

### **Literacy**

Last week the Literacy Team met to plan to continue work on a literacy plan for the College. This plan will aim to assess and strengthen literacy for all students and will include the provision of an enrichment program, also operating across the College. At present we are evaluating various successful programs in other schools and looking at what might be useful for us at Sacred Heart College. We have agreed that the literacy program will be based on three central principles.

- First, it must be 'whole school', catering for all students from Kindergarten to Year 10.
- Second, it must be based on sound research and be of proven value in improving literacy standards.
- Third, the program we put in place must be rigorously evaluated, students' progress in literacy must be recorded regularly and tracked each year and the results reported to parents.

We will continue planning our whole-school literacy program during Term 3 with the timeline for implementation at the beginning of 2010.

### **Information Technology Strategic Plan**

Another team busily at work is the Information Technology planning team. Their task is to put together the above plan which has, as its centrepiece, a major upgrade of information technology infrastructure and resources. Combined with the purchase of new equipment will be the more important planning for using the technology to its best possible effect to assist learning. The very significant investment both from government and from the College will result in major improvements to our educational provision at Sacred Heart College.

### **Year 9 Canberra and Sydney Trips**

I'm tapping this Newsletter out - very slowly and late at night - in our Holiday Park accommodation in Canberra with our Year 9 students (hopefully) all sound asleep in their cabins, or at least pretending to be. We've had two very busy days here visiting all the places of great national and educational significance – Parliament House, the Museum of Democracy (Old Parliament House) the War Memorial, the High Court, National Art Gallery, National Museum of Australia and much more. Tomorrow everyone heads off for Sydney, and along with the dramatic vista of Sydney Harbour, the Opera House, Circular Quay and the Bridge will be the visit to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney and prayer in the chapel wherein lies Australia's first Saint.

This is the first of two trips, the second to get underway next week and I'd like to thank all staff, especially Mr. Ray Blizzard, our Year 9 Co-ordinator, as well as all parents for the support and work to make this wonderful opportunity possible.

### **Year 10 Work Experience and WOW week.**

This year all Year 9 and 10 students are enjoying a very enriching fortnight as we approach the end of the Winter Term with Outdoor Education, the Overland Experience and Work Experience (as well as the Canberra & Sydney trip mentioned above) all taking place. These are unforgettable and highly valuable experiences and I'm sure all students will have much to tell about their experiences over the fortnight.

### **Monster Garage Sale**

As I mentioned last time the College will have its monster garage sale on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, the first day of the holidays. The event will be run by the Parent's and Friend's and will be one of our major fund-raising events for the year. We will be undertaking a major re-organisation and clean-out of the school and there will be plenty of items for sale. The 'garage' will be the SSJ and the sale will get underway from 10.00 a.m. We will also be holding a sausage sizzle and other events in conjunction with the garage sale. If you're after a bargain, I'm sure you'll find something on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> at SHC, so come along and help out the P & F and the College.

### **Student Free Day**

A reminder that Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September (the scheduled last day of Term 2) will be a student free day. On that day teachers and administration staff will be participating in a major re-organisation and relocation of College property in preparation for the major changes ahead in Term 3.

### **Chewing Gum**

We are reminding all students, particularly in the secondary school that chewing gum is banned at school. The major reasons for the ban are hygiene and the damage done by discarded gum to carpets, furniture and uniform. We are giving our secondary students ample notice of the ban, but a warning that chewing gum at school will attract an after school detention in the first instance.

### **Parents and Friends Quiz Night**

Don't forget the Quiz night coming up this Saturday in the SSJ from 7.30pm. This promises to be a fun night and there will be some great prizes on offer for all those would-be *Einstein Factor* contestants out there in our parent community.

### **Student Achievement**

The **Grade 9/10 Girls Hockey Team (with the help of a number of Grade 7 and 8 girls)** have made the Grand Final in Schoolgirls Hockey. This will be played against Collegiate at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre, Ground 2 on Saturday morning at 7:45 am. It would be wonderful to have support to cheer the girls on. As some of the girls played in and won the Grand Final for the College last year, they are the defending champions.

This week we congratulate one of our Old Scholars, **Simone Reynolds** (Leaver of 2005), who recently competed in the Australian Short Course Swimming Championships at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Simone qualified for the 50 metres butterfly event in which such women as Jessica Schipper, Alice Mills and Marieke Guehrer were also competing. Well done on your outstanding achievement Simone. Simone is the first person from the Huonville Swimming Club to qualify for the Australian Short Course Championships.

**Mr Craig Deayton**  
Principal

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2009/2010**

If you live in the Cathedral Parish (which covers, West and North Hobart, the Glebe, New Town, Lenah Valley and Mt Stuart) or worship at the Cathedral and wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, First Eucharist (Holy Communion) or Penance (Reconciliation) please ring Sr Pamela Davis OP, Pastoral Associate at the Cathedral office on 6234 4463 between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday and an enrolment package will be sent to you.

