A time to give...a time to receive.

In Japan, the custom when receiving another person’s business card is to take it in both hands and bow to the person giving. It is almost a religious act. There is a lesson here for us in how to receive the gifts we shall receive in the coming weeks. We put plenty of thought, energy, expense and even time in getting and sending our gifts. How much effort do we put into receiving them? Gifts are symbols of our relationship. Gifts received graciously are gifts given more than twice over. And sometimes it takes some effort and ingenuity to receive well. It is possible the gift we receive is not something we want. It is possible that we have doubts about the person’s motive. But that doesn’t mean we don’t have the opportunity to make something rich and precious out of the situation. This takes thoughtfulness, sensitivity and a buoyancy of spirit on our part.

And so it is with God. God is giving to us all the time. If we feel God is remote from our lives, perhaps it is because we haven’t been truly receiving the gifts we are being given. Oh, we get them alright but we have to receive them into our lives into our hearts. If we just turn to God when we are in ‘need’, our relationship with God will be pretty unsatisfactory, as are all relationships just based on need. Actively receiving and being grateful for what we receive both from God and from family and friends can enrich and deepen our relationships and our lives. May this Christmas be glorious for you in giving and receiving and may the presents you give and receive be signs of deep and bonding love.

Loving God, may we find joy giving and receiving gifts this Christmas. As we celebrate the gift of your Son, Jesus, may we become present to each other as we give and receive. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris

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Dates for your diary

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Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to the next few exciting weeks. We have a number of events and gatherings happening. This Wednesday evening we have the Inter-School DANCEFEVER Challenge at the Derwent Entertainment Centre commencing at 6.00pm and on Thursday we have the Dance Event for the Kinder to Grade 2 students in the school hall (9.30am). Both events will highlight the skills and enjoyment the students have experienced during the ten week program. I would like to thank our instructors Michael and Janine for all their efforts. It is a bit disappointing that quite a number of students in Grade 3-6 have decided to not participate on Wednesday evening. It is a challenge against other schools and we are already disadvantaged by being the smallest school in the competition!

Thank you to the parents that joined us for the Parish Mass last Thursday afternoon. It was great to see our younger students in the school (Preps & Kinders) lead the community in practising our Faith. I don’t think there would be another Catholic School in the state where the Kinders & Preps would take such an active role, even doing the readings!

Our Teams have also organised weekly Advent Prayer Services the next three Mondays. Yesterday the 5/6 Team ran the first gathering where we start to prepare for the birth of Christ.

Grade 6 Mass
This Friday our Grade 6 students are gathering with students from the other 16 Catholic schools to give thanks for their years in primary education. His Grace, Archbishop Adrian will be leading the celebration with many of the other Priests in the Diocese. A great tradition in our System to get all the students together! Mrs Dance and I will be at the Mass with the students.

Good Luck
Best wishes to Willis Short, Nic Paul and Jonathan Muresan who are representing the Huon/Channel region at the State Championships tomorrow. Go boys!!!

ACTION Maths Interviews
We have been an ACTION Maths schools for a number of years now. Next week there will be quite a significant number of relief teachers in the school, so we can have the teaching staff interview every student in the school (except Grade 6). Each student will sit down with their teacher and go through a maths interview that is used to see the strengths and weaknesses of their mathematical understandings. This data will then be used next year by the teachers to plan their learning experiences. The interview will go for about 30 minutes each.

Combined Board Meeting
Our School Board met last Monday evening with our friends at St James College. It was a very productive meeting with a number of issues being discussed. This Thursday afternoon our staff are meeting at the Huon Linc with the staff at St James to plan units of work that will be taught in 2013.

Grade 2 Camp
Thanks to Mrs Klein, Mrs Barratt, Mr Grey, Mrs McQueen and Mrs Hall and a group of parent helpers that assisted with the Grade 2 Camp last Thursday evening. The students had a great time sleeping in the school hall and participating in a range of activities on the Thursday and Friday. It brings to an end another successful camping program for our Grade 2-6 students. It is another example of how we continue to offer a diverse range of programs for our students.

REMINDER: Raffle Books 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

Indonesian Day

On the 28th November, the Grade 6 students went on an Indonesian Day with Bu Peattie. Firstly we went to the Mosque and met Mrs Dance, we met the Iman Savri. He talked to us about his Islamic religion. After we went to St Mary’s Cathedral a lovely lady Colleen took us on a tour. After our tour we went for lunch at Taj Palace. The curries were very nice, especially the Rogan-Josh. On the way home Bu Peattie stopped and bought as an ice-cream. It was a great day!

