Dates For Your Diary

**March 19**
Relay For Life Cake Stall (Recess)
Assembly 12 midday

**March 22**
Geeveston Fun Day 10-4

**March 24**
Grade 6 Students on Huon FM-12PM

**March 24-26**
Grade 5 Camp - Bruny Island

**March 28**
Easter Raffle Free Dress Day

**March 29-30**
Relay For Life

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Rehearse your anger

Early in his career, Roger Federer saw a video clip of himself losing his temper on the tennis court. He did not like what he saw and resolved to control his temper and deal with his anger. Now, not only regraded as the greatest tennis player of all time by many, he is also respected as a great gentleman.

In the New Testament, we are told ‘Be angry but do not sin’ (Eph 4:26). How do we do this? A good place to start is to take a reality check on what we look like when we lose our temper. If a video clip is not available, one can always try enacting a performance privately in front of the bathroom mirror. Whether we are one who rages or who snidely undermines, it rarely looks nice in the clear light of day. This rehearsal may help us to realise how counterproductive our anger outbursts probably are.

Yet anger is a good emotion that, used rightly, can produce results. To begin with, it tells us that something is giving us pain and needs to be dealt with. Lashing out, brooding, ignoring it and becoming depressed, wastes the anger. We need to use the feeling to assess and discern what is actually causing our pain. Often, it is not what we first blame. Once clear about our source of pain, anger can give us the energy to carry through a program of change. This is never an easy business but harnessing our anger can give us the good steady force we need to transform the situations that cause our anger. It can be both a GPS and an engine in our lives. Maybe that is what Roger Federer realised years ago and what he has used to mould his determination and consistency.

Loving God, let me unleash my anger as a force for good in my life. Send me the wisdom of your Spirit to help me discern what truly hurts me and give me the knowledge to change for my good and that of those I love. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This event was held yesterday at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Our squad of 31 children from Grades 3 – 6 represented Sacred Heart at this event along with competitors from all Southern Catholic Schools. Our team performed well against some very good competition. They were also very good ambassadors for Sacred Heart with their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Special thanks to Miss Monika Pearce and Mr Scot McQueen who looked after our team at this event.

Miss Shae Longey was the chief organizer of this major Catholic Schools event which included two carnivals across the whole day. This was a mammoth task and one which Shae did exceptionally well! Both carnivals ran very smoothly and to time. Well done Miss Longey!

ASSEMBLIES RE-COMMENCE THIS WEEK

Our fortnightly assemblies resume this week. They will be held on Wednesday in the school hall from 12 midday. The assembly format will change this year with each assembly including presentations of student work from different classes. Merit cards will also be presented. Parents are always very welcome.

A Music Assembly will be held on the last day of school; Thursday, 17th April commencing at 12pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARENT CONCERNS

If a parent has a school-related concern then one of the following options should be taken:

1. If it’s a class related matter – talk to the class teacher in the first instance.
2. If it’s of a general school matter – contact the Principal (Luch Brighella) or a member of the leadership team. (Ms Cate Doherty or Mrs Ronita Barratt)
3. Student safety or behaviour concerns – Contact the Principal/Leadership Team.
4. School fees – Contact the Principal or the Office Manager, Chris Lovell.

If you have a genuine concern, then I strongly encourage you to address it with the best person who can assist you. Discussing your concerns in the school carpark, on Facebook or on the sideline while watching a sporting event is not the most appropriate way to address your concern.
EXCURSION PERMISSION FORMS
We seek parental support in ensuring that you return excursion permission forms to school by the due date. The permission form is now a Workplace Health & Safety requirement for all schools and it also confirms that you have read the information about the excursion.

SCHOOL WEBSITE & CALENDAR
Parents are reminded that our school website is a good source of information about the school. The school calendar has all school events advertised on it.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEBIT
Thank you to the parents who have already organized their payment of school fees by direct debit. The school really appreciates your prompt attention to this. If you have any concerns about these new arrangements, please do not hesitate in contacting me for a confidential discussion. We are very keen to work with families with the payment of school fees.

GEEVESTON COMMUNITY FUN DAY – CAN YOU HELP OUT?
On Saturday, 22nd March, the Geeveston Community Fun Day will take place in Heritage Park. Sacred Heart will have the school Marquee set up advertising our school. If you and your child can help for an hour or two please let the school office know.

