The Instinct of Love

Recently I attended the memorial service of a wonderful man. During the service, it was said that he wasn’t a religious man, implying that he didn’t know what came after death. His loving grandchildren did. Five of the seven wrote poems in which they expressed their love and their belief that his love would continue to be with them and guide them through their lives. How could it not? He had loved them so much, so deeply. Their instinct was right – they had known him in love and his love would go on. It was the greatest reality that they knew about him.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The feast concerns another death, that of Mary, but also of the belief that after her death she was taken to heaven, body, soul and spirit to be with her son Jesus, to whom she had been so close here on earth. There is no direct Scriptural basis for this belief – but it has been an instinct of believers in the Church since its earliest times. Our belief holds that she, who was mother to Jesus, who shared his joys and sorrows so closely in his life, now shares his glory. She is a sign of the hope to us who hope to enter into the fullness of love and life with God. Do we really understand what this means? No, but like the grandchildren of the friend who died, we have an instinct that tells us that the love we have known will go on…and that God intends to cover us in glory, as he did Mary.

*Loving Father, you have given us Mary as a sign of hope to us when we are fearful about what happens after death. In her, we see the fullness of life and love that you wish for all of us. Help us to trust in the glory that is to come. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.*

**Dates For Your Diary**

- 11th-15th Aug  Catholic Education Week
- 13th - 16th Aug  Grade 6 Melbourne Trip
- 18th - 22nd Aug  Book Week
- 21st Aug  Book Week Parade
- 20th Aug  School Photo Day
- 22nd Aug  Friday Afternoon Activities commence
- 27th Aug  School Cross Country

*“Never see a need without doing something about it”*
Dear Parents/Carers

FEAST DAY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP
What a wonderful celebration we had last Friday for this important Feast Day. All staff and students travelled around to St James Catholic College and joined their community for Mass. It was a great opportunity for our two communities to celebrate together. Following Mass, the children had lunch together and took part in a range of fun activities for the remainder of the day. Special thanks to the St James community for hosting this day of celebration.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF NEW CHURCH IN RANELAGH
Special thanks to all within our community who were able to attend this special event. It was a wonderful celebration and I am very grateful to all who attended and to our students that were able to come along.

GRANDPARENTS’ & SPECIAL PERSONS’ DAY
Last Wednesday around two hundred special guests visited Sacred Heart Catholic School to help celebrate Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day. We began with our weekly assembly with each class presenting very entertaining item for our visitors. Following assembly, we had a fantastic morning tea for our guests (and quite a number of children who snuck in to join in!) After this, our guests visited classrooms, taking part in lots of activities and looked around the school.
All in all, a great community day!

SCHOOL PHOTOS
A reminder that School photos are being taken next Wednesday, 20th August. It would be great to have all students present as this is the only opportunity for these photos to be taken. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full formal uniform and that they are looking their best. School shoes need to be clean and hair tidy. If you wish to purchase the school photos, please return the order form envelope to school before next Wednesday.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
This term we are introducing a Friday afternoon activities program at Sacred Heart. This will commence next Friday, 22nd August. There will be many activities to choose from including sport, craft, art, cooking, bike riding, a history trail bus ride, visiting Eldercare to name but a few.

• Check out the flyer coming home today
• Fill in the 3 activities your child wants to do.
• Indicate if you want to help.
• Return to school by this Friday. Monday at the latest.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST
Our school cross country is only 3 weeks away and this should be another great event! The Cross Country is held in our school grounds around our magnificent bushland.

• All children from Kinder – Grade 6 are expected to participate in a course to suit their age group.
• If they are unable to run, they can walk!
• All children will be remaining at school for the whole day. Children are not permitted to leave early with parents.
• Everyone is welcome to come along and support our students.
FOOTBALL & NETBALL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Lily Greene, Sophie Burgess (netball), Reece Scotland and Lukas Ford (football) who have been selected from Sacred Heart Catholic School to take part in football and netball matches where Denison will play against Franklin. Well done boys and girls and good luck!

Have a great week!

STUDENT SUCCESS – JORDAN WALKER

Congratulations to Jordan Walker who last week participated in a Statewide Dancing Competition held at the Silverdome in Launceston. Jordan did incredibly well achieving two 1st places and a 2nd Place. Well done Jordan!

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL TWILIGHT FAIR

NEW DATE – FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER

Everyone loves a School Fair and this year we are hoping to have the best Sacred Heart Catholic School Fair ever! There will be heaps of great stalls, entertainments for the family and yes, lots of great food!

We are hoping to raise $12,000 that will go directly to the new playground development at our school.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Check out the Fair Flyer that we sent home earlier this week.
Can you coordinate a stall?
Are you able to help on a stall?
Perhaps you might be interested in Sponsoring a stall?
You may know of businesses that we can approach for donations.

EVERYONE CAN HELP MAKE OUR FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!

Please read the fair flyer and if you can help in any way, please return the REPLY FORM provided.

Library News

Book fair will be held from the 18th August till the 22nd August in the library. Parents and friends are more than welcome to come and browse the selection of books on sale. Its a good opportunity to make early christmas purchases. the school receives 30% of all sales made for books for the library.

Regards Cathie Stockford
Merit Certificates 06/8/2014

Alife Cullen
Thank you for being a terrific role model.

Caleb Burgess
For successfully completing the Multilit reading program. Well done Caleb!

Bailey Van Den Broek
For her switched on effort during literacy in activating prior knowledge.

Lilly Greene
For her positive attitude when facing new challenges, especially in Mathematics.

Ethan Lovell
For his dedication, positive attitude and willingness to take on feedback, to improve in all areas of the curriculum.

Matthias Ewikowski
For working hard on his writing.

Nathan Briggs
For a fantastic start to Term 3! And having a positive attitude to learning.

Jesse Leary
For having safe hands, listening eyes and listening ears during mat time.

FAIR Plant Stall
Once again there will be a plant stall at our fair.
We would appreciate the help of donations please. Ideas maybe...
plants (indoor and out. Big or small.)
Pots, plants, potting mix, seed raising mix, horse/sheep/chook poo, seeds, seedlings, tools, volunteers for potting up.
I am happy to collect items/plants suitable for plant stall.

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Opening of the new Church at Ranelagh