Dear Parent/caregiver,

A death-defying attitude.

In the following sentence fill in the space with what is important to you in your life: “The death of . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . begins with a lack of listening.” Too true, isn’t it? The original sentence by Dietrich Bonhoeffer read “The death of the spiritual life begins with a lack of listening.” But, as you can see from the exercise above, ‘listening’ is just as crucial to married life, friendship, education, love, health…even to being able to play sport well. An excellent teacher I know says that ‘listening to reading’ is the best thing parents can do to further the education of young children – read to them so they listen, listen to them read. True listening is an attitude of openness to our own selves and then to the other or the occupation we are about to do. It involves respect and a certain awe. We have to listen to how we are and be in tune with ourselves… then to how the other is. Yes, this may seem a bit touchy, feely or even complicated, but think of what happens when we don’t do this – blundering in with our moods, taking no notice of what is happening, ignoring the needs of the other. Big relationship mess. We’ve been there, done that…and paid the price for months. But imagine coming home from work, taking a moment to recognise how you are, then stepping in the door and taking note of how your loved ones are. You will treat yourself and them differently.

Over and over in the Scriptures, God and Jesus invite us to listen. This is not just so we will be obedient to what they have to say. No, we are made to relate to God, to others and to our world in respect and love…and to do that we have to begin by listening.

Loving God, send me your Spirit that I may listen, in wisdom and love, to my family and friends, in my work and play, to myself and to your Son, Jesus. I ask this in his name confident that you will listen to me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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**Dates for your Diary**

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SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Yesterday we had a very successful swimming carnival at the Port Huon Aquatic Centre. Children from Prep to Grade 2 participated really well in a range of fun activities that included kickboard and noodle races across the pool. They also had great fun with the treasure hunt activity. Everyone had lots of fun and participated really well.

The Grade 3 – 6 carnival commenced at 11am and included 25 and 50 metre events in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. It was great to see so many children having a go and really doing well. 25 metre relay events were a highlight of the day. We also included kickboard and noodle races along with the traditional “late for school race” for the Grade 6 children.

Special thanks to staff members and parents who helped to make the day such a great success. Congratulations to Miss Shae Longey who organised this year’s carnival. Well done to Josh, Bailey, Hailee, Max, Lilijana and Tara, our Grade 6 leaders who were a fantastic help on the day.

SWIM CARNIVAL RESULTS
Hartz 639
Picton 562.
Congratulations to both teams!

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.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW
Grade 5&6 will host tomorrow’s assembly. The assembly will commence at around 2.15pm in the school hall. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL FEES
Invoices for our 2013 school fees will be issued this week. Fees can be paid:

• In person
• By direct debit / credit card / via Centrelink
• In cash or by cheque
• Weekly, monthly or each term

There is a 5% discount if the total fee is paid in full before the end of March. Please remember that the School Board is very conscious that it is a difficult time at the moment for families in our community. We do not want to place any extra stress on families. Please contact me if there are any issues or concerns regarding fees.
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

AGM
Our Annual General Meeting was held at the school last week and I am pleased to announce our office bearers for 2013 and wish them all the best for a successful year.

President  Mrs Narelle Gane
Vice-President Mrs Angela Cross
Secretary  Mrs Karan Spilling
Treasurer  Mrs Kate Greaves

WELCOME BBQ
Thanks to all who attended our Welcome BBQ last Friday evening. It was a great opportunity to come together, share a meal and have some fun. Special thanks to the P&F association who sponsored this event.

EASTER RAFFLE
The P&F Association are running an Easter Raffle with many baskets of eggs as prizes. Tickets are being sent home with your child today. Please support the P&F by selling all tickets provided and returning the money and tickets by 26 March. Additional books are available from the school office.

EASTER BASKETS – If you have a basket suitable for our Easter Egg Raffle, please send them in to the school office.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL – Donation of mugs are needed for gifts on this stall.

HOW ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER?
Most of our families are now having the newsletter emailed 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 the office know, can you please do so as soon as possible.

Enjoy the coming week,

Luch Brighella
Principal

KERMANDIE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB. REGISTRATION & TRAINING RUN. THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 5PM CLUBROOMS.

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Grade Three visit Narryna

Last Wednesday the Grade 3s went to Hobart to go to Narryna, an old house. We have been learning about significant sites. This means an important piece of land or place. The house is about 170 years old. The house was built by Captain Haigh. He used to be a sailor. We learnt about how people lived in the 1800s. We learnt that boys wore dresses until they were seven years old. They had lots of toys in the nursery, like dolls, doll’s house, puzzles, tea sets and building blocks. We also learnt that women wore really tight dresses. There was a trap door in all the downstairs rooms so people could escape from robbers. We had lots of fun at Narryna.

Charlotte Francis & Lilli Steele
Grade 3
CCT Annual Footy Points Tickets

This year there will be 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 webpage with more information.
Hi kids, parents and teachers at Sacred Heart School.

My name is Ea. I’m the youth worker in Geeveston Community Centre. (GeCo). I want you to know, that you are always are welcome to drop in after school for a chat or a game. For out of house activities you have to fill in a form. You can get it from the school office or from GeCo. I’m at GeCo: Mon –Wed: 10 -16.30.

Mondays afternoons we are cooking for lunch boxes:
Tuesdays we will go to Port Huon and have fun in the pool.
Bring bathers, towel and $2

I’m open for counselling by appointment for kids and youth between 10-24 years and you can get an anonymous talk over the phone any time.
This is an opportunity to talk about things that affect you, with a neutral person.

See you
Ea.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in supporting families in your community?
Training for Volunteer Community Parents is set to begin again very shortly.
Good Beginnings Australia volunteer Community Parents are parents themselves coming from all walks of life, who have been trained as Community Parents. As a part of the Huon Valley Volunteer Family Support Program, Community Parents visit families in their homes to:
- lend a listening ear, offering friendship and companionship
- provide practical support and assist families connect with resources in their community
- offer reassurance about the things parents are doing within their families, helping them to become more confident in their parenting role and much more.

If you are a parent and would like to join us in this incredibly rewarding volunteer role…please contact Nicole Watt from Good Beginnings on 0407 032 375 or via email at nicole.watt@goodbeginnings.org.au for more information.

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

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email: shg@catholic.tas.edu.au Twitter Handle: @SHCSGeeston
Our first Huon Valley PCYC Kids Night Out for 2013 will be held on the 8th March

From 6:30pm to 10:30pm
(Children can be picked up prior to 10:30pm)
Ages 5-12

Give your kids a chance to play with their friends outside of school in a safe and friendly environment. Not only that parents get some alone time on a Friday night!

Drop your kids off at the PCYC and we will entertain them for 4 whole hours!

But how? We open our fun factory for the kids to play in, we play games in the cricket nets and basketball court before the lights go off and transform the courts into a dance floor for our Kids Night Out Disco! We also have a chill-out area for kids to watch movies, colour in and play the Xbox 360!

You don’t need to worry about feeding your children before they come! We will provide a BBQ, Drink and ice cream! One less thing to stress about right?

For $10 members and $15 non members it’s the cheapest form baby-sitting around and your kids will love it!

To book your child in you can either come in and see us at the PCYC or call us on 6264 6100!