YOGA AT SACRED HEART
After school Yoga with Alison Eastland will commence this Wednesday, 19th March. Session will go from 3.15 – 4.30pm each week. The first session will be a Try-out session at a cost of $8 per child. If you choose to enrol, the cost will be $80 for a 10 week program. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact the school office for a registration form.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS
A number of staff, parents and students will be participating in the Relay for Life on Saturday, 29th March. We would really appreciate your support for these two fund-raisers.

A CAKE STALL will be run at recess tomorrow by Relay For Life participants. A great variety of cakes will be available for 50 cents each.

A CAR WASH will be run at school on Friday, 28th March from 8.30 – 9.30am and later in the day from 1.45 – 2.45pm. Why not bring your car for a wash. Cost is $5 per car.

Best wishes for the coming week!
Luch Brighella
Principal

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2015
A reminder to all families that we are now accepting enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2015. If you have not already done so, please contact the School office and an application package will be sent out to you. Kinder enrolment interviews will take place early in Term 2. Over the last two years, our Kindergarten places have filled up very quickly, so don’t leave your applications too late.

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Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability.

The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

All Australian governments have agreed to this.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are – every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia.

Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability – in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.

With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect this information – that is, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and/or their parent/carer about reasonable adjustments. These are things the schools do now and this won’t change.

The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with a learning difficulty).
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Your child’s school will collect and report information every year about:

• the level of adjustment provided
• the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
• where known, the student’s broad type of disability.

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?

Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect the above information based on:

• consultation with parents/carers
• the school team’s observations and professional judgements
• any medical diagnosis
• other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:

• Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it.
• When the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or federal education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
• When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?

When all Australian schools are taking part in the new data collection, the information will be reported on the My School website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not.

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in this new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students’ needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don’t want to have your child’s information included in the national data collection.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability
**What is Lent?**

Lent is a 40 day season of preparation before Easter. It is a time where we are asked to reflect on our lives and on our relationship with God and others. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and finishes during Easter week. The forty days are symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.

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**Living Lent in your family - some suggestions:**

* Pray as a family - at mealtimes, at bedtime.
* Place a candle/cross on the table or in a special place in your home.
* Encourage your children to “give up” something or to help others.
* Contribute as a family to Project Compassion or other charities.

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**Lenten Fast Facts**

* The Liturgical color for Lent is purple.
* During Lent we are asked to support the work of Caritas through our contributions to Project Compassion.
* We do not say the “Alleluia” verse in Masses during Lent.

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**The Three Aspects of Lent**

**PRAYER:** During Lent, we are asked to try to find time in our busy lives to stop, reflect and pray.

**FASTING:** In the past, Catholics were expected to abstain or give up meat every Friday during Lent. Now, there are only two days when this is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The whole idea of fasting and making sacrifices or “giving things up” is a way to try to simplify our lives a little and to discover what truly matters.

**ALMSGIVING:** During Lent we “give alms” or donate money to those in need. One way schools do this is through Project Compassion. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box where students can support children in other countries, perhaps by giving up some of their own coins. Families could also have a Project Compassion box at home to remind them of their commitment to those less fortunate.

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**Did You Know?**

**Why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday?**

Traditionally, Christians gave up meat, fat, eggs and dairy products for Lent. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to use up some of these foods before Lent begins.

**Why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?**

The ashes that are placed on our forehead are a symbol of our mortality and a sign of sorrow and repentance. The ashes come from burning the palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

**What can we “give up” or “sacrifice” during Lent?**

It may be doing without something we enjoy, like chocolate or sugar. It may also include trying harder to help others. Many children give up things like lollies, ice-cream, TV or the computer. Often, this is hard for young children to do for the whole of Lent so they could try to give something up for a week at a time.

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Faith Information Sheet 1, February 26th 2014. For more information, please contact Leanne Prichard, Pastoral Associate on 0409 434784 or Father Chris Hope on 62291280.
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

Uniform items have now arrived.

If you are waiting for uniform items please let us know as most items are now in stock.

Regards
Maree McQueen

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**Southern Stars Boxing Club**

Boxing Tournament at Dover District High School

22 March 2014

Doors open at 2:00pm - First fight at 3:00pm

Adults $20.00 - Concession/Children $10.00

Family Entry $50.00

LIMITED RING SIDE TABLES AVAILABLE

Phone 0457 311 742 or 0437 535 647 for Tickets

Support your local boxers