Life-giving Discussions

Years ago, when Pope Francis was still Fr Jorge, he taught in a school where an incident took place: a boy slapped a younger and smaller child on the sports field. Fr Jorge sent the boy a message: meet me in such and such a classroom tomorrow. When the boy arrived, he found ten of his best friends there as well. Fr Jorge then told the boy to discuss the incident with his friends. It was complicated (aren’t they nearly always?). But, in a loving atmosphere, the boy had the opportunity to explain himself. The boys, as a group agreed, that while the boy was provoked with good reason, his response was wrong and they, together with the boy, suggested a punishment of not being allowed to play sports for two weeks. The person who recounted this story was the boy himself. Years later, he still marvels at the wisdom, ingenuity and trust Fr Jorge showed in dealing with his behaviour.

There is much to be drawn from this in regards to how we correct our children, and even how we approach adults, but I want to draw attention to the way in which he trusted the boys to come to a good decision by discussion as a group. He believed that when they sought the truth in love, they would find wisdom. This same belief underlies his exhortation Joy in the Gospel. In giving his vision of faith, he also challenges us to make that a reality in our world; not by telling us what to do but by raising the issues he thinks we face in our world. We are the ones to have to discover the solutions in our particular situations. We cannot do it alone. In loving, prayerful discussion with those in similar situations, we can come to the best, creative response to our challenges. God is in our midst, within and between us. We release God’s wisdom by sharing together in love.

Loving God, you know the challenges I face in my family and my community. Give me the courage to seek help in discussing these challenges with people who love me and together may we find the way to grow in love. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

“God won’t ask how others do the work ... but He will ask you how you have done yours”

Mary MacKillop - 1890
Dear Parent/caregiver,

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING & WELCOME BBQ
Next Tuesday, 25 February, we are having a Parent Information evening and Welcome BBQ at Sacred Heart. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to:

- meet your child’s teachers.
- hear about what is happening in your child’s class this year particularly around the learning and teaching.
- be informed about school and classroom routines and expectations.
- meet other families and enjoy a meal.

The BBQ food and soft drinks will be served from 5 – 7pm.

Parent Information sessions will take place at the following times:

5.30pm Kinder – Grade 2 Parent Information session.
6.15pm Grades 3 – 6 Parent Information session.

Children are most welcome to attend and will be fully supervised on the playground by staff while parents attend the information sessions.

Please return the reply form for this event to school by this Friday so that catering can be organized.

BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS INVITATION
Parents and family members are invited to attend our Beginning of Year Mass on Wednesday, 26 February. The Mass will commence at 11.30am in the school hall.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
This week students at Sacred Heart have had the opportunity to apply for the following Leadership positions.

- School Captains & House Captains (Grade 6)
- Aussie Sports Leaders (Grade 6)
- Student Representative Council (Grades 3 – 6)

Lots of good discussions have taken place in classrooms around leadership and students have been encouraged to apply. Elections are taking place this week. Please support your child with their speeches if they are applying.

HUON AQUACULTURE VISIT TO SACRED HEART
Yesterday, Mrs Frances Bender and her daughter, Laura, from Huon Aquaculture, visited Sacred Heart. The main purpose of their visit was to see how our new Veggie Gardens were going. Last year, Sacred Heart received a grant from Huon Aquaculture to purchase and set up the new garden beds. Laura and Frances Bender were given a guided tour around our gardens by students, Georgia Goulding, Fraser Johns, Phillip Nichols and Ava Swanson. Our visitors were really impressed with how the Veggie Gardens were progressing and with what our students could tell them about what was being grown. The Benders, as an ex-family of Sacred Heart, were also really impressed with the many changes that had taken place at our school.
ONE CHILD’S VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Nine months ago, a Grade 4 girl put her hand up during a Grade 4 Student Council class meeting, and suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Veggie Garden at Sacred Heart. The Grade 4 class thought this was a great idea and they took the suggestion to the SRC via their members. The Student Council thought it was an excellent idea and they wrote to the teachers and P&F Association asking for the school to provide this opportunity. Nine months later we have around 10 Veggie Garden beds around the school with lots of vegetables growing in them. How did this all happen? From just one voice. Well done Georgia Goulding on your wonderful idea!

