Dear Parent/caregiver,

Welcome to Term 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic School. We hope that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend some quality family time over the break. This term has begun well with our students arriving with a smile on their face and looking wonderful in their school uniforms. My very best wishes for an interesting, challenging and exciting term ahead.

A Prayer for Mothers

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

• who care for us when we are upset or disappointed
• who comfort us when we are hurt
• whose love and care we sometimes take for granted.

Today we pray for those:

• who are grieving the loss of their mother,
• who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love
• families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings and keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

AMEN

This coming Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day and we take the opportunity to thank our mums for all the wonderful, kind things that they do for us each day. I hope that all mothers in our school community have a very special day.
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STAFFING
This week we welcome Mrs Kate Greaves to our staff at Sacred Heart. Kate will be working as a Teacher Assistant through till the end of the year. We wish Kate all the best as she commences in her new role.

ANZAC DAY THANKS
Anzac Day fell during the school holidays this year. We had quite a number of staff, students and family members attend Anzac services in Dover, Geeveston and Huonville. We had a number of students who carried out official duties; presenting wreaths and doing readings. It was great to see our students wearing their school uniform and representing our school so well. Special thanks to all who attended and in particular, to Mrs Maree McQueen, who coordinated our participation and to Mrs Trudy Short who made up 3 beautiful floral wreaths to lay at the cenotaphs.

NAPLAN TESTING FOR GRADES 3 & 5 STUDENTS NEXT WEEK
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to:
http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

PLAYGROUP
This week playgroup resumed at Sacred Heart. A reminder that playgroup will run every Monday from 9.30 – 11am for the remainder of the year. Playgroup takes place in the Kinder classroom.

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WOOLIES EARN & LEARN
Thank you to families who have already sent in sticker sheets to school. Please continue to support our school with this program.

GRADE 5/6 iPAD PROGRAM
This week we will begin to roll out ipads to all Grade 5/6 students. Over the next 4 weeks, the students will be introduced to the ipads and the programs we will be using this year. During that time, ipads will only be used at school. Parents will be asked to support the ipad program by attending 2 important sessions where details of the program will be discussed. After the initial 4 week period, students will take full responsibility of their own ipad and will be able to use them responsibly both at home and school. This technology will greatly support our educational program. The Grade 5/6 ipad program will be funded by the school this year.

PARENTING IDEAS NEWSLETTER
Each newsletter will now include a Parenting Ideas Newsletter from Michael Gross. These newsletters provide great advise, ideas and information on a wide range of topics.

NO HATS TERM 2 & 3
During the next 2 terms, hats are not worn at recess/lunchtime breaks. During the colder Winter months UV rays are less of an issue and it is really important to take advantage of Vitamin D which naturally comes from the sun and is very beneficial at this time of year. Hats can remain at home ready for use again in Term 4.

MOTHER’S DAY GIFT STALL THIS WEEK
Parents and children are reminded that the P&F Association will be selling gifts from their Mothers’ Day stall tomorrow and Thursday at 10am. If your child is interested in buying a gift, please ensure that they bring some money along today or tomorrow. Lots of great gifts will be available!

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Lilli Steele from Grade 3 is taking part in this year’s Mother’s Day Classic Event to raise money for Cancer research. To raise some money, Lilli and some friends will be running a special raffle. There are lots of great prizes. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1. Tickets will be on sale at the Mother’s Day Gift stall.

GRADE 5/6 FOOTBALL & NETBALL ROUND ROBIN
This coming Friday, our Grade 5/6 children will have the opportunity to represent our school at the Catholic Schools football and netball carnivals. We have one football and 2 netball teams participating.

Best wishes for a successful day at these events.

Reheating foods at school
Parents are reminded that food cannot be reheated at school. Students can bring along warm food and drinks in a thermos.

Enjoy the coming week,
Luch Brighella
Principal

Dates for your Diary

- Wed 8th - Thurs 9th May  Mother’s Day Stall
- Fri 10th May          Gr 5/6 Footy/Netball Round Robin Day
- Tues 14th - Thurs 16th May  Naplan Gr 3 & 5
- Wed 15th May         Assembly 2:15pm Gr 3/4 Hosting
- Fri 17th May         Junior Joeys Disco 1.45pm

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80s fashion Disco.
Run by the Junior Joeys of
Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!!

Snacks & Drinks
Dancing displays by all classes

Gold coin conga line
Great DJs

Cake stall & Novelties

Entry: by Donation

Come and have fun
support children’s centre in
Mozambique run by Caritas
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL P&F
MOTHER’S DAY STALL WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY 8TH & THURSDAY 9TH MAY
BRING YOUR MONEY & GRAB A GIFT FOR
YOUR LOVED ONES.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Lilli Steele from Grade 3 will be entering this year’s Mother’s Day Classic walking 4km to raise funds for cancer research. Lilli has been in training with her mum and on the day she will be walking with a very special family friend who has survived breast cancer recently.

