‘Sport’ is now providing the current scandal news. The question of ‘what went wrong?’ will be often raised and how we answer it may give us a way into understanding just what we should be trying to do in Lent—the stocktaking season of the Church’s year.

In trying to understand what went wrong in sport, we need to step back and ask the basic question: What is sport for? Ideally, we would say for healthy bodies, good community interaction, fun, joy in watching people play well. What is the source of the present scandal? People using sport for other purposes: the desire for dominance at all costs, greed, power, money. In other words, the source of the scandal is people using sport for things other than what it was meant to be.

At the beginning of Lent, we Catholics have a ritual where ash is signed on our foreheads as words are said to us. One form of words is: “Repent and believe the Gospel.” ‘Repent’ means ‘have another think’ or ‘change your mind’. We are asked at this time to step back and think about what is our life for and how well are we achieving our stated aims. Our Christian faith states that we are made for ‘love’. Now we have time to think about how well we really love. How real is our love? How practical? Do we let ourselves be consumed by habits or things that make us less loving, less human? The first step in changing our ways is to honestly admit what sort of mess we are in. The second is to turn to God for love and guidance...and to be prepared for God to come to us through other people.

*Loving God, send me the wisdom of your Spirit to face myself and my life honestly. I do try to be loving but I also know my failure. Let the example of your Son Jesus be a real force for good in my life and may I truly love you and my family and community. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.*

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**Dates for your Diary**

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| Wed 13th Feb | Ash Wednesday 12:00pm  
               PBS Launch 1:50pm                        |
| Wed 20th Feb | Assembly - hosted by Grade 3/4 2:20pm      |
| Tues 26th Feb | Beginning of year Mass 9:30am             |
| Mon 4th March | School Swimming Carnival Port Huon Sports Centre  
                     Prep - Grade 2 9:30am - 10:30am  
                     Grade 3 - 6 11:00pm - 2:00 pm       |
SCHOOL CLOSURE LAST FRIDAY
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/caregivers for their understanding and support in relation to our school closure last Friday. As you are well aware, the fire near Franklin caused the Huon Highway to be closed for some time last Thursday afternoon/evening. In consultation with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office, the Police and Fire Authorities, Sacred Heart Catholic School was closed as a precautionary measure because of the fires.

“The possibility of further interruptions to traffic on the Huon Highway as a result of the Franklin fire was a significant consideration in the decision. Sacred Heart Catholic School has a 100-kilometre catchment zone extending from Southport to Mountain River. Ninety percent of students travel by bus and 70% of students and a significant number of staff need to travel through the Franklin area each day. While the risks were not high it was thought prudent to close the school for the day.”

Media Release – Friday, February 8

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT
Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, and the start of the season of Lent. We begin our preparation for this important season with all classes attending Mass at 12pm in St Joseph’s Church. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS
At 2.55pm each day, all students line up in the school yard in their respective bus lines. There is also a line for students who do not catch a bus and are being collected by parents. There is a duty teacher responsible for each bus line and they check off the names of students catching the bus each day prior to the boarding of buses. Please note:

• Parents collecting students from school should wait until their child has been dismissed from the school yard before taking their child home.
• Parents must not take other children home unless they have permission from the parents of that child to do so.
• Kinder parents can collect their child straight from the classroom and depart via the side gate. (not the school yard).

FIRST BOARD MEETING
The first Board meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, February 21. An agenda will be circulated to Board members prior to the meeting.

LAUNCH OF PBS THIS WEEK
Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support will have its official student launch this Wednesday (tomorrow) commencing at 1:50pm. All students will gather on the oval where the official launch will take place particularly promoting our key words: Safe, Positive and Respect. Following this, we will celebrate by having a Tabloid Sports afternoon. Team games will be organised and run by our Grade 6 students and their teachers. Parents are most welcome to come along and be a part of this celebration.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Over the coming weeks, we will be working closely on promoting student leadership at Sacred Heart. In addition to electing Grade 6 student leaders we are also considering the following leadership opportunities:

- **A Student Representative Council (SRC)** with 2 elected students (a girl and boy) from Grades 3 – 6.
- **An Aussie Sports Leaders Team** made up of Grade 6 students who are keen to show leadership through sport.

Please encourage your child to consider applying for these leadership opportunities.

PERMISSION FORMS & RETURNS
This week, you will receive a range of information and forms. We ask that parents read through them carefully and complete as required. In some instances you may need to read through information with your child so they are aware of important guidelines that apply to them. Please ensure that these forms are returned promptly to school.

STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA
Last week, our school First Aid officer, Mrs Leanne Hall met with all children who are affected by Asthma. Please note the following:

- If your child is affected by Asthma, parents need to include this information on your child’s medical form.
- Your child needs to bring their medication to school each day.
- If your child needs to take their Asthma medication at school, they must see their teacher first, and they will be asked to go to the office to self-administer the medication in the presence of our office staff.
- Parents will be advised in writing if their child has used their Asthma medication that day.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child needs to take medication at school, parents must advise the school office, where you will be provided with a form to complete.

Best wishes for the coming week.

Luch Brighella
Principal

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Book Club due back 25th February
Investing in Focus Schools Project

Sacred Heart Catholic School and St James College are participating in this exciting project this year. During the first 5 weeks of Term 1, Leigh Oates will be in our school every Friday working with all students to create a traditional Aboriginal campsite. Students will help to build a dome hut, make spears and learn about other aspects of traditional Aboriginal life.

We invite any parents who are interested in helping with this project to contact the school office in person or by phone. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and you will part of a unique experience.

Ronita Barratt
Project Co-ordinator
Piano Lessons are once again on offer for 2013 and will commence shortly. If your child is interested in learning to play the piano and you have a piano or keyboard at home, please phone Elizabeth Beven on 6297 76221 or 0428 976 221. For those students who wish to continue this year please phone to confirm and secure a time slot (as these are limited)
Cost is $12.50/week for a 15 minute lesson

Tennis Lessons
The Cygnet Tennis Club with Mike Hewitt as club Coach would like to again offer Saturday morning tennis lessons.
Lessons will be conducted at Cygnet over an 8 week program commencing Saturday, 16\textsuperscript{th} February and concluding Saturday 20\textsuperscript{th} April (end of Term 1). School aged children from age 5 upwards are invited to participate in the lessons which focus on all aspects of the game including skills, technique, rules, sportsmanship & fun.
Equipment is available on loan if required.
Mike has over 30 years experience as a tennis coach both in Australia and overseas.
The Cygnet Tennis Club is the Huon’s only active club and draws members from all over the Huon and Channel.
Please phone Mike Hewitt on 0417 376 884, John & Jenny Wills on 6295 1288 or Josh Bohl on 0418 485 761 to make bookings or for more information.

RHYTHMIC DANCE CENTRE
Classes at Ranelagh Memorial Hall
Phone 6268 0864

Thursday
3:15 - 4:00   3-6 Years
4:00 - 4:45   7-9 Years
5:00 - 6:00  10 & over

Established studio of 22 years, affordable classes, every student receives a trophy and costumes are available on a small hire basis.
Tuition available in Jazz, hip-hop, tap, classical ballet and song & dance.
Community Forums:
Access to Council services and places

The Huon Valley Council will develop an access strategy to help improve access to council services and places, such as parks, streets and buildings.

An access strategy will outline what Council will do to address issues of access and help to plan for the future to ensure it can fulfill future obligations. But first, we want to hear from you.

Come along to a community forum and tell us what you think.
The information gained from the community will inform the draft access strategy. Community forums will be held at the following locations:

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Can’t make it to a forum?

Information and survey forms are available from Council's website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au. Survey forms can be sent to:

Mail: Huon Valley Council, PO Box 210, Huonville 7109
Email: hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

For more information on the Access Strategy Development project, contact Julie Gordon, Rural Health Coordinator on 6264 0300.

Public comment closes at 5pm on Wednesday 20 February 2013.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: HUON VALLEY ACCESS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT
(The Access Advisory Committee is encouraged to provide five questions they would like to see included)

Question One
Are there Council buildings you wish to visit that you cannot currently access? Why?

Question Two
Are there Council venues or events you wish to visit that you cannot currently access?

Questions Three
Do you have suggestions on how the Huon Valley Council can promote improved access in the Councils facilities and services?

Question Four
Is there access to appropriate car parking to Council facilities, events & venues?

Question Five
Is there adequate information publically available advising on what level of access is available at Council buildings, for example, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, etc)?

Question Six - other comments

Please provide your comments by Wednesday 20 February 2013

Contact Name:
Address:
Phone/Email:
Date:

Huon Valley Council PO Box 210 Huonville, 7109
e-mail to: hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

Copies of the questions are also on the Council website: http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au
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