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SACRED
HEART
ULVERSTONE
GROW IN LOVE

ANNUAL
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
REPORT

2014
1.0 INTRODUCTION

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            Ulverstone,
            Tasmania. 7315
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PRINCIPAL: Mr Peter Douglas / Acting Principal Mrs Christina Gretton

2.0 SCHOOL PROFILE

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Sacred Heart is to: GROW IN LOVE:

The love of God,

The love of family,

The love of each other,

The love of learning,

The love of justice,

The love of the environment,

The love of a healthy mind and body.

MISSION STATEMENT

This vision is central to our mission as we serve to provide each person in our care with an environment where the whole person can be developed physically, emotionally, spiritually, creatively, socially and intellectually. In this environment the staff is committed to providing an education which

• promotes the Catholic faith in partnership with parents, and carers.
• enables students to experience success within a safe environment.
• appreciates the value and dignity of all people.
• recognises and supports the individual needs and learning styles of student.
• promotes positive interaction between students, teachers, parents, administrators and friends within the school and wider community.
• encourages excellence by offering relevant and appropriate curriculum.
• fosters values and attitudes that engender positive self-esteem and respect for others.
• provides students with skills, knowledge and attitudes for making connections to lifelong learning.

Our school mission has its basis in the Gospel message:

“And now I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.” John 13:34

HISTORY OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School was established in 1889 on property in Alexandra Road, opposite to where Sacred Heart Church stands today. The sisters of St Joseph opened the school on 14 July 1889 led by Sister M Francis McCarthy. This original building was burnt down in 1962. The north-facing wing of the present school in Buttons Avenue was opened in February 1967. The sisters operated the school for 105 years. Today a lay principal and staff manage the school. The last Josephite principal was Sister Tess Ransom. Mr Peter Douglas commenced as principal in January 2012, replacing Mr Kevin Browning who returned to the Diocese of Cairns at the end of 2011. During the year 2000/2001 the school underwent extensive refurbishing. Classrooms were updated and a new administration area was added to the existing building. The exterior of the building facing Buttons Avenue was given a face-lift. The car park, paths and lawns were all improved, enhancing the school setting. As part of the Commonwealth Government’s Building the Education Revolution (2009 – 2011) major renovations were undertaken across the school. These were formally opened by Mr Sid Sidebottom MHR and blessed by Vicar General Fr Mark Freeman on 11 August 2011. The school serves the rural and urban communities surrounding Ulverstone. Sacred Heart School is a vital component of the Catholic and civic communities of Ulverstone. The school celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2014.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STAFF IN 2014

Leadership Team

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Gretton, Christina  
**BEd(Tas) TCTC**  
Assistant Principal LT  
(Terms 1-2); Acting principal (Term 3-4)  
0.4  
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McDonough, Errin  
**BEd(Tas) Grad Cert Theol (Newcastle) TCTC**  
Assistant Principal RE  
0.4

Best, Charlene  
**BEd(Tas)**  
Assistant Principal LT (Terms 3-4)  
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McCormack, Lee  
**BEd(Tas) TCTC**  
Learning Support  
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### Classroom practitioners

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NON-TEACHING STAFF

Administration

Butcher, Debbie  
CertIVBusiness  
Office Manager

Haines, Michelle  
CertIVBusiness  
Administration and Finance Officer

Williams, Andrea  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant ICT

Support and ancillary staff

Bentley, Mandy  
CertIIIEdSupport  
Teacher assistant

Dare, Jodi  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant

Emmerton, Kim  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant

Johnstone, Trent  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant

McPherson, Sharlee  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant

Mudford, Melissa  
CertIIIEdSupport  
Teacher assistant

Richards, Tracey  
CertIIIEdSupport  
Teacher assistant

Rowe, Erin  
Trainee  
Teacher assistant

Rowe, Haylee  
Trainee  
Teacher assistant

Simonsen, Jan  
CertIIIEducation(TA)  
Teacher assistant

Temple, Jillian  
CertIIIEdSupport  
Teacher assistant

Utility officers

Ferguson, Verna  
Utility officer: Cleaning

Simpson, Jenny  
Utility officer: Cleaning

Wood, Wayne  
Utility officer: Grounds

Parents and Friends Executive

Simpson, Keiran  
Fair Coordinator

Michelle Otten  
President

Sharon Deane  
Secretary

Corey McGrath

Three employees have declared their Aboriginality.
Student attendance 2014

Enrolment data

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Thirty-three Grade 6 Students left Sacred Heart School in 2014 with 20 going to St Brendan Shaw College, 5 to Marist Regional College, 1 Devonport High School, 6 to Ulverstone High School and 1 interstate.

CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Liturical prayer and life

Whole school Masses and celebrations are held throughout the year. These Masses and celebrations are held in the school’s multipurpose room or at Sacred Heart Church. These include; beginning of year Mass, holy days, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thanksgiving Mass for Gr 6 and whole of schools masses, Christmas and Easter services. All special events throughout the Catholic year are celebrated as a school community with a liturgy, along with celebrations for various other annual special events. Fr. Augustine and Fr. Mike are regular classroom visitors.
Mersey Leven parish offers a parish-based, school-supported sacramental program. These programs were coordinated by Mrs Belinda Chapman and conducted by parishioners and school staff.

