“A Fishing God Moment or two”

Many of us are familiar with the Gospel story where Jesus shared a few fish and some bread that a young boy had with a very large number of people. We often would refer to this as a miracle as a few loaves and a couple of fish would probably only be enough to feed a small family, not a few thousand people. Nevertheless, it was still a “God moment” in the lives of those many people that Jesus fed and particularly the young boy that offered to share his fish and loaves of bread with Jesus.

Over the past few weeks we have had a few exciting fish stories of our own to share and I must say there are certainly a few “God moments” amongst them. Over the past few weeks as part of our Friday Arvo Activities, Mr Stu Grey, our Grade 1 teacher has been taking a small group of children fishing down at Franklin. This in itself has been quite a God moment. Fishing along the docks on a beautiful sunny afternoon watching the reflection on the still waters of the river…..how truly special is that!

When Samuel landed a good sized trout, that must have been a real “God moment” for him. I think the smile on his face says it all. Last Friday, Denver from Grade 2 caught not one, not two but three Cocky Salmon. Denver had never caught a fish before, how excited must he have felt? How proud and tall did he feel when he told the story of each catch over and over to his mother that night. A God moment? A few I think.

Aston from Grade 2 was not quite so lucky. His story was the one about the fish that got away. I’m sure that many of us are familiar with that one. Well from all accounts Aston did have a big one on the line. He hauled it in and had it out of the water, when this massive fish snapped his line and got away! Aston was distraught, but well supported by his friends, teacher and his parents. (a few more “God moments” there). Aston came up to me yesterday morning and told me his story about the fish that got away. He said, “Mr Brighella, you know what, I’m going fishing again this week and you know what? I’m going to catch that fish. And mum is coming too to help me pull it out of the water!”

Dear Lord, Thank you for the many God moments that we have at Sacred Heart,
Thank you for the unique opportunity to do things like fishing.
Thank you for the beautiful river we can enjoy and the beauty of a sunny day to warm our hearts.
Thank you for our teachers, friends and family that we can share our God moments with.
Amen.
Dear Parents/Carers

CAMBODI-THON – FUND-RAISING EVENT
On Tuesday, 23rd September we are having Cambodi-a-thon at Sacred Heart. This will be an activity filled day that hopefully will raise our awareness of the difficulty many young children have living in Cambodia.

On this day, all children from Kinder – Grade 6, will be part of a team that will take part in a Skip-a-thon, walk-a-thon around the cross country track, ride-a-thon (bike riding around the oval) and a read-a-thon.

Today, your child will receive a sponsorship form along with a notice that fully explains this fund-raising event. We encourage all children and their families to get as many sponsors as they can to support this event.

STARTING OUR OWN APPLE ORCHARD AT SACRED HEART
Last week, through the generosity of Stuart Griggs (father of Riley in Grade 4) and a local fruit tree supplier he deals with, Sacred Heart received 40 dwarf apple trees to plant. Having our own apple orchard has been talked about for a long time and is part of our new playground masterplan.

Yesterday, we got underway establishing our new orchard. Many thanks to Nev, Isaac (groundstaff), Jon Tinker (Will – Grade 4), Rob Seabrook (Gabby Grade 2 & Cassandra in Kinder) and Billy Crutch (Tommy – Grade 6) who helped to dig 40 holes for our new trees.

In the afternoon, Stuart Griggs talked to the children from Grades 1, 2 & 4 about how to plant apple trees and looking after them. After this the children worked in teams getting all 40 trees planted. The Sacred Heart Apple Orchard is now underway! We look forward to having our children pick apples to eat at fruit break in 2016 and beyond!

STUDENT FREE DRESS DAY
On Thursday, 11th September we will be having a free dress day at school. The children can wear free dress as long as they bring along some non-perishable items that can go in the trailer. Items can include: food items, bottles of wine, laundry, bathroom, gardening, confectionery, toys etc

PLEASE SEND IN ITEMS FOR OUR TRAILER RAFFLE

P&F ASSOCIATION – FATHERS’ DAY STALL THANKS
Last Wednesday, our P&F Association ran a very successful Fathers’ Day Gift Stall. The children were able to purchase great gifts for their dads. Thank you to Karan Spilling, who coordinated this gift stall and to special thanks also to Trudy Short, Catherine Grey, Renee Clydesdale, Maree Drysdale and Shelley Griggs for your wonderful help.

GEEVESTON SPRING FESTIVAL – THIS SATURDAY
The Geeveston Spring Festival is on this Saturday in the township. Many of our students have completed Daffodil art work which will be on display. We will also be selling tickets in our Fair Trailer Raffle. If you can help, please send in the reply form on the notice sent home yesterday.
SCHOOL FEES BY DIRECT DEBIT
Some parents adjust the amount of their school fee payments after they have received their tax refunds. If you need to adjust your payment amount, please contact Chris Lovell, our Finance Officer at the school office.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We are still raising money for our Grade 6 Melbourne Trip by selling chocolates. We have now received our new supply of chocolates. If you can assist by taking a box of chocolates, please contact the school office.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE THIS FRIDAY
Thank you to the families who have already made a donation to this cause. We haven’t quite reached our target of $200 yet so we would welcome your donations.

If our target is reached, Mr Brighella, Miss Pearce, Mrs Allwright & Mr Grey will do the ice-bucket challenge at school.

All money raised will go to the GEEVESTON CARES GROUP who support many people in need in our own community.

Donations can be made via the school office.

Sacred Heart Catholic school acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Tasmania and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.
We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders past and present.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

Library News
Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair. We have been able to purchase books to the value of $613. Cathie Stockford

7HOFM Apple for the Teacher Competition
Teachers that are nominated in this competition are Cate Doherty, Kathy Allwright, Ronita Barratt and Shae Longey!!

Please go to this website to vote
You can vote as many times as you like!
Wednesday 10th September

**2014 FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2014 AFL Footy finals race is heating up!

To celebrate Sacred Heart Catholic School will be holding its Footy Colours Day on Friday 26th of September.

Students, parents/carers and staff are welcome to wear their favourite footy team colours. (Collingwood supporters are asked not to remove their front teeth)

Prizes will be awarded for creative footy costumes, effort and originality.

We ask that everyone brings in a gold coin donation which we will donate to a local organisation Geeveston Cares, who provide critical support to members of the local community who are sick or doing it tough.

We will start with an assembly in our hall at 9.30am, our Friday Afternoon activity program will continue as normal in the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Ryan Kinder
Gr 5/6 & AP

Luch Brighella
Principal