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Issue 1

From the Principal

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Uniform Shop
Opening hours
Monday 8.30-9.15am
Wednesday 8.30-9.15am
Thursday 2.30-3.15pm

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Dear Families

Thank you for assisting us in ensuring that children have had a smooth and enjoyable start to the 2017 school year (and staff as well). Yesterday morning we held our first prayer assembly for the year where we were able to formally welcome our new students and staff. We also took the opportunity to farewell Mrs Cruse who will begin maternity leave next week as she awaits the arrival of baby Cruse. Our prayer assemblies are held each Tuesday morning commencing at 8.50 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, your presence is most welcome. Next Tuesday morning we will recognise our school leaders for 2017 and our term 1 Student Representative Council from each class.

As classes begin the new school year together they set their class agreements and our Positive Behaviour Support program is revisited so that children are aware of the processes and steps for supporting inappropriate behaviour. Leadership staff also spoke to all classes about safety outside of the classroom including playgrounds, car park, crossing and general movement around the school. This time of the year is also the main settling time for students as they begin to form new friendships and consolidate ones they already have. I have included the extract below from www.kidsmatter.edu.au that highlight all the skills children require.

Friendship skills children are learning

To develop good friendships, now and later, it is important children begin developing the following skills:

- Self-control: being able to wait for what they want, using words to express their feelings rather than acting disruptively or misbehaving, giving others a turn with toys.
- Welcoming: being able to approach and respond to others positively (eg with a smile and greeting such as 'hello').
- Assertiveness: being able to say what they would like.
- Consideration: being able to say 'please' and 'thank you', taking turns, being able to lead and follow what others want to do, being able to cooperate and share.
- Play skills: being willing to take part in games and make suggestions for play.
- Communicating: talking and listening to others in a friendly way, saying something to start a conversation.
- Helping: being willing to help others.
- Prediction: being able to understand how others might be feeling based on their behaviour, being able to predict how their behaviour might affect others.
- Thinking: such as about alternatives when things go wrong (eg if other children want to play something different, thinking of whether to join them or find someone else to play with).
- Coping: being able to respond to rejection, disappointment or disapproval without experiencing too much distress or winning without gloating.
- Empathy: being able to respond to others' feelings with understanding.
- Flexibility: being open to hearing or learning about other points of view or ways of doing things.

It takes a long time to learn these skills and we continue to develop them well into adulthood. We can help children develop these skills by being aware of what friendship and empathy skills they are developing, playing with them and giving some gentle coaching when children are really struggling with something.

As a school our role is to support you with the education of your children a job that is both rewarding and challenging but definitely worthwhile.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Michelle Wootton (Principal)





Re News

Junior Joeys Sign up

A reminder to 5/6 students that Miss Davis and Mrs Hingston will be hosting a Junior Joeys sign up session on Tuesday the 21st of February in the link area at recess. Junior Joeys is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the school and wider community. The Junior Joeys follow the mission of the Josephite Sisters and St Mary MacKillop who said 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

Welcome Fr. Phil McCormack

We warmly welcome Fr. Phil to the Mersey Leven Parish community. Father Phil comes to us most recently from the Circular Head Parish and brings with him a wealth of experience from many parishes across Tasmania. We look forward to welcoming the fondly nicknamed 'Father Smiley' into our school community.

2017 Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for 2017 commences on Monday 20 February (Our Lady of Lourdes Church) and Tuesday 21 February (Sacred Heart Church). Both of these meetings will begin at 7.00pm and children should attend with their parents. Parents of children in Year 3 and above, who have yet to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, are invited to attend either of these meetings.

Registration forms were sent out at the end of 2016 but please feel free to see Miss Davis or the office if did not receive one.

Laine Davis

APRE

Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) Testing

During week 3, Prep students in PN and P/1DL will undertake PIPS testing. This is a computer based assessment completed one on one with the classroom teacher. The assessment helps classroom teachers to gain a better understanding of the abilities of each Prep student and assists with data tracking as well as future teaching and learning opportunities. On PIPS testing days, Miss Lisa De Deuge will provide relief in Prep N and Mrs Linhart will cover P/1DL.

Parent Teacher Information Opportunity

On **Wednesday 22 February** teachers will be available to meet with parents from 3.10pm until 7.00pm. The aim of these meetings are for parents and teachers to meet and discuss children's needs, likes and goals for the year. It is hoped that all parents are able to meet with their child's teacher. Information was sent home yesterday explaining how to access the online booking system. If you did not receive this letter, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Farewell Mrs Cruse

Mrs Errin Cruse will begin parental leave next week. We wish Errin and Travis every happiness as they await the arrival of baby Cruse.

PBS Focus:-

Making others feel welcome by greeting them



Kinder class 2017

Welcome to our new Kinder students for the year:-

Welcome to Harry, Thomas, Harper, Evie, Ethan, Murphy, Benji, William F, Kaylab, Saxon, Marli, Piper, Zane, Riley M, Ava, Bronte, Luca, Remy, Sophia P, Sophia R, William S, Indi, Estella, Rohan, Lilly, Jack, Marlie, Riley W, Spencer and Will.

