Love Revealed.

This coming Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Many of us would be familiar with traditional pictures associated with this devotion. They can easily be dismissed as old-fashioned, stuffy, even weird. Personally I don’t think many of them are even good art…but the symbolism in them goes right to the heart of how relationships work. In this image we see Jesus pointing to his heart, which is both on fire and wounded. Isn’t that how mixed up love is? At times, it is a fire burning within us, giving passion, joy, energy, direction to our lives. At other times, love wounds us, often so deeply we feel our hearts are being torn apart. Yes, true love both burns and wounds. It is our greatest joy and our deepest grief. In this image, Jesus looks us straight in the eye and points to his heart, as though saying, ‘I know what human loving is like. I feel with you and for you. I love with you and I love you. And I will give you the ability to love even more. I give you the love of God.’

This image of Jesus is often dismissed as weak. That can happen when we confuse gentleness with weakness. Actually it is the weak who can be the most cruel while true strength is shown in the capacity to be kind, especially with the vulnerable. Jesus can be so gentle, so kind as he has defeated death and sin and he invites us to share in his strength. As we experience his love, we are schooled in the ways of true love and we even learn how to love like God.

Loving Father, you so loved the world you sent your Son Jesus and your Spirit to lead us into the ways of love. Open our hearts that we may truly love our family and friends with a love that leads to the fullness of life.

Sr Kym

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**Dates for your Diary**

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FEAST OF SACRED HEART MASS
As Fr Greg is away this Friday we have decided to have our Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass next Tuesday, 11 June commencing at 12pm in the school hall. Parents and family members are most welcome.

BENDIGO BANK GRANT
Last Friday we were advised that we have been successful in receiving a Bendigo Bank Grant for $3300 to support our Breakfast Club. What a fantastic support this will be towards supporting this new program. We are extremely grateful to the Bendigo Bank for the wonderful support they have provided our school with and also the great support they provide in our local community.

CARITAS DONATION
Last week, Mr Pat O’Halloran from Caritas Australia came to our assembly to speak about the important work of Caritas and where the money we raise goes to. The school presented Mr O’Halloran with a cheque for $1008, being money raised from Project Compassion and the Junior Joeys Disco. He also congratulated the Junior Joeys on the great work they are doing at our school.

KINDER/PREP ASSEMBLY
Last week, our Kinder and Prep classes presented assembly and what a wonderful assembly it was. Special thanks to our teachers, Miss Burdon and Miss DeMarco for preparing the children so well.

BEYOND HOME READERS
Last week, the school ran parent sessions at Huonlink to discuss the importance of reading and how parents can really support their children with this. The sessions were really informative and the parents who attended found them to be really worthwhile. Special thanks to teachers, Ronita Barratt, Stu Grey, Alessandra Klein, Jess Kelly and Georgia Hutchins who did an amazing job in preparing these sessions.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Congratulations to Lawson Grey, Brody Gregory, Denzel Boks, Ambrose Brereton, Keeley Brereton, Patrick Robbie, Hannah Brereton, Monique Burgess, Samuel O’Neill, Jack-Ross McMullen, Chloe Buick, Laella Andersson, Harris Short, Nathaniel Bradley and Will Tinker who all received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist last weekend. May these children be filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and may their lives be blessed. Special thanks to Fr Greg and Archbishop Doyle who conducted these celebrations over the weekend. Thanks also to Mrs Doherty, Miss Longey and Mr Kinder who assisted with this sacramental program.

BREAKFAST CLUB IN FULL SWING
What a great first week we have had for our Breakfast Club serving warm Milos and toast daily for the children at Sacred Heart. We have over 20 parent volunteers, many staff members and Grade 5/6 children helping out. Thank you to the parents who have donated supplies. We are very grateful for everyone’s support.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MOVIE AFTERNOON
This will be held after school on Friday, 28 June from 3.30 – 5pm. More information will be supplied closer to the time for this event.

TOYS AT SCHOOL
Parents are asked to ensure that their children do NOT bring their own personal toys to school. These sometimes cause “sharing” issues and we also have some children who lose their toys. We have quite a variety of activities that your child can join in at school. Personal toys can now stay at home.
HUON & CHANNEL CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who represented Sacred Heart so well at last week’s Huon & Channel Carnival. We had many fine individual and team performances. Special thanks to Miss Longey and Mr McQueen who assisted with organisation for this event. A special mention to Kameron and Hailee Baldwin who won their events and to our Grade 3 boys team who won the team shield.

Grade 3
Emily Reynolds - 19th
Monique Burgess - 5th
Holly Kennedy - 14th
Chloe Buick - 18th
Harris Short - 3rd
Kameron Baldwin - 1st
Jack-Ross McMullen - 4th
Tim Mitchell - 5th

Grade 4
Brielle Gordon - 9th
Olivia Bittner - 14th
Charlie-May Coates - 22nd
Roxy Burdon - 25th
Travis Hickey - 10th
Josh Bradley - 8th
Ethan Carter - 13th
Ethan Lovell - 6th
Jack McQueen - 19th

Grade 5
Lukas Ford - 5th
Reece Scotland - 11th
Jack Burman - 18th
Oliver Townsend - 12th
Sophie Buick - 12th
Lily Greene - 17th

Grade 6
Shannon Doyle - 12th
Bailey Gordon - 14th
Kade Francis - 9th
Josh Coad - 7th
Hailee Baldwin - 1st
Eboney Ackerley - 9th
Tara Shanley - 10th
Shayla Ackerley - 16th