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – CHANGED DATE & VENUE
Parents are advised that our school swimming carnival, for all children from Kinder – Grade 6, will be taking place on:

Tuesday, 11th March
at the
The Huonville Pool

9.30am – 2pm (approx. time)

Detailed information will be circulated to all families soon.

BOOKS – DO YOU HAVE ANY TO DONATE?
This year, our main educational focus is around literacy. Reading in particular, is really being encouraged and supported throughout the school. Whilst we have a good supply of books in our Library, the more popular ones are often out being read – which is great! We would like to build up our classroom supply of books so if you have any popular student books in good condition that you would like to donate, please send them along. We would be happy to receive books by Paul Jennings, Andy Griffiths, series like Zac Powers, Goosebumps, Specky Magee etc

NO TOYS AT SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that children should not bring personal toys to school. Having toys at school often leads to difficulties as they are sometimes lost, broken or used at inappropriate class times making them a distraction. The school provides a good range of equipment for the children to use at school.

MOBILE PHONES
Students are not to bring mobile phones to school. If parents feel there is a good reason for their child to bring a mobile to school, they need to write to the Principal seeking permission first.

BUCKET HATS
During Terms 1 and 4 the school bucket hat needs to be worn when the children are outside playing. No hat, means that they must play under cover. These arrangements are in accordance with our School Sunsmart policy.
STRINGY BARK
We need a good supply of bark from a Stringy Bark Tree to use on our Aboriginal Campsite huts. If you can assist, please let us know.

YOGA FOR STUDENTS
We are thinking of starting an after school Yoga session for students. Sessions would be run by a qualified instructor on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15pm. There would be a charge per session. If your child is interested, please indicate this on the reply form sent home yesterday or contact our school office.

UNIFORM
It’s great to see our students wearing their school uniform so well. We often receive great comments about how good our students look in their uniform. Thank you for supporting your child and our school with this.

SOUTHERN TIGERS
Congratulations to the following students and ex-students who have been playing cricket with the Southern Tigers. I would like to wish them well as they play their finals.

Riley Griggs       Dylan Gane
Harris Short       Tom Shanley
Jack McQueen       Josh Coad
Philip Nichols     Bailey Gordon
Travis Hickey      Connor Soward
Lukas Ford         Shannan Doyle
Tommy Twaits       Jonathan Muresan
Cooper Coulson

Best wishes for the coming week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

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**Bookclub closes on the 25th Feb.**

**No late orders will be accepted.**

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**Dates for your Diary**

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WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART

First Week Back

LOVE BEING WITH FRIENDS
HARD AT WORK
BUDDY TIME
It was a pleasure to have Frances and Laura Bender from Huon Aquaculture visit our school to see how our veggie beds are progressing.

In 2013 Sacred Heart successfully applied for a grant from Huon Aquaculture towards setting up a vegetable garden at school. This idea originated from a student who was able to make her voice heard through our Student Council and has led to a $1500 contribution from Huon Aquaculture and several raised garden beds that have popped up around the school. Our very generous families within the community offered to look after and water these gardens throughout the holidays and from the photos below you will see what a huge benefit that has been with lots of fresh vegetables now flourishing.
Sacred Heart Catholic School
is once again collecting unwanted mobile phones for recycling. As a new addition, unwanted ipad/tablets are also now recycled.

Australian Mobile Recycling

would like to announce that along with the $3 CASH they offer per mobile phone they will now be offering an amazing $25 CASH per iPad/tablet received by your school for recycling.

This is a very easy way of clearing out the cupboards while raising funds for the school. When 30 devices are collected they will be forwarded to Australian Mobile Recycling. A collection box will be located in the school office.

Why mobile phones?
Currently there is an estimated 14 million unused mobile phones in Australia. Our aim is to collect as many used and unwanted mobile phones as possible.

