Disillusionment to Maturity

Often young children think their parents know everything. Often adolescents think their parents know nothing. The first illusion helps with coping with the complexity of the world, while the second helps with exploration of the world. Both illusions are grown out as maturity occurs. If we look back on our own growing up we can see that, largely, it is a series of disillusionments. Indeed, it is a useful and interesting exercise to look back on your life and name the illusions that you have been disillusioned out of. Taking the example above, we eventually discover that our parents are complex human beings and we learn to love them like that.

There is no question that the Church is going through at time of challenge. Many of us are disillusioned with things that have happened within the Church – especially things done by people who should have known better and in whom we have trusted. In the past the tendency was to treat the clergy as though they knew everything. Recent events have cleared most of us of that illusion. But one illusion that seems still be prevalent within the media is the tendency to equate the Church with the clergy, especially the hierarchy. The clergy, the hierarchy, can be seen as professionals whose life's calling is to serve the Church. But the Church itself is us, each of us. The youngest newly baptised child is no more a Catholic than the pope. Each have different callings but both share in the radical life of God, which is our claim to membership of the Church. At this time, when the media is focussing on what is happening in Rome, it is a good idea to realise that the Church is just as alive in our little patch of the world. Whether we are in the backblocks of Tassie, NT or Qld, we are each called to radiate the life of Christ as much as those cardinals.

And one other thing – don’t think those cardinals are remote from us. We can help and influence them by our prayer.

Loving God, be with each and every one of us who are your Church. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may grow up into the mature love of Jesus Christ. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Dates for your Diary

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EXCURSIONS AT SACRED HEART
Excurions are an interesting and exciting way to really engage children in their learning and what better way than to experience something first hand. Over the last couple of weeks Grade 3 have visited Narryna, a historic house in Battery Point, St David’s Park and last week they explored the beauty of the Hartz Mountains. This week, Grades 1 and 2 will visit Port Huon and Franklin to experience art outdoors as part of their “Our Neck of the Woods” integrated unit.

AUSSIE SPORTS LEADERS
Last week our Aussie Sports Leaders from Grade 6 worked with Miss Longey on ways in which they will show leadership in sport at Sacred Heart. From this week they will assist with games and activities on the playground, particularly with the younger classes. I’m sure they will do an excellent job!

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR ABORIGINAL CAMPSITE?
Over the past few weeks, Mr Leigh Oates has been working with our Aboriginal students constructing an Aboriginal campsite on our school property. They have built a bark hut, a windbreak and campfire. They have also learnt how to make spears and ochre for painting. This week they will be having an Aboriginal cook up at the campsite. This project is part of the Federal Government’s Investing in Focus Schools Program that Sacred Heart and St James Catholic College are a part of this year.

ABORIGINAL FAMILY CAMP THIS WEEKEND
This coming weekend, from Friday afternoon until Sunday, a number of our Aboriginal families will be taking part in a family camp at Murrayfield on Bruny Island. The camp will provide many great opportunities including a bushwalk, artwork, spear making and hut building to name but a few. I’m sure that everyone who attends will have an exciting time! Special thanks to Mrs Cate Doherty who has organised this wonderful experience for our families.

JUNIOR JOEYS AT SACRED HEART
Our Junior Joeys group is already underway for 2013. Last week they met with Mrs Eva Dunn, our Junior Joeys coordinator to discuss their plan for this year. Our Junior Joeys group will be working hard to keep the Josephite charism strong at Sacred Heart. I’m sure they will keep St Mary Mackillop’s famous saying, “Never see a need without doing something about it”, as a strong focus for this year.

SUPERJOEY AWARD
Every 2 weeks, the Junior Joeys will select a student who they consider to be an excellent role model at our school and someone who lives by following St Mary Mackillop’s motto. Our first SuperJoey of 2013 is Max Bradley from Grade 6. Max is a caring, friendly student who involves himself well in the life of our school. He is a very helpful member of our school community. Congratulations Max!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014
We are now accepting applications for Kindergarten places in 2014. If you have a child you wish to enrol, please contact our school office and they will send you out a school prospectus and application form. Interviews will take place early in Term 2.

FREE DRESS DAY LAST WEEK
Thank you to all families for supporting this day. The money raised will go towards purchasing Easter eggs for our P&F Easter Raffle.
RECONCILIATION
On Friday, 22 March, Fr Greg Barker will be running a Reconciliation Preparation Day for children in this parish who wish to receive this Sacrament. If your child is Catholic and you are keen for them to join in this Sacramental Program, please contact Fr Greg Barker on 6295 1239.

HOW ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER?
Most of our families are now having the newsletter emailed to them each week. Some have requested a paper copy to be sent home. There are a few families that have not advised us at all. If you have not let us know, can you please do so as soon as possible.

P&F MEETING
There is a P&F Meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the Staffroom.