Luch Brighella
Principal
Merit Certificates

Nelson Bleathman: Having safe hands.
Ruben Dowling: Always having a go during yoga.
Megan Ireland-Barratt: Her Scientific drawing of thylacine tracks.
Bonnie Thorpe: Her efforts in Literacy by sounding out and writing.
Sebastian Cross: Showing leadership when asked to put in his best.
Olivia Clayton: Her wonderful effort in Literacy, especially with diagraphs.
Hannah Drysdale: Being a helpful and positive class member.
Dakota Fraser: Her great effort in improving presentation of work.
William Jernigan: His enthusiasm and positive attitude toward reading.
Maireade Brennan: Her hardworking attitude, sense of humour and fantastic work.
Sophie Buick: Her wonderful work on our Literacy circuits. Sophie has made some outstanding discoveries.
William Ford: His outstanding attitude, care and welcoming nature towards others. Well done Will you’re a legend.
Ebonee Ackerley: Her dedication and hard work. Ebonee has made some awesome progress in Maths and English.
Cayley Bleathman: For working very hard on her history project.
Will Tinker: For working very hard on his history project.
Jeremy Ashworth: For your fantastic and positive attitude after your operations.
Reece Norris: For being a caring and helpful friend to others.
Travis Hickey: For your commitment to reading and playing maths games at home.

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Playgroup at Sacred Heart Catholic School

Monday morning 9.30 – 11am

All Welcome

Playgroup is held in our Kindergarten room once a week. It is facilitated by the parents that attend and is resourced by the school.

For any further enquiries please contact Sacred Heart school office on 0297 1313 or email shsp@catholic.tas.edu.au
**WANTED**

Do you have any of the following items to donate to school. If so please leave them at the office:

- Pillowcases
- Large pieces of material
- Tin muffin trays
- Wooden Spoon
- Saucepans
- Pots
- Watering cans
- Wooden cable spools

Also if you have any old stockings.

On Sunday the 26th May, Lawson and Mr Grey competed in the Tasmanian State Karate Championships. They both competed in Kata (forms) and Kumite (fighting) aspects of Karate. Lawson won his division in Kumite becoming state champion for his division while Mr Grey came third in both his events. Lawson and Mr Grey both made it into the state team and will compete at the Australian Karate Nationals later this year to held in Hobart.
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The NEiTA Foundation
“Mum, can you buy me a treat?” “MUUUMMMM, can you get me some new clothes?” “It’s not fair. You never let me have any fun.”

Sound familiar?

Kids have a way of getting under your skin when they really want something. You can refuse their request for a treat, some extra time up out of bed or some new clothes and they can keep at you until you give in.

Some kids when they receive a knockback from one parent, will try the other parent. “Okay, mum said no to an ice cream, I’ll just check to see what dad says” is the type of tactic I’m talking about here.

Sole parents can easily become worn down by pester power as there is no one to share the burden with.

There is no doubt that kids’ pester power is alive and well and living in Australian homes right now. In these times of small families the voice of one child resisting can be the only voice a parent hears.

Currently, kids are seen as fair game by marketers and advertisers that use increasingly sophisticated tactics to stimulate consumerism in kids. This makes life increasingly difficult for parents.

Pester power hasn’t always been a problem for parents. In the days of large families, when four or more children were common, not only was there less propensity to give kids what they wanted but siblings had their own way of dealing with rebellious or prima donna type behaviour.

If your kids don’t take no for answer, particularly when they want you to buy, buy consider these well-tested resistance strategies:

1. Avoid getting into too many negotiations with kids. It’s worth remembering that it’s okay to say no….without always having to explain yourself.

2. Make yourself scarce, either physically or psychologically when they don’t take no for an answer. My wife was an expert at the latter method when my kids used to argue the point with her. She would ignore attempts to change her mind, going about her business as if they weren’t there. They soon realised that arguing was futile.

3. Differentiate between a want and a need. Kids want many things including the latest gadget, more free time and lots of treats. But they don’t necessarily need these things. Understanding the difference between a need and a want helps you resist pester power.

4. Communicate with your partner. Teenagers are adept at putting pressure on parents to acquiesce to their demands, particularly when it comes to going out. Get into the habit of bringing your partner into the picture. “I’m not sure about that. I’ll check with your father and get back to you” is a handy response.

5. Draw strength from a friend. It helps, particularly if you are on your own, to phone a friend to check if you are being reasonable. It’s easy to doubt yourself, and your sanity, when you are on your own.

6. How can you make this happen? Sometimes it’s best to put the onus on to kids, particularly when they pester you to buy them things. “Sure, you can have a new mobile phone. Have you got enough money to buy it now or do you have to save for it?” is the type of response I suggest for kids who just love you to be their automatic teller machine.

Resisting kids pressure for parents to purchase items for them is a challenge that comes with living in more affluent times. But it’s a challenge that’s worth meeting, not just for our peace of mind, but to promote some restraint and self-discipline in kids.

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What did you play today?

Early Childhood Literacy foundations are not just about exposure to print, reading and writing, they are primarily about talking and playing. (Howard Gardner)

Over the past 2 weeks, the Early Years Playground has had play spaces such as outdoor kitchens, cubby building materials and construction materials set up for the children to engage with. There has been lots of teamwork, problem solving, interactions and investigations occurring. Many children run out every recess to continue their important “work” as they socialize and build upon their literacy skills.