From the Principal

Dear Families

In recent weeks one of our curriculum directions, as a Catholic school, has been on Holy Week and the season of Easter. Below are some of the ways that different classes have explored Easter to assist in developing students’ understanding of this most important season in the Church’s calendar.

As we enter the final days of our preparation to Easter I hope that children have gained a better understanding of this special time, a time when we reflect on the death of Jesus and rejoice at the news of his resurrection. As we reflect on what makes Easter a special time for us I hope that such includes spending time with loved ones, sharing a special meal, rejoicing at the fact that we have some rest and recuperation time and some time to deepen our faith. As a school the gospel values of compassion, honesty, sustainability, inclusion and gratefulness sit at the heart of all we do and are all messages from the Easter mystery.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break and thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Michelle Wootton
Principal

PBS Focus this week:-
Include Others


**RE News**

**Project Compassion**

A reminder that all project compassion boxes need to be returned to school tomorrow (24 March). Thank you to those who have already made generous donations to this wonderful cause.

**Holy Week Celebration**

Tomorrow morning (24 March) we will gather in the MPR at 8.45am for our Holy Week reflection. This will be followed at 10.00am by hot cross buns in the classroom for students and the link area for families. All are warmly invited to join us for this celebration.

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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 til 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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**Congratulations!**

Our best wishes and congratulations to Sam McGrath who will be Baptised into the Catholic Church this coming Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil Mass in Devonport. We join with the whole church in welcoming Sam and we wish her the very best as she continues on in her faith journey. I ask that you would keep Sam in your prayers in the coming days as she takes this important step. All are welcome to attend the vigil in support of Sam and other adults who have been journeying together in the Rite of Initiation for Adults.

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**Car Park**

Families are reminded that for the safety of all, dropping or collecting children from the yellow marked area and when stopped at the yellow crossing section is **strictly forbidden**. In order to ensure the safety of our community, your compliance with this is necessary. Families are also reminded that when parking in the car park, children need to follow the yellow lines and cross only on the marked crossing.

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**Animals on school grounds**

**Did you know**... An extract of relevant Tasmanian legislation (Dog Control Act 2000) states:

(1) A person must not take a dog into –
   - (a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kinder, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place.

(2) This section does not apply to –
   - (a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose;

**There are other exceptions besides just ‘2a’ above.**

**Your duty**... If you wish to bring any animals onsite, prior approval needs to be obtained from the Principal. The Principal may give approval, and may also stipulate reasonable precautions.

The school and/or individuals can be fined up to $650 for any infringement of the Act.

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**Easter Raffle**

A reminder to return all Raffle tickets tomorrow.

**Raffle will be drawn at 9am.**

Prizes have all been packaged, so no more eggs please. We have 50 prizes available to win. Thanks everyone for your support of this fundraising effort.

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**School Fees**

A reminder to all families who wish to take advantage of the early payment discount on school fees, full payment must be made by Thursday 31 March.

Otherwise, 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. For both these options are available from the School Office. Full EFTPOS facilities are available. **Arrangements for these regular payments should also be in place no later that Thursday 31 March.**

Also a reminder that classroom levies accounts were due at the end of February. Any outstanding levy accounts are now overdue and should be paid by Thursday 31 March.

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.
ICT Agreements
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.

Wool for Craftwork
Mrs Clingeleffer our school Chaplain is wanting wool for craftwork. If you have any wool that you no longer need please send it in to the school office. It will be appreciated during cool weather lunchtime activities.

Little Joeys News
Last week Micheline Andrews Life coach and co-author of “Sandwich Free Packet Free Lunch boxes” came to visit Little Joeys. She talked about the benefits of fresh fruits and vegies, and she offered great advice on how to make them appealing to little ones. Micheline's book "Sandwich Free Packet Free Lunch Boxes" is available for purchase at $20, with a small amount given to the school for every book sold. Micheline will return to Little Joeys next term for a parent session on hidden sugars.

Staff Whereabouts
During this week staff who have release include …
•  Mr Garnsey away Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 March – Mrs Mansfield in 5/6G.

3/4 Visit to Ulverstone History Museum
Last week our 3/4 classes had a very interesting visit to the Ulverstone History Museum in line with their HASS unit on how Ulverstone has changed over the years.

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
Hi Kids.
Run as an individual or grab some friends to make up a school team to earn points towards end of series trophies and medals. Ask your school for an entry form or enter on the day.
Primary School distance is 1½ km
High School distance is 3km

Start at 1pm
Sponsored by: Kooee All Natural Snacks (healthy Tasmanian beef jerky)

This year’s events are:
April 9th – Heritage Forest
April 30th – Clarendon House
May 21st – Inveresk (behind Aurora Stadium)
June 18th – Tailrace park
July 2nd – Trevallyn Reserve (To be confirmed)
July 30th – Grindelwald

The Cost is $10 per student for the full series of 6 events (Or $2 per event)

Need more information?
Contact school series coordinator
Sue on 0408238329

Important Dates

Wednesday 23 Mar 6.45pm
Board Meeting
Thursday 24 March 8.45am
Holy Week Celebration
Friday 25 March –
Tuesday 29 March
Easter break
Wednesday 30 March
First day back after Easter break
Friday 8 April
End of Term 1
Monday 25 April
ANZAC day
Tuesday 26 April
Start of Term 2
Thursday 5 May
Mothers Day Stall
Monday 9 May 6.45pm
P&F Meeting
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 Robins Auskick
Registration is all online this year and is now open. Go to Auskick website and register. Season will start on Friday 1st April at Ulverstone football Ground. Cost is $80 per player.
First week will be
4pm Grade 3-6 West Ulverstone v Ulverstone primary.
5pm Kinder to Grade 2 Auskick
6pm Grade 3-6 Sacred Heart v East Ulverstone.
Any questions please call Richard on 0438878983

Riverbend Youth Camps
Riverbend will be holding kids camps in the upcoming school holidays for students in Grades 3 to 6. Information leaflets are available from the school office or log onto www.riverbend.org.au for details and bookings.

Happy Easter everyone
Reminder - School recommences after the Easter break on Wednesday 30th March

Be Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful