Dear Families

Why? I’m sure that you like me often ask yourself this exact question. Why the yelling, thumping, stomping, name calling and sulking?

When we started out as parents, we might have believed in the myth that our children should naturally just get along together, be fun-loving and supportive of one another. Replacing the myth was the dawning realisation that children are not that way inclined and that sibling conflict is normal and universal, as is conflict amongst all creatures that live together. So, if sibling conflict is universal and found in normal homes, it must have a purpose.

Perhaps the principal purpose is to teach our children about conflict resolution. Now that we are adults, we have forgotten that we “fought” our way up through childhood and adolescence and developed skills that now help us to resolve conflicts in an effective and civil manner. When children engage in conflict with parents, they are learning how to deal with authority. Sibling conflict is dealing with peers and learning how to relate to peers in a proper manner; this prepares them to relate well with their friends and, at a later time, with their work colleagues and partners.

Another purpose is to learn that life is not always fair; this is an important lesson but can often be a bitter experience. Slowly but surely, we learn that there is someone who can do better than we can, someone who is wealthier, someone who is smarter than we are at getting promoted; the fact is that life is full of inequities. Where we first learnt that everything was not evenly distributed, was with our siblings. Many experts in children’s behaviour regard sibling conflict as a type of training ground for what people can expect to experience as they grow towards adulthood.

So next time you hear that all too familiar squabbling take a moment to remember it is simply training, training in valuable life skills and then resist that urge to scream yourself! Argh!!!

I hope your week ahead is peaceful.

Michelle Wootton

PBS Focus this week:-
Wearing appropriate uniform with pride
**RE News**

**Congratulations!**

On Sunday, Holly Ling from P/1CL was Baptised at the Sacred Heart Church in Ulverstone.

We congratulate Holly and join with the whole church in welcoming her into our Parish family.

**Project Compassion**

Thank you to those families who have been making contributions to their Project Compassion boxes. We still have three weeks left of Lent to continue raising funds for this vital cause. We will have a fundraising event on next Friday (11th March) where all funds raised will go towards our $1000 target for Project Compassion. Details to follow.

Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic’s community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures.** You can donate through School boxes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

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**MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH**

**Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies 2016**

**Devonport: Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

- **Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Passion
  - 3pm

- **Holy Saturday:** EASTER VIGIL
  - 7pm

- **Easter Sunday:** Easter Mass
  - 11am

**Ulverstone: Sacred Heart Church**

- **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord’s Supper
  - 7.30pm
  (Adoration till 9pm followed by Evening Prayer of the Church)

- **Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Passion
  - 3pm

- **Easter Sunday:** Easter Mass
  - 9.30am

**Penguin: St Mary’s Church**

- **Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross
  - 11am

- **Easter Sunday:** Easter Mass
  - 8am

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**Condiolences**

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to former student, Jack Beard and his family on the loss of his much loved younger brother, Tom, at the weekend. Please keep Jack and his parents, Kathy and Kevin, in your prayers at this very sad time.

**Our Great Achievers**

Congratulations to the following boys and girls whose efforts were recognised at our assembly on Tuesday morning.

- Amelia and Hamish from Prep N
- Spencer, Maddie and Ava from 1/2RB
- Haylee and James from 1/2Z
- Toby, Maddie, Will and Lara from 3/4KM
- Toby, Ashleigh and Bethany from 3/4PM
- Tyra and Brydie from 3/4R
- Declan, Lily and Hayley from 5/6S; and Tye and Rohan from 5/6G

Congratulations to all of you.

**Staff Whereabouts**

During this week staff who have release include ....

