Dear Parent/caregiver,

If you don’t read life right, things just may not add up.

Literacy is not just about words. Numeracy is not just about numbers. We need to be literate and numerate in our emotional and relational lives. Indeed, we need to be constantly learning in these areas if we are going to help our children lead rich and full lives.

So how do we do it? Firstly, by stopping and pondering with head and heart the various situations of our lives and asking ourselves: does this add up? Is this making me happy? Is life just one meaningless thing after another? Too often we just plough on in difficult, or even in boring situations, because we fear change. “What if things got worse?” we counter. Well, that is a risk of life. But be assured, without change, that difficult or boring situation will get worse. There are ways and techniques for helping us with this type of change. I just finished reading *Rise* by Ingrid Poulson. This excellent book offers a number of them.

But there is another area which is integral to our growth: recognising where we have come from and where we are going. We have been made in the image and likeness of God and we are destined to live in love with God forever. If God isn’t a real part of your life, it is like travelling without knowing where you came from or where you are going. Life becomes ‘stuff’ one just ploughs through. But with God, we have a history in love and a destiny in greatness and a present that is open grace, no matter how difficult or boring it may look.

*Loving Father, when I am confused in the maze of my life, let your good Spirit guide me to slow down and ponder just what is happening. Let me read my life well and make good choices for change. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

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**Dates for your Diary**

- **Mon 29th - Fri 2nd Aug**  Fire Education Week - P-6
- **Wed 31st July**  Assembly 2pm - Year 1/2 Hosting
- **Tues 6th Aug**  SHCS Cross Country
- **Thurs 8th Aug**  Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

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FEAST DAY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

Next Thursday, 8 August we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop here at Sacred Heart Catholic School along with staff and students from St James Catholic College.

All members of our school community are invited to attend our:

Thank you Breakfast
commencing at 8.30am
in the school yard

St Mary MacKillop Mass
Being celebrated at 10am
In the school hall

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our House Cross Country Carnival will be held at school next Tuesday, 6 August. All children from Kinder to Grade 6 will be participating in this event being held on our cross country course behind our school grounds. The carnival commences at 11am and should finish around 1pm. Please note:

• All children are expected to participate as this is part of our school Health and Physical Education Program.
• As it is a normal school day, all students are expected to be at school from 9am – 3pm. However, if necessary, parents who attend the carnival can take their child/ren with them at 1pm, not before.
• Parent helpers are welcome. Please send back the return slip if you can help.
• All other information and requirements have been sent home in a special flyer.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held next Monday, 5 August between 3.10 – 6pm. These are optional meetings which can be requested by either teacher or parent. If you have not returned your reply form, could you do so by tomorrow, whether an interview is requested or not.

FIRE EDUCATION WEEK

This week Fireman Barry Blackwell is conducting the Tasmanian Fire Service’s Education Program. Each class from Prep to Grade 6 will have a number of lessons over the week on Fire awareness and safety. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to engage with your child on Fire safety and how important this really is.

NEW ICT TEACHER ASSISTANT

This week we are advertising this new position for our school. The full advertisement is also in this newsletter. For further details, you can visit the Tasmanian Catholic Education website or contact our Office Manager, Mr Chris Lovell during office hours.
SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
At last week’s P&F Association meeting, the committee approved a number of requests for financial support. These included the purchase of:

- New musical instruments - $1100
- Kinder waterproof trousers & gumboots for outside play - $650
- Ipad styluses for Grade 1 – $115
- Give Me 5 For Kids - $350
- Play kitchen unit for Prep - $100

In addition to this, the P&F are keen to support the Grade 6 Melbourne Trip, new Canteen cupboard doors and new basketball backboards for our school yard.

PLAYGROUP
A reminder to all families that playgroup has resumed from next week. Playgroup takes place each Monday morning from 9.30 – 11am in the Kinder classroom. This is a great way for Kinder children coming to Sacred Heart from next year to become familiar with our Kinder environment and get to meet other children. This term, Miss Anna Demare, our Kinder teacher, will attend playgroup for part of the time each week to meet new children and parents.

