Dear Parent

We are entering a very busy, but very exciting time of the year. We are preparing to farewell our senior Year 10 students at the end of next week and then prepare for the final weeks of the year as we enter the Season of Advent.

Advent is a very joyous time. We look forward to the time ahead, spending the Christmas break with our families, enjoying the relaxation of holidays and especially the summer weather. It is also a time for us to reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

As we enter our final month of the year and this Advent season, we thank God for the joys ahead, pray for strength in times of trouble and in the words of St. Mary MacKillop, 'Keep your minds in peace whatever happens' (15.9.1890)
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Grade 7 student Thomas Marshall has been selected to play in the under 12 Australian Vikings Dal Ponte Futsal Team touring New Zealand from 25th November to the 10th of December. Congratulations Tom.

END OF TERM
Please note that the last day of term, Thursday 16 December 2010 is a full school day and students will finish school at the usual time.

YEAR 10 EXAMS
The Year 10 Exams commenced on Monday and I wish all our Year 10 students every success this week. The exams are a great opportunity to gain experience by studying hard, talking with their teachers about exam technique and paying close attention to the feedback given by teachers. All students can be reassured that they can only improve their results through the exams. There will also be an opportunity for students to debrief their exam experience with their teachers and to look at how to improve results in Year 11.

FOUR TERM YEAR PROPOSAL
As you may be aware, the Education Department as well as the Catholic Education Commission are examining the option of a move to a four Term year. The consultation process for the above proposal with the DOE has opened. You can view the various discussion papers and provide feedback and submissions to the review panel at www.education.tas.gov.au/school/fourterms

CHESS
Best wishes to Louise Davidson and the team who do battle in the National Schools’ Chess Championships in Melbourne this weekend. The team is Oscar Brown, Tyler Gerbing, Matthew Barnes, Nathan Hills, Hazeq Dzulhisham and Zac Lanci. Thanks to Tom Krasnicki who has coached the team and to both Tom and Louise for nurturing Chess in the College.

YEAR 9 CAMPS
A very exciting range of Year 9 Camps are due to get underway in the week beginning the 6th of December. Options range from bushwalking, rafting and scuba diving to cycling, cooking and IT. There is something enriching for everyone and all Year 9 students and staff will be involved. This is the first year we are offering the Year 9 Enrichment Experience and I would like to thank our staff and volunteers who have made this wonderful opportunity possible.

STUDENT LEADERS 2011
I am pleased to announce that the following students have been elected by the community of Sacred Heart College to Student Leadership Positions in Year 10 in 2011.

Delaney House Leaders:
Lily Boughton
Sarah Buckpitt
Sophie Duggan
Ryan Edmonson

Julian House Leaders:
Sophie Dalwood
Candice Dubiel
Lauren Daniels
Tom Lord

Quinlan House Leaders:
Zoe Fenning
Liam Gough
Stephanie Perotti
Jake Sansom

Xavier House Leaders:
Max Ellis
Alhajie Kamara
Ebony Marshall
Allanna Russell

Appointment to the position of Student Leader is a significant honour and all those listed above should feel proud of their achievement. Along with that honour, the College also confers significant responsibility to our Student Leaders. In congratulating these students, I also congratulate all those who were nominated and who took part in the election and appointment process. All students will begin their leadership formation this year and return to us at the end of the holidays to continue that process at their leadership camp.

Craig Deayton
Principal

CHANGE OF DETAILS
If you have changed your home or work contact details this year, would you please notify the College so that we can update our records.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 10 STUDENTS
You may have already received a letter regarding this matter, but in case the letter didn’t make it home, I am writing to ask that you consider donating your child’s school uniform and any other items which may be of use to future students. We occasionally have families who do not have the means to pay for school items such as uniforms, textbooks and so forth. We will gratefully accept any items at the front office.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
There are times when working in schools, I am very proud of the actions of students. One of these occasions recently has been in witnessing the generosity of students in providing for families in need through the Christmas Hampers. The basic generosity and goodness of some students has been very encouraging.

EAST TIMOR
During the September school holidays I had the privilege of visiting East Timor and donating $2000 to the Sisters of St Joseph. This money was raised in the course of the year by our students. I can assure students that the money makes a big difference. I have since spent a semester at university studying East Timor in the context of theology. The main thing that I learned is that when there are human rights abuses taking place in countries such as East Timor, the urgent response of the international community is critical. While on the whole this failed to take place in East Timor, there is still an enormous amount to be done, particularly in education, infrastructure and recovery from trauma. The students of our College are continuing to raise money to do their bit in this regard.

Eamonn Pollard
Deputy Principal
NETBOOK TRIAL
The net books have so far proven to be a valuable classroom tool for collaboration, research and study. The net book trial is being run during Term 3 in preparation for the full rollout to Grade 9 and 10 students in 2011.

