Dear Parent/caregiver,

“A time to give thanks”

I had a surprise when I did a role-play during a talk recently. In the role play, I mimed with another person receiving a book - three times. The first time I grabbed it, saying nothing. The second time I gave a short, abrupt thanks. The third time, I smiled and briefly looked the person in the face while thanking her. The surprise was the audience’s reaction. On the third time, they gave an audible unconscious sigh of approval. Obviously they had been uncomfortable with the first interaction and now that ‘things’ had been set right they needed to show approval. Where was the surprise? I thought the mime was just between two people but obviously it wasn’t. Their reactions showed that how we treat other people, even in private, affects the community in which we live. One powerful way to fill up the well of happiness and well-being in our families and communities is by showing gratitude and thankfulness.

The theme for this year’s Catholic Education Week is ‘A time to give thanks’. Here, we take an opportunity to recognise, name and express our thanks for the many good things that come to us, particularly through our schools. This thanks not only gives us a buoyant spirit, it sets an example for our children. If we cultivate thankful hearts we discover find that we have much to be grateful for and many to be grateful to: to God, to our family and friends…and the myriad of people who do us services throughout our day.

Loving God, open my mind and heart to the many good things that come my way each day. As I show gratitude and thanks, may these flow out giving happiness and appreciation to the people with whom I live and work. I ask this in Jesus’ name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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**Dates for your Diary**

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – “A TIME TO GIVE THANKS”

This week is Catholic Education Week in Tasmania. Here at Sacred Heart we commenced Catholic Education Week a little earlier with our Feast of St Mary MacKillop last Thursday. In fitting in with our theme, “A time to give thanks” we began the day with a special breakfast for our whole community. Everyone was able to enjoy the special breakfast and we also thanked the many people who have made our Breakfast Club possible.

In particular:

- The Bendigo Bank and Banjos Bakery
- Our school Parents and Friends Association
- Our staff, student and parent volunteer helpers

During the day we attended Mass with St James Catholic College. This was a wonderful celebration and an excellent opportunity for our communities to “give thanks” to St Mary MacKillop and in particular, for her vision, sacrifice and inspiration.

This week, we continue our Catholic Education Week celebrations with our Feast of the Assumption Mass. This will take place on Thursday commencing at 12pm. All family members are invited to join us in this celebration.

Over the week, our students are being encouraged to “give thanks” for the many things that happen in our lives every day that we can be thankful for.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 – 2017

Last week, at our feast of St Mary MacKillop Mass we launched our next School Improvement Plan. This 5 year plan is the result of extensive community consultation that took place with staff, parents and students during 2012. The School Improvement Plan is as the name suggests, about improving how we do things at Sacred Heart for the ultimate benefit of our students.

The plan is divided into the following five domains:

- Domain 1 Catholic Culture & Ethos
- Domain 2 Leadership
- Domain 3 Learning Environment
- Domain 4 Curriculum & Pedagogy
- Domain 5 Student Learning & Achievement

Each domain has a number of goals that we as a school community can work together at achieving. Each family will receive a copy of this School Improvement Plan later this week and there is a copy included in this newsletter.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER

This week we welcome Mrs Lois Soward to our school staff. Lois is our new ICT Teacher Assistant. We wish Lois well in her new role.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR GREY & MASTER GREY

Last weekend, Mr Stu Grey, our Grade One teacher and his son, Lawson (Grade 5) represented Tasmania in the National Karate Championships. The competition was excellent and both Mr Grey and Lawson represented the local community and their state very well! It was great to see father and son competing in the same championships!
Walking Together in Our Place

Sacred Heart has always had a strong commitment to valuing our Tasmanian Aboriginal history and culture. We have been leaders in Catholic Education with the ways in which we have embedded this within our curriculum.

This year we are trying something new. From next Monday, the whole school will be involved in two weeks of special Aboriginal Education. The theme of ‘Walking Together in Our Place’ was chosen to highlight that Aboriginal people have been the custodians of this area for thousand of years and are our role models for the care of place.

