Dear Parent/caregiver,

Brothers and Sisters.

Well, I was more than a little intrigued by the media interest in the papal election. Such coverage! At first, I was cynical – this was so easy for the journalists. There was scandal, uncertainty, arcane ritual, plenty of information on the internet and the people involved were ‘stationary’. But listening to people around the traps, I came to realise that there was more to this than just media titillation. Both from Catholics and non-Catholics there was a desire and a hope for a leader who could inspire and challenge us. Yes…and someone who could face the corruption and scandal. Maybe we are so tired of scandal in public life, that we really want some public institution that is free of such.

So what did we get? In those first words of Pope Francis (See http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-03-14/new-popes-first-words/4571974, they are well worth reading) we, his brothers and sisters, were invited to join him in prayer, for him, together with him in this journey of love and evangelisation. As he bowed to receive our prayer, I felt that this man deeply, genuinely, wants the support of our prayer. His leadership will not be done by him out in front, alone. It will be done by us – we face this challenge together. He wants us to be by his side praying for him…brother and sisters together.

Loving Father, we thank you for the election of Pope Francis. We hold him in prayer before you. Send us your Spirit that together we may strive to reveal the loving face of Jesus Christ to our world. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us. 

Sr Kym

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**Dates for your Diary**

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ABORIGINAL CAMP
Last weekend 6 of our school families attended the Aboriginal Family Camp at Murrayfield Station on Bruny Island. The camp went from Friday to Sunday and provided the opportunity for families to take part in a range of interesting activities. These included bushwalking, looking at penguins and mutton birds, art & craft and an interesting visit to the Grass Tree Forest to name but a few! I’m sure that all the families and children who attended had a great time. I am very grateful to teachers, Shae Longey, Anna Demarco and Ronita Barratt who attended the camp and helped make it a great experience for all who attended. In particular, I would like to thank and congratulate Cate Doherty for organising and running this wonderful camp for our families. I would also like to thank Leigh Oates from Wayraparatee who also attended and ran some great activities on the Saturday.

PLAYGROUP INVITATION
Last week we sent home a notice to all families inviting parents to join this program. We are hoping to start our Playgroup session after Easter. If you are interested, please send your reply form to the school office as soon as possible.

HOLY WEEK
This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. During this time we recall the events in the life of Jesus that led to his crucifixion. We remember the suffering that he endured for each and every one of us. Whilst there are many episodes in Holy Week that we recall with sadness, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord and the wonderful opportunity of new life that it provides us with. Please take the opportunities available to celebrate Holy Week within the Parish.

MONTHLY MASS THIS FRIDAY
Parents and family members are invited to our Monthly Mass this Friday 22 March. The Mass will commence at 9am in the school hall.

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.

REPRESENTATIVE SWIMMING CARNIVALS THIS WEEK
Congratulations to the children who will represent Sacred Heart at two swimming carnivals this week. These children will participate in the Huon and Channel carnival today and the Catholic Schools carnival on Thursday. Best wishes to all our competitors!
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten places in 2014. If you are interested in a position for your child, please contact our school office for an application form and prospectus.

WANTED JARS
If you have any clean smaller jars with lids that you don’t want, could you send them into Mr Brighella via the school office.

P&F NEWS
$2300 donation for PBS. At last week’s meeting, the P&F committee agreed to support the School wide Positive Behaviour Support Program at Sacred Heart by paying for the new PBS Banners and also PBS stickers. We are very grateful for this wonderful support.

Easter Raffle – Families are encouraged to sell their raffle tickets and return them to school as soon as possible. All tickets must be returned by next Tuesday, 26 March.

EASTER BREAK
Parents are advised that the Easter Break commences on Friday, 29 March and ends on Tuesday, 2 April. School resumes on Wednesday, 3 April.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Connor Soward from Grade 6 is taking part in this year’s World’s Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. Connor and his Dad, Trevor, will be taking part in this together. Connor will be colouring his hair as part of his commitment to this charity.