GRADE 6 MELBOURNE TRIP FUND-RAISING
This year our Grade 6 class will be going to Melbourne from 21 – 24 August for their class outdoor education experience. It is shaping up to be a really exciting experience for all involved. We are selling Cadbury fund-raiser chocolates to raise money for this trip. If you would like to assist by selling a box or two, please contact Mrs Maree McQueen via the school office.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

Library News
Book Club closes on the 5th August. During the week of August 19th - 23rd we will be holding a book fair in the library. There will be a variety of books for sale at different prices. This is a good opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents. The children will view the books and write a ‘wish list’ which are just that. The fair will be opening before, after and during school time if you wish to view the fair. The school receives 30% of sales towards books for the school.

More information closer to the fair.

Thanks
Cathie Stockford
MEETING OPENED: 1:55pm

PRAYER: Read by Narelle Gane

PRESENT: Narelle Gane, Angela Cross, Trudy Short, Luch Brighella, Karan Spilling

APOLOGIES: Kate Greaves, Karlee Delaney, Maree McQueen

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Read by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Certificate of appreciation for Bendigo Bank, Banjo’s Dover/Southgate Book Exchange and JB Nicholas and Son.
- Quote for Mandy’s canteen upgrade approx $3000. Awaiting breakdown of costs from Luch.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- P&F to match $ raised by children for ‘Give Me Five For Kids’. Awaiting amount.
- I-tune cards to be given out at the next assembly.

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

- Letter from Stuart Grey requesting assistance for Martial Arts competition. Discussed and agreed to write a letter confirming support through a sausage sizzle.
- Letter from G1/2 requesting funds for purchasing of I-tunes cards and stylus pens. Discussed and agreed to write a letter giving funds for stylus pens, and redirecting purchase of education apps to Luch Brighella.
- Letter from Kindergarten requesting $658 for the purchase of wet outdoor gear. Discussed and agreed to write a letter confirming the full financial support for this purchase.
- Letter from music department requesting monetary contribution towards upgrading of music equipment. Discussed and agreed P&F are happy to supply 2 xylophones and 2 drums to the value of $1100. Write a letter to indicate support.
- Fundraising brochure from Advanced Family Art Photography. Will not be using this fundraising group at this stage.

TREASURERS REPORT: All calendar monies in. Profit made from Movie Night banked.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- Good start to Term 3!
- Movie night thankyou.
- Enrolments 188 stable, full kinder for 2014.
- New staff for PE and Learning Support, new trainees for Groundsman and Teachers Assistant.
- Feast of Mary McKillop being hosted here at Sacred Heart, with breakfast/Mass/activities and lunch.
- Reports out Thursday.
- 75th Anniversary celebration in Term 4 with Mass and possible dinner.
- G6 trip to Melbourne this year. P&F to donate $450 towards trip.
- Possible Quiz Night to raise money for the trip. P&F asked for assistance and are happy to run the refreshments table.
- Costing received for basketball court: $1500 school asked P&F for assistance. P&F happy to contribute.

Meeting Closed
Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sacred Heart Catholic School is a co-educational primary school with a current enrolment of 188 students from K – 6

Applications are invited for the following position

**ICT Teacher Assistant (2 days per week)**
**Limited Tenure**

**FTE .1096**
**Term Time Only**
12th August – 19th December, 2013

A commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education and a readiness to be involved in the life of the school is essential.

Further information and application package can be obtained from the school office 6297 1313 or shg@catholic.tas.edu.au

Applications including details of three referees may be addressed to:

Mr Luch Brighella
Principal
Sacred Heart Catholic School
4690 Huon Highway
Geeveston 7116

Applications close Monday 5th August at 3pm

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Kinder would love any of the following:

- Indoor Plants
- Shoe Boxes
- Plant pots (plastic or ceramic)
- Empty fundraising chocolate boxes
FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

A Fire Fighter from the Tasmania Fire Service is visiting our school this week to present a Fire Safety Program to our students.