Enjoy the coming week,

Luch Brighella
Principal

Merit Certificates

Chloe Buick: Making great contributions to our class discussion.
All of the year 3 class: Being wonderful, enthusiastic students on our excursion to Narryna Historic House.
Ellie Fraser-Marriott: Your improvement in handwriting and linking your letters.
Darcy Blazely: Your awesome efforts in “SQUIRT” time.
S: Sustained
Q: Quiet
U: Un
I: Interrupted
R: Reading
T: Time
Lily Biffin: Your efforts in handwriting.
Taylah Darwin: A huge and delightful improvement in talking respectfully to adults.
Jeremy Pavletich: His excellent effort in Information Report writing.
Caleb Burgess: His excellent effort in Information Report writing.
Jake Dowling: Having a go at the swimming carnival.
Campbell Scanlan: Fantastic writing in his work book.
Lilijana Bobbett: Her high standard of homework. Lilijana is thoughtful, generous and displays a real WEST spirit in and out of the class.
Thomas Shanley: Giving 100% to his work, his friends and others in our class. He is a real WEST person and a role model to others.
Bonnie Thorpe: Trying her best on hard tasks.
Charlotte Cox: Being a consistent SuPeR student.
PBS Update

PBS continues to be a great success with the students. Every week all students participate in a lesson, which explicitly teaches them how to be safe, positive and respectful in different places around the school. Over the last few weeks we have been concentrating on positive behaviour in the playground. This has included learning about playground boundaries, asking others to join in games, using encouraging words and being a good sport. We have seen some great examples of the students be SuPeR when they are playing outside. Well done everyone.

Kermandie Junior Football Club Training again Thursday 14th at 5pm (please note this will be the usual time for Training for all ages from now on unless the coach advises otherwise.) Also, please note as the season is getting very near we need to have teams registered all ready to go for season 2013. So if you know of anyone interested or someone who has not yet handed in registration forms, please do so by this Thursday 14th, once the roster is available we will get it out to you all!

Thankyou
“The Robins Nest”

Wanted

Adults interested in playing ‘fun’ netball on Thursday evenings at Port Huon Sports Centre.

Please contact Jo 0438353982
CCT Annual Footy Points Tickets

This year there will a few changes to the footy margin ticket fundraiser we do for CCT.

The winning ticket will come from the first game of the round (usually the Friday night game)

You will get all tickets for the year at once. If there is a draw the score is the winner ie Brisbane V Melbourne both score 95 ... that means whoever has the 95 card is the winner.

A season ticket will cost $28

Please fill in and return to the school office asap. We will need to secure at least 80 season ticket holders to run this.

Name: ...............................................................

Please send tickets home with ......................... in grade .........................

Enclosed is $ ..................................

Many thanks

Fiona and Trish
Juey Bazaar Inc.

fiona.donato4@bigpond.com.au (if any questions)

For the new families CCT is Cambodian Childrens Trust which is an orphanage Sacred Heart have been fundraising for since 2008. There is a link on the school web page with more information.
Speech Pathology Tasmania

Do you know a child
* whose speech is hard to understand?
* who has trouble following instructions?
* who has difficulty learning to read?

Speech Pathology Tasmania is continuing services in the Huon Valley region in 2013. Experienced and highly skilled speech pathologist, Natalie Leader, provides a regular service from Huonville LINC (Learning & Information Network Centre) on Skinner Drive, adjacent to Service Tasmania. Services are for children of all ages with problems in language, literacy, speech, fluency, voice and social skills.

Bookings and enquiries can be made on 6234 5717; or by emailing Donna at d.graus@spt.com.au

Medicare rebates may apply—please ask for information when booking your appointment.

Guitar lessons are $14.00 per half hour.

Mr Lowe will be starting guitar lessons from early as next week. Mr Lowe has had 17 years of experience in teaching guitar. Tim majored in classical guitar at the conservatorium of music. He can teach all styles and all levels of guitar playing, including Rock, Classical, Jazz and Flamenco.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tim on, 62641465 or mobile 0447322624, or via e-mail lowetj@utas.edu.au
Kids learn important lessons from their dads.
A recent study conducted by Galaxy Research found that three quarters of Australian dads nominated their father as the person from whom they learned their most important life skills.

Shaving, riding bikes, driving and changing tyres are the skills that men attributed to their dads.
At first glance these may not appear too startling but dig a little deeper and you find that they attribute vital lifelong success characteristics to their dads.

High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men directly attributed to their dads.

The results of the study show that dad is the ‘doing’ guy.
Mothers tend to interact with their kids differently. They are more verbal, more astute at developing interpersonal skills and more likely to reveal what is on their mind.

The language of fatherhood is about activity – dads teach many of their important lessons through activity.

Learning to be a good sport, to share and to work toward a goal are lessons that dads teach their kids in very hands-on ways.
The study also showed that it was through activity that men formed their relationships with their dads.
Playing, tinkering, building and pulling things apart are the modus operandi of many dads.

What do dads teach girls?

Dads teach girls fundamental lessons about interacting with males.
As my girls were growing up I wanted them to expect to be treated well and respectfully by males (both present and future) as well as having the confidence to be assertive.

That meant that I needed to treat my daughters kindly, while allowing them to speak up to me (in the nicest possible way) when needed.
Numerous studies have linked fathers with the healthy development of girls, including self-esteem and confidence.

Certainly dads should complement their daughters genuinely and persistently in adolescence when body image doubts are very common. But they also need to let their daughters grow away.

This is a challenge as dads tend to be protective of their daughters and hard on their sons.