Please support Connor by sending along a small donation this Friday.

Enjoy the coming week,

Luch Brighella
Principal

Book club closes
Monday 25th March
Any orders after Monday won’t be accepted.

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PBS - A positive start to the day

Hopefully by now many of you would have seen the PBS banners at the front of our School. They say, 'At Sacred Heart we are Safe, Positive and Respectful'. We have carefully placed them at the entrance of the school so all children see these at the start of each day to remind them about the expectation of being SuPeR kids. If you drive your children to school it would be great to reinforce this as you drop them off.

We would like to thank the P&F for their generous help in purchasing these banners. We have SuPeR parents as well as SuPeR kids at Sacred Heart.

Cooking in Year 2

Every Thursday Year 2 in small groups take turns to cook with Mrs Fiona Donato. Year 2 are currently looking at procedural text and this is a fun way to put it into practice. By reading the ingredients and the method the students are reading a procedural text. So far they have made jelly and chocolate crackles!

A big thank you to Fiona for giving up her time to take the students and also to Greens for donating wooden spoons, aprons and chef hats.

Easter Ceremonies

Reconciliation 1st Rite March 22nd
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ranelagh from 7.00pm

Mass of the Oils March 26th
St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral 7.30pm

Holy Thursday (Washing of Feet) March 28th
St James Catholic Church 7.00pm

Good Friday March 29th
Stations of the Cross St Joseph’s, Geeveston Noon
Service St James Catholic Church, Cygnet 3.00pm

Easter Vigil March 30th
St James Catholic Church, Cygnet 6.00pm

Easter Sunday March 31st
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ranelagh 9.00am
St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Geeveston 11.00am

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Sacred Heart
Holy Week Celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Week is next week. Our classes are planning to celebrate, remember and reflect on Jesus’ and his friends journey through his last week before his crucifixion.

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On Wednesday 27th students will be taking part in Caritas cultural activities.

Students will be placed in mixed grade groups and participate in activities that relate to children’s games, activities, jobs and lifestyles of the countries that Caritas supports.

You are more than welcome to join us.

Go Lions! Ryan Kinder Grade 6/AP

REMINDER

We will be creating a coin line on Thursday 28th March with the money that we raise from our Caritas/Project Compassion Boxes distributed on Ash Wednesday.

Each child needs to return their Project Compassion box (hopefully full of loose change) on this date to win their class a prize.

What did Jesus mean...

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke 23:34

As a parent I’m starting to understand this more and more. In it’s simplest form this is asking us to show empathy to others. Does your child (however much they are annoying you) know that what they are doing is wrong? Is the neighbour cranking up the lawnmower interrupting your sleep in unaware of what he has done?

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:43

‘Good things happen to good people’ Jesus was talking to a thief that was crucified next to him, he saw Jesus as he was; a man and the Son of God. To me this says to stay true to the ‘Good News’ and the Gospel Values. Live the values and enjoy the rewards. Others will also see the goodness or Godness in you!

Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother

John 19:26

To me this isn’t a female/male thing, but being a caregiver and a comfort provider for someone. This happens quite a lot, brothers looking after sisters, daughters looking after fathers. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbours etc looking after each other. Being there for someone. It is living the Gospel, it is being a Walking God Moment.

Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? (My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?)

Mark 15:34

How often have we felt like this, sometimes everyday. A wise man at the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office, Dr Drasko Didzar shared the following with us: “You Are Loved!” No matter how desperate the situation, we are loved by God, no matter what!

There are times that we feel that it is us hanging on a cross in pain and alone through circumstances beyond our control. It is easier said than done, but “You are loved!” Let’s look out for those in need, to make life easier for them. Become the face of Jesus for someone else.

