Seasons of Life

One of my brothers has taken up growing his own veggies. It has given him great joy and satisfaction. No matter how dark it is when he gets home from work he goes out and checks his plants. Lately, he poured out his concern that they haven’t been growing as well as before. It is winter. And when I pointed this out to him it didn’t stop him being disappointed.

This sounds so trivial but it highlights two things in our experience that can influence strongly how we feel. One, there are times and seasons for growth in our lives. We are not machines. We don’t go on and on, on an even keel, all the time. With our health, in our relationships, in our growth in any area, we have growing seasons and we have seasons when nothing seems to be happening...that we know of. I call those times the winter times and to a large extent we just have to live through them.

Which leads to the second aspect of this experience. We want things our way and even things as small as our veggie patch not producing to our standards can put us off. Much as we would like to be, we are not God in our world. Something as simple and as inexorable as the passing seasons upsetting our gardening dreams can teach us that. If we have to adapt and respond to things as they really are in the veggie patch, how much more in our relationships, in our health and in our family life.

Loving God, send me your wise Spirit to guide me when life doesn't go the way I want it. Stop me from whinging and complaining negatively and wasting what I might gain. Rather let me be like Jesus and bring life and love out of the situation. I ask this in his name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris

JOSEPHITE COLLOQUIUM

Last week Ryan Kinder and I attended a Josephite Colloquium at The Mary MacKillop Centre in Sydney. We met and spent time with a group of people who worked in schools around Australia. On a personal level I found it to be a truly amazing and very spiritual experience and one that helped me really connect with the story of St Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Nuns. Just to spend time in the place where Mary MacKillop was laid to rest was a really special experience for me. I learnt so much about our Patron saint and the Josephite Sisters who started our school at Geelong. Both Mr Kinder and I were very grateful for our school community allowing us the opportunity to attend this special gathering at such a busy time of the term.

St Mary MacKillop – 1842 to 1909

Mary MacKillop was born on January 15, 1842 to Scottish parents, Alexander MacKillop and Fiora MacDonald in Fitzroy, Melbourne. She was the eldest of eight children and from the age of eighteen supported her family by working as a governess and a teacher. While acting as a governess for her uncle’s children in Penola, she met Father Julian Tennison Woods.
NEW BOARD MEMBERS
It is with great pleasure that I welcome Barry El-Tahche and Karan Spilling as new members of our School Board. Barry is the father of Samuel in Grade 1 and Karan is the mother of Abigail in Grade 1 also. We are very much looking forward to having the support of both Barry and Karan on our Board and I’m sure that they will make significant contributions for our school community.

MONTHLY MASS DATE CHANGE
Parents are advised that our next Monthly Mass will take place on Friday, 5 July commencing at 12pm in St Joseph’s Church. This Mass will be organised by the Grade 5/6 team and will provide a fitting way to celebrate the end of term. Parents and family members welcome.

FAITH IN ACTION AT SACRED HEART THROUGH OUR GRADE 6 BOYS
It was very heartening for me to be baled up by Grade 6 students, Mitch and Dylan last week. “Can we come and see you at recess, Mr Brighella?” they asked. They came and mentioned that they had heard Kim & Dave talking about Give Me 5 For Kids on the radio. They said, all money raised would help the children’s ward at the Royal Hobart Hospital. They thought it was a really good cause and would I support it. They took the idea to the student Council who gave their unanimous support. With the help of school captain, Max Bradley, they put together a letter to myself and the staff asking for their support. The staff commented on how great it was that this sort of initiative had come from our students!

Tomorrow, we seek your support by allowing your child to wear free dress and bring along a donation for Give Me 5 for Kids.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This term, our school is once again joining in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Your child is challenged (by the Premier) to read 10 books by mid-August. Please encourage your child to support this great initiative.

PBS RECOGNITION – POSTCARDS & REWARDS DAYS
By now many of your children would have received their PBS Postcard in the mail from the Principal. This is an initiative of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. Once your child receives 50 joeys (stickers) on their card, they receive their PBS postcard. We hope your child was excited in receiving their own mail!

Tomorrow, and Friday, a number of special activities have been organised for those children who wish to trade in 100 of their joeys for the experience. These experiences include bushwalking, fishing, golf, and lunch with Mr Brighella, to name but a few.

Special thanks to Mrs Cate Doherty, our School PBS Coordinator who has gone to great lengths to organise these experiences!

P&F MOVIE AFTERNOON THIS FRIDAY
Parents and students are reminded of this great P&F fund-raising initiative. Your child can remain at school Friday and watch a movie from 3.30pm in the school hall. Drinks and treats included in the overall price. Sausages and burgers on sale from 3pm. Please see last week’s flyer for details and return the reply section by tomorrow. The movie may possibly be PG if you would prefer your child not to watch it they can watch a G movie in the Josephite Learning Centre.
SCHOOL UNIFORM – IMPORTANT
For the remainder of Term 2 and all of Term 3, all children must wear either their school jumper or spray jacket to school each day. They should have one of these items on when they leave home each day. Please also note:
* If they take their jumper/spray jacket off during the day, then it should go straight into their school bag.
* All children are encouraged to wear the jumper or spray jacket home at the end of the day.
Parental support with this would be appreciated.

