Welcome and Welcome Back
I'd like to warmly welcome all returning students back to Sacred Heart College this year and to extend a special welcome to our new students for 2011. There are many great things about working at Sacred Heart and it is a special privilege to be here as Principal, but there are few more rewarding moments than to speak with parents and students about commencing their education here and welcoming them to this very caring and dedicated community.

Joining us at Sacred Heart in 2011 are;

**Prep:** Ali Chamali, Finn Chandler, Keldan Harris, Charlotte Howells, Thomas MacIntyre, Angus Mitchell, Matilda Mitchell, Ava Morrisby, Harry Nelson and York Paul

**One:** Luke Brown, Juan Hall, Campbell Lovell, Karandeep Singh and Simon Slater

**Two:** Darcy Allen, Braiah Paul and Thomas Young

**Three:** Callum Blowfield, Didier Iradikunda, Ashleigh Jeffrey and Isabella Retallick

**Four:** Xavier Geiger and Alexander Herring

**Five:** Liam Andrews, Dominic Brown, Maddie Henricks, Catie Kennedy and Jack Retallick

**Six:** Finn Allen, Oscar Elliott, Ryan Ford, Tyrian Kemp and Connor Kennedy

**Seven:** Jessica Adams, Hannah Aherne, Taelah Aitchison, Oscar Batchelor, Zayne Bennett, Madison Blowfield, Georgia Bowerman, Tori Brereton, Ashling Cannell, Gabrielle Chaffey, Rebecca Davies, Hayley Doering, Patrick Eli, Abby Fenning, Callan Ford, Liuneh Gabreselassie, Joseph Galloway, Madison Gunther, Darwin Hands, Joseph Holloway, Hannah Jamieson, Hailey Jeffrey, Georgie Johnson, Brima Kamara, Emma Kelly, Amber-Lee Khan, Kay-Leah Kingsley, Cameron Kuc, Emily Lei, Brooke Little, Bridget McGoldrick, Madeline McNeil, Callum Moore, Cornelio Ochan, John P'Oryem, Krista Patterson-Doyle, Maddie Rhodes, Natalie Russell, Susan Sabra, Hannah Sherriff, Amy Spandler, Trinh Tran, Thomas Vincent and Xavier Zeeman

**Eight:** James Brown, Holly Burnie-Price, Jack Crossin, Connie Dutton-Moore, Alex Edwards, Brooke Parker and Brandon Takavarasha

**Nine:** Hayley Anderson, Bridgette Banks, Chanelle Bingham, Cameron Brown, Aleks Charlesworth, Alexander MacIntyre and Sideris Sanos

**Ten:** Vicky Adiyo, Jack Beadall and Samuel MacIntyre

On Thursday of last week we held our Year 7 Orientation day and also welcomed our Preps back. Orientation day for our Year 7 students was a wonderful introduction to secondary at Sacred Heart thanks to Ms. Karen Pape and the Year 7 staff and our Year 10 Leaders who gave up the last day of their holidays to work with our new students.

**Student Leadership**
In the week before the commencement, our Year 10 Student Leaders participated in the annual Leadership Course at Kingston and Dover. Thanks to Deputy Principal, Mr. Eamonn Pollard, Acting Year 10 Co-ordinator and Director of Ministry, Mr Tony Brennan and Year 9 Co-ordinator, Mrs. Maddie Mackey. Thanks also to Mrs. Louise Bender, Mrs. Robyn Kearney and Mrs Donna O’Neill and to the Student Leaders for their endeavour and commitment in undertaking this role and the training that is so necessary for its successful completion.
College Captains
One of the first tasks of the Student Leadership group was to elect their Captains and I am pleased to announce that the College Captains for 2011 are Tom Lord and Allanna Russell. Well done to our newly elected Captains and I know they take with them into their roles the support, congratulations and best wishes of the whole College community.

Staff Changes
I am delighted to welcome our new staff members to Sacred Heart College in 2010.

Ms. Lauren Tremayne to the College as Counsellor (Primary). Lauren has previously been employed in schools by the Department of Education and is currently in private practice as a psychologist. We also welcome, as previously announced, Mrs. Genevieve Tyrell and Mr. Tony Brennan who join us as Secondary Religious Education Co-ordinators, Mr. Romeo Fabrizio in Grade 6 at New Town, Mrs Fiona Oliver in Grade 6 New Town, Ms Vicki Morris who joins us as Primary Art Teacher, Ms Carmelita Coen—Primary and Secondary Music, Ms Leigh Jabs—Primary and Secondary Music.

