Principal’s Message

Monday 16th March 2015

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 18th March
- Gifted Get Together at Larmenier

Thursday 19th March
- NJSSA Swimming Carnival grade 3-6 at Riverside Pool
- GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Tailrace, Riverside

Friday 20th March
- Grade 5/6 Sport
- SOFOS Activity Day at OLOL Devonport

21st & 22nd March
- Presentation of Candidates for Reconciliation at all Parish Masses

Monday 23rd March
- Reconciliation - Faith Sharing Session

Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith;
not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God;
not by anything that you have done,
so that nobody can claim the credit.
We are God’s work of art,
created in Christ Jesus to live the good life
as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Ephesians 2:8 – 10

don’t get fat or overweight and can eat whatever they want. Me, on the other hand, I
Some are born with great genes. They am well on to the second half of a century
and need to exercise several times a week, and that’s just to maintain my weight
and fitness. In my aged state I eat low-fat yoghurt (but real butter), wholemeal bread and lean meat. The truth is, exercise is terribly unexciting. But if I want to
live a long and healthy life, I have to take control of my own life and do what has to
be done. And yes. I cheat sometimes.

Yet I know there are some who need to do little to maintain their health and
fitness. They are the fortunate ones.

There has always been a tension between what we are gifted with and what we
have to work at. And that tension is no less evident in the gift of salvation
(Ephesians 2) by the grace of God, and the need to express our faith through good
works (James 2:24). Scholars have long since reconciled the two by a deeper
exploration of James’ text, nevertheless the play between the two highlights the
struggles we live with each day.

It is easy to be critical of those who present themselves at Sunday Mass as being ‘holy Joes’ inasmuch as we can be dismissive of those constant ‘do-gooders’ who
visit, cook, transport, raise funds, extend our awareness, save whales and forests.
If we are mindless and unreflective as church-goers or social activists you would
have to question both the motivation and purpose.

As James concludes – faith without good works is empty; and equally that good
works without faith do not necessarily lead to salvation in Christ.
If we want long and faith-filled lives we must find a balance between the two. Doubtlessly there are times in our lives when we will lean more heavily towards one rather than the other, but the call to self-examination and self-renewal is constant. We cannot continue on mindlessly. If nothing else this Lent, give yourself time to review and reconcile the tensions in your life whether it be in your diet, your exercise, your TV viewing, your family quality time, your prayer time, your relationships, attending church or your charity work. Then act. And no cheating.

Peter Douglas
HEAD OF SCHOOL SERVICES, NORTH

Dear Parents,

This week there are a large number of events/activities that are occurring. This week demonstrates the busyness and the rich diversity of activities which are part of our school.

All teachers are required by the TCEO to attend scheduled Network Meetings. These meetings are occurring this week and every classroom teacher will be attending to further develop their skills and understanding in the following areas:
Morning Session : Broadening understanding of Formative Assessment Practices in Mathematics
Middle Session : Constructing Learning Intentions and aligning Success Criteria in Mathematics
Afternoon Session : ICT Capability - Using ICT to elicit evidence of student learning across the curriculum with a Religious Education perspective

The following days are when teachers will be attending these Professional Development Days.
Tuesday Kinder & Prep
Wednesday Gr 1/2
Thursday Gr 5/6
Friday Gr 3/4

Students from SFB, selected from Gr 3-6, will be attending a Gifted and Talented Day at Larmenier with more than 130 other students from catholic schools in the Launceston area for 9 workshops on offer.

This day will consist of stimulating workshops for the students covering a broad array of interesting topics - creative writing, music and art workshops, video production, science and maths, as well as an extreme sports challenge!

The participating students will have the unique opportunity to learn during in-depth, day long workshops. They will be spending uninterrupted time exploring their passion, guided and inspired by an expert in the field. Importantly the day also provides the children with the chance to meet like-minded children. Next week there will be further information on what our students learnt and enjoyed.

Mrs Carmen Aylott will be attending two days of PD on supporting children at SFB on the autistic spectrum. This training will assist her in her role as SLN (Special Learning Needs) teacher at SFB. She will return with a great deal of knowledge to support out students and teachers.

Our squad of students representing SFB in the NIJSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday, will train today at Riverside Swimming Pool in preparation. I wish them every success on Thursday where they will represent our school proudly.
Eight Gr 6 students will be attending the GRIP Student Leadership Course with me on Thursday. This course is focused on developing the skills and knowledge to be student leaders. More information will be shared next week after the course. I know the students are excited, and a little nervous about attending with students from a range of schools from the North of the State. Unfortunately, this will mean I will be unable to attend the NJSSA Carnival.

On Thursday afternoon I counted nine cars which were not reverse parked in our back carpark. I again request that to ensure all our students are safe all parents reverse park their cars. Thank you.

