everyone the best for 2013. I am hoping to visit a couple of times in 2013.

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**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

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**Dates for your diary**

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<td>Thurs 31st Jan</td>
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Building Program
Thank you to all families for your patience this term as we have completed a few minor projects with our car parks. Unfortunately the building program we were planning for the school holidays has been delayed due to some complications in the Catholic Education Office. The upgrade of our Kinder will start in January but the other works will go out to tender in mid-January.

Grade 6 Dinner
Thank you to Mrs Dance and other staff helpers that organised the Grade 6 Dinner last night for our leavers and their families. A great night to reflect upon their years in our community! Our Grade 6 students have made a great contribution in their years at SHCS and I wish them all the best as they commence their secondary education.

Staff Changes 2013
Mrs Kim Moorcroft has been granted twelve months leave from her position at SHCS for 2013. Kim had recently applied for and won a position at St Therese’s Catholic School. A big loss for our community but exciting for Kim and her family! Due to the time frame the replacement position will not be filled until mid-January. Mr Brighella will write to the Prep parents and inform them of the new teacher as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank Mrs Sarah Dance for all her efforts in 2012. Sarah’s secondment to SHCS has been a great success and we have enjoyed having Sarah’s energy, commitment and passion on staff. In a short period of time Sarah has led many new initiatives and built up many positive relationships with all members of the community. I have valued Sarah’s input on the School Leadership Team and her commitment to many extra-curricular activities. I am very grateful for Sarah’s willingness to join our community in 2012 and wish her all the best as she returns to Holy Rosary Catholic School in 2013.

Canteen
Our canteen is closed for the year. The students are required to have a cut lunch on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Thank you to Mandy Geeves for outstanding efforts in the canteen again this year.

Have great Christmas and all the best for 2013!

Cheers

Stuart Kelly
Principal
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:

Maximun 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:

BSS Service Centre
Department of Education
GPO Box 169
HOBART 7001
Telephone: 1800 816 057
Facsimile: (03) 6233 7720
email: STAS@education.tas.gov.au
Results from draws at School Christmas concert

Hailee Baldwin
Gabby Seabrook Entertainment books

Ellie Fraser Marriott
Tim Mitchell
Oscar Thorpe Hobart experience tours

Philip Nichols
Dakota Fraser
Travis Hickey Port Huon Sports Centre

Cayden Burgess Wombats Dover

Bailey Mifsud
Connor Soward
Owen Gordon-Smith Pump Service

FAMILY BASKET DRAW

1st Regan Brittain Kinder
2nd Campbell Scanlan Kinder
3rd Jonathon Muresan Yr 5

HEALTHY MEAL DEAL

Bailey Gordon
Jack Darwin
Philip Nichols

Major Raffle Results- Huon Show

1st GARDEN CART Mrs J Norman
2nd OUTDOOR HAMPER Bailey Reeve
3rd PARTY HAMPER Lilijana Bobbett
4th CHILDREN’S WHEELBARROW Kevin Walker

All winners have been notified.
Merit Certificates

Justen Ashworth: The enthusiasm he has shown towards his personalized projects.
Natasha Dolaghan: Her helpful and humorous nature this term.
Nicholas Paul: Showing greater self-control and management of his emotions.
Chelsea Ballard: Being a friendly leader in the playground.
Samuel El-Tahche: Having a curious and inquisitive mind.
Sienna Green: Being a leader in the Prep Christmas Concert!
April Burgess: Always being switched on at school!!
Callum Ballard: Caring for others in the class.
Beau Swanson: Caring for others in the class.
Tiahn Abbott: Consistently presenting your work at a high standard.
Kyesh-Anne Carter: Helping her classmates with their work.
Evelyn Ralston: Trying very hard during pack up time.
Mitchel Nichols: Working well with others during box construction time.
Sophie Abbott: Sharing her ideas with the class.
Jack McQueen: Showing great perseverance and helping others.
Jeremy Ashworth: Showing great perseverance and skill.
The fabulous Year 2 class: Being such a great Year 2 team!

Josephite Awards
Whole School: For doing a really good job last night and had fun at the Christmas Concert.

