Who prepared you for God?

God has some peculiar ways of acting. So easily, God could choose to amaze us personally in our hearts. We could experience spiritual fireworks in our lives...and sometimes, on the rare occasion, God does put on a show. More often than not though, we experience God in a form of ‘dark faith’. The peculiar thing about this, is that this faith is usually given to us by other people. Think what your grandparents may have said to you, how your parents may have prayed, how you have been influenced by the good actions of a friend, or challenged by those of no faith. Even though our faith is something deeply personal between ourselves and God, it has been formed and nurtured by the faith of others.

A prayer of thanksgiving often said in my community is for those who have brought our faith to where we are today. As a way of preparation for the coming of the Lord we would do well to recall the people who have formed our faith to what it is today. Perhaps it was grandparents, parents, teachers, the atheist who challenges or the friend who dies tragically – there are many different ways, both positive and negative, that God has used these people as channels of grace into our lives. As we recognise who they are and give thanks we make ourselves even more open to the coming of God in our lives.

As we have received faith, we are also called to pass it on....especially to our children. Parents and guardians are in a unique and privileged position to help form that intimate personal relationship with God that is faith. Over this Christmas, pray and ask for the Spirit’s guidance in helping your children realise the mystery of God’s coming into the world...and into their hearts.

Loving God, help me to prepare for your coming in my child/ren’s lives. May my life and loving show to them the beauty of your love. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th Dec  Gr 6 Mass at Cathedral
5th Dec Volunteer Morning Tea 10.30am
8th Dec Dancefever event at Derwent Entertainment Centre
9th Dec Kinder Excursion - Raptor Centre
10th Dec Kinder - Grade 2 Dancefever concert 9.15am
11th Dec Gr 6 Big Day Out
11th Dec Assembly 2.15pm
11th Dec Christmas Concert 6pm

“All is in the hands of God”

Mary
MacKillop - 1.12.1881

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.
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Last Sunday was the beginning of the first week of Advent. It is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. At Mass last Sunday, the Advent Wreath had its first purple candle lit. This first candle is called the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. This candle reminds us that Jesus’ coming was prophesied hundreds of years before he was actually born.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL TWILIGHT FAIR
What an amazing community event this was! Nearly 50 stalls and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, delicious food, games for the children to enjoy and wonderful entertainment throughout the night! The weather was fine and we had a big crowd, not just from our school, but also from the wider community.

For me, this event really highlighted what Sacred Heart is really all about – community. People, children, parents, family members all working together to achieve something special. Last Friday, was a prime example of our school in action. During the day, there were students, staff and parents all working together to set up for the fair. Everyone working together for our school.

There were many people at our fair who were not connected to our school. I'm sure they were very impressed with what they saw. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our fair; especially our amazing Parents & Friends Association, and in particular, our Fair Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this major event. I would especially like to acknowledge the hard work of Fair Coordinators, Maree McQueen and Fiona Donato, who did a fantastic job!

SILENT AUCTION – STILL OPEN FOR BIDS
The silent auction is still open for bids up to 5.30pm on Thursday, 11th December. This is the evening of the Christmas concert. The items up for auction are listed below with their current highest bid. If you would like to bid, please contact Ellen at the school office.

We have 3 Silent Auction items that are still on offer

Hawks signed and framed jumper - current bid $400
12v travel cooler and warmer - no current bid
HVC - Huonville Pool family season pass - no current bid

SWIMMING PROGRAM – WEEK 2
Our swimming program is going really well. Thank you for your support. Tomorrow (Wednesday) all children are asked to bring along an old pair of shorts and t-shirt that they can use for the water safety aspect of the program.

SCHOOL TRAILER RAFFLE – PLEASE RETURN TICKETS
The trailer raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday, 11th December. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school office by next Tuesday, 9th December.
BOOKLIST ORDERS 2015
This year we are changing our book order arrangements. A special letter and order form will be sent home with all children today. In brief:

1. There will be a compulsory pack of stationery items that all families will need to order online from Birchalls. This will ensure that all children have the correct items for use in the classroom.

2. There will be a separate order for the school diary and any other items that parents may need to order.

3. The books will be delivered straight to school and teachers will distribute them on the first day of school next year.

4. There will be a significant cost saving to parents under this new system.

DANCEFEVER CONCERTS NEXT WEEK
A reminder to all families that there will be two DanceFever concerts next week.

Monday, 8th December – Grades 3-6 Dance Event (with other participating schools) at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. Families can make their own way there or travel on one of our buses.

Wednesday, 10th December – Kinder to Grade 2 Event will take place at 9.15am in our school hall. Families are most welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – NEXT THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER
On Thursday, 11th December commencing at 6pm, we will be having our Christmas Concert. Each class from Kinder to Grade 6 will be performing in a Christmas item. Parents and family members are encouraged to come along.

SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED THIS WEEK
The canteen will be closed again this week while the swimming program continues. With classes going to/from the pool throughout the day, it just not feasible for the canteen to be open.

