Value of the Week: “Communication”

1 Samuels 3:10 “God called “Samuel, Samuel!!” And Samuel answered “Speak Lord, your servant is listening”.

Samuel was a boy who paid attention to God when he spoke to him; he listened to God

Dear Parents,

Our “Value of the Week” is very well placed, considering that we have begun our Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. These very important communication tools between parents and teachers have this year included the students themselves where possible. Feedback appears to indicate that this has been an extremely successful initiative, as it has allowed for transparent communication as well as a mini goal setting opportunity.

A vote of thanks must go to our parent body in your interest shown and attendance so far at these meetings and to staff for their preparation and availability. These sessions are very valuable and your support is most welcome. Thank you.

BUDDIES

Last Thursday, New Town Campus began their Better Buddies Program for 2011. This program has been cleverly designed to not only have Grade 6 Leaders (in pairs) coordinating activities for vertically streamed groups of children from Prep – Grade 4, but also to have them in House groups as well. Grade 5 students teamed up with Kinder and began their “Buddy Journey” at the same time. This is helping in our building of Student Leadership, Learning Heroes and House Spirit.

The first session was an administrative one – getting the correct students into their groups and in meeting their leaders. Some groups also got to colour in their Better Buddy Bear and meet their Better Buddy “Talking” Bear. (When you have hold of the bear, it is your turn to talk!!) It was great to see the enthusiasm of all the groups and some feedback has said that smaller children asked if it was happening again on Friday (The next day!!).

A huge vote of thanks must go to Mr Fabrizio, Miss De Gouveia and Mrs Burrows for the many hours of organisation you have put into this program. We are off to a great start and looking forward to many great buddy activities in the future. Thank you!!

SRC

Our SRC representatives for 2011 were presented with their badges at our assembly today. These representatives are:

Grade 3R – Rhianna Driessen (1st half of year)
Grade 3W – Lily Heynes (1st half of year)
Grade 4R – Jordan Parker
Grade 4W – Katia Howell
Grade 5W – Petra Lesek
Grade 5R – Maddie White
Grade 6R – Bella Cavaretta
Grade 6W – Aayush Bhatia

Congratulations to all these students on being elected by your peers to these important roles. Best wishes for your endeavours this year.
SCOTCH OAKBURN LEADERSHIP DAY
On Friday the 18th some of the Grade 6 Sacred Heart College Leadership group travelled to Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston on a coach along with St Virgil’s and St Mary’s. The trip took three hours and when we got there we were shown the way to a building called Connections by two Scotch Oakburn students. When we arrived at Connections we sat down with other leaders from Friends, Faham, Hutchins, St Mary’s, St Virgil’s, Launceston Church Grammar School, Calvin Christian School, Launceston Christian School, St Michael’s Collegiate and some Scotch Oakburn Students. We were introduced by the Headmaster of Scotch Oakburn College and then the music teacher who played the guitar for us and passed around his music books and CD’s. The last person who spoke was a present student of grade 12 who is the chairman of the Round Square committee of Scotch Oakburn College. She spoke about what leadership means to her and her past experiences as a leader. We thought she was really good! We then had recess out the front of the School and it was beautiful and very posh. We all had some fruit and water and mingled with leaders from other schools. After that we found out our groups for the day and the Schools were split up into groups a, b, c, etc. We were then shown on a map where the stations were for our groups. Throughout the day all the groups took part in leadership activities at different stations that focused on different leadership qualities and skills. We all did two activities each and then had a lunch provided on the oval.

After lunch we had one more activity and then we hopped back on the bus and made our way home. The ride was very funny thanks to “Mark the Banana” [Mark]. At about 5 o’clock we arrived back at Harrington Street exhausted after our long day.

Thanks to Mr Fabrizio who put up with our nonsense and even joined in throughout the day!
By Harry Davies and Keeley Ortmann [Grade 6 School Captains]

PROJECT COMPASSION
As we are now in the season of Lent, all families would have received a Project Compassion box to have at home. Your generosity is encouraged in placing coins into these boxes – through our educational programs here at school, your child is learning exactly how a 5 cent coin can provide so much in other countries experiencing devastating need. The boxes will be collected during Holy Week and money will be passed on to Caritas.

‘HOUSE T-SHIRTS’
Just a reminder that the smaller “House” T Shirts have arrived and can be purchased from the uniform shop. Whilst children in younger grades are encouraged to purchase these and wear them during sport lessons and activities (including BUDDIES), this purchase is entirely voluntary. It is compulsory, however, to have the red Sacred Heart Polo Shirt as part of our formal uniform. These can be worn with our PE uniform as normal, and must be worn for any weekend team sport activities or College team representation such as swimming and athletic carnivals.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS
Congratulations to all our swimming team members who represented Sacred Heart at the recent STCPSSA Swimming Carnival at the Aquatic Centre. Mrs Long and Mr Crennan returned from the pool glowing with pride at the excellent results our school had in most events. It is fantastic again to see the team spirit and enthusiasm exhibited by our students at such an event. Great work everyone.
We also had a wonderful Early Childhood swimming day last Monday at the Glenorchy Pool. Lots of students were trying their absolute best in their events, but more importantly having lots of fun and building confidence in the water. Again, a big thank you must go to Mrs Jill Long and Mr Paul Crennan and all the Early Childhood staff for your preparation on the day.
ASSEMBLY
Thank you to Mrs Sue Burrows, Mr Paul Crennan and Mrs Dana McCallum and all our Grade 4 students for our lovely assembly today. We had quite a few recipients of Team Spirit Tickets and Uniform Canteen Vouchers, as well as classroom awards. It is great to see so many wonderful and rewarding things happening at our school.
We also had a visit from Emily from the Commonwealth Bank, who presented us with a cheque for $300. This is in recognition of previous school banking efforts. Thank you Commonwealth Bank.
A reminder to parents that our assemblies are held on Thursdays once a fortnight in the SSI, beginning at 2:10 pm. The next assembly will be conducted by Grade 1 students. Visitors are most welcome and we would like to encourage as many parents to attend as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Grade 1,2,5 and 6 Parent Teacher Interview Night – Mon 28th March
Grade 1 Assembly – Thursday 7th April
Hots Shots (Jump Rope for Heart) School visit – Tuesday 5th April
Grade 5 Camp – Wed 6th April – Fri 8th April

Mrs Sue Walker - Deputy Principal – Primary NT