- **Thursday 3 March** - Mrs Tilley and Miss Neal at Network Meetings – Mrs Read in Kinder and Mrs Broad in Prep
- **Friday 4 March** – Mrs Ray, Ms Zeleznik, Mrs Cruse and Mrs Linhart at Network Meetings – Miss De Deuge in 1/2R, Mrs Frost in 1/2Z and Ms Hofer in P/1CL
- **Friday 4 March** – Miss Katsikis at PD – Mrs Broad in 3/4KM
- **Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 March** – Mrs Rodman and Miss Neal at PD – Mrs Willoughby in 3/4R and Miss De Deuge in Prep
- **Tuesday 8 March** – Mrs Broad, Mrs Best, Miss Stanfield and Mr Garnsey at Network Meetings – Ms McMahon in 5/6BB, Mrs S Williams in 5/6S and Mrs Mansfield in 5/6G
- **Wednesday 9 March** – Miss Katsikis, Ms Cormack, Mrs Rodman and Ms Parker at Network Meetings – Ms McMahon in 3/4KM, Mrs Willoughby in 3/4R and Mrs Williams in 3/4PL

**North West Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival**

We are currently in the process of choosing a team of swimmers from Grade 3 – 6 for the upcoming North West Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. The team will be selected in conjunction with our swimming instructors, to ensure that we send students who are the most capable swimmers. If you have joined our school this year for the first time or your child has commenced swimming on a regular basis and you would like your child to be considered, please contact the school office.

The Carnival is to be held at the Devonport Splash Aquatic Centre on Friday 18 March.

**Student Information Sheets**

A reminder that parents are asked to complete and sign the second page, make any necessary alterations to the first page and return both of these sheets as soon as possible.

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**Be Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful**
Maintenance
Over the past two weeks Fairbrother construction have been onsite completing some maintenance issues identified by the Catholic Education Office. This work has included a ceiling in the MPR storeroom, minor roofing repairs and cement paths outside our early childhood classes. Thank you in particular to our early childhood families for your patience whilst accessing those classrooms.

ICT Agreements
Congratulations to 5/6 BB, the first class to get all of their completed ICT Agreements back to school. If you are still to return your child’s form, 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. Students who have not returned their signed policy may be limited in their use of technology until such time as the Agreement is returned.

Easter Egg Raffle
Sacred Heart Parents & Friends Association is conducting an Easter raffle. The raffle prizes will be various sized Easter baskets.

We are asking each family to donate (if possible) at least one Easter Egg or Easter related item (eg chocolates, baskets, toy bunnies, Easter mugs, egg cups etc.)

These baskets have always been extremely worthy prizes and your support would be greatly appreciated. Raffle items can be brought to school any time from now until Thursday 17 March. Raffle books were sent home with the eldest in each family last week. If you would like another book of tickets to sell, spares are available from the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24 March.

School Fees
Fee accounts for the entire year will be sent home this week. If you wish to pay fees and building levy for the whole year before the end of March, a 5% discount will apply. Families with three or more children enrolled in Catholic schools may be entitled to further discounts. Families who do not wish to take advantage of the early payment discount, are welcome to make regular payments off this yearly fee.

School fees and levies may be paid by direct debit from your savings account, weekly, fortnightly or monthly, or through a regular monthly credit card payment. Forms for both these options are available from the School Office. Full EFTPOS facilities are available.

If anyone has difficulty with the payment of their fees, we ask that you call to make an appointment to see Mrs Michelle Wootton to discuss same. No child will be denied an education at our school because parents are unable to pay full fees.

Sacred Heart Walk For Water
To support our Project Compassion Fundraising goal of $1000, we will be hosting a Walk for Water. The walk will not only help to raise funds, but will also work towards building an awareness of the challenges millions around the world face in trying to access clean water and sanitation.

When: Friday 11th March, K-2 Recess time 13-6 Lunch time
What: Water Relay
Cost: $2 to enter
Extra information: PE clothes

The Facts!
- 663 million people or 1 in 10 lack access to safe water
- Globally 1/3 of all schools lack access to safe water and sanitation
- More people world wide have a mobile phone than a toilet
- Every 90 seconds a child dies from water related diseases

MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH
The Catholic Communities of Devonport, Latrobe, Penguin, Port Sorell, Sheffield & Ulverstone

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Families with children in Grade 3 or above are invited to participate in our family-centred, parish-based and school-supported Sacramental Program to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST this year.

