SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

O God,
as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warmed our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that typically holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Most Advent wreaths use three colors of candles – purple, pink, and white. However, some may use blue in place of the purple.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th Dec Kinder - Grade 2 Dancefever concert 9.15am
Gr 6 Big Day Out Assembly 2.15pm
11th Dec Christmas Concert 6pm
15th Dec End of Year Reports issued
17th Dec Orientation Day
17th Dec End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 10am
School Pool Trip
18th Dec Term 4 Ends

“Love charity more than ever”
Mary MacKillop

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.
Dear Parents

DANCEFEVER EVENT LAST NIGHT
What an amazing night of dancing this was. Our Grades 3-6 students certainly did Sacred Heart proud with their amazing dancing and also with the lengths they went to with their clothing. We had many winners in every grade and Sacred Heart also won the overall Grade 6 trophy. Special thanks to our DanceFever instructors, Michael and Ally, who really did a great job teaching all our students the dances they needed to learn. Thanks also to our teachers who gave of their time to attend the DanceFever event last night and to you the parents who helped prepare your children so well.

Grade 3
2nd Place Jive  Dakota Fraser & Jack-Ross McMullen
2nd Place Tango  Jack-Ross McMullen & Dakota Fraser

Grade 4
2nd Place Jive  Tim Mitchell & Reine Goodwin
2nd Place Jive  Tim Mitchell & Reine Goodwin
3rd Place Tango  William Hardy & Charlotte Francis

Grade 5
2nd Place Jive  Ethan Lovell & Ellie Fraser-Marriott
2nd Place Tango  Brielle Gordon & Reece Scotland

Grade 6
1st Place Tango  Ethan Lovell & Olivia Peatling
3rd Place Tango  Jordan Walker & Sophie Buick
2nd Place Jive  Reece Scotland & Brielle Gordon
2nd Place Jive  Jack Burman & Sophie Burgess

SCHOOL TRAILER RAFFLE – PLEASE RETURN TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY TOMORROW AS THE RAFFLE IS BEING DRAWN AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT.

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our School Board has provided amazing advisory support to Sacred Heart Catholic School over the year. I would like to thank our Board members; Fiona Steel, (Board Chair), Fiona Donato, Fr Greg Barker, Adrian Short, Barry El-Tahche, Karen Spilling and Steven Richter for the time, energy and expertise they have generously provided to our school community this year.

Our Parents & Friends Association has had a mammoth year in 2014 organising many fund-raisers but also supporting our school community in many ways. They have provided fruit for our students to enjoy at major school events, purchased resources for our classroom and organized the Trailer Raffle and our recent highly successful fair. I would especially like to thank the P&F Executive ably led by President, Trudy Short and her fantastic team. I would also like to acknowledge our Fair Coordinators; Fiona Donato and Maree McQueen for the leadership and support they have provided.

To our many parent helpers and volunteers. Thank you for helping with Breakfast Club, MultiLit, Veggie Gardens, Covering Library books, classroom activities, camps, excursions and many more events. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity!

Last Friday we acknowledged the generosity of all who have helped out at Sacred Heart this year.

LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY THIS FRIDAY. PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD HAS RETURNED ALL BOOKS THAT BELONG TO OUR SCHOOL AND CLASS LIBRARIES.
CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We need all chocolate money and unsold chocolates returned to school by this Friday. We have also sent reminder messages home about these and now need to finalise everything before the end of the school year.

DANCEFEVER CONCERTS
Wednesday, 15th 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
The Canteen will be open as normal this week. It will be closed next week.

ABC GIVING TREE
Traditionally Sacred Heart has supported the ABC Giving Tree and this year we would like to again support this wonderful initiative. From next 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.

END OF YEAR REPORTS
These are being sent home to parents this coming Thursday. I hope that your find them to be very positive and a good indicator as to how your child have progressed this year. If you have any queries/concerns about your child’s report, please make contact with the class teacher as soon as possible. I would also like to acknowledge the considerable time and effort that teachers have devoted to writing reports. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF THE TERM

Please note the following:

Monday, 15th December  9.15am. Orientation Day for all new students coming to Sacred Heart Catholic School in 2015.

                        6pm. Grade 6 Leavers’ Dinner.

Wednesday, 17th      10am. Thanksgiving Mass at Ranelagh. Followed by a fun swim at the Huonville Pool.