PBS FOCUS OF THE WEEK
We wear our seatbelts at all times when the bus is moving
We use technology responsibly
We have positive conversations
We look out for each other
We follow the instructions of the bus driver with a positive attitude
We use our manners with each other and the bus driver
We wait our turn to get on and off the bus

END OF TERM
A reminder that next week if the last week of Term 2 and the last day is next Friday, 5 July. Term 3 commences on Monday, 22 July.

Have a great week,

Luch Brighella
Principal

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Dates for your Diary

Wed 26th June  
PBS Afternoon
Give Me 5 For Kids - Free Dress - Gold Coin Donation

Fri 28th June  
PBS Afternoon
Movie Afternoon 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Fri 5th July  
Mass 12pm hosted by Gr 5/6
End of Term 2!
As part of the Federal Government’s ‘Closing the Gap’ initiative that endeavours to address key issues around the differences in educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Sacred Heart Catholic School at Geeveston and St James Catholic College at Cygnet are working collaboratively on a shared project. The project has two major components: an educational component and a cultural one.

Within the educational component, teachers from both schools come together monthly in their teaching teams to share best practice teaching, learn from professional readings and research, and to challenge themselves to raise the standard of literacy teaching and learning in their schools. Each teaching team is pursuing an element of literacy that they wish to explore further. This has resulted in some dynamic projects such as a set of parent information sessions entitled ‘Beyond Home Readers’, an exhibition by Kinder and Prep teachers and students called ‘Making their voices heard’ as well as explorations about the best teaching strategies for reading and spelling. This exciting and innovative project is unique and is aligned with the latest research in the professional learning of teachers.

The cultural component at Sacred Heart Catholic School has been phenomenal. Local Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Leigh Oates has worked with students, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to create a traditional campsite in the bush area behind the school. Over six weeks Leigh involved the students in the making of a dome hut and shelter. Students also learned about bush foods and the importance of ochre. Another highlight was making spears and learning to throw them! The culmination of the cultural sessions was a cook-up of kangaroo stew and damper, prepared and cooked by the students. St James College Grade 4 class were invited over to share the meal and celebrate the importance of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture to both schools.

Both Sacred Heart Catholic School and St James Catholic College look forward with enthusiasm to continuing with this project, knowing that it will raise the educational outcomes of our students as well as their awareness, understanding and appreciation of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture.
The Southern Tasmanian Netball Association invites students from Grade 3 to Grade 7 to participate in our Winter Netball Holiday Clinic.

The program will be conducted by experienced coaches in an aim to provide skill development, fitness, improved game knowledge, general enjoyment of the game and match play.

**When:** Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July  
**Location:** Creek Road Netball Centre/Aurora Sports Stadium  
**Time:** 9am – 12pm for all grades  
**Cost:** $25 per session or $60 for 3 sessions of the one clinic

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**Bushwalking with Mrs. Klein  Wednesday 26th June**

To all those seeking a little adventure! We’re going on a bear (tree) hunt! Are there bears in Tassie? Let’s find out!

You will need to wear warm clothes, jacket, thick socks, beanie, gloves if you wish and good sturdy shoes/boots. Bring along a spare pair of socks in case your feet get wet.

Make sure you have water to drink and a healthy snack.

Don't forget to bring your enthusiasm and your curiosity!
Premiers Reading Challenge

Week 3. Latest news!

Book reviews can now be submitted in Week 4 for a prize. Need some tips? Draft a review from using the prompts from the book review form on the website.

* This book is about......
* What I like about this book is .......
* What I don’t like about this book...

You can write up to 500 characters (around 100 words) in each section. Ask your teacher if you have any questions.

Bookmark, wristbands, stationary sets and special certificates all to be earned and won!

Very special certificate for those students who have read 10 books, from Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings.

The winner of course is YOU! for extending yourself through the enjoyment of discovery through the wonderful world of books!

Don’t forget to add any books read in your class Silent Reading time to your list, as well as Multilit and Reading Recovery texts. Ask for a signature to confirm your reading. Your teacher will then give you a sticker to place in your Reading Log.

Happy Reading!
Head Coaches
Mark Nash (former NBL and Hobart Chargers player) and Pete Stone (Kingston Kings Under-18s coach)

Hobart Chargers stars Deba George, Kathleen Sheer, Jordan Gregg and Lindsay Lunn will be making guest appearances.

Clinic cost is $40 for the two sessions ($25 for individual sessions)

Skill development & team challenges
1.00pm—4.00pm both days

7—13 years age guide

For more information or to register email:
kings@kingsbasketball.com.au

Phone 0408 070 014

For more information on the July clinic, please click on the banner and link to the clinic.

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Improve your passing, dribbling
Your kids will enjoy a fun day
Your coach will inspire your improve
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Cost $75
6-10 years

Wednesday 10 July & Thursday 11 July 2013

For more information or to register email:
kingston.kings@hotmail.com

or phone 0408 070 014
If you are aged between 16 - 96 and would like to learn more about:

- How to use mobile phones and IPads
- How to use computers, create basic documents, search the Internet and use email
- Create a resume and learn how and where to look for employment in the Huon
- Improve your writing/reading and maths skills
- Are available to come along on Thursdays and Fridays from 9am until 3pm
- Receive a certificate for your units of work completed

**Information session**

*When:* Wednesday 26th June  
*Time:* 12.30 – 1.30  
*Where:* Huon Valley Trade Training Centre,  
101 Wilmot Road, Huonville

If you are unable to make the info session but would like to enrol or find out some more information call Graeme on 62 080 600 or drop into the Huon Valley Trade Training Centre at 101 Wilmot Road