Our Glory

Sometimes I get cynical about the media coverage of the Olympics and the Oscars but there is a kernel of truth beneath all the hype: the human desire for glory. We all want it...and we do enjoy others receiving it.

I, and most people reading this, will never get an Oscar, or a Gold Medal. Still we have to claim our own glory if we are to come to true happiness. Next Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration, that moment when Jesus allowed his inner glory to shine out upon his disciples. Sure, there was discussion at this time of the suffering he would undergo before his glory would be fully revealed. We understand this: we know what athletics and actors go through to achieve their best. Few of us are so naïve as to think we can come to glory without having to endure pain and suffering. Our greater challenge is to uncover, discover and accept the unique person God has made us to be. Where do we look for this person when our life can seem so messy? Firstly, at those moments when we have experienced deep joy. Secondly, at the situations in which we have a sense of purpose. Thirdly, at our deepest desires – perhaps the ones we have never expressed. These are like signposts pointing us in the direction of the glorious person we were created to be. Sit with these, ponder these, pray over these. Allow the glory that God wants for you to shine from within.

Loving God, you have created me for glory. Send me the wisdom of the Spirit to discover my true worth that I may live in the richness of love you desire for me. I ask this in Jesus’ name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

ST MARY MACKILLOP
QUOTE

“Love charity more than ever.”
Mary MacKillop 1899
Dear Parents/Carers

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
Last week we celebrated the beginning of Lent, an important Church season leading up to Easter. It was a wonderful celebration and I would sincerely like to thank all involved with the organizing of this celebration. During the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, perhaps going without something that we might miss and doing something kind for others. In the next few days, your child will bring a Project Compassion box home. I encourage all families to put it in a central place where you might remember to add a few coins during Lent. In the last week of this term, we will ask all children to bring the project compassion boxes and money in to school as part of our Holy Week activities.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Last Friday, our Grade 5/6 students attended our local World Day of Prayer celebration at the Community Church in Geeveston. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to come together with the wider community to pray. Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 students who had a special reading part. They did this very well.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Tuesday of this week, we held our school swimming carnival at the Huonville Pool. What a wonderful day it was. The weather was great, all children from Kinder to Grade 6 were able to compete in lots of different races and many parents and family members came along to support! It was especially good to have our Kinder to Grade 2 children involved. Prior to last year, the School Swimming Carnival was only held for Grades 3 – 6 children. We are now providing all our students with the opportunity. It was really great to see all our children (who were at the carnival) take part in so many events. Everyone who competed earned at least one point for their team. Special thanks to the carnival organizer, Miss Longey who did a sensational job coordinating this event. My thanks also to the many staff and parents who helped to make the carnival a great success. I would also like to thank our Grade 6 school leaders, Lily Greene, Tommy Twaits, Fraser Johns, Sophie Buick, Abby Gordon and Reece Scotland who also did a fine job helping out, especially with the Kinder – Grade 2 events. Congratulations to all who participated and tried their hardest all day. Picton were the eventual winners with 919 points. Hartz came second with 837 points. Picton were the eventual winners with 919 points. Hartz came second with 837 points.

Your feedback is welcome..... We are sending home a short feedback form to get your feedback about the Swimming Carnival.
NEW STUDENT – MITCHELL AVERY
Last week we welcomed Mitchell Avery to our grade 4 class. Mitchell has made a great start at Sacred Heart and I wish him all the very best for a successful future at our school.

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 on the day, please complete the separate flyer and return it to school by next Tuesday, 18th March.

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.

YOGA AT SACRED HEART
After school Yoga with Alison Eastland will commence next 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 enroll, 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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Our School Board will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the April meeting. We are now calling for nominations for membership of the Board.

Being a member of the Board involves many kinds of responsibilities and relationships. The information that is shared demands protocols that need to be understood and observed by all. The principle focus of the Board members is to work to improve the capacity of the school as a Catholic school in order to deliver quality educational outcomes for the students.

A full copy of the Board Membership letter and the nomination form can be obtained from our school office.

Best wishes for the coming week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

Grade 3 Excursion to the Park
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Bridie Pepper
On Friday 3rd March, 2014 we went to the Huonville Esplanade. We split up into table groups. Table 1 and 2 firstly drew the map. Table 3 and 4 interviewed people visiting the park. Then we had lunch.

After our work we played on the twirly green slide, we went up and down and played chasings.

Secondly, we feed the ducks.

Thirdly, we got on the bus and went back to school.

Dakota Frazer
The Huonville Esplanade

On Friday Grade 3 went to the Huonville Esplanade.

Firstly, we surveyed some people at the park.

Secondly, we did a map of the park.

Thirdly, we ate our lunch in the gazebo.

Fourthly, we had a play on the playground and fed the ducks. We were in little groups to feed the ducks. Ducks eat bread. We got a slice of bread each. When we were feeding the ducks there were birds there like ducks, seagulls and lots more.

We also saw the rock! It has a time capsule buried underneath it. It was buried in 2000.

It was great!!!
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.

**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

**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.

**Ash Wednesday**

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.

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
RELAY FOR LIFE CUP CAKE SALE

A group of students from Geeveston Girl Guides, who are also students at Sacred Heart have joined forces to help raise money for our Relay For Life Team.

This committed group of children will be selling cupcakes at school on Wednesday March 19 at recess for .50c each. The children will also be participating in Relay at the end of March.

Kind Regards
Karan Spilling – Geeveston Girl Guides
& Maree McQueen Relay Team Manager

Uniform items have now arrived.

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

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

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What’s Been Happening at Sacred Heart

Project Compassion Launch

Ash Wednesday Mass

Swimming Carnival