Thursday, 18th       Final day for students.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella

School Calendar
If anyone would still like a school calendar please let Ellen know at the office by Thursday 11th December
They are $7.50 each
We were hoping to have a final tally this week to share with you all of what the 2014 fair made towards helping create our wonderful new play space at school. We are nearly there but still have a couple of things to finalise before letting everyone know the final total. Once we have the last of the raffles completed this week on concert night we will put a full fair wrap-up out next week.

**Stall Raffles**
- Cakes & Sweets Stall - Hamper - Sharee Brennan
- Cake Plate Return Tickets - Jesse Fletcher
- Plant Stall - Rose Bush Jo Brittain
- Bar - Stihl Eski Alphene Evans
- Move Well, Eat Well - Apple Peeler & 2 Books Rosie Gorman
- Craft - Hobby Horse Leanne Hall
- Guess the weight of the Salmon Deb Pearce 4.9kg (actual weight 4.9kg)

**LUCKY NUMBER 100 numbers**
1st Chainsaw - donated by Roberts Don Mac - Fiona Reeve
2nd Bluetooth Headphones - donated by Harvey Norman Superstore Hobart - Kama Russell-Thorpe
3rd Body Shop Hamper - donated by Carolyn Crouch Body Shop Consultant - Philip Nichols

**SILENT AUCTION**
- Framed Hawks Poster - donated by Hawthorn Football Club Judy Owens
- Webber BBQ - donated by Barbeque’s Galore M Bott
- Eyelines Voucher - donated by Eyelines Huonville D Mitchell
- Bruny Island Cruise - donated by Bruny Island Cruises Judy Owens
- Elle’s Fashion Voucher - donated by Elle’s Fashion Huonville Judy Owens
- Hastings Caves Family Tour - donated by Parks and Wildlife Tricia Phillips
- Ida Bay Railway Family Pass - donated by Ida Bay Railway Amy Robertson
- Product Hamper - donated by Dover Hair Handed In
- Bluetooth Headphones - donated by Harvey Norman Super Store Hobart Geoff Beven
- Echidna Framed Print - donated by John Osborne Handed In
- Scrapbooking Pack - donated by Peppajack Handed In

- **Framed Hawks Jumper still open - current bid.... $400.**
- **Eski Fridge - donated by S&F Steel still open - no current bid**
- **Huonville Pool Family Pass - donated by Huon Valley Council still open current bid...$50**
Fair Quiz
Winner - Di Coleman
PCYC Fun Factory Pass for 2 children
Correct Answers
Red, 4, Yellow, 18, Staffroom

Art Competition
Brielle Gordon (leaf)
Ellie Fraser-Marriott (apple)
Jack McQueen (pot and succulents)
Olivia El-Tahche (house structure)
Sophie Abbott (orange beetle)
Philip Nichols (owl with orange eyes and ears)
Ethan Lovell (blue/green beetle)
Harris Short (blue jug and bowl)
Brianna Lovell (waves)
Bailey Mifsud (chicken)
Cade Swanson (red building)
Charlotte Cox (bird seed mosaic)

Will Tinker Judges Choice
(buildings)

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST JUDGES

Scarecrow Comp
Winners
Ben Mitchell
Oscar Wright
Jake and Ruben Dowling
PCYC Fun Factory Pass -2 children

Grade 3 Teddy Comp winners were handed out on the night

You can still enter both of these until Thursday night before the school concert

Fair Donation Raffle
$2 per ticket
1st Port Huon Cottages (1 night accommodation and a bottle of wine)
(donated by Port Huon Cottages)
2nd Stihl Product Bag (donated by Stihl Shop Huonville)
3rd Jet Boat Voucher (donated by Huon River Jet Boats)

Minnie Makeover
Nominate someone for a mini makeover for $2 per entry
What's Been Happening At Sacred Heart

COUNTRY TWILIGHT FAIR
Summer Holiday Program 2015

Monday January 5-Friday January 29.

We had 24 kids turn up at the end of November to discuss the January school holiday program and below are the activities that won the voting on the day!

We are looking for some commitment from kids to join at least two sessions a week if they want to do roller skating or laser skirmish.

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Lunch will be provided each day. Activities are $4 each. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring water bottle every day. We can't wait for the holidays!!