A warm welcome also to the following students who have joined other classes this year:-

Carol, Delanni, Nash, Olivia, William, Zane, Loghan, Anderson, Jamieson and Mackenzie.

Traffic & students safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.

Parents are also reminded not to stop beside yellow lines in our car park. Before children leave your vehicle you should be parked in one of the designated car spaces. All pedestrians are requested to follow the yellow lines to designated crossings.

Staff Whereabouts

This week those who have release include....

- Miss Neal doing PIPS testing – Miss Lisa De Deuge in Prep N Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 February
- IEP Meetings Monday – Mrs Gausden relieving class teachers on Monday 20 February, Mr Bell relieving class teachers on Tuesday 21 February

Student Information Sheets

Student information sheets are being sent home over the next week with all students. **Parents are asked to make any necessary alterations, complete and sign the bottom of the page and return as soon as possible.** Please return them promptly to ensure that our records are up to date. Since last year we have updated our database to a new system and unfortunately, some information may be missing, so please check carefully to ensure that all necessary health information, addresses and phone numbers are accurate.

For those students who have Asthma and/or Anaphylactic reactions, there are extra forms enclosed which should be completed by your family doctor at your next visit if you haven't already given us new forms this year. It is important that we have these reviewed on an annual basis. If there are no changes to the information contained therein, please sign, date and return the current form.

Canteen

Canteen orders resume this Friday. A new menu was sent home earlier this week.

All canteen orders are done online at www.flexischools.com.au. No cash orders are taken. When you log on follow the prompts to set up your account. Any new families who have problems with the ordering system, please contact the school office.

School Fees 2017

In 2017 we will be issuing one invoice for fees and levies at the commencement of the school year. Invoices will be sent out to families later this week.

Those families who wish to pay in full before the end of March will once again be offered a 5% discount on their school fees. We are endeavouring to have all of our families who do not wish to take advantage of this discount set up on a payment as soon as possible.

Please note that while ten monthly payments are our preferred option, weekly or fortnightly payments are also acceptable. If you have any queries in relation to this form or you require a fees assistance form, please contact Mrs Butcher or Mrs Wootton to discuss same.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop are seeking new volunteers to help this year. If you are available on a weekly or fortnightly basis, please leave your name at the school office. Opening hours are listed on the front page of this Newsletter. Thank you.

Working with Vulnerable Persons Act

You are reminded that if you wish to help in the classroom, accompany classes on excursions, assist in the Uniform Shop or Canteen, coach sports teams etc, in accordance with Tasmanian Government Legislation, you must be registered for Working With Vulnerable People. This costs the volunteer \$17.76. **This means that if you do not hold this certificate you cannot volunteer at school.** Please contact the Office if you require any assistance with this application process.

Applications must be made online at www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application



Little Joeyes: Hop in to learning

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Birth to 4 program

On each Tuesday during school terms
in the Kinder Room

[Returning Week 3, 21st Feb](#)

9.00 – 10.30am

Keiran Hofer (Kinder Teacher)
Melissa Mudford (Teacher Assistant)

Come along and join in the fun

Cost \$2.00 per family

School Newsletter

The weekly school newsletter is sent home to families each Wednesday with the eldest child of each family. It is also available for download from our website www.shu.tas.edu.au and on our Skoolbag App. Parents and carers who would like the Newsletter emailed each week can have this organised by contacting the school office. In order to be environmentally conscious, we encourage as many families as possible to take up one of these options. Where parents are living apart, we can arrange for an extra copy of the Newsletter to either be sent home with the child, emailed or posted out. If you wish for this to happen or you no longer require a printed copy, please notify the school office via email shu@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Students Climbing Trees

Since May 2014 our school has supported children extending their learning and development options via those who wish to, being able to climb a limited number of school trees, when adult supervision is offered.

You need to be aware that 'trees with YELLOW markings on their limbs', indicate both that this is an approved to climb tree; and those markings show the maximum height for a child's feet to go to. i.e. The rest of their body can be higher.

The school has an established process to inspect these trees condition; reapply worn paint markings; and remind people of expectations.

Please discuss with your child if they are actively participating in climbing school trees, and any related aspects. You are welcome to advise the Principal of feedback.

TO SUPPORT YOU, a few extra points are:

- Students in trees are to 'climb down', not jump out;
- Staff on duty can limit the number of trees being climbed at any time, if supervision is limited; and
- To assist students get up into trees, DON'T place extra objects underneath a tree (to be stood on). If students need help, they either have another person give them a 'hand grasp' boost, or select another nominated tree.