To raise money, Lilli will be running a Mothers’ Day Raffle at school

TICKETS - 50c each / 3 for $1

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES THAT MUMS WILL LOVE

TICKETS ON SALE DAILY THIS WEEK

LILLI WILL BE SELLING TICKETS AT THE MOTHERS’ DAY GIFT STALL SO BRING SOME EXTRA MONEY ALONG TO BUY SOME TICKETS

RAFFLE DRAWN FRIDAY, 10 MAY
A Huon Catholic Schools Initiative

BEYOND HOME READERS

29th May 6pm to 7.30pm
Practical Tips For Parents
Huon Link
Huonville

30th May 10am to 12pm
Build Reading Confidence

BUILDING PASSIONATE READERS
Contact St James or Sacred Heart Schools to Register
Sometimes parents get drawn into sibling disputes when they don’t involve them. Parents become embroiled in the conflict and help create the problem rather than solve it. Children usually become quite adept at drawing their parents into disputes between siblings. Parents need to be aware of the following:

1. **Beware the teller of tales because they can draw you into disputes you don’t need to be in.**
   “Tell Tale children” tend to involve parents in fights and disputes when they don’t need to be. Tales also invite parents to take sides, which may mean a fight stops momentarily. However it will begin again at another time as there may be lingering resentment about you taking sides.

2. **Beware the blame gamers for it is never, ever their fault!**
   Some children will blame other siblings for wrong-doing but will rarely see their side in a dispute. It usually takes two or three to tango so make sure you point out their place in the dispute.

3. **Beware the tantrum-throwers as they divert attention away from themselves.**
   Kids who throw a ‘wobbly’ when a sibling even looks at them in the wrong way have discovered a great way to keep mum or dad busy with them.

4. **Beware of children’s tears as they can make us feel pity rather than look at the whole story.**
   A child who comes to you with tears in her eyes and a tale of woe sure knows how to get their parents onside. Tears usually gain sympathy but sometimes the person who cries the loudest is the child who caused the dispute in the first place.

5. **Beware of children who say that they couldn’t help hitting, hurting or misbehaving.**
   Children always have a choice. They just choose the easy way or a way that suits them a lot of the time.

6. **Beware of the child who is always, always the victim. Sometimes they revel in this role.**
   Some children, particularly youngest kids, love to play the victim in fights and arguments with their siblings. “He always picks on me” is their catchcry. Don’t give these children too much attention and give them some options about how they can keep away from their siblings if things look likely to ‘cut up rough’.

7. **Beware of the child who acts like the deputy sheriff, always giving orders and bossing others around.**
   They can make life unpleasant at home. First born boys can sometimes act like a parent’s deputy and believe it is their job to keep peace on the ‘family range’. They often use methods more akin to the ‘wild west’ than those they would learn in a negotiation skills workshop. Aggression and power is their preferred methodology. Keep a firm eye on these kids and don’t put them in charge of the ‘family range’ too often.

8. **Beware the donkey who whines and whinges about his siblings – “Hee Hawlways picks on me!”**
   Give them some ideas about how to deal with their siblings and refuse to drawn by incessant whining. Like water torture, whining wears a person down after a while.

9. **Beware children who bring home poor attitudes and behaviours that they learned at school or pre school.**
   You can tell sometimes what is happening in the schoolyard as children can bring home poor conflict resolution skills that they see in the schoolyard. ‘We treat each other well in this family’ is the message!

10. **Beware of the home environment that uses power to resolve disputes and conflict.**
    Children will often reflect the ways that the significant adults in their family resolve conflict so make sure you use the same methods to sort out issues and disagreements with your partner that you want your children to adopt. Children tend to live what they see so make sure they see conciliation and compromise rather than bullying and power. It helps if they see assertiveness rather than aggression. And make sure they see you looking at both sides of the picture rather than your side all the time in disputes.

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Alcohol and Smoke Free Event
6297002 or 049892247

Please contactleigh at the Warrenprete Child and Family Centre on

Fairy Floss

Car

Race Painting

Cupcakes, Cakes

Ice-Cream

Live Music

Prizes for winners of each category in the community judging competition.

Medals for winners in each race category.

Children, Adult, and local businesses race categories.

Heaters must be worn by all competitors, no exceptions.

Entry forms are available at various outlets around Geelong and at the

10:30am—2:30pm

Sunday 19th May 2013

Family Fun Event

Billycart Derby

Billycart Building Workshops

Design and colour scheme.

From this to this with your own imagination on

a cart please bring it along;

wheels, paint, brushes and anything else that can be used to build.

We will supply some of the materials but if you have timber,

cart Derby on Sunday 19th May.

and design, build and decorate your billycart ready for the billycart-

If you are interested in building a billycart come along on the 19th

BBQ lunch included

When: Saturday 18th May between 10:30am and 2:00pm

Where: 4879 Hoon Highway Geelong

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Entry forms are available at various outlets around Geelong and at the