I am thirsty

John 19:28

This isn’t a hint to your mate when you’re out on the town and it’s his shout! But the theme is the same. If someone is in need, what can you do to make their life easier. It has been scientifically proven that being a giver we make ourselves happier. If someone is in need, let’s give them what they need. At the moment our students are living this through Junior Joeys, being SuPeR and Project Compassion. They are quenching the thirst or needs of those who are struggling.

It is finished

John 19:30

For Jesus, his time on earth was nearing an end, until Easter Sunday. For us still alive and kicking today it isn’t finished just yet. But at the end of a day just before you have finished for the night, stop reflect and think about the ‘God Moments’ you had. Were you switched on enough to recognise them?

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

Luke 23:46

Although Jesus last words before he died, when I think of this quote I can see it as a positive. As a call to align your values to becoming a God Moment for someone else. It’s not about preaching, evangelising or door knocking but rather to make that effort to consciously follow the Gospel Values. Be a Walking God Moment for others, as one of our students said:

“Although Jesus isn’t on earth any more, he lives through us”
Sacred Heart Catholic School

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The school is currently accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2014

• A family environment where parents, staff and the community work as a team to promote the spiritual, personal and academic growth of each child

• Situated on 10 acres of beautiful bushland

• Full three day Kindergarten program

• 21st Century learning spaces (Kinder to 6)

• Fully integrated ICT programs (1 laptop/iPad per 2 students)

• Serviced by 5 buses: *Lucaston, *Mt River, *Judbury, Geeveston and Dover

• Specialist staff in the areas of Music, Dance, Spanish, PE, Library and Outdoor Education (camps Gr 2-6)

• Onsite school counselling and comprehensive learning support programs and structures

“We invite you to arrange a tour of our school, to meet our friendly staff and students, and experience our wonderful learning environment”

Please contact the school office on 6297 1313 for an information pack or to make an appointment to meet the Principal Mr Luch Brighella

* These are free buses services owned and operated by the school. Bus drivers are members of staff.

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In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian Schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2013 with all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national test in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the type of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2013 are Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the while range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Year 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2011.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

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**Starts this FRIDAY Night!! Still have 40 tickets to sell!!**

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

The way the tickets work are that who ever plays the first game for the round (usually the Friday night game) that is the game we use. The score difference is the “points margin” and who ever has that card for the round wins $50. The remaining $50 is donated to CCT.

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 who ever has the 95 card is the winner.

A season ticket will cost $28

Please fill in and return to office by Thursday 21st March. 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.
Kermandie Junior Football Club - Players needed
Boys and Girls Needed for our up coming season. Training has commenced on Thursday’s at 5pm. We have 4 teams heading into season 2013 and we need you to come and join the fun! Please call Sammy on 0407808012 if you have any enquires. Hope to see you there!

AUSKICK for Kermandie Junior Football club:
Helpers needed; Auskick will commence on Thursday 11th April. Please Contact Sammy 0407808012

Juey Bazaar
50% off Sale
All stock has been reduced by 50%
Until 31st March, 2013
Recycled clothes, shoes, books, toys + more

Find us at:
Southern Design Centre
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GEEVESTON
Open everyday!!
All funds support Cambodian Childrens Trust

Focus on Franklin 2013 Saturday 23rd March
Free day of activities. Kites, horses, pony rides, boats, food, Apple race, music, footy, Scouts, Guides & fairy floss. 5.00pm FREE BUSH DANCE ON THE Oval Lantern parade and pit boats on the river afterwards.
FREE Glow sticks

FINAL CALL: World Youth Day Rio!
This is your last chance to join with an intimate group of young Tasmanian adults as we journey to Rio de Janeiro for the largest and most vibrant celebration of young people in the world! This is the most unique WYD experience yet with an opportunity to partake in mission whilst being hosted by a parish in an impoverished part of Santiago, Chile. Our pilgrimage departs 13th July, 2013 and you must be aged 18 – 35 as at departure date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 26TH MARCH. For all your information and to obtain an application pack go to: www.wydtas.org.au or contact Rachelle Smith at Catholic Youth Ministry on rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368