Facing Challenges

Last week I had to have an abscess on my face lanced. Did it hurt? Yes. Was I stressed? No. As I lay waiting in the surgery I was thinking about next Sunday’s Gospel where the Risen Jesus appears to his disciple wishing them ‘Peace’ and showing them his wounds. Peace, wounds? That isn’t a combination that we tend to hold together. But as I was waiting it struck me that I wasn’t stressed because I knew that the procedure that was to be done on my face would be for the best. I could face the pain because it was for my long term good. The alternative, doing nothing, would have stressed me – it was also an unrealistic option – and given me more pain, and probably scarring.

Stress often comes from having unrealistic expectations. If we think that we shouldn’t have challenges in marriage, that children shouldn’t be as demanding as they are, that we should always be treated fairly, that we should always be well, we are doomed to lives of unhappiness and stress. But if we take the attitude that life can be difficult and challenging but with God on our side, we can find grace in any situation. We may even find we can ‘go with the flow’ and be more relaxed and creative on our responses.

Those wounds of Jesus’ are important – he still bears the cost of loving. Loving does hurt and being faithful can wound us just as it can fulfil us. In showing his wounds, with the greeting of peace, Jesus was saying that the challenges and difficulties of love are worth it in the long run. We need to keep that vision in mind when we are going through the mill, experiencing our own crosses in life.

Dates for your Diary

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Loving Father, in the Risen Jesus you show the power of your love transforming sin and death into grace and life. Come into the dark and difficult places of our lives with that power and love. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

EASTER LITURGY
Yesterday, our Grade 5/6 students led our school in prayer at our Easter Liturgy. During Holy Week, our focus was on the events that lead to Jesus’ crucifixion and the suffering that he endured for each of us. Yesterday’s liturgy focussed on the joy and excitement around Jesus’ Resurrection. We also reflected on what this means for us today; an opportunity for each of us to look within ourselves and see where we can improve and be more positive! A chance for each of us to start afresh and have a new life.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS WITH OUR SCHOOL iPAD PROGRAM
After the successful trial of one to one devices with our Grade 6 class in 2012 we are pleased to announce the following developments and new initiatives:

All Grade 5/6 students will receive their own personal iPad to support the school curriculum from the beginning of Term 2. The students will be entrusted with their own personal device to use both at home and at school to further assist their learning. The school has purchased these iPads and there has been no additional costs to parents.

All other classes will also benefit with additional iPads added to their existing supplies giving all our students across the school greater access to technology.

We are also improving our school infrastructure to support the increased number of computers and iPads.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – TUESDAY, 16 APRIL
Thank you to the many parents who have returned their reply forms. Parent Teacher meeting appointment times will be sent home early next week. These meetings are compulsory attendance. If you have not returned the form, we ask that you do so by tomorrow.

GRADE 3 CAMP
Today our Grade 3 class head to Judbury for their 2 day camp. The children are very excited and keen to participate in this exciting experience. I’m sure they will return home tired, but excited from the great activities and experiences they will participate in.

CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING
Next Monday, 8 April we are running a parent evening on Cyber Safety. The session runs from 6 – 7.30pm. We are fortunate to have secured this government-sponsored program and I strongly encourage parents to attend. Separate notices have been sent home to all families.

SCHOOL FEES
We apologise for the late issue of the school fee statements last week. We normally send them home earlier in the month; however, printing problems with our new copier brought about the delay. Please note the following:
- 5% discount for full payment by end of March has now been extended to the end of Term 1 holidays; Friday, 3 May.
- 5% discount equates to $50 discount per child.

Our April statement will be issued next week.
MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL
Parents are advised that students at our school are not permitted to have a mobile phone at school unless approval has been granted by the Principal. If you feel that there is a really important need for your child to bring a mobile to school, then a letter of request should be sent to the Principal.

STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
A reminder to all parents that student attendance at school is a government requirement for all children in Australia. I seek your support with the following:

1. If your child is not attending school because they are unwell, it is your responsibility to phone the school before 9.15am and let us know.
2. If your child will not be at school because of a family holiday, you need to write to the Principal advising us of this.
3. Late arrival at school is not fair on your child, the teacher and the other children in the class. We expect your child to arrive at school before the bell goes at the start of the day.

NEXT P&F MEETING is on Tuesday, 16 April commencing at 9.15am in the staffroom. All parents are welcome at our P&F meetings. Are you a new parent? Why not come along? It’s a great way to meet other parents.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED
With 2 board members retiring, we are seeking some new Board members. Are you interested? Do you know someone who may be interested? If so, please let Mr Brighella know via the school office.

PLAYGROUP STARTS SOON
Our playgroup session will commence on Monday, 15 April. The session will run from 9.30 – 11am in the Kinder classroom. Many thanks to parents, Ellie Doyle and Angela El-Tahche, who have kindly offered to be coordinators for our playgroup program.
STUDENT ENROLMENTS AT SACRED HEART

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. We already have 20 applications for Kinder in 2014 and enrolment interviews will take place soon.

ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR
We still have some positions available in a number of grades. If you are interested in a tour or an application package, please contact our school office.

GEEVESTON FUN DAY – THIS SATURDAY
This Saturday, Sacred Heart will be setting up a stall at this event. We will be running a sponge throw competition and a face-painting stall. Come along, support the community and our school and also have some fun!

WOOLLIES EARN & LEARN
From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including Mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

Enjoy the coming week,

Luch Brighella
Principal
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Please Donate
We need more plastic lids and bread clips. Please bring them to the office and place in the bucket.

Sacrament Program Preparation Days
Confirmation: 17th April
Eucharist: 24th May

Enrolments via the wesite: hvcp.org.au

Confirmation 2013: The Archbishop will be in the Parish the 1st and 2nd of June 2013 to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist.

WHAT DOES 1 MILLION LOOK LIKE?

This is how we record the amount we have. At the moment we have 118 lids and 75 clips and it is easy to see how many clips and lids we have.

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Merit Certificates

Oakley Baldwin: Doing a great job looking after the plants in Kinder.

Gabriel Gilley: Using his words to ask an adult for help.

Lilly Longfield: Always helping her team at pack up time.

Georgie Burgess: Always being ready to listen and learn during mat time.

Jack Halton: Contributing in group activities.

Sebastian Cross: Helping others understanding letters and sounds.

Sophie Burgess: Her caring and kind ways towards all members of our learning team. SuPeR Sophie!

Milo Burgess: Sharing his awesome ideas during class discussions. Great work Milo!

Olivia Peatling: Working super hard during our persuasive writing. Great thinking Olivia!

Sophee Riley: Her amazing effort in Literacy.

Kyesha-Anne Carter: Her consistent positive attitude in her classwork and to her peers.

Olivia Bittner: Contributing to the class challenge on our blog.

Ellie Fraser – Marriott: Contributing to the class challenge on our blog.

Holly Kennedy: Great independent work on her history project.

Monique Burgess: Great independent work on her history project.

Max Bradley: His consistent efforts in his schoolwork, his fantastic leadership and WEST outlook on life! A real role model!

Jennifer Pittam: Her wonderful enthusiasm and dedication to her learning. Jenni sets a beautiful example to not only our class but the whole school.
Huon Valley PCYC Kids Night Out will be held on the 12th April

From 6:30pm to 10:30pm
(No earlier that 6:30pm, Children must 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 62 643 100.
Vacation Care Program April 2013

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