The school week begins with the school gathered as one community and led by a different class each week or the APRE or Mr Douglas. During the remainder of the week the school day starts with class prayer with the students regularly accepting responsibility for prayer time. Each fortnight we use liturgical singing as part of our prayer as well as preparation for upcoming Masses. Christian meditation for children is strongly encouraged.

Staff, Parents and Friends and Board of Management meetings always begin with prayer.

**Religious Education Curriculum**

*Good News for Living*, the Archdiocesan Religious Education guidelines, is the core document teachers at Sacred Heart School use to develop their own understanding of their faith and pass this onto the children in their care. Unit outlines are used and developed to suit the children's needs in our school community. GNFL Refresh became available later in the school year. Grade 6’s participate in Peter Mitchell’s *Making Jesus real* program. Catholic Education Week was a highlight of the northwest regional calendar.

**Community participation and Christian outreach**

The school actively fundraises for needy families and collects gifts at Christmas time. The school actively supports the Caritas appeal, Catholic Mission, the Archbishop’s Samaritan project, the MacKillop Foundation and several community fundraisers such as Cancer Council and Diabetes Australia.

**OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY**

**Learning and Teaching**

Our Catholic values are integrated into all areas of the curriculum. The school continued to introduce and implement the Australian Curriculum. Staff are supported by local school and system-based professional learning. Aboriginal perspectives were introduced where appropriate throughout the curriculum. Enrichment programs (e.g. SOFOS) and support for students at risk and with special needs were provided with the support of a Learning Support Teacher. Parent/teacher interviews and written reports are provided twice a year using A to E grades (for Grades 1 to Grade 6). PIPS was completed for Prep in early and late 2012, while PAT-Maths and PAT were completed by all Grade 2 to Grade 6 students in August.

Sacred Heart supports an ICT Teacher, and an ICT Teacher Assistant. Additional, though crucial ICT support, is provided by Brock Monson from the TCEO. Each class is equipped with an interactive whiteboard and visualiser, with most classrooms having access to voice
projecting equipment, and excellent access to laptops and iPads. After an excellent iPad trial in 2012, students in Grades 3 to 6 went 1:1 with their iPads. Families could purchase their child’s iPad from any supplier they chose, or from the school. If purchased from the school there were multiple options for repayment.

School camping continued at Sacred Heart with all Grades 3 and 4 students heading to Camp Clayton while Grades 5 and 6 camped at Camp Banksia in Port Sorell.

There are weekly PE classes, annual learn to swim (Prep to Grade 4), a school and interschool athletics and swimming competitions and cross country carnivals. The school provides teams for soccer, cricket and basketball. Surf Awareness was held for Grade 5 and 6 in late November.

The provision of Japanese as the school LOTE continued into 2013 with Mrs Rosemarie Baker. Mrs Baker was again assisted for part of the year by Japanese intern Miss Ai Isono.

Our 2014 NAPLAN results for Grade 3 and Grade 5 are appended to this report.

**TARGETTED PROGRAMS**

Sacred Heart activitely participates in, promotes, supports and encourages:

- Special needs and Individual Education Programs
- Health and well-being, daily PE, cooking
- Stephanie Alexander garden program
- Class buddies
- School-wide Positive Behaviour Support
- Move Well Eat Well
- Walk/Ride to school

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

*Sustainable school improvement*

Sacred Heart prepares an annual plan that drives and responds to school improvement. The school established a four year strategic plan (2012 – 2015). This plan may be viewed at the school office.

*School validation and registration cycle*

Sacred Heart School undertook the TCEO validation program in 2011 and was mandated as a Catholic school under the Archbishop’s Charter in 2012. The school undertook registration as a school (under the Education Act 1994) in March and was re-registered for a period of 4 years.
ENROLMENT


Role of parish priest/chaplain

Sacred Heart School is a systemic, parish, Catholic Primary School catering for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. It is situated within the Mersey Leven Parish and is an integral part of the Ulverstone Catholic community centred on Sacred Heart Church in Alexandra Road. In 2013 the parish was led by Fr John Girdauska. Fr Augustine Ezenwelu, assistant pastor, was the school chaplain. Fr Augustine visited the school every Wednesday and spent time with a different class each week.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Sacred Heart School has an active Parents and Friends Association, parent help, pre-school playgroup. The school is supported by a voluntary Board of Management. In 2011 the school fair raised $11,300 after expenses. The P&F provided $8,000 for the kindergarten (for 2011 and 2012). They also committed $3000 as a contribution to the school’s ICT program (for iPad apps), $265 for camps, and $4,290 for marquees.

The P&F also managed the school uniform shop. Major uniform changes for 2012 were newly designed polo tops and shorts of a new fabric.

In 2013 the P&F supported the school playgroup by funding the employment of Mrs Tracey Richards ($3,300) to manage the playgroup program.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL ULVERSTONE
SOURCES OF INCOME 2014
Total Income $2.6 million

ABOUT THIS REPORT

In preparing this report, information has been gathered from evaluations conducted during the year. Information about the school’s practices and student learning outcomes have also been analysed and form this targets for the school’s future development have been determined.

This report was prepared by the principal, Mrs Michelle Wootton (2015).

Signed:

Date: 30 June 2015