Found or found out?

My niece brought home, mid-term, a sheet that both of her parents had to sign. It stated that she was falling behind in chemistry. A free and frank response was given by both parents – then the family set down to work. Her older brother stated that the text book she was using was ‘useless’. The one he had used three years previously was much clearer so that was brought out. Her father sat down and went through her subject to find out just where she had gotten lost and later that afternoon her older sister was teaching her just how the periodic table worked. The body language of my niece spoke of sheer relief: she knew she was in trouble but, like most adolescents, and indeed all of us for that matter, she had trouble putting her hand up and saying, ‘Help!’ She feared being found out but discovered herself found instead. When we are ‘found out’ we think we will be humiliated even more but when we are ‘found’ we are given the hope of change. We discover there is a way out of the mess.

Often we can fear approaching God because of messes in our lives. We think we have to clean up our act before we are worthy. Nothing could be further from the truth. God knows utterly what is out of kilter, even wrong with our lives...and is waiting to help. That is the point of the parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son. We do not have to find our way out of the mess...which we probably couldn’t anyway. We just have to stop, put aside our fear of being found out and let ourselves be found instead. Go on, sit down in one of your messes and say, “God, please find me!”

*Loving God, you know my life – my joys and successes as well as my griefs and disasters. Come find me in the midst of my mess. Let your good Spirit give me the courage to trust what you could do. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

**TIWI ISLAND STUDENTS VISIT SACRED HEART NEXT WEEK**

This coming Sunday, 22 September, a group of 6 students from the Pularumpi School in the Tiwi Islands, Northern Territory will visit Sacred Heart for 5 days. Sacred Heart and the Pularumpi School have had a strong relationship over the past 5 years. In 2010, students and teachers from Sacred Heart visited the Pularumpi School and next week’s visit will be the first visit to Tasmania for the Tiwi Islanders. We have an exciting itinerary planned for the visitors throughout the week. The Tiwi Islanders will be staying at our school for the 5 days. If you can assist with food, blankets, warm clothing etc, please return the reply form on the notice sent home yesterday.
Dear Parent/caregiver,

MONTHLY MASS THIS FRIDAY – TIME CHANGE
This Friday, 20 September, our Grade 1/2 Class will host our monthly Mass. The Mass will now take place at approximately 1.40pm (not 12pm as previously advertised). Father Greg has a funeral to attend earlier in the day and has asked if we can make the time change.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – ABORIGINAL KEY TEACHER DAY
Yesterday a group of around 20 teachers from Catholic Schools around Tasmania visited Sacred Heart to have their annual meeting and also viewed some of the fantastic work recently completed by our students as part of our Aboriginal unit of work. During the visit, our Grade 5/6 Aboriginal students, Lukas Ford, Lilly Green and Josh Coad took the visitors on a tour of our Aboriginal campsite. Lilly, Josh and Lukas explained how they had help build the campsite and gave a detailed account of the whole project. I was most impressed by the confident way in which the children spoke and how well they engaged this adult audience. Our visitors were most impressed with our school, the importance that we place on our Aboriginal history and culture and also Lukas, Lilly and Josh!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS
As we near the end of another busy term I would like to thank the many volunteers that help to make Sacred Heart such a great community school. Thank you for your time, generosity and willingness to support our school.

SACRED HEART FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Thursday, 26 September is Footy Colours Day at Sacred Heart. For a gold coin donation, the children can come to school dressed in their favourite footy gear (any footy code). There will be a footy assembly at the start of the day. As this day is a fund-raiser we are also having:

- a cake stall at recess, with cakes, slices etc being supplied by Grade 5/6 families. The children will need to bring money along to make purchases.
- an opportunity to purchase a party pie or saveloy meal deal. These need to be pre-ordered on the special flyer sent home.

AN APPLE 4 THE TEACHER – HOFM COMPETITION
Miss Anna Demarco, our Kinder teacher has been nominated for this competition. The teacher who receives the most website votes, will receive a free ipad. The school will also receive a free ipad and the students in the class receive a free ipod, I believe. You can vote as many times as you like and voting closes on the 27th September. We encourage families to show their support!

www.hofm.com.au
Dates for your Diary

Wed 18th Sept     Kinder Excursion to Raptor Centre
Fri 20th Sept     STCPSSA Cross Country Carnival
Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th Sept  Tiwi Island Students visit SHG
Wed 25th Sept     Mass 1.40pm Hosted by Gr 1/2
Thurs 26th Sept   Assembly 2.15pm Hosted by Prep
Fri 27th Sept     Footy Fun Day

End of Term 3

SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, 26 & FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

Parents and students are advised that the canteen will be closed on Thursday and Friday next week. Therefore there will be no lunch orders on those days.

STCPSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
This representative carnival will take place this Friday, 20 September at the Rokeby Police Academy. Around 16 Catholic Primary Schools will come together for this annual event. We have a squad of 33 children from Grades 3 – 6 representing our school at this carnival. The children who have made this team will receive a notice providing important information today. Good luck to all our competitors.

BREAKFAST CLUB DONATIONS – CAN YOU HELP?
If you would like to support the breakfast club by making a donation, please send an item along to the school office any time. Items needed include Milo, jam, fresh fruit and margarine.

COME ALONG TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT!
On Saturday, 19 October, we are having a Quiz Night to raise funds for the recent Grade 6 Melbourne Trip. This event will be run by Grade 6 parents with the support of school staff and our Parents and Friends Association. The Quiz Night will be held in the School Hall and commences at 7pm. I’m sure it will be a great night with lots of great prizes and entertainment. See the separate flyer for details and get your table booked early as ticket numbers will be limited.

This is an “Adults only” event.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES
Friday, 27 September     End of Term 3.
Monday, 14 October      Beginning of Term 4.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART

Grade 4 skyping our friends from Tiwi Islands
Sacred Heart Catholic School now has its own App

Features Include:
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Install the Sacred Heart Catholic School App on your smartphone now!

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QUIZ NIGHT

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE GRADE 6 MELBOURNE TRIP

SATURDAY
19TH OCTOBER

7.00pm

Sacred Heart Catholic
School Hall

$10 per person
Teams of 2-8 people
Great prizes
Licensed Bar
Auction

QUIZ NIGHT TICKET PURCHASE

STUDENT _________________________________ CHILD’S CLASS ___________

PARENT ________________________________

☐ YES, We would like to purchase _____ tickets for the Quiz Night.

We would like to book a Table of 6 ☐ Table of 8 ☐

☐ I have enclosed $__________ for our tickets

SIGNED_____________________________________

PLEASE SEND TICKET ORDER TO SCHOOL OFFICE IN ENVELOPE.
How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?”, “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together… or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

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Maths Club

Maths Club will not be on for the following two weeks due to Mrs Campagna being at Professional Learning Meetings

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who participated in the Maths Club this term. I have really enjoyed the activities and how you have challenged yourself and shared strategies.

Keep Challenging yourself and have FUN!

From Mrs Campagna

Come & Have A Go!

Come and have some fun, ask questions and see what Little Athletics is all about at our come and have a go day.

When: Saturday 21st September, 2013

Where: Huonville recreation ground (opposite the footy oval)

Time: From 9am to 12 noon

This season promises to be a massive year as the club celebrates 30 years of Family Fun and Fitness in the Huon Valley

For more information contact James O’Connor (Club President) on 0407 663 554

We look forward to seeing you there!