The program is an initiative of the Tasmania Fire Service which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania. The program is part of the Tasmania Fire Services ongoing commitment to educate the public for a fire safe Tasmania.

Activity Books will be handed out to children from grades 1 to 4. After the conclusion of the program the activity book can be taken home and we encourage other members of your family to participate in the activities to ensure your home is fire safe.

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS (Smoke alarms save lives)

Smoke alarms warn occupants of a fire and ensure safe evacuations. Every home should have photo-electric smoke alarms installed in each bedroom, hallway and at the head of the stairway, connecting levels, if you live in a house with more than one level. They provide an early warning of fire, giving people more time to get out and potentially saving thousands of dollars in property damage.

Smoke alarms should be tested weekly with flat batteries being replaced immediately. Batteries should be replaced at least every twelve (12) months, a good time is at the end of daylight savings time. Smoke alarms, available at local variety and hardware stores are inexpensively priced, however only Australian Standards approved smoke alarms should be purchased.

PLAN AND PRACTICE TO ESCAPE

a) With the family, plan two ways out of every room. In case of fire, one exit may be blocked by flames or smoke. Choose a safe meeting place outside where everyone will meet like the letter box.

b) Enable Doors And Windows To Be Easily Unlocked

Deadlocks and windows locks are a safety feature in many homes, they can cause problems in a fire. Keys must be readily accessible and the doors and windows must be easily opened in the event of a fire.

CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE (Crawl low and go, go, go)

Everyone should know if you get caught in smoke, the cleanest air will be several centimetres off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

2 METRES FROM HEATER / FIRE

Always keep clothes, newspapers, kindling and other flammable material at least 2 metres from the heater or 2 giant steps away from it.

STOP, DROP AND ROCK ‘N’ ROLL

Everyone should know this rule. “If your clothes catch fire, don’t run! Stop where you are, cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs, drop to the ground, and roll back and forth to smother the flames.

A MATCH/LIGHTER IS A TOOL FOR ADULTS

Matches and lighters are extremely dangerous in the hands of a child. Store them up high where children can’t reach them. Teach children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, they are not toys for children.

COOKING (Turn it off before you turn away)

Be alert when cooking, keep children out of harms way. Pot handles should be turned inward so they won’t be knocked over the edge of the stove.

IF A FIRE STARTS IN YOUR HOME THERE ARE FOUR (4) RULES

GET OUT – CRAWL LOW IN SMOKE
GO TO YOUR SAFE MEETING PLACE (e.g. Letterbox)
CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE ON “000”
NEVER GO BACK INTO A BURNING BUILDING

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EARLY CHILDHOOD.
TFS receives regular requests from kindergartens, preschools and child care centres asking for firefighters to visit and teach children about home fire safety.

TFS does not deliver structured fire safety programs to children below primary school age.

This decision was made based on research carried out by the Mental Health Services of the Royal Children's Hospital and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne. This research indicated that:

• Children under the age of five had low retention of the information they had learned; and
• In some children, the information had actually stimulated their curiosity about fire and they had begun to play with fire.

TFS believes that parents and caregivers are the best people to make sure that very young children are safe from fire. To help with this, TFS has a range of home fire safety and bushfire safety resources for adults: http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/mysite/Show?pageId=colPublications

TFS has also developed resources for young children that introduce them to the friendly firefighter characters that they will meet when they receive the School Fire Education Program:

• A colouring book;
• A money box shaped like a fire truck; and
• Stickers with home fire safety messages for the whole family.

To request resources please contact the TFS Community Education Unit on 6230 8485 or email communityed@fire.tas.gov.au

The community is invited to a night of exciting scientific experiments, concepts, and ideas.

HUON VALLEY SCIENCE EXPO

Tuesday, August 13
6:30-9PM
Palais Theatre, Franklin

FREE ADMISSION

Hands on Experiments ♦ Fun Quiz Games, Door Prizes ♦ Treats Galore ♦ Refreshments

I have no special talents.
I am only passionately curious.

Albert Einstein
Currently in the school office we have a number of stationery items available for purchase.

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