Stuart Brinsmead
ICT Manager

A NIGHT OF DRAMA 2
Come join us in the Drama room on Tuesday 7th of December at 6:30pm for the Grade 8 plays. Our three Grade 8 Drama classes will be putting on a play each, with short intervals in between just for you! Tickets can be purchased from next week at the office and gold coin donations are welcome. Please hurry, this will be for one night only.

Emily Wilkins
Drama Teacher

LIBRARY BOOKS—ALL GRADES
Please return all library books by Friday 26th November ready for stock take.

Jill Holloway
Teacher/Librarian

XMAS FUNDRAISIA ORDERS
Thank you to all who have placed orders this year. All orders will be returned on Friday 10th December.

Jo Fitzpatrick
Development Officer

PICNICS
All classes will attend picnics on Tuesday 14th December at the following venues:

- Kindergarten: Sandy Park
- Prep: Cornelian Bay
- Grade One: Sandy Bay / Long Beach Park
- Grade Two: Risdon Brook Dam
- Grade Three: Movies
- Grade Four: Movies
- Grade Five: Sandy Bay / Long Beach Park
- Grade Six: Tolosa Park

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES
We would like to invite parents and friends to our end of year assemblies which will take place in the SSJ at the following times:

- Kindergarten – Grade 2: Friday, December 10 9.00am
- Grades 3-6: Monday, December 13 9.00am

Each class will present a special Christmas item for the assembly. There will also be a short awards presentation where St Mary MacKillop certificates will be awarded to students from each class. The St Mary MacKillop Award is awarded to a boy and a girl in each class who has been judged as best emulating the Josephite values as defined through the actions of St Mary MacKillop.

END OF YEAR MASS
We will celebrate our end of year Mass in the SSJ on Thursday, December 9 at 10.00am. Grade 6 students will be presented with graduation certificates and student leaders for 2011 will be announced.

REPORTS
End of year reports will be issued on Friday, December 10.

CONGRATULATIONS
Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Kelly Jeffrey and her fiancé Duncan who will be married on Saturday, December 4. We wish Kelly and Duncan all the very best for their special day and may they have a long fruitful life together.

Marcus Donnelly
Deputy Principal—Primary

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
The following Grade 3 students received awards in the Research Investigation section of the 2010 Tasmanian Science Talent Search.

- Equal First Prize: Remy Ortmann
- Equal Second Prize: Maddie Krasnicki & Antony Papadelias
- Merit Award: Katia Howell
- Commendation: Indyarna Turner & Claudia Barnes

PRIMARY NEWS—NEW TOWN

ORIENTATION DAYS
We will be holding Orientation Day next Friday, December 3 from 11.45am – 1.00pm for Grades One, Two and Three. Grade Four and Five will have their Orientation Day on Monday, December 6 from 11.45am – 1.00pm. Kindergarten and Prep Orientation were held successfully earlier this week.

On Orientation Day all students are given the opportunity to step up into their new class for a short time so that they can meet their new teacher (where possible) and are introduced to their new cohort for 2011. Orientation also gives students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new classroom.

Parents and students will be notified of class placement prior to Orientation Day.
GRADE 4 WHITE & RED EXCURSION TO MOLESWORTH
On Friday 19th of November Grade 4 Red and White went to Molesworth Environmental Centre for the day. When we got there we went inside and had a little talk then we had a little something to eat. After that we split into our class groups, one class went to look at their worm farms while the other class went to make recycled paper then we swapped over. After the two groups had finished we all had a play then went to lunch. Then we split into the two class groups again, one class went inside to look around and the other class went and did some survival stuff. Inside there was a nocturnal room. In there you have a torch and try to spot the animals. Then we swapped over. Finally we made our way back to school.

By Phoebe Hartill and Courtney Wright

PARENTS AUXILIARY NEWTOWN
Thank you to all parents of Prep and Kindergarten who contributed to our cake and fresh produce stall last Friday. $212.50 was raised. I would also like to remind everyone of the combined campus disco which is to held on Friday 10 December for primary children. Parents, please keep this date free, we are always looking for new volunteers. It would be great to see some new faces coming to help out. We need assistance on the door collecting money and selling glow sticks, to cook the BBQ and serve the sausages, keep the drink supply up to the kids and supervision inside the SSJ. A lot of help is required over the 2 discos! If you would like to help out on the night please email on stevjmh@bigpond.net.au.

Frances Harris

CHESS
There will be a sausage sizzle fund-raiser tomorrow for our very talented chess team who will participate in the National Championships in Melbourne next week. Congratulations to Oscar Brown, Tyler Gerbing, Matthew Barnes, Nathan Hills, Hazeq Dzulhisham and Zac Lanci who will represent the College at this important event. Thank you to Ms Davidson and Mr Krasnicki who will accompany the team and for all their additional time and effort given for preparation. We wish them every success.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUN ATHLETICS
This event will happen tomorrow at the Giblin Street Playing Fields. Students from Prep and Grades One and Two will join with students from the New Town Campus to participate in a range of events. Thank you to Mr Monaghan for his involvement in order to make this a successful day for all.

