



8 February 2018

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2018 school year

I hope you have had a relaxing break and that you are ready for the beginning of the 2018 school year. It is a privilege to work in a school community and we look forward to working with you all throughout this year. A warm welcome is extended to all and in particular families new to our school. Today we welcomed 22 smiling Kindergarten students (two celebrating birthdays on their first day at school) and 10 new students across our P-6 classes. Our enrolment this year is 254 students in total. Thank you for ensuring that children are in correct school uniform and are organised and ready to go for the school year.

I would like to thank our hard working staff for their efforts over the past weeks to ensure that classrooms are ready and are warm and inviting places for learning. As we begin our 2018 school year I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that our school community works in partnership with families to ensure that children are able to grow and learn in a caring and nurturing environment. Please feel free to chat to teaching staff or myself at any time about your child, school issues or ideas you have for our school community. I very much look forward to working with you all during the year.

As a school it is our aim to live out the Josephite values of being... *sustainable, compassionate, grateful, honest and inclusive* in both our words and our actions. As a school community we focus on these values and staff endeavour to provide activities and examples for children of how to live out each value. This term the value classes are initially focusing on *compassion* and our first PBS focus is *Be respectful by making others feel welcome*.

Reminders

PE uniform will need to be worn each Friday by our 3-6 classes (commencing tomorrow) and Tuesdays for our P-2 (commencing next week).

Canteen advice on the commencement for this year will be provided in next weeks newsletter.

Newsletter

Our newsletter is distributed each Wednesday. This year you will be able to access it via our Skoolbag app (www.skoolbag.com.au and search Sacred Heart School, Ulverstone and download to your device) via our school website (www.shu.tas.edu.au) or you may request to be added to our email list (please email debbie.butcher@catholic.tas.edu.au). If you would like a paper copy of a Wednesday please fill in the form below and return it to the school office.

Newsletter (paper copy)

Child's Name:.....(they will be given a copy to

bring home) Class:.....

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Car Park and dropping off and collecting of students

Please be mindful of your obligations when parking in the school visitor car park and when dropping off and collecting students. Lines marked yellow in the car park are for parking bays, crossing, walk ways and also indicate no parking. To ensure the safety of all in our community I ask that children are only dropped off and collected from cars that are parked in a parking space and not allowed to exit or enter a vehicle that is stopped at the yellow crossing or pulled up anywhere else in the vicinity. Please see below.



This stop signs asks you to stop and give way to pedestrians crossing in the car park. Students are taught to always stop and look before crossing and we ask that you also provide this message regularly.



These continuous yellow lines are to remind students to walk along them into school rather than behind reversing cars in the car park.



This area is not a drop off or collection zone. If vehicles are stopped here it means that cars back up in the driveway and out onto the street which then causes safety issues.

It is also expected that if you access school via Buttons Avenue and need to cross the road that the school crossing is used. Please ensure that you as parents/carers are modeling correct road awareness behaviours by using the crossing as well.

School community safety is of paramount importance to us and we have systems in place to reduce the risk of accidents happening and it is our combined responsibility to ensure these procedures are followed for the safety of all.



Cybersafety all families will receive a Digital Technologies agreement to discuss with their children and return. This agreement sets out the correct use of devices at school and measures to keep all safe when online. Parents are reminded that photographs/videos of children other than their own, when at school or on school base activities, are not to be distributed via any media outlets without the permission of parents.

Please take these as friendly but necessary reminders for all members within our community.

I hope the few days of getting back into the school routine is easy on you. Enjoy the weekend.

Michelle Wootton
Principal

Around School on our first day