What happens to the phones I send in?
All phones received will be recycled for reuse. This means they will be refurbished for resale. Each handset is restored to factory conditions and all sim cards and memory cards will be destroyed. Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their constitute parts and will be recycled by licensed recyclers.

It’s time to empty out those bottom drawers and put your old mobile phones towards a good cause.

PLEASE SEND YOUR UNWANTED DEVICES INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.
Piano Lessons with Mrs Beven

Once again, I am pleased to be offer basic piano lessons for students who are interested. Lessons are conducted weekly on a one-on-one basis at school and the cost is $12.50 for approximately 15 minutes. Students need to have a piano or keyboard at home on which they can practice. If your child is keen to have a go please call me, Elizabeth Beven, on 62976221(home) or 0428976221(mob) to discuss further.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage 2014 – Help Needed!

The fifth Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday 13th April. Palm Sunday Pilgrimage is an event for the whole Church to come together to celebrate World Youth Day, Palm Sunday and all the different parts that make up our Tasmanian Church! This has been extremely successful in the past with over 1000 people participating from all over the state! Catholic Youth Ministry needs YOUR assistance to help make this even more successful than ever! We are in need of: Business Sponsorship, Donations (food items, water, kids activities etc), know-how and/or access to sound equipment, vehicles and people to transport large objects, PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY! Volunteers need to be 18 years or older, able to undertake a national police check and attend a volunteer briefing. If you can help in any of the above ways we would love to hear from you asap. Please contact Rachelle Smith e: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au m:0400 045 368

Kermandie Junior Football Club
Rego night
Thursday 27th Feb at 4.30pm all ages (U8's - U12's) for more info contact Club President Adrian Short 0419820121.
This year we are in need of help, including Canteen Manager, Assistant Secretary, social committee.
Auskick will be held after the Easter break-details closer to date, hope to see you all at Rego night!

Southern Storm Player Registration Dates
REMINDER

18th of February 1st scheduled training and registration.
4.30pm at Franklin followed by BBQ all age groups.

25th of February at training Franklin ground 4.30pm.
2014 registration fees:
$70.00/player includes socks.
Shorts- $15.00
Hoodies- $50.00

All current and new players and families welcome.
GEEVESTON COMMUNITY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
CAN YOU HELP US?

WE HAVE A PROBLEM AND I JUST KNOW WITH YOUR HELP IT CAN BE SOLVED.

We invite you to meet with us on
Monday 24th February 5pm OR
Thursday 27th February at 7:30pm at
The Geeveston Community Hall Brady Street for
a cuppa and biscuits to help discuss ideas on how you can get involved!!
Currently we need more Leaders so that existing units do not have to close
PLUS there is a huge need to open a 14-17year age unit.

Did you know?  Girl Guides Australia is one of the largest organisations in Australia for
Girls and young women.
We provide a non formal educational program that is dynamic, flexible and values based
training in life skills, decision making and leadership.
The Australian Guide Program is run by trained Volunteer Leaders. Girl Guides Tasmania is a
not for profit organisation that involves Volunteers at all levels of its operations, which
enables our members to gain maximum benefit from the unique knowledge and skills
Volunteers are able to offer.

Become a Volunteer with Guiding and support Girls and young women to reach their
potential. No matter how much time you have to give or the interests and skills you have to
offer, there is a Volunteer role in Guiding to suit you.  Without people like you great
opportunities such as Girl Guiding cannot exist.

If you feel you are ready to connect to and better understand your community, meet new
people, make new friends, and enjoy a sense of achievement and fulfilment, please join us
to discuss what opportunities are available.
Geeveston Girl Guides is part of the Huon District and very important to us. We need to find
a solution and I just know if, some of us can get together on this, I believe it will be
remedied.
Thank you
Ann Brittain Huon District & Unit Leader and Leadership Trainer Kathy Cane
Unit Leaders Michelle Dolaghan and Philz Rollinson

Please confirm your intention to attend on email: anndale5@bigpond.com