Students will be working within their own class and in ‘community (multi-aged) groups’ to work on a number of projects including learning about Tasmanian Aboriginal Dreaming stories, Aboriginal history and culture, art and excursions. We will be having a sharing assembly later in the term. Check out future newsletters for details.

Teachers have been working hard to plan for this special experience and we are all very excited about the great learning that will take place.

Cate Doherty
Aboriginal Key Teacher
Assistant Principal

Thank you to everyone in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Community.
We are truly blessed to have so many kind, caring and welcoming people that work together to provide a quality educational experience for the children that attend our school.

Have a great week,

Luch Brighella
Principal
We are loved, called and inspired
to be a people
One in Heart and Mind

School Improvement Plan 2013-2017

At Sacred Heart Catholic School we encompass the spirit of our founders, the Sisters of St Joseph, and Catholic teachings, where all;

dedicate a relationship with God and be witness to Christ by living in the Gospel values whilst promoting peace and tolerance;

work together to provide a safe, supportive, encouraging and welcoming environment in which students strive for excellence, and

encourage a passion for life-long learning.

Domain 1 - Catholic Culture & Ethics

1.1 Mission & Beliefs

Provide the vision and mission statement of the school to ensure that the unique identity of our Catholic school is evident within the school's environment, and within the physical environment of our school.

1.2 Tradition

Ensure our understanding of our founding stories as an important part of the life and work of our school.

1.3 School Climate

Create an environment by developing positive relationships with the local parish and community and our neighbours.

1.4 Community

Provide opportunities for community to further develop their understanding of our Catholic Ethos.

1.5 Spiritual Formation

Explore ways of further develop prayer and spiritual formation of staff, students and their families.

Domain 2 - Leadership

2.1 Leading the Catholic School Community

Ensure school leader's initially mentor and build positive relationships with staff, students and parents (ESP, OHP).

2.2 Leading Self

Develop opportunities to facilitate professional dialogue and reflective processes to improve teaching and learning.

2.3 Leading Others

Explore and investigate new and innovative ways to develop leadership of staff and students.

2.4 Leading Continuous Change

Ensure continuity school improvement, by prioritising and leading a culture of ongoing inquiry into what is working well and what needs to be improved.

2.5 Leading the School Organisation

Continue to work collaboratively to build an inclusive team, where we are focused on the ongoing improvement of our school.

Domain 3 - Learning Environment

3.1 Student, Staff and Community Partnerships

Provide opportunities for parent involvement in the school.

3.2 Parent/School Partnership

Provide opportunity for parent involvement in the school.

3.3 Student Engagement in Learning

Identify and respond to the diverse learning needs of students by providing challenging and differentiated learning opportunities that enable them to explore and build on their gifts.

3.4 Professional Behaviours

Fully implement a school wide Professional Behaviours Program.

Domain 4 - Curriculum & Pedagogy

4.1 Quality of Teaching

Engage in collaborative planning, sharing practice, active learning and the ongoing improvement of instruction through the implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

4.2 Learning and Teaching Process

Provide students with rich, meaningful, motivational learning opportunities linked with our Catholic ethos, values, and values in the national education agenda and Six Essential Learning Practices.

4.3 Curriculum

Continue to implement the Australian Curriculum with particular emphasis on assessment, reporting and feedback.

Domain 5 - Student Learning and Achievement

5.1 Student Achievement

Provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their own learning and evaluate their learning progress by providing opportunities for goal setting, reflection and self assessment.

5.2 Assessment Reporting, and Feedback

Implement successfully the new national reporting procedures.

5.3 Equity

Ensure that all students are able to reach their full potential and achieve their personal learning outcomes.

5.4 Relationship Education

Teach the social norms for living, including engaging and understanding others.

