What Dreams Do You Have For Me?

We all have dreams, especially at the special times of life, like marriage, birth of a child, birthdays, Christmas. But rarely do our dreams turn out as we would like. St Joseph would have had his dreams when engaged to Mary and how he would have been guttted when he found out she was expected a child...but not his child. In next Sunday’s Gospel, we hear how he was going to divorce her quietly...and get on with his life. But God had other plans. In a dream, an angel told Joseph who this child was and how he was to marry Mary and give the child his name, Jesus. In short, he was to be father to the Messiah. What a change! When his dream was shattered, God offered a dream beyond his imagining.

No one reading this has not had dreams, great dreams fall apart. Marriages never turn out at people hoped when they walked down the aisle, careers are never as shining and smooth as one hoped for on the first day, children are always a mystery, a challenging mystery. The way to true success is not to hold onto our dreams and suffer disappointment, but rather when disappointment of challenges come, to turn to God and ask, “What dream do you have for me in this situation?” When we look at our marriages, our family life, our children, even the presents we receive this Christmas that are not quite right, and ask this question, we will find ourselves opened up to a life deeper and more loving than we could dream of.

_Loving Father, the gift of your Son Jesus is a dream beyond our imagining and you desire him to be born again in our lives. Open our minds and hearts to the amazing mystery of love you want to bring to birth in us and let us embrace this dream with joy. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us._ Sr Kym Harris osb

ST MARY MACKILLOP QUOTE

May our good God grant you all a holy and truly happy Christmas. We can all meet together in spirit at the Crib of our loving Infant and can recommend our several wants and pray for one other. I wish you every grace and blessing of this holy time with fondest love”

(Mary MacKillop - 1881)
Dear Parent/caregiver,

THANK YOU – SACRED HEART STAFF
At this time of year I would like to acknowledge our amazing staff here at Sacred Heart. Our community is truly blessed with our wonderful teachers and support staff. I would particularly like to thank them for the care and support they have shown towards the children and families in our school community.

THANK YOU FATHER GREG
As we near the end of this busy year, I would like to sincerely thank Fr Greg Barker for his wonderful commitment to our school community and in particular, the interest that he shows in Sacred Heart. We are very lucky to have Fr Greg at our school.

FAREWELL TO LEAVING STAFF
This week, we farewell the following teachers at our school.

Miss Kathy Cane is resigning after 18 years of wonderful service at Sacred Heart. Mrs Debbie Campagna is also leaving Sacred Heart to accept a new teaching position at St Michael's Collegiate, after 11 years of great service to our school. We wish both Kathy and Debbie every success, both professionally and personally and thank them for all they have done at Sacred Heart Catholic School over the years.

I would also like to sincerely thank Ms Lindyl Wingate (Grade 2), Miss Janaya Burdon (Prep) and Mr Leon Lakos, (Physical Education) who will be finishing their contracts this week at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service at Sacred Heart and wish them all the very best for the future.

FAREWELL TO OUR GRADE 6 STUDENTS
This week, our Grade 6 students leave Sacred Heart and begin an exciting new chapter in their lives. Many have been here at Sacred Heart since Kinder and they have established many wonderful friendships. I have been really inspired by our Grade 6 students on so many levels. They have worked well together throughout this year, showing great leadership, good examples and great kindness to other children at our school. I wish them every success at their new schools and that their lives will be all the better for having attended Sacred Heart Catholic School.

GRADE 6 LEAVING PARENTS
This week we also farewell many of our Grade 6 families whose children will end their time at Sacred Heart. I sincerely thank them for the support they have shown our community over the years and for choosing Sacred Heart for their child’s education.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST IN 2014
Parents are advised that Mrs Robyn Evans will be working with a different group of schools in 2014. Sacred Heart will have a new psychologist who will work one day per fortnight in 2014. I would like to sincerely thank Robyn for all she has done to assist our community. She has been a wonderful support to students, parents and staff at our school.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FAMILY OF IAN THOMPSON
Thank you to everyone for the generous donations received last Thursday evening. I’m sure your kindness will be very much appreciated and never forgotten.

THANKSGIVING MASS & AWARD CEREMONY
A reminder that our School Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Thursday, 19th December commencing at 9.30am in the school hall.

This is also the final student day for the year and children finish at normal time - 3pm.

Parents and students are also encouraged to take the opportunities that come along to thank teachers and school staff for the wonderful service they provide each day.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
As we near the end of an incredibly busy year, I would like to thank everyone here at Sacred Heart for welcoming me to this school community. It has been an incredibly busy year, but an extremely rewarding one.

Merry Christmas to each and everyone here at Sacred Heart and may the coming year bring peace and prosperity to you and your families.