### **BOOK FAIR – LIBRARY FUNDRAISER**

The Book Fair is on again this year, in the old library of the Lenah Valley Campus, (10 McCann Crescent). **Everything you buy earns us money**, which we use to buy great new books for the library. Come and see the great range of children's books, with discounts of up to \$75 – they make fantastic birthday or Christmas presents! There's plenty for adults too: lots of recipe books, with titles from Marie Claire, Kylie Kwong, Karen Martini, and the Australian Women's Weekly; organisers; gift card sets; diaries; and fiction and non-fiction titles. The Book Fair is open **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am – 9:30am and 2:00pm – 4:00pm**. If you can't make it in person, you can still send in an order, using the back page of the catalogue which was sent home with your child. *Mrs Sharon Molnar, Teacher Librarian* PS: The "Where's Wally" on p10 of the catalogue is now unavailable, but there will be another Where's Wally book at the Book Fair.

## SECONDARY AND PRIMARY NEWS

### GRADE 7 ASSEMBLY

7 Green hosted the Grade 7 assembly on Wednesday the 12th of August. First we started with the prayer by Isabella, Amelia, Melanie, Zac, Hugh and Harrison. Next Shreyansh made a speech on school life in India, which was really interesting to see what it is like in India. Zac, Marcus, Emmet and Sam then did a few Prime Minister reports. The Outreach report was next by Maddie, Amy and Josh. Sports report was by Kelsey and Ashley. Nikayla and Lauren did the outside of school achievements, that was amazing to see how many people and what people had achieved outside of school. Joshua and Shreyansh did a duet of Country Roads with Joshua on the guitar and Shreyansh singing, it was a great performance as they are both new to our College and have great confidence to stand up in front of their peers and perform their great musical talents. The artwork was great, in first semester we did some papier mache and some students showed it off at our assembly. Jack, Tiffany, Oscar and Calum from 7 Green put together a movie where they interviewed several students from across the Grade 7 classes on their positive impressions of Sacred Heart College and the things that they like best about Grade 7. It was an excellent movie that had everyone laughing, even the teachers. Congratulations to Jaffar in 7 Green and Nikia Shaw in 7 Gold who won the prize of a \$20 gift voucher for Kmart for setting a good example to their peers. Also congratulations to everyone who received a certificate at the assembly. The following students received community certificates:

Maddie Johnson, Aelia Dwyer, Abbey Breward, Pauline Lei, Gabby Collis, Bianca Wiggins, Morgan Blackburn, Jafar Heidari, Ellie Golding, Amy Webster, Maddie Ball, Marcus Twinning, Lauren Grant, Tori Duggan, Nikayla Roach, Hannah Dodson, Alem Kebede, Emma Scott, Oliver Davies, Thomas Carney, Thomas Bearman, Ashley Steed, Seb Palmer, Ben Chia, Hannah Ryan, Henry Burrows, Tahlia Stacey, Jade Thornton, Jack Lim, Angela Cantwell, Cecilia Letiko, Nikia Shaw, Nicola Galloway, Luke Seaton.

Well done 7 Green for putting together such an enjoyable assembly! *Amelia Griggs and Georgia Bradshaw*

### LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS

#### 'MATHS RELAY'

Morgan Honner, Francine Henderson, Zac Kalimnios and Elyse Barnes represented our campus at the 'Maths Relay' competition recently. They had 45 minutes to work on 20 challenging mathematical problems together. The questions were difficult, but the team showed great persistence, working very cooperatively together and scoring a total of 30 points. Congratulations on a fine effort! Mr Mike Casey (Mathematics Coordinator)

#### NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Last week the Music Department at took delivery of three brand new gathering drums, which were provided by the Parents' Auxiliary. These drums are "Remo Kids" percussion instruments, and they are very large, enabling many small hands to play them at once. Classes on Wednesday had the opportunity to play the beautiful drums when they came to their music lessons. The drums were formally presented to the Campus on Wednesday afternoon at our assembly, by Mrs Russell, our Parents' Auxiliary President. The drums are very expensive, and I am extremely grateful to the Parents' Auxiliary, for providing the money to buy these for our students. All students will have the opportunity to play them and they will certainly enhance our percussion program. Thank you so much for this wonderful gift. *Mrs Pam Monk (Music Teacher)*

#### STUDENT-FREE DAY

A reminder that the final day of Term 2 for students is Thursday, 03 September. Staff will be involved in a number of projects across the College in preparation for future directions. Thank you for your attention to this information and support of our extremely dedicated and hard-working staff members.