4.5 Staff Development and Professional Learning

Develop Professional Development Plan for staff, focusing on ongoing school improvement, including both individual, school-based and systemic goals.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

GEEVESTON
"Lift up your heart to be a Catholic
One in Heart and Mind"
Library News

Book Fair will be held from this Wednesday 14th August. It will end on Wednesday 21st August at lunch time.
The Fair will be open before and after school as well as during expect for recess time. Parents and friends are more than welcome to browse.
The children will do wish lists this week after viewing the books. If your child wishes to purchase a book please place money and name of book in an envelope and return to teacher or bring to fair.
The school receives 30% off all sales towards new books for the library.

Thank you
Cathie Stockford

SPANISH

¿Cómo te llamas?  What’s your name?
Mi nombre es …… ¿Y tú?  My name is............ and you?
¿Cuántos años tienes ? How old are you?
Tengo .... años. ¿Y tú?  I am ...... years. And you?
¿Cómo estás? How are you?
Bien  Good
Mas o menos  Regular
Mal.  Bad

Spanish Greeting Song
(tune: Happy birthday to you)

Buenos días a ti,  Good morning to you,
Buenos días a ti  Good morning to you,
Buenos días a todos  Good morning to everyone,
Buenos días a ti.  Good morning to you.

Kinder would love:
• large cardboard boxes for their "Special Persons Day"
• Kinder would like to borrow pink and/or purple table cloths or sheets to be used as tablecloths for our "P lunch" (They will be returned washed & ironed.)
• Any donations of pumpkins and potatoes for our "P" lunch.
Three or more is very poor.

Get control.

National Asthma Week 1st – 7th September

If you're using you're your blue reliever puffer three times or more a week, your Asthma is out of control. Most people with out-of-control asthma don’t have to put up with it. Gone are the days when people with asthma had to rely on reliever medication all the time. Now we have medication that will prevent asthma flaring up in the first place.

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Friday 23rd August 2013
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Auskick and all age groups
Hope to see you all there to celebrate a fantastic season!

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GEEVESTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CHILDREN'S

YOUTH ART FESTIVAL

AND COMPETITION

To be held on Saturday 14 September at the Geeveston Spring Festival

The competition is open to all children from pre-school to year 6 and will be judged under five categories: Pre-school, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3&4, Yr 5&6

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

TOPIC: "Spring in the Huon Valley" or "Daffodil Festival"

Entry:

- Open to all children Pre-school to Year 6
- Art work must be no larger than 50cm by 40cm.
- One entry per child
- Any medium accepted
- All entries must be submitted by Thursday 12 September either at their school or group or to: John Osborne 0439 077 715
- Entries will be on display on Saturday 14 September in the Geeveston Community Hall from 10 am to 4.30 pm/
- Judging will take place on Friday 13 Sept. with two awards for each category and will be announced at 7.00 pm on Friday evening.

For Further Enquiries:

Contact: John Osborne 0439 077 715
presents its 6th Biennial State Conference

Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens

Keynote speaker: Dr Linda Silverman

Dr Linda Kreger Silverman is a licensed clinical and counseling psychologist from Denver, Colorado who began studying the education of gifted children in 1961. Since then she has studied more than 6000 gifted children enabling the creation of extended norms on the WISC-IV and WPPSI-IV. She has written more than 300 articles, chapters and books including Counseling the Gifted and Talented, Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner and Advanced Development: A Collection of Works on Gifted Adults. Her latest book, Giftedness 101, was released in December, 2012. She also directs the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development, and its subsidiaries, the Gifted Development Center [www.gifteddevelopment.com] and Visual-Spatial Resource [www.visualspatial.org].

September 6 - 8, 2013

The conference will commence on the evening of Friday, September 6

Elizabeth College, North Hobart

Registrations now open (for credit card booking only): http://www.trybooking.com/CJRL

Prices: $190 members; $240 non-members.

For single day, Education Student and other prices see www.tasgifted.com

TAG is a non-profit, parent-based organisation dedicated to sharing information and promoting awareness of the needs of gifted children.

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