Book Sale

@ Southern Design Centre
11 School Road GEEVESTON

Hundreds of great books @ cheap prices
Stock up for holiday reading
All money raised supports Cambodian Childrens Trust
Open Daily until 9th December!!
Contact Fiona 0427 560 151 or Trish 0409 020 372

Christmas Kids Night Out

20th December
Ages 5 - 12
From 6:30 to 10:30
PRIZES FOR BEST
DISCO
MOVIES
ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
FUN FACTORY AND MORE . . . . .

Just $10 per child for members and $15 for non members
Sausage sizzle, ice cream and drinks provided
Bookings are essential - Call 6264 3100

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## January Vacation Care Program 2013

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| **Puppets**  
Make puppets and build a puppet stage | **Library Visit**  
Visit Huonville Library and have a picnic lunch by the river | **AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** |
| **Tuesday 15 January** | **Tuesday 22 January** | **Tuesday 29 January** |
| **Life Be In It**  
Outdoor games | **Toy Workshop**  
Design and create a unique toy to take home | **Excursion: Pizza and Movie**  
Pizza making demonstration at Salamanca then Village Cinemas |
| **Wednesday 16 January** | **Wednesday 23 January** | **Wednesday 30 January** |
| **Huonville Treasure Hunt**  
Explore Huonville and be a treasure hunter | **Excursion: Science & Skate**  
Visit CSIRO Mt Nelson & the Skate Park at Kettering | **Construction Day**  
Mega construction challenge |
| **Thursday 17 January** | **Thursday 24 January** | **Thursday 31 January** |
| **Celebrity Challenge**  
Dress up as your favourite sport, TV or movie personality | **Sports and Movie Day**  
Outdoor games at the oval then a movie and popcorn | **Painting Projects**  
Experiment with a variety of painting techniques |
| **Friday 18 January** | **Friday 25 January** | **Friday 1 February** |
| **Board Game Challenge**  
Bring your favourite board game and challenge others | **Australia Day**  
Australia Day activities | **Camping Day**  
Set up a tent and go on a bushwalk |
January Vacation Care Program 2013

15 January    Life Be In It
All children need to bring a hat and drink bottle and wear appropriate shoes for playing sport.

16 January    Huonville Treasure Hunt
All children need to bring a hat and drink bottle and wear appropriate shoes for walking.

17 January    Celebrity Challenge
Don’t forget to dress up as your favourite celebrity!

18 January    Board Game Challenge
Remember to bring your favourite board game with your name on it.

21 January    Library Visit and Picnic
All children need to bring a hat, drink bottle and wear appropriate shoes for walking. We will be eating our lunch at the park so will not be able to heat anything. Sandwiches are recommended.

23 January    Science and Skate Excursion
All children to be on the premises by 9am. The estimated time of return is 4.30pm. Please remember a hat and a drink bottle. We will be eating lunch at the park so will not be able to heat anything. Sandwiches are recommended.

24 January    Sports Day
All children need to bring a hat and drink bottle and wear appropriate shoes for playing sport.

29 January    Pizza and Movie Excursion
All children to be on the premises by 9am. The estimated time of return is 4.30pm. Please remember a hat and a drink bottle. Children will get one slice of pizza and an ice-cream so lunch is still needed. We will be eating lunch at the park so will not be able to heat anything. Sandwiches are recommended.

1 February    Camping Day
Please bring a small tent if you have one and appropriate shoes for walking

Vacation Care is an approved program run by qualified education and care staff.
The program is suitable for school aged children up to 13 years or age
and operates from 8am - 6pm.

- Bookings are essential
- Families are required to enrol with the program prior to first booking
- Help with the cost of care (Commonwealth Childcare Benefit) available to eligible families
- Children are required to bring hats, coats and lunch daily
- Please remember we ask children and families to not bring any food that contains nuts

Huon Valley Council
Children’s Services
91-93 Main Street, Huonville TAS
Open Monday to Friday from 8am - 5.30pm
Telephone 6264 0333
WE wish YOU a Merry CHRISTMAS