END OF YEAR EVENTS
3 December  2011 Orientation Day Grade 1 to Grade 6
8 December  End of Year Assembly, Campus Hall, 1.00pm
9 December  End of Year Mass, SSJ Performance Centre, 10.00am

10 December  Parents’ Auxiliary Combined Campus Disco, SSJ Performance Centre
10 December  Parents’ Auxiliary Grade 6 Function, New Town Senior Citizens’ Club
13 December  Campus Picnic, Cornelian Bay/RTBG, 9.30 am
16 December  End of Term Three, finishing time 3.00 pm

Mr Rob Direen
Deputy Principal - Primary
SPORT NEWS Cntd…

Thank you to Mrs Leanne Cook, Mrs Krystina Sutton, Mrs Belinda Vinen and Isabella Pace who worked as officials at the carnival. Thank you to Mr Monaghan, Mr Crennan, Mr Guinane and Zach Harris for coaching the team and again well done to all our competitors.

Outstanding efforts
First Place
Liam Smith - Vortex record/long jump and vortex record, Sharna Thompson - vortex, Alex Vinen - highjump/100m, Ruth Gildo—400m/200m/100m record, Dorothy Lagu—400m/100m / 200m,
Lucy Quilliam - 100m/200m, Harry Davies—100m/vortex, Jack White—100m, Jael Vita—100m/200m, Harry Suhr - 100m, Rose Malupkwe—100m/200m, Fraser Kelly - 100m, Mitchell Harris—100m/200m, Maddi White—200m, Alessia Colanzi—200m, Ryan Backhouse—200m, Soloman Lagu - vortex, Innocent Gildo—800m.

Jill Long
Teacher

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS
The Sacred Heart teams enjoyed an extremely successful Southern Basketball Championships at Kingston. The College entered ten teams from Grades 3-6 in the girls and boys division 1 and 2 competitions. The competition was hard and exhausting with between three to six games per team over the weekend. All teams represented the College with distinction with students always giving their best and displaying outstanding sportsmanship whatever the situation of the game. The Grade 3/4 boys and girls and the 5/6 girls division one teams won the southern Grand Finals, going through the competition undefeated, earning the right to represent the school at the State Championships. At the State Finals, in Burnie, the 3/4 girls and 5/6 girls teams won the State Championships both going through undefeated to win the schools first State titles at the Primary level.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers that allow us to give all students the opportunity to play basketball. It is really appreciated, especially by the students. Thank you in particular to the coaches of the State Finals teams, Steven Moore, Jai Smith and Angela Mills for your extra commitment in coaching these teams. Also thank you to the Westwood family for your assistance with all basketball this year.

Most importantly though congratulations to all players for your outstanding attitude and commitment across not only the Championships but the whole basketball season. It really is a pleasure to be involved and seeing the enjoyment and improvement that you are making throughout the season and from previous years.

Paul Guinane

STUDENT BUS PASSES 2011
If 2010 is printed on your current non-metro bus pass and you require a pass for next year, then please reapply for your Student Bus Pass for Free Travel as outlined below.
If you are approved for free travel on a Metro bus and are currently in grades 2, 6, 10 or 11, your free travel on your Green card will expire at the end of 2010. You will need to reapply and have your free travel approved and activated to continue using your Green card as a Student Bus Pass for free travel.
How to apply for 2011—To apply online, go to www.transport.tas.gov.au, click on Concession Information and Forms, then select Online Application System, or Alternatively, application forms can be obtained from any Service Tasmania shop.
To find out if you are eligible for a Student Bus Pass for Free Travel please visit www.transport.tas.gov.au and click on Concession Information and Forms, then select Student Bus Pass for Free Travel, Guidelines and Application. For further information please phone 1300 851 225, email bus-passes@dier.tas.gov.au or visit www.transport.tas.gov.au

ZUMBA CLASSES.
Moonah Community Centre Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
Ogilvie High School Thursday 6:15-7:15pm (just inside the main entrance).
Bring drink, comfortable shoes. $7.00 students. Moves for most songs are easy to follow and are loads of fun. No need to book, just come and bring some friends! Contact: Sheree King on 0458 082 042. www.zumbahobart.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PILATES
Pilates mat classes for the kids aged 12 to 15, every Thursday and Friday from 6 of January 2011 to the 28 January from 1.00pm to 2.00pm at Suite 5, Palfreymans Arcade, 340 Elizabeth Street North Hobart. Cost is $80.00 for the month or $15.00 per class with a free freshly squeezed O.J. Let’s help keep your children happy and healthy. Bookings essential Please Ph 6234 4440.

CHILD BEHAVIOUR AND PARENTING
Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about today are to be adequately addressed. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the UQLD has developed a new questionnaire to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of 2 to 12-year-old children to share their thoughts in an online survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please visit the website at www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingsurvey to find out more and take part.