BREAKFAST CLUB BACK ON FROM TODAY
Breakfast Club resumes today. Parents who normally assist are asked to attend on their normal day.

ABC GIVING TREE
Traditionally Sacred Heart has supported the ABC Giving Tree and this year we would like to again support this wonderful initiative. This week, we will have a Christmas Tree set up in the office foyer. If any family would like to donate a gift to go under the ABC Giving Tree, your kindness would be appreciated.

PEANUT ALLERGIES
A reminder to all families that we have a number of children who can have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. We ask that parents do not send their children to school with nut products.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA THIS FRIDAY
A reminder to anyone who has been a volunteer helper at Sacred Heart this year, that you are invited to a special morning tea this Friday, 5th December at 10.30am. If you are attending, can you advise the school office by tomorrow morning.
Merit Certificates

Connie Donato  For great understanding of finances during our Woolworths excursion.
Cameron Darling  For having great entrepreneurial skills.
Angelina Bobbett  For her positive attitude towards all her work.
Lewis Burgess  For showing the leadership of someone ready for year 2.
Olivia Clayton  For being a smile and a positive attitude to Maths.
Jack Halton  For his positive attitude towards classroom organization.
Matthew Goulding  For his enthusiasm for Dance Fever.
Jake Dowling  For sharing his thoughts during poetry lessons.
Daniel Dowe  For being a helpful class member.
Piper Bradley  For following instructions.
Max El-Tahche  For trying hard during writing time.
Kobe Burgess  For trying so hard during writing.
Samantha Short  For her fantastic cooking in the sandpit.
Tiahn Abbott  For his resilience and friendliness. Tiahn welcomes all people to our classroom and is a very hard worker. She is a real role model.
Roxy Burdon  For her cheerful, friendly and hard working attitude. Roxy is a legend and a real WEST person.
Olivia Peatling  For her devotion to learning her times table and friendliness in our classroom.
Olivia is a champion!
Gabe Gilley  For working hard to improve his reading.
Hailee Richter  For working hard to improve her reading.
Jack Burman  For being so helpful and caring to young students.

PBS Joey Awards

Mollie Ford  Alfie Cullen  Gracie Ashlin  Timothy Mitchell
Caitlin Drysdale  Harris Short  Amariyah Coleman  Ava Hickey
Mackenzie Ford  Samantha Sales  Nathan Briggs  William Hardy
Emily Reynolds  Lucy Cox  Charlotte Francis  Mitchell Wylie-Avery
Oscar Thorpe  Holly Kennedy  Lilli Steel  Jack-Ross McMullen
Jeremy Favelitch

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR
SPONSORSHIP

We are currently seeking 12 sponsors for the 2015 school calendar. Every month each page will feature one business ad., and all the sponsors and their logos are printed on the back page as well. The cost will be $100.
Last year 170 calendars were purchased by families so they are viewed by a wide range of potential customers in the Huon. We are providing this opportunity to our school community prior to canvassing other local businesses. If you are interested please contact Kate Greaves at mitchintas@gmail.com or on 0427971514 as soon as possible.

Thanks.
Thank You for the massive support that made our 2014 Fair such an awesome event!

Thank you to everyone that supported all the great things listed below. All winners will be notified by Wednesday December 3rd and listed in next weeks newsletter along with a final tally of funds raised.

Scarecrow Competition
Something Useful out of Recycled Material
Art Competition
Grade 3 Teddy Competition
Quiz
Stall Raffles

All items listed below will now be open until concert night

Silent Auction - 3 items still up for bids - details included earlier in newsletter - full list of other items in next weeks newsletter - see school office

Minor Fair Raffle - 1st Port Huon Cottages (1 night and bottle of wine), 2nd Stihl Product Bag, 3rd Jet Boat Voucher 3 for $1

Minnie Makeover - will continue to run until concert night $2 to nominate someone that may deserve a little pampering

LUCKY NUMBER
100 numbers @ $10 per number

1st Chainsaw - donated by Roberts Don Mac
2nd Bluetooth Headphones - donated by Harvey Norman Superstore Hobart
3rd Body Shop Hamper - donated by Carolyn Crouch Body Shop Consultant

27 numbers still to sell - please contact the school office

Full donors thank you in next week's newsletter
Christmas Kids Night Out
18th December
6:30pm - 10pm

Bookings Essential
Any child without a booking may risk being refused entry
bookings close at 7:30pm 17th December Ph: 62643100
Calendars will feature artwork by your children as well as school photos.

All childrens' artwork from the same family will be incorporated into one calendar.

Order your Calendar now! Only $7.50 each

The P&F welcome any suggestions to improve our calendar from previous years! – Just email Kate at mitchintas@gmail.com

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Number of calendars required: .......................... @ $7.50

Payment Enclosed: ..............................................

Calendar orders and payment must be received in the office before Friday 5th December 2014