Thank you Bu Peattie and Mrs Dance for the day and Mr Kelly for coming out for lunch.

ABC Giving Tree

A notice went home yesterday reminding families about our great tradition at SHCS of supporting the ABC Giving Tree. The Giving Tree people are at school on Thursday to receive our generous gifts. At our Advent Prayer Service yesterday I spoke to the students about the importance of supporting others at this time of the year. Thank you to those families that have already placed a gift under the tree.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

Top Car Park

Work to resurface the top car park is commencing this Thursday. There still will be parking available but it will be towards the back of the area. Under no circumstance are any children allowed in this area unsupervised, regardless of their grade. Parking for major gatherings the next few weeks will be on the school oval – K-2 Dancefever event, Christmas Concert, EOY Mass, etc...

I am working frantically with our architects at the moment to complete the arrangements for the minor works that we are hoping to complete in the January school holidays.

Thank You

Thanks to Stuart Grey and Scot McQueen for giving up their time to whipper-snip the bank area on the oval that had grown out of control lately. Looks great!

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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.

Thankyou
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:

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
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

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**Raffle Tickets**

Not long left now..
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*

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**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

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If you would like to talk to us in your own language, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450.

Italian Italiano
Se desiderate parlare con noi in italiano, siete pregati di chiamare il servizio d’interprete telefonico (Telephone Interpreter Service) al numero 131 450 e loro ci contatteranno per voi.

Vietnamese Tiếng Việt
Nếu quý vị muốn nói chuyện với chúng tôi bằng tiếng Việt, xin điện thoại đến Dịch Vụ Thông Dich qua điện thoại (TIS) ở số 131 450 và họ sẽ giúp quý vị liên lạc với chúng tôi.

Greek Ελληνικά
Αν θέλετε να μας μιλήσετε στη γλώσσα σας, παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Τηλεφωνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνείων στο 131 450 και να ζητήσετε να επικοινωνήσουν μαζί μας εκ μέρους σας.

Arabic العربية
إذا كنت تود التحدث إلينا بلغتك، قم باتصال بخدمة الترجمة الشفاهية والخطية على الرقم 131 450 حيث يقوم متزوج من الخدمة بالاتصال بنا والتحدث إلينا بيراء.

Traditional Chinese 繁體中文
如果您希望用您的語言和我們傾談，請致電131 450 電話傳譯員服務 (Telephone Interpreter Service)，他們會替您和我們聯絡。

For more information contact:
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Cybersmart program
Cybersafety Contact Centre
Telephone: 1800 880 178
Email: cybersafety@acma.gov.au
www.cybersmart.gov.au

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Not all material you come across on the internet will be right for you or your family. Material may be inappropriate because it breaches your social, religious or cultural standards, or your own personal or family values.

Inappropriate content may be violent, sexually explicit or promote unsafe behaviour, such as eating disorders. It may also promote and detail dangerous or criminal activity, or promote extreme political or racist views. Some inappropriate material may be prohibited or even illegal.

Inappropriate content may upset or disturb children and teens or provide them with access to images and concepts their parents do not feel they are ready to explore.

Children and teens may seek out inappropriate content through website browsing or they may be referred to it by others, such as by email or instant messaging services.

They may also accidentally come across it by clicking on hyperlinks within websites, obtaining unexpected results from online searches, opening junk or spam mail, clicking on a pop-up, mistyping web addresses in a browser or incorrectly spelling terms in a search engine.

Internet-enabled mobile phones offer 24/7 access to online content which can increase the risk of being exposed to inappropriate content.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

1. Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them. Discuss the kinds of sites that are okay to explore and those that are not, and talk about what you both like and don’t like about them.

2. Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.

3. Warn your child about the consequences of accessing inappropriate content.

4. Consider using filters, labels and safe zones to help manage your child’s online access.

5. Remind your child not to open spam email, or click on pop-ups, prize offers or unfamiliar hyperlinks in websites.

6. Help your child use search engines to locate websites. Develop a list of favourites for younger children.

7. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with disturbing material—they should not respond if they are sent something inappropriate and they should immediately leave the site if they feel uncomfortable or worried. Younger children should tell a trusted adult.

8. Reassure your child that access to the internet will not be denied if they report seeing inappropriate content.

9. Report content that you think may be prohibited to the ACMA’s online hotline: www.acma.gov.au/hotline.