In April, 1968, Mrs. Matsue Matsuo, the 83 year old mother of Lieutenant Keio Matsuo visited the site of her son’s grave for the first time. Lieutenant Matsuo had been aboard a Japanese midget submarine which attacked Sydney harbour on the 1st of June, 1942. The submarine was itself attacked by Australian ships and sunk with the loss of all on board. 26 years later, Australian Naval ratings took Mrs. Matsuo to the spot in Taylor’s Bay where her son’s submarine had foundered. There she scattered cherry blossoms and sake over the water as a gift to the spirit of her dead son. She then dropped a poem that she had written on rice paper into the water…

Thinking of mothers of heroes
as I look upon the sea and sky
I cannot sleep for thinking
about how they felt

Two years ago the wreck of HMAS Sydney was finally found, ending a maritime mystery that had spanned seven decades. 645 sons perished when their ship sank in 1941. The very moving memorial to the dead of the Sydney in Geraldton features the statue of a mother looking out to sea, always hoping, forever waiting for her son to return. With the discovery of the wreck of the Sydney in 2008, there is now at least a grave for the daughters and sons, the brothers, sisters and wives who still mourn.

The pain of death, whether in the great tragedy of war, or in the normal course of life, is felt the same. This Easter we remember the story of Christ’s pain, of his death and of the mourning of his mother and all who were touched by him. They knew, as we know, that there can be no love without loss, no life without death. But they saw with their eyes the promise of Christ’s resurrection made real and his victory over death. This Easter we pray that all those who mourn will be comforted by its sacred message. Death shall have no power over us.

Fair
I’d like to express my sincere thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Jo Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Jane Capp, Mr. Michael Hangan, the Parents and Friends team and all College staff for the organisation and work at the Fair. It was a wonderful community event and a great fundraising success with over $22,000 raised. I know that all parents and students thoroughly appreciated the great effort that went into staging the Fair and the contributions of Jo, Jane and the P & F and all staff members who manned stalls, prepared food, ran events and did the thousand other things that made this such a fantastic community occasion.

Commissioning Liturgy
Thank you to all students and families for your support of the Commencement Liturgy. It was a wonderful celebration and an occasion we can be very proud of. I owe a special vote of thanks to Mr. Eamonn Pollard for his faultless preparation and organisation of the Liturgy. Thanks also to Mrs. Louise Bender, Mrs. Jane Davies and Mrs. Bernadette Burke for their support of Eamonn in the preparation. The music was again wonderful and my thanks to Mr. Peter Warren, Mrs. Bernadette Burke, Mrs. Pam Monk as well as the band and Choir again provided a beautiful compliment to our Liturgy. Many thanks also to all Teachers and students on the night. The behaviour of all students was again excellent. A wonderful event owing all to the hard work of many.

New Website
We will be launching the new Sacred Heart College website in April. The new website will contain a wealth of information about the College as well as current events, Newsletters, school publications, policies and an opportunity for feedback for parents. The current temporary website will be removed at the end of March.
Student Free Day
A reminder that on **Monday the 12th of April** the College teaching staff will be undertaking professional development with Joseph Driessen, an internationally renowned educator and a leading expert in boys’ education and pastoral care.

SATIS Swimming Carnival
We had a very SATIS swimming carnival last week with the team performing very creditably again in the state SATIS carnival in Launceston. Congratulations to our Captains, Reo Dante Lazaro and Elise Ringwaldt and to all the team for an outstanding performance and special thanks to our coach, Mrs. Anne Steele for her dedication and commitment.

Uniform Changeover
The week following the Easter break will be uniform changeover week. Students may wear either summer or winter uniform. All students are to be in winter uniform from Monday the 19th of April. To cater for the changeover of summer uniform the Uniform Shop will be open on Monday, 12th April from 1am until 4pm.

Board Nominations
Two positions are currently vacant on the Board of Management. The Rules Document of Sacred Heart College states that members will be drawn from the Sacred Heart College community. Please give some consideration to nominating for membership of the Board. Nomination forms are available at the College office.

Parents & Friends AGM
On March 9th our Parents and Friends Association held their Annual General Meeting. Congratulations and sincere thanks to Mrs. Jane Capp who was elected President, Ms Sarah Male who takes on the role of Vice President, Mr Michael Hangan who takes on the Treasury portfolio and Mrs Della Stevens who will be Secretary of the P & F for 2020. I can’t adequately express my thanks to our wonderful P & F Executive for the work they do, but I’ll try anyway. Our outgoing President Mr. Steve Grant has done an outstanding job. We’re again looking forward to a great year and my thanks on behalf of our community to all.

