Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of the school year! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and holiday. I have been working at Sacred Heart for the past three or so weeks, but yesterday was the first “real” day. It was the day the children returned and what an exciting place it was!

Finally there was noise, laughter, friends happy to see each other and their teachers, holiday stories being shared and games being played. As I moved around the classes, I could sense that the children were happy to be back and already keen to learn.

I had the opportunity to meet all our students; I shared a bit of my story and they told me about the many things they love about Sacred Heart. So all in all, a very exciting day at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

As I commence as Principal of this wonderful school, I would sincerely like to thank the staff, parents and students for making me feel so welcome and part of this community already. I would also like to acknowledge the amazing work and commitment of Mr Stuart Kelly. His care and commitment as Principal of this school is clearly evident.

I am very much looking forward to my new role as Principal of Sacred Heart and being a part of this community. I look forward to meeting you as the year unfolds.

Loving God, you know how deeply we desire to live in community yet we often find it so difficult. Send us your Spirit to guide our minds and hearts so that we can help in other with tenderness and strength. May of loving reflect the face of your Son Jesus. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym
Welcome
It is my pleasure to welcome two new members of staff. Mr Ryan Kinder joins us as Assistant Principal and Grade 6 teacher. Miss Janaya Burdon is our new Prep teacher and a recent Graduate teacher from the University of Tasmania. Please join me in making them feel very welcome.

A special welcome also to our many new students in Kindergarten and through other classes. I’m sure they will settle in quickly and soon feel a part of our school community. Welcome also to new family members.

Student Places Still Available in Most Grades
Whilst we are full in Kinder, we still have a few student places across most other grades available. If you have a friend, relative or work colleague who is looking for a new school for their child/ren please encourage them to consider Sacred Heart. We would be happy to meet with them and show them around our school. Now is a good time to start!

Our Leadership Team
Mr Ryan Kinder (Grade 5/6 team) and Mrs Cate Doherty (Grade 3/4 team) are also our new Assistant Principals this year. They will share responsibilities for Teaching and Learning, Religious Education and general administration at our school. They, along with myself, make up our Leadership Team. We are happy to assist you in any way.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
This year we officially launch our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program, which we usually refer to as PBS. Many of you may already have heard of PBS as Sacred Heart has been introducing the program and tailoring it to our own school needs throughout 2012.

PBS is a proactive, team-based framework for creating and sustaining a safe and effective school environment. Emphasis is placed on developing social skills and problem solving for the prevention of behaviour concerns.

Our school focus is to:

- Be Safe
- Be Positive &
- Be Respectful

Next Wednesday, February 13, we will officially launch PBS at Sacred Heart. This will take place at 1.45pm on the school oval. We will be celebrating the launch with a range of fun sports that will encourage the children to “Be Safe”, “Be Positive” and to “Be Respectful”.

Do you know what a “Joey” is? Ask your child!

Ash Wednesday Mass
Next Wednesday, February 13, we will be having our Ash Wednesday Mass in our church commencing at 12pm. All classes will be attending and families are most welcome to come along.

Estamos Aprendiendo Español en Sacred Heart
Yes, this year our students will be learning Spanish at our school. Miss Anna Demarco will be teaching Spanish and I’m sure that the children will not only love the learning of a new language but also enjoy learning about the Spanish culture.

School Website and Calendar
Have you visited the school website lately? Why not have a look. It is regularly updated and contains a great deal of information about our school. Our school calendar is also on our website and is regularly updated. This is the best calendar to check for school events. Follow us on Twitter @SHCSGeeveston

Huon News and Huon FM
We regularly have feature stories about our school in the Huon News and every few weeks we have a radio interview on the local station, Huon FM.
Swimming Carnival – Some Important Changes
Please note that our Swimming Carnival will now be on Monday, March 4, at the Port Huon Swimming Pool. This year we would like to involve as many classes as possible. Please note:

- Grades Prep – Grade 2 will have their carnival from 9.30 – 10.30am. This will mainly include fun novelty events.
- Grades 3 – 6 will have their carnival from 11am – 2pm.

More information about this event will come home soon.

Your Support for Students with Allergic Reaction to Some Foods
We have a number of students with severe allergies to nuts, eggs, fish products and Kiwi fruit. To support these students we ask that your child’s lunchboxes DO NOT contain these types of food. We appreciate your on-going support with this.

Wearing Our School Uniform With Pride
It was an absolute pleasure to see the children at Sacred Heart looking fantastic in their school uniform yesterday. Many of the children are wearing the new uniform that not only looks wonderful, but is more practical given what our children do at school in this day and age. Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing their full school uniform each day.