Pink Stumps Day

This Friday we will be taking part in Pink Stumps Day to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Children are encouraged to come to school in casual clothes with a pink theme for a gold coin donation and will have the opportunity to take part in cricket activities. We will be sending home a separate flyer tomorrow with full details.



ICT Agreements

ICT Agreements for all children were sent home yesterday. Please discuss with your child, **complete both sides, sign and return to school** as soon as possible. Any queries with regard to our ICT policy, please contact the school office.

Lost in Kinder at the end of last year, Rugby jumper size 4 with "Reid" on the tag. Could the finder please return to P/1DL or the school office.

5/6 Cricket News

Primary school cricket roster is due to recommence on Friday 3 March 2017. If you are interested in registering for this roster, please collect a registration form from the school office. We will also require a coach for the team and would be glad to hear from interested parents. Registration fee is \$15.00. Roster runs for four weeks in March and seven games in Term 4.

Soccer

Welcome to the 2017 soccer season, we are looking at starting on the 8th of April doing a mini carnival/round robin before Easter holidays and then the full soccer roster including under 8's will start on the 29th April.

Development training is on Monday and Thursday nights at 5 pm and once the season starts it will go to Tuesday and Thursday nights around the same time. Dates for Junior Carnivals 2017:

Hobart - April 29-30; Devonport - June 10-12;

Launceston - Sept 23-24

We will be entering teams in Under 10/11/12 boys and girls for each of these tournaments so if you are interested in playing in these tournaments just come along to our Development training. We are still looking for a couple of coaches for the Development teams especially the girls teams, if you are interested please contact Lisa Gillard (Registrar/Junior Soccer) Ulverstone Soccer Club - ph 0437868466 email; UlvieSoccerClub12@gmail.com

Ulverstone Basketball Association

Aussie Hoops skills program for boys and girls aged 6-8 commences 20 March. Please see the school office for a separate flyer if you are interested in this program or other junior local rosters, which commence on 27 February. An information and registration night will be held on Monday 17 February from 5-6pm at the Ulverstone Stadium.

Volunteer Opportunity

St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking



volunteer members (18+) in the Ulverstone and Devonport area, to help provide Emergency Relief assistance to people in need.

Members are not required to be trained counsellors, they just need to have great listening skills, have empathy and compassion for those in need. All training is provided.

Please contact Corey McGrath on 0419 212 780 or corey@jocore.com.

HAWKS TOUR TASSIE

Saturday, Feb 18th - Ulverstone Rec
Kinder - Grade 6 9.30am - 12.00pm

Ulverstone Robins Auskick & Mini League

FREE & ALL WELCOME

Important Dates

Friday 17 February	Pink Stumps Day
Monday 20 February 6.45pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Wednesday 22 February 6.45pm	Parent Teacher interviews Board Meeting
Thursday 16 March	School Photos
Thursday 30 March	North West Swimming Carnival
Friday 14 April	Good Friday
School Holiday break Monday 15 to Friday 26 May	Monday 17 to Friday 28 April Prep to 2 Learn to Swim
Wednesday 31 May	Cross Country
Monday 12 June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 to Friday 23 June	Grade 3 to 6 Learn to Swim
Wednesday 28 June	North West Cross Country
Friday 7 July	Student Free Day
School Holiday break	Monday 10 to Friday 21 July
School Holiday break	Monday 2 to Friday 13 October
Sunday 29 October	School Fair
Friday 3 November	Athletics Carnival
Monday 6 November	Recreation Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 22 November	North West Athletics Carnival
Thursday 21 December	Last day for students

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

for girls and boys from 5 to 12 yrs at The Devonport Tennis Club

Starting Monday 13th February

Enquiries to **Gray Hiller Mobile 0417321241**

e-mail ghiller@bigpond.net.au



Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre's learn to Swim School is now taking new enrolments. Our learn to swim membership includes the following benefits; • First lesson Free! • Purpose built learn to swim facilities • 30 minute classes • Stroke development and water safety • Austswim Qualified Teachers • Lessons available Monday through to Saturday • Access to pool facilities outside of lesson times. For more information call Zoe on; 6423 3007 or email; zgee@splashdevonport.com.au

The DANCE Company

Runs classes after school and on Saturday mornings for all ages in both Devonport and Ulverstone. These include Dance Play (aimed at ages 2-4); Movement to Music (aimed at 4-6); Intro to Dance (aimed at ages 6-8); Hip Hop for boys & girls; Tap Dancing plus loads more. For more information check out The DANCE Company on Facebook or phone 0409 24 25 21

Billy Kart (Kids Art) - Build a billy kart, create a comic or design a dragon with local teacher, author and illustrator, Ross Walker. Commencing on February 20. Ages 7-14 – Bookings essential 0407 793577 \$20 per person per session.

Up Stage Performing Arts develops creativity and confidence through acting, dancing and singing and will provide classes for students aged 7-16 years beginning on 27 February. See Noticeboard outside school office for more details or phone Jodie Gausden on 0409951199.