Student Representative Council
I congratulate the following students who have been elected to the Student Representative Council for 2010:
Amelia Geniola (7W), Hannah Kouw (7R), Grace Buckpitt (7G), Taki Kaproulas (7B), Isabella Geniola (8W), Morgan Blackburn (8R), Luke Seaton (8G), Nikayla Roach (8B), Stephanie Perotti (9W), Ryan Edmondson (9R), Gerardo Lacapra (9G), Rebecca Coleman (9B), Natalie Badger (10W), Alex Sella (10R), Samantha Little (10G) and Jeremy Richardson (10B).

As I have mentioned on a number of occasions, the task of the Student Representative Council will be demanding for those students above honoured with the task of Christian leadership in our College. I am sure that all students will rise to the challenges before them. My very best wishes to the Council for a successful and rewarding year and I look forward to working with you for the benefit of all students.

Student Achievement
We wish Daniel Watkins (9 Blue) every success as part of the Australian National Talent Squad for the Slalom Paddling Championships currently being held in New Zealand. Daniel is to be highly commended both on his achievements and his dedication to his chosen sport, to gain National selection is an outstanding achievement and we wish him all the very best.

Congratulations to James Westwood (10 Blue), Tim Keith (10 White), Simon McLaine (9 Blue), Ben Eyles (10 Red) and Ryan Pettit (10 Red) who competed in the Kellevie 24 Hour Mountain Bike Race. Our boys finished second on the day which was a fantastic effort.

Enjoy the Break
I take this opportunity to thank all staff for their outstanding work over the year to date and to wish all who work at Sacred Heart a restful and blessed Easter holiday.

I would also like to thank all students for their contributions and I’m sure no urging is required from me for them to enjoy the break from school.

To all parents and indeed all in our community, may we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter together and share in the good news that this time brings.

Best wishes for a safe and happy break.

Mr Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL
MARY MACKILLOP AND MODERN SPIRITUALITY
Recently, a copy of the bestseller *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert found its way into my home via my wife’s Reading Group. Unlike seemingly everybody else in the Western world, I didn’t like it, in fact after about three pages I wanted to throw it across the room. There seems to be a bit of literature out there at the moment regarding lifestyle and spirituality, columns in newspapers and so forth. I find most of it pap, though an exception for me is Bryan Patterson who has a column in various Australian newspapers.

The reason they don’t work for me is that it is usually ‘all about me.’ In my reading of the great religious traditions of the world, a common element is that one needs to stop focusing on oneself. The ego is the source of suffering. It ‘s actually not ‘all about me.’ Mary MacKillop will be canonized on October 15th. She is a great model of somebody who was able to focus on others. She gave her life for the purpose of helping the Australian poor and succeeded remarkably, despite many hurdles. I suspect she was a very contented woman in her later years.

DRIVING WITH CARE
At both of our campuses, we have a lot of small children. Keeping all of our students safe is our highest priority. While there are duty teachers out and about at the beginning and end of days, it is difficult to keep an eye on all students. Please assist with keeping our students safe by driving slowly and carefully on all roads close by the school.

If a student is late or needs to leave during the day
If a student arrives after mass, it is important that he/she goes to the front office first, otherwise we have no record of the student being present. This leads to the Office staff ringing home to check if the student is absent and can cause unnecessary anxiety as to the whereabouts of the student.

SPARE EYE GLASSES
YWAM are an ecumenical group who provide medical and optical help to the people of Papua New Guinea. They have asked for the help of the Sacred Heart College community in their work. As well as sending some students to see their ship at Elizabeth Pier, we are going to collect spare eye glasses at the New Town Campus front office. If you have any glasses at home that you are unlikely to use again, please consider donating them to the front office.

STUDENT ABSENCE
If a student is unable to attend school, please contact the College office on 6279 4090 by 9.30am. Office staff on some days make as many as 80 phone calls to ascertain whether or not students are absent. Any support in this area would be appreciated.

MONTHLY IMMUNISATION CLINIC
Grade 6, 7 and 10 students had the opportunity to receive immunization shots last week. Any students who were not immunized last week have the opportunity for an immunization shot at Clinics in the Elizabeth Street Conference Room behind the Town Hall. The Clinics are open on the second Wednesday every month between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Natalie Rogers can be contacted for more information about these Clinics on 6238 2715.

Mr Eamonn Pollard—Deputy Principal

THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM AND MY SCHOOL WEBSITE
The first draft of the Australian Curriculum has been launched on the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) website. Parents and friends are invited to view the new curriculum by registering at www.acara.edu.au. You will also find a link to the My School site which provides nationally comparable data on schools across Australia. There have been several anomalies regarding the data presented on the My School site and ACARA will be making changes so that the data provides more accurate information to parents.