With my very best wishes,

Luch Brighella
Principal

**Dates for your Diary**

- Wed 18th Dec: Kinder Excursion to Huonville Playground
- Thurs 19th Dec: EOY Mass & Award Assembly 9.30
  - Final Student Day
- Thurs 30th Jan: Book Day 9.30am - 12pm
- Thurs 6th Feb: Students Return

*No canteen this week*
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART

Christmas Carols

GIVING TREE
Grade 6 Leavers Dinner
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

MEETING OPENED: 12:30pm
PRAYER: Prayer of Thanksgiving, read by departing president Narelle Gane.
PRESENT: Karan, Kate, Maree, Luch, Karlee, Floss.
ABSENT: Jo, Trudy, Angela Cross, Kama, Shelley.
BUSINESS ARISING:
• Audit will be attended by the end of the school period.
• Carols night rain plan, 2 school marquees, contact FCHC for their marquees, contact Bendigo Bank for their marquees, and contact Tricia re: tarps for oval. Kate has purchased drinks and chips for evening, candles from P&F cupboard to be sold for $1.50. Envelopes to be made available in the night for donations for the Thompson family. Karlee to bring ice from Dover for esky’s for drinks on Carols night.
CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:
• Bank statement.
TREASURERS REPORT: presented by Kate. Reinvest term deposit for next 3 months with transfer from savings account to term deposit to be decided.
PRINCIPLES REPORT:
• Grant from Huon Aquaculture $1500 presentation to school was on Monday 9th of December.
• Vege gardens up and running, roster of care for over school holidays proposed.
• Transition sessions and orientations to new grades for students commenced this week.
• Dance fever great success.
• Retirement of Mrs Kane after 18 years, school farewell this Friday evening.
• Grade 6 BIG DAY OUT this Friday.
• Monday leavers dinner,
• Thanksgiving Mass and Awards next Thursday 19th 9:30am
• New Archbishop in Parish this week.
• Building works to commence these school holidays.
• Thankyou to P&F for contribution to school this year, with special mention to outgoing president Narelle Gane “Floss”.
• Quiz night profits to go to P&F to be kept for Grade 6 excursion next year.
GENERAL BUSINESS
• P&F Dinner numbers to be confirmed.
• School fair date confirmed, fair committee to be established early in the New Year.
• Woolworth’s vouchers and chocolates for family draw, Kate to get list from Ellice, need to follow up with Kama who was purchasing these.
• 2 movie tickets for Healthy meal deal, Kate to email flyer to Karan.
• Raffle tickets to be sold up until draw on Thursday Carols night. Floss to organize 2 floats, 1 for raffle, 1 for drinks and candles.
• Karan to provide Elyse with flyer for Ezicovers to go with Book list for parents before end of week.
• Karan to organize flyer for welcome BBQ for Thursday 13th of February 2014, as well as P&F flyer to be given to parents at BBQ.
SACRED HEART PARENTS & FRIENDS
HUON SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS:

1. Catherine Shreeve
2. Michael Corjenbach
3. Jack-Ross McMullen
4. Natalie Pennicott

Healthy Meal Deal winners:
Jonathon Muresan
Bailey Gordon

P&F FAMILY DRAW
Francis Family
Blake Doyle
M Young
Cooper Coulson
MULTI-LIT THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful group of volunteers and teacher assistants who have tutored our students in reading skills this year. Without their assistance Multilit would not be able to be run. A huge thank you to: Miriam McMullen, Kylie Short, Kate Greaves, Mandy Geeves, Karan Spilling, Leanne Hall, Jye Roe-Banks and Elizabeth Beven. A special thank you to Elizabeth who kept Multilit running smoothly while I was on Long Service Leave. Enjoy Christmas with your families and we may see some of you back next year!

Mrs Fran Reynolds
Learning Support Teacher

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2014

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level.

Only complete the form if you are a new enrolment or have not previously applied or received STAS. Families who have been in receipt of STAS in 2013 will have been sent correspondence directly from the Department. STAS is available to students attending a Government or registered Non-Government school or college and those students eligible to pay levies at the Tasmanian Academy or the Tasmanian Polytechnic. The Minister for Education has expanded the student assistance scheme to provide access for grandparents raising grandchildren.

The school or college will receive funding on behalf of eligible students. This financial assistance is provided towards the cost of school levies.

Income Test: Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year. The income test table used for the STAS 2014 scheme is shown below:

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*For more than 8 children, add $128 per week or $6,656 per annum for each additional dependent.

Application forms for Student Assistance in 2014 are now available from the school office or website or can be downloaded via www.education.tas.gov.au. For general enquiries contact the school office or for specific information on assistance in completing the application form or the application procedures, contact the:

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