Move Well, Eat Well
Sacred Heart College is proud to be awarded the first Move Well Eat Well award for Catholic schools in Southern Tasmania. This is a fantastic achievement and represents a long commitment to healthy eating and outstanding Physical Education curriculum and teaching. Congratulations to Mrs. Jill Long, Mrs Sue Burrows and the PE staff on this major achievement.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Daniel Watkins (10 Blue) who is now the Australian Male U16 Champion at Slalom Kayaking. This title was won at the National Championships held in very wet weather at Nymboida, NSW during the holidays. Daniel also won the Male 15 year old K1 and C2 events in the National Schools Championships for Sacred Heart College. He then teamed up with his sister Katie (8 Red) to win the silver medal for the C2 mixed slalom event for the College. Daniel travels to Penrith next week for Australian Open 2011, an International canoe Federation event and we wish him every success! We also congratulate Ashlee Stanwix (10 White) who competed in the Special Olympics Competition which was held at Kangaroo Bay prior to Christmas. Ashlee won 1st place for Bocce which was a fantastic achievement. Well done!

VET Opportunities 2011
Students in Year 10 Food Studies and MDT this year have the opportunity to complete studies for VET Certificate 1 in Construction, Engineering and/or Hospitality as part of our Trade Training initiative. As you may be aware, we have completed a major redevelopment of our facilities to allow for accreditation to deliver Certificate 1 in the above areas and this will be a great advantage to students studying in these areas.

Student Diaries
This year we will have a special focus on the Student Diary this year. All Home Room Teachers will be taking students through the requirements for the use of their diary in the Home Room lessons and will be pointing out the benefits that it will provide students, teachers and parents if used properly and effectively.

I particularly emphasise that:

- The diary is used by students, teachers and parents – it is not the sole property of the student.
- All Homework is to be written into the diary and it is to be signed weekly by both parent and Home Room Teacher
- No graffiti is permitted
- The diary is not to be covered
- No stickers or any other alteration

The procedures emphasise the shared ownership of the diary and the importance of teaching personal organisation skills to students, requiring them to care for their diary thereby prolonging its life and ensuring it is an effective planning and communication tool.

House Polo Shirts
Students may wear their House Polo shirts with their sports uniform as an alternative to their red sports shirt. The House shirts are also to be worn for House events (Carnivals and competitions). These shirts are available from the Uniform Shop and will cost from $16.

Capital Projects – Brief Update
Work has been completed on the new classrooms in the secondary school and work is underway on the new Science centre. The new Kindergarten classrooms at New Town have been completed and are a wonderful addition to the College. The BER project at Lenah Valley (Upper Primary Learning Centre and associated refurbishments) is now well underway. The BER project at New Town (Library and Multi-Purpose facility and classroom refurbishments) is scheduled to begin in Term 1.
SECONDARY NEWS

Have a Great Year

2011 promises to be a very exciting year with major developments to our curriculum, the most extensive capital building programme in the College’s history, extensive improvements to our existing facilities and a complete upgrade of IT resources across the College.

Through all those changes we remain the same Sacred Heart – a proud Josephite College dedicated to the founding vision of St. Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods.

We look forward to working with you again in 2011 and renewing that vision in our service to your sons and daughters.

With best wishes

Mr. Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL

RELAY FOR LIFE

As you know, the Relay for Life is an event where many individuals and teams from all walks of life get together to raise money and be in solidarity with those who suffer from cancer. The Relay for Life is a family friendly day with a lot of fun activities supporting a very important cause. This year it is on 26 – 27 Feb at the Domain. Sacred Heart College had a team in last year’s event and have registered a team for this year. The student leaders of the College are organising the team. There is a need to have two adults (over 18s) present at all times for the duration of the event. Any parents or friends of the College who would like to be part of the team are more than welcome. Registration is online at the Relay for Life site. If you would like to be a part of the Sacred Heart team, please let me know epollard@shc.tas.edu.au Thank you.

SECONDARY COMPUTER AGREEMENTS

This week computer agreements are being sent home for secondary students (Grade 7 received theirs last week). This is a document that defines the acceptable use of our technologies. The same form is being used for all grades so it also includes expectations for laptop use for Grade 9 & 10 students. It is expected that parents and students will read this document prior to signing and returning it to the College (a parent signature is required and the student will be unable to use resources if this is missing). Forms need to be returned to homeroom teachers by the 25th of February. Spare forms will be available from the front office.

Mrs Andrea Munro—Teacher - ICT Coordinator

MATHS AND SCIENCE NEWS

Science and Maths tutorials will start up from Monday (21st February). This is open to all students from 7-10. They just bring their Maths and/or Science work. Staff can help students with a homework assignment or give advice on how to improve. Maths-On-Line can be accessed or students can use the library as a place to study.

There is no need to book. Students just turn up at the Resource Centre (Library) between 3:30 and 4:30 any Monday after School. For more information students can ask their Maths teacher or email me at imcguire@shc.tas.edu.au.