Our College Teaching and Learning teams are currently working on a process and timeframe for implementation of the curriculum. There will be an information session on the Australian Curriculum and My School website at the next Parents and Friends meeting on 10 May. If you have any concerns or questions regarding either the Australian Curriculum or the My School website, you are invited to attend this meeting or contact myself or Sue Walker at the College. Mrs Louise Bender—Director, Teaching and Learning

NEW TOWN CAMPUS
Dear Parents
On behalf of the staff and students of the New Town Campus I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Holy Easter. May you have a restful and peaceful time with your families as you reflect in the joy of the Easter season.

STUDENT FREE DAY
We wish to remind parents that Monday 12th of April is a student free day.

LOST UNIFORM ITEM
Harry Davies has lost his spray jacket which is clearly named. If you have mistakenly picked up his spray jacket could you please return it to Harry in Grade 5 White. A blue bag was left at the bus stop outside George Self Real Estate on the main road with an Air Cadet uniform inside. If you have seen this bag please call 62657841 or mobile 0409092433.
TCEO NETWORK DAYS
During the last few weeks teachers from all grades have been involved in TCEO Network days at various Catholic Schools. The Network days have given teachers opportunities to work with teachers in similar grade levels to look more closely at the new Australian Curriculum and to work on moderation in Religious Education.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS
After Easter Mrs. Mazengarb and myself will be conducting kindergarten interviews for 2011. We look forward to meeting our new students and parents.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday, April 26 and Tuesday April 27. Information regarding times and appointments will be forwarded.

Mr Marcus Donnelly (Deputy Principal—Primary)

LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS

‘CHALK TALK’ BY GRADE 2 BLUE
Grade 2 Blue is presently learning about Easter celebrations. We participated in the Palm Sunday play and look forward to the rest of our school’s Holy Week events. Looking at the first Easter, we reflected on why some of the characters behaved the way they did – besides the silver, what may have led Judas to betray Jesus, why Pontius Pilate did nothing even though he knew Jesus was innocent etc? We have looked at all the Easter symbols and enjoyed reading/singing rather silly songs and poems about chickens, rabbits etc. We also learned about how other people around the world celebrate Easter. Probably the most interesting and perhaps far fetched we think, happens in France. Every Easter in France, all the church bells stop ringing on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. This is because they have flown off to Rome to collect Easter eggs which they then drop all over the gardens of France before ringing out again on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK
This week has been a very special time as classes have portrayed the events that Jesus experienced. Students have engaged in the prayerful sessions and have reflected upon the significance of this in their classrooms.

We wish all families a safe and holy Easter celebration.

STUDENT-FREE DAY
A reminder that the **Monday, 12 April** is a student-free day at the College. All staff members will be attending a full-day seminar from a leading presenter on ‘Boys’ Education’ – Joseph Driessen. We look forward to making use of the learning during this day in our policies and practices.

‘LEARN TO SWIM’ PROGRAM
The ‘Learn to Swim’ Program for all classes Prep to Grade 6 will commence on Tuesday, 13 April. Notices advising of all essential information have been distributed to families previously. We thank Mr Monaghan for his coordination and organisation of this program.

PARENTS’ AUXILIARY
The next meeting for the campus Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 19 April. This will be in the Grade 1 Blue classroom commencing at 07.00 pm. All welcome.

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY
The next Campus Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 21 April. This will be in the Campus Hall commencing at 02.00 pm. All welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Some fantastic results again from all of our Sacred Heart College representatives. Each student can be proud of the way they conducted themselves and the efforts they put in. Well done all! Among many fine results were outstanding first and second place getters
First: Abraham Ngawhare, Paola Facchin, Mahala Fannon, Liam Smith, Isabella Honeyman, Caitlin Barnes, Ashley Roach, Fraser Kelly, Lachlan Steele, Mitchell Harris, Nyah Ralph, Clare Lapham, Ashley Roach, Grade 3 Boys, Grade 4 Boys and Grade 4 Girls Relay teams.
Second: Marc Ortmann, Jack White, Clare Lapham, Isaac Pearsall, Chelsea Cashinella, James Gravina, Jack White, Jarryd Todorovic and the Grade 3 Girls Relay team.

LEARN TO SWIM
Notices have gone home explaining the details of the above programme, which involves all students from Prep to Grade 6. The programme will be run at Friends Health and Fitness and will commence from Tuesday 13th April until Friday 23rd March.

STAFF CHANGES
As advised previously, Mr Tom Burke and Mr Eric Monaghan will be taking Long Service Leave following the Easter break until the end of Term 1. Mrs Pam Monk will also take leave, but this will extend until mid-July. We wish these staff members well for their leave. We look forward to welcoming Mr Kevin Trewick (Grade 6 Blue), Mrs Anne Crawford (Tuesdays, Grade 5 Blue) and Mrs Donna Green (Primary Music) to our campus staff.

SOCCER/HOCKEY SEASON 2010
Expressions of interest forms have been sent home to all students involved and each participant should receive notifications of teams for 2010 by Thursday, 1st April.

Mr Rob Direen (Deputy Principal – Primary)