Dear Families

This year we celebrate an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis in March 2015 and then began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th of December 2015 and will continue until the 20th of November 2016.

The Year of Mercy is a special time where we are called to think of others and to be Merciful, just like Jesus was merciful to those he helped and cared for.

- Pope Francis says that "The church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one." He wants us to be welcoming and include everyone all the time, in our games, in our classrooms, in our school, in our families.

- Pope Francis says, "No one can be excluded from the mercy of God." God loves each one of us and is always ready to forgive us. God asks that we do the same for everyone who hurts us, not just those we love or who are our friends.

- Pope Francis says that Jesus is "the living face of the mercy of the father." So when we look at the actions of Jesus and listen to what he had to say, we can see how we are called to live. None of us is perfect, we all make mistakes and regret things we have said and done. We are all in need of forgiveness and mercy.

During this Year of Mercy we remember the works of Mercy that we as a church are called to remember; feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

I would encourage our students to participate in our ‘Walk for Water’ this Friday, where we will work together to raise funds for those who need our mercy.

Thank you for your continued support of Project Compassion.

Errin Cruse
APRE

PBS Focus this week:-
Cyber safety – appropriate messages, photos and information
**RE News**

**Project Compassion**
A reminder that this Friday is our whole school fundraiser for Project Compassion. Students are invited to wear their PE uniform and join in a Walk for Water event to raise awareness of those 633 million people who live daily without access to clean water. All funds raised will go toward our $1000 goal for this years Project Compassion. Thank you to those people who have continued to fill their boxes with loose change. These will need to be returned to the school office by no later than Thursday the 24th of March.

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region’s indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Sacramental Program**
Those children from grade 3-6 who are ready to make their Sacraments are invited to attend an information night this evening (9th March) at the Sacred Heart Church Ulverstone at 7.00pm. Registration forms can be obtained from the office or at the information evening. Please call the school office for more information.

**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

**Errin Cruse (APRE)**

**Staff Whereabouts**
During this week staff who have release include ....
- Friday 11 March – Mr Garnsey away – Mrs Mansfield in 5/6G
- Tuesday 15 March – Mr Butter to do Friday PE classes in lieu of 18 March

**North West Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival**
A reminder to return all outstanding swimming permission forms as soon as possible. A maximum of 8 boys and girls from each age group can attend. There are vacancies in some age groups. Permission letters were sent home last week. If your child did not receive a letter and you believe that they should be in the team, please contact the school office.

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

To enable Mr Butcher to attend the Swimming Carnival, for next week only Friday’s PE classes will be held on Tuesday. Please ensure that students in Prep to Grade 2 are in their PE uniform on this day.

**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.

**Sacred Heart Walk For Water**
To support our Project Compassion Fundraising goal of $1000, we will be holding 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 J-3-6 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 worldwide have a mobile phone than a toilet
- Every 90 seconds a child dies from water related diseases

**Clean up day**
Last Friday the whole school pulled on gloves and did a clean up of our school grounds. Thanks to everyone for making our school a nicer place to be in.

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**Be Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful**
**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.) We need lots more goodies to package up for prizes. We hope to have approximately 40 prize packs to give away.

These baskets have always been extremely worthy prizes and your support would be greatly appreciated. Raffle items can be brought to school up until Thursday 17 March. 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.

Michelle Otten would like to begin packaging the baskets this Thursday at 1.30pm, but requires a couple of helpers. If you are available, please leave your name at the school office.

**School Fees**

Fee accounts for the entire year have been sent out. 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.

**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.

**Soccer Update**

If you are interested in playing soccer for Sacred Heart in the local school roster, please ensure that you return a completed authorisation form by this Friday. We will be organising teams, coaches and finalising our soccer numbers next week. Details of an information session for parents will be in next week’s newsletter.

Don’t forget that the Ulverstone Soccer Club is having an open day this Saturday, 13th March at 10:30 am for registrations. Registrations are now open and can be done on line at www.myfootballclub.com.au, (cost $80). All participants are required to be registered to play.

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**Important Dates**

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**Big Hero 6 Movie Night**

What a great evening with beautiful weather, yummy BBQ food, popcorn and a good movie.

Thank you to the dedicated P&F group that put this evening together, the office staff who helped with tickets, the parents and teachers that helped out during the evening and everybody that came along on the night to support the event.

We would also like to acknowledge the businesses and individuals that supported our movie night –

- Betta Milk
- B&E
- NRG Hair Room
- GJ Electrical
- TFH Hire North West
- Flowers on Guilbert
- Spreyton Supa IGA
- Leonie Hiscutt MLC

Please support the businesses who support our school.

**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
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and textbooks, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition.

If you have a HEALTH CARE CARD and have a CHILD/CHILDREN at school or starting next year, and/or are studying yourself, give me a call or text to discuss the program and your eligibility.

If you just want further information, or are interested in participating, I would love to chat with you!

Call or SMS Sophie, your local Saver Plus Co-ordinator at the Smith Family 0457 715248

Why Sensory Play?

Learning Opportunities

- Sensory play encourages children to manipulate and mold materials, building up their fine motor skills and coordination.
- Sensory play uses all 5 senses, but the sense of touch is often the most frequent. Toddlers and children process information through their senses. They learn through exploring these.
- Sensory play is process-driven, not product-oriented; it is the purest sense of exploratory learning.
- Self-esteem: sensory play offers kids the opportunity for self-expression because there is no right answer and children feel safe to change or experiment with what they are doing.
- Language development and learning new words.

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 at 9am presenting fruit and vegie awareness for pre schoolers
Everyone welcome

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