Information Sessions to explain the preparation program will be held on:
- **Tuesday 8th March 7.00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Stewart Street, Devonport**
- **Wednesday 9th March 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Alexandra Road, Ulverstone**

For further information, please contact the Parish Office (6424 2783) or email: mlcathparish-dsi@keypoint.com.au

Little Joeys: Hop in to learning
Sacred Heart Catholic School
Birth to 4 program has recommenced on Tuesday mornings in the Kinder Room.

9.00 – 10.30am

Run by Keiran Hofer (Kinder Teacher) and Melissa Mudford (Teachers Aide)

Come along and join in the fun

Cost $2.00 per family

Micheline Andrews co-author of "Sandwich Free Packet Free Lunch Boxes" is coming to Little Joeys
15th March 9am, presenting fruit and vegie awareness for pre schoolers
Everyone welcome

Be Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful
Soccer
Ulverstone Soccer Club is having an open day on the 13th March 10:30 am for registrations, launching new playing strip/sponsor, activities and BBQ. Training is starting at the Showgrounds on 1st March on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5pm onwards. We are still looking for players for our youth teams, under 14/16 boys teams and our under 15 girls teams. Juniors/Under 8’s will be starting up after Easter. Registrations are now open and can be done on line at www.myfootballclub.com.au, cost $80 junior/under 8’s, youth $170 which includes shorts and socks. For further information or help with registration contact Lisa 0437868466.

World Youth Day 2016 – Registrations Closing
Don’t miss the opportunity to join with young Tasmanians as we explore the historically and spiritually rich Rome, Assisi, Milan, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow, Wadowice and Prague en route to the largest and most vibrant display of our Catholic Church that will inspire you in more ways than you could ever imagine at World Youth Day 2016. Experience the energy, spirit and faith of millions of young people gathered together with Pope Francis. Discover, Learn, Explore, Pray, and make life-long friends. You need to be 16 – 35 years as at 31st December 2016. Registrations are closing really soon...don’t miss out!
Contact Rachelle Smith before 12th March on 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aoh tas.org.au. More info at: www.wydtas.org.au

Cradle Coast Farmers' Market invites you!
At the Wharf, Ulverstone every Sunday from 8.30-12.30

Apples come from the supermarket - don’t they?
It’s amazing how many children still don’t know where their food comes from. Here at the Cradle Coast Farmers’ Market we’d love to invite you and your family to come and see what our amazing region produces and talk to the farmers and makers. You’ll find the freshest locally gown vegies, home-made produce and much more for those healthy school lunches.

There’s something for everyone - live music, occasional cooking demonstrations from local chefs, and toys for the little ones to play with.

If you have any excess produce from your school gardens you’d like to sell, we’d be very happy to help you set up a stall.

For further details, come along and talk us on Sunday or contact: Clare de Haan on 0418534653; dehaan.claire@gmail.com or Caroline Smith on 0438090464; smith.caroline81@gmail.com

Or visit our Facebook page. Looking forward to welcoming you to the market!

The Committee, Cradle Coast Farmers’ Market

BUY ONE COFFEE GET ONE FREE ON PRESENTATION OF THIS FLYER

Important Dates

**Saturday 5 March**  P&F Family Movie Night
Monday 14 March  Public Holiday
Tuesday 15 March 9am Micheline Andrews guest speaker at Little Joeys
Friday 18 March  Inter school Swimming Carnival
Monday 21 March 6.45pm P&F Meeting
Wednesday 23 Mar 6.45pm Board Meeting

**Friday 25 March**

Tuesday 29 March Easter break
Friday 8 April End of Term 1
Monday 25 April ANZAC day
Tuesday 26 April Start of Term 2
Friday 20 May Student Free Day
Friday 1 July End of Term 2
Monday 18 July Start of Term 3
Friday 23 September End of Term 3
Monday 10 October Start of Term 4
Thursday 15 December End of Term 4

**Ulverstone Mummy Made It Market 2016**

Friday 4 March
6.30pm - 9.30pm
Leighland School Hall
Kilmore Road, Ulverstone
Local made and handmade market.

Contact monopolymummadeit@hotmail.com

Raffles, Games, Grazing platters.

[Venue Details]