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

REC News

Prayer
Loving God,
You created each one of us in a unique and special way and you want us to be the best person we can be. Help us to celebrate that we are different and wonderfully made. May we learn to rejoice in the gifts and talents of others and use our own gifts for the benefit of all. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

First Reconciliation Presentation Mass
A reminder to all Reconciliation candidates that the Presentation of candidates will happen this weekend at all of our Parish Masses. Please see your Booklet for details.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage – Sunday 29th March
Every member of our school community – students, staff, families and friends are encouraged to join with other school and parish communities from right around Tasmania for the sixth Palm Sunday Pilgrimage event! Filled with energy, hope and faith, this is a celebration of World Youth Day 2015, Palm Sunday and all Catholic schools, parishes and organisations! This massive celebration includes something for everyone: Pilgrimage Walk from Lindisfarne to St. David’s Park (Hobart) for Festivities in the Park; Free music, dancing, giant slide, sumo suits, kid’s activities. Food and Drink available for sale; Street Procession to St. Mary’s Cathedral for an inspiring celebration of Palm Sunday Mass! Great opportunity to unite as one Archdiocese and have loads of fun! Bus available from Launceston, but you MUST BOOK! For more information and to register go to: www.cymtas.org.au or contact Rachelle Smith: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368

Bus from Launceston (Palm Sunday Pilgrimage). We really appreciate the effort that those from the north of the state make to travel to be a part of this state-wide celebration – it isn’t a celebration of all our Tasmanian Catholic schools and parishes without you!! To try and make it as easy as possible we have a subsidised bus travelling from Launceston to Palm Sunday Pilgrimage and return. Bus will depart Church of the Apostles, 44 Margaret Street, Launceston at 7.00am and return departing Hobart at 4.45pm. Return single ticket is $15 or Family Ticket $50. PLEASE BOOK your seat on the bus by no later than 20th MARCH. Book at: www.cymtas.org.au
## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Camryn Hawkins, Grade 5/6 Cousins. Camryn recently competed in Hobart at Tasmanian Age State Swimming Championships and won Silver in the 200 Butterfly for 12/13 year olds. She made the A final and was 5th Tasmanian in the 100 Butterfly for 12/13 year olds. All the rest of her races were personal bests. Camryn’s sister Morgen (a past pupil) won gold and silvers. Morgen made National times then came back on Tuesday at NSATIS and broke the school record and NSATIS record for 50m Breaststroke. Good job by the Hawkins girls.

Well Done Camryn & Morgen !!!

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### Student of the Week

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<td>Riley Woodland</td>
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<td>For being a self-motivated learner and a role model in the classroom</td>
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<td>Harrison Crowe</td>
<td>For a conscientious effort in all learning areas</td>
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<td>Aussie of the Month</td>
<td>Liam Berg</td>
<td>For his ongoing donations of spare change to Project Compassion</td>
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*Please inform the Principal or Office Staff by email/letter of any significant skills and achievements in any academic, sporting, social or cultural area. Achievements, both school based or associated with clubs, groups from the community will be acknowledged in subsequent newsletters.*
School Banking
Branch Manager, Commonwealth Bank – Angelique Sanders will be at school for the next two Thursdays at 2:30 -3:30. Angelique will visit the Kinder and Prep classes to hand out flyers on the first Thursday and will be available the following Thursday to assist with account opening.

GRADE 5/6 FRIDAY SPORT – FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

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Uniform Shop
If you have second hand clothing for sale, please call in and see Ange or call into the school office to see if you have any money to collect.

Orders can now be placed for winter uniforms. Children will start wearing their winter uniform from the beginning of Term Two. Order forms can be collected from the school office or by visiting our school web page

School Uniform Order form
P & F News

Easter Raffle
The P & F is holding an Easter Egg raffle again this year. By now each family should have received a book of tickets to sell. Please support us by selling all the tickets sent home - there is a book sellers prize drawn for all those who sell the whole book of tickets.

Tickets are $1 Each
1st Prize - Large Basket of Eggs
2nd Prize - Medium Basket of Eggs
3rd Prize - Small Basket of Eggs

Please return books by Friday 27th March. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on 30th March. Extra books are available at the office.

Mum’s Night Out - Thursday 26th March, 7pm.
Dinner will be at the Me Wah Restaurant at 39 Invermay Road.
Please RSVP to Belinda on 0429375457 or Annie 0458006093 by Wednesday 25th.
We hope to see you there.

Harmony Day celebrations aim to bring northern Tasmania’s diverse range of communities together to celebrate and learn more about cultural, economic and social diversity in the local community. As in previous years, the University of Tasmania and TUU are planning a student and family friendly evening of food, entertainment, and fun activities for kids.

Friday 20th March:
Riawunna Open House and flag raising – 3pm. (All staff, students, and community members are welcome for an afternoon tea). Australian Citizenship Ceremony in the NEW Gallery – 4:30pm.
Evening food and cultural performances – 5:30pm Grassed area outside the Library and Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March:
Harmony Day Community Soccer Tournament. 8 community teams and 2 UTAS teams will play in the weekend-long tournament. Winning and runner-up teams will receive a medallion. All welcome to spectate.
Community News

For more information please call into the school office and collect a flyer or contact the organisation.

• **The Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association** is holding a “Come & Try ” Gala Day. Sunday March 29th, Churchill Park Sporting Complex, Invermay. 10.30 - 12.30 pm.
• **YMCA Holiday Program** - 6344 3844
• **Launceston City Hockey Club** - launcestoncityhc@gmail.com
• **Primary School Cross Country** - A new running series for kids conducted by Newstead Harriers. Contact Simon on 0407 319 861
COMMUNITY HARMONY DAY

HELP US CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA'S DIVERSITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA'S NEWNHAM CAMPUS

FRIDAY 20 MARCH, 5.30PM

EVERYONE BELONGS

www.utas.edu.au/harmony-day

Join together with your local community for FREE celebrations.

- Entertainment provided by over 20 international communities
- A great variety of international food stalls
- Activities for kids – jumping castle, games, dancing, hair braiding, face painting, and much more!

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For information call 6324 3957 or visit www.utas.edu.au/harmony-day