MATHS TEXT BOOKS

Staff are in the process of sorting through the hundreds of Maths texts that have been released over the last 4 months to choose the best textbooks for our students’ needs. When chosen we will send a letter home informing you of the cost (Approx $65) and an order form. A reminder that all students are required to have a Maths text book. We hope to be able to on sell good quality books at the end of the year for use. Any questions please contact me.

MATHS GROUPINGS

Year 7 and 8 students are in mixed ability groups for Mathematics. In Years 9 and 10 students are grouped according to previous achievement and demonstrated ability. Parents and guardians of Year 9 and 10 students should have received a letter confirming the level in which their child has been placed. If you did not receive this letter please contact your child’s maths teacher for a replacement.

MATHS METHODS

Maths Methods students are able to borrow graphics calculators from the school through the library. Students and parents should be aware that these are very expensive pieces of equipment and all care should be taken to keep them safe. Any lost or damaged graphics calculators will need to be replaced by the borrower.

MATHS ON LINE

Once again all students will have a log in on Maths-On-Line. This is a great resource for study, extension or catch-up work. Teachers receive detailed reports of students achievements and participation on line. As a parent you are able to monitor your own child’s progress through Maths-On-Line. Weekly updates can be sent directly to your email account giving you participation and achievement results.


HOMEWORK IN MATHS AND SCIENCE

Students will be given Maths and Science homework regularly. Sometimes students will say that they have finished it. WORK AT HOME IN MATHS AND SCIENCE IS NEVER FINISHED! Students will need to review work, correct answers, learn new works (meanings and spellings) and memorise facts (such as tables and chemical symbols) etc. At the very least there is Maths-On-Line and reading up on the latest scientific advances. Students who achieve in Maths and Science back up their work at school with study at home. For more ideas please contact your child’s teacher.

Mrs Ineke McGuire—Teacher - Coordinator of Science/Maths
SHC BAND AND STRINGS PROGRAM
Grade 7 Music in 2011 is focussing on the continuing development of instrumental skills with students receiving expert tuition from our specialist tutors Rebekah Grice (strings), Derek Grice and Jamie Allen (woodwind) and Les Johnson (brass). As of the start of 2011 students now have a pathway from Grade 6 into Grade 7 which hopefully will provide them with musical performance opportunities in the future. We look forward to hearing the Grade 7 band and strings perform in the weeks ahead.

SENIOR BAND AND STRING ENSEMBLE
Rehearsals for 2011 will commence next Thursday morning at 8am in the Primary Music Room. We are delighted to once again have the services of our music tutors to work with these ensembles. We are looking forward to expanding our band and string ensembles in 2011. Membership is open to both primary and secondary students who play a wind, brass or string instrument. Any new or continuing student who is interested in joining can contact Ms Carmelita Coen to find out how.

Ms Carmelita Coen—Primary Music Teacher and Band/Strings Coordinator

LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS
Welcome a back to the commencement of a new term and a new school year. We would like to warmly welcome new students and families to the Lenah Valley Campus.

We would also like to welcome new staff members to Lenah Valley; Miss Emma Clarke (Prep), Mrs Cathy Joyce (Grade 3: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Mrs Fiona Oliver (Grade 6: Wednesday).

The first days saw students excitedly greet friends and staff, they quickly settled in to their new classes apparently eager to start the school year. Many thanks to parents and families who spent a great deal of time organising books and ensuring students looked smart in their uniform.

EARLY ARRIVALS
Students who arrive early to school need to sit in the quadrangle area between the two main teaching blocks. There is no teacher on duty until 8.30am, this is also the time the classrooms open. Children who are early must wait sensibly.

BUILDING PROGRAM
The new facilities are progressing well and hopefully will be completed early in Term 2. After the new buildings are complete, renovation of the senior primary block will begin. We appreciate the patience and understanding of parents with car parking and street congestion during this process. The new facilities will certainly be worth the inconvenience.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
The Parent Information Evening is on the Tuesday the 22nd of February. This is an important evening to find out about your child’s school year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this session.

VALUE AND VIRTUES
Each week we will focus on a particular value that students need to become more aware of. Students are encouraged to focus on the value when interacting with others. Students will receive encouragement and at times, reward for demonstrating positive behaviour.

This week we have focused on hospitality. The value of welcoming others has been a highlight at the Lenah Valley campus this week. New students and staff have been shown kindness and care from all students within the community.

Next week we will focus on friendship.

DATES TO REMEMBER
14th February – Regatta Day
21st February – P&F AGM
22nd February – Parent Information Evening
25th February – Primary Swimming 3-6
3rd March – Early Years Swimming
9th March – Ash Wednesday