#### BOOK WEEK 'SAFARI'

Next week we will celebrate 'Book Week'. Mrs Molnar has organised a range of activities and learning experiences for the students to celebrate this exciting time. There will be a Book Fair at the Campus. Details relating to ordering and displays have been circulated to all families. On Tuesday, 24 August, there will be a Character Parade in the Hall commencing at 02.15 pm. Family members are very welcome to join us.

#### BOOK FAIR – PARENT HELP NEEDED

If you're able to help out at next week's Book Fair, we'd love to hear from you! It's on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:00pm – 4:00pm. If you can stay for ½ an hour, an hour, one day, or all, please contact Casey on 6228 3335.

*Mrs Sharon Molnar, Teacher Librarian*

#### 2009 UNI OPEN DAYS

Hobart—Sunday 24th August 10am until 3pm

Cradle Coast—Saturday 29th August 10am until 2pm

Come along to the Uni Open Days and unlock the future!

For more information and event programs, phone 1300 363 864 or visit [www.utas.edu.au/infoday](http://www.utas.edu.au/infoday)

## PRIMARY NEWS

### INDIGENOUS GUEST SPEAKER

Last Wednesday, Mr Joe Smith came to visit Grades 3 and 4 Blue. Mr. Smith is a Tasmanian Aboriginal and he talked about lots of interesting information with us relating to Aboriginal lifestyles and culture. He also showed us some Aboriginal tools and weapons and some pictures of people catching mut-ton birds. I found out that the women got taught to swim so they could collect shells for necklaces. We also learnt that the men go hunting and when they come back they will have some food. *Bradley Healey (Grade 3 Blue)*

### 'CHALK TALK' BY GRADE 2 BLUE

We've had lots of interesting experiences during the term. The highlight of our Aboriginal Studies was our trip to the museum this week. Along with the general visit where all the students had their own particular 'wow' moment, we took part in the 'Tayenebe' workshop. We drew some of the baskets on display, watched a video on how they were made and then did some weaving and twining. We also enjoyed listening to Joe Smith, who visited the school last week and in a combined session with Grade 1, showed us the tools and weapons of his people. The students reckon that seeing the artifacts gives much more insight than just looking at pictures. The spear is so much longer than they imagined and the waddy, or club, is quite a dangerous and impressive weapon. We've learned lots about life in the 1800's. We began with an excursion to Woodsdale and have read lots about the lives of children of the period, the rich, the poor, the convict child, the child on the farm etc. We look forward to finishing our study with a trip next week to Narryna House Museum in Battery Point, where we will view the Drawing Room, the Nursery, the Morning Room, the Larder, the Coachhouse and Smithy and lots more. We'll experience first hand how the wealthy people of Hobart once lived.

### CAKE STALL

On Monday, 31 August, the Parents' Auxiliary will hold a cake stall in the Prep/Grade 1 Courtyard commencing at 02.5 pm. Thank you to the families of Grades 3 and 4 students for your generosity in supplying delicious items for sale on the day.

### PARISH MASSES

All classes have had the opportunity to attend a Parish Mass this term at the Church of the Sacred Heart in New Town. All students displayed excellent manners and reverence during Mass. It has been a pleasure to accompany students as they make a connection with their Faith as a class group. Many parishioners have made comment in relation to the students' fine presentation and good behaviour during Mass. Congratulations to all!

### NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

As part of the celebration for this focus, Grades 5 and 6 Blue students will visit a Science Fair at the University of Tasmania today. This is being conducted by the Faculty of Education. We look forward to our students participating in some 'hands on' experiments and being inspired to investigate this area as a possible vocation in the future.

### CANTEEN THEME DAY

The final 'theme' day for the term will be on Tuesday, 01 September. The delicious offering organised by the Parents' Auxiliary will be tasty cheese burgers. Order forms will be distributed early next week.

### CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL

This event, which will involve students from Catholic Primary Schools from Southern Tasmania, will be held on Monday, 31 August at the Rokeby Police Academy. We wish the representative team well and thank Mr Monaghan for his guidance and coordination of this event for our campus.

### JOSEPHITE COLLOQUIUM

Next week, our Campus Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Jane Davies, will travel to Sydney to spend time at MacKillop Place. During this time, Mrs Davies will explore the charism of the Sisters of St Joseph to deepen her own understanding of this guiding principle for our work at Sacred Heart College. As part of the program, it is also an opportunity for individual participants to add to other's understandings through their practical lived experience of this charism. We wish Mrs Davies well for this wonderful experience.

*Mr Rob Direen (Deputy Principal – Primary)*

### UNIFORM CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Last day of trading for Term Two will be on **Thursday, 27th August** and will not reopen until **Thursday, 24th September**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### CALENDAR DATES

#### August

22 Quiz Night 7.30pm

25 Primary Music Soiree

27 Grade 9 Sydney/Canberra Trip 2 departs