Specialist Lessons
Our Specialist lessons include Spanish, Music, PE and Library. Spanish and Library will take place on a Monday with Music and PE happening on a Thursday. All students are to be in their sports uniform on a Thursday, so they can participate fully in PE classes.

Mobile Phones at School
Is there an important reason for your son or daughter having a mobile phone at school? If there is, then I ask that parents write to me seeking permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school providing the reason for this request. If there is not a good reason, then I ask that mobile phones be left at home.

Decommissioning of St Mary’s Catholic Church at Franklin
This coming Sunday, Archbishop Adrian Doyle will decommission St Mary’s Catholic Church at Franklin. This will be the last time that Mass will be celebrated there and families in our school and parish are very welcome to come along. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am. Following Mass there will be a picnic/BBQ at the park across the road from St Mary’s Church. Families are asked to bring their own food requirements.

School Canteen
Our school canteen will open from next Wednesday, February 13 and is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Special thanks to our Canteen Manager, Mrs Mandy Geeves who is working hard to have everything ready for next week.

Car Park Safety
If you are dropping off/picking up your child at/from school, we ask that you park your car and walk your child into the school yard of a morning and also come into the school yard to collect them at the end of the day.

Turning Circle
Parents can also drop their child/ren off at the new turning circle as long as they have their school bag with them in the car to avoid delays. As you can appreciate, from 8.30am onwards, the turning circle is very busy with our school buses coming in.

Important Notices and Forms Coming Home
Over the next week, there will be a number of forms/permission slips and other notices that will be sent home for parents/caregivers to read and in some cases complete/return to school. We ask that you attend to this as soon as possible.

Huon Highway, Geeveston, Tas, 7116, Ph 62971313, Fax 62971990
shg@catholic.tas.edu.au
Public Holiday
A reminder that this Monday 11th February is a public holiday for Hobart Regatta.

Office Routines
If you child is unwell and unable to attend school, we ask that you notify our school office by 9.15am.

School diaries were handed out to all students this week. This diary is the main form of communication between home and school, particularly regarding information related to changed to bus arrangements.

We have a new procedure for students that are picked up by family members before the end of the school day. Parents are required to report to the school office and complete a slip that will be handed to your child’s teacher when you take them from the classroom. This small but important procedure will ensure clear lines of communication between families, the office and the classroom teachers.

School Hats
Students are required to wear their hats in the playground during Term 1. Please ensure hats are at school at all times.

Have a great week,

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Principal

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### Dates for your Diary

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**Bus Arrangements**

Could parents please write in their child’s diary which bus they catch and any changes to the pick up routine.
A huge thank you for the fantastic support we received last year for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotional Program. Our new resources have now been delivered to the school.

Through the great support of families a massive amount of sticker sheets were deposited in the collection box. The program has supplied us with 45,000 points, (approximately $3,500 worth of resources).

With this volume of points it was decided the most beneficial use would be on classroom items that are used regularly (colour card/cartridge paper, etc) and new sets of home readers, with these going straight into classes where the children can get full benefit immediately throughout the school.

If anyone has a spare hour to volunteer to help contact our new readers please contact Ellice in the office.
Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back as another school year gets underway.
Well done for the effort parents and children put into banking in 2012.

Just a few things to remember:

• In 2013 banking will be processed on a Thursday. While you can send your book in on any day it will be returned to you via the blue class envelope on a Thursday afternoon.

• Your children's bankbook is actually a 'receipt". We require parents and children NOT to write in these at all.

• This means not entering the amount to be banked etc, or any crossing out or changes.

• These are to be made by the school banking officer or CDF staff only.

• If names and/or addresses need to be altered please ask at the school office for the appropriate form and complete as required.

Thank you

Maree McQueen
Student Banking Officer
SHCSG

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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 on a small hire bases.

Tuition available in Jazz, hip-hop, tap, classical ballet and song & dance.

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PRODUCT RECALL ON ASTHMA PUFFERS

There has been a voluntary recall of some batches of asthma inhalers. This is due to a fault in some inhalers’ mechanisms. When pressed, they may not deliver a full dose of medication.

Which puffers are affected?
Only Ventolin and Asmol are the subject of the recall and only the following batches:
  - Ventolin: KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179
  - Asmol: KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

How to find the batch number: Remove the canister from its grey tube and you will reveal the batch number (along with its use-by date) on the canister label.

What do we do if you have one of the affected puffers?
Simply go to any pharmacy (it might be a good idea to take this letter along) and new medication will be supplied on the spot, free of charge.

More information
Visit the Therapeutic Goods Administration at
Or call me at the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462).

Asthma Aware

As part of our ongoing commitment as an Asthma Aware school we would like to inform families of a free helpline to assist those who deal with this condition.

Please call 1800 asthma Mon – Fri. 9 to 5 if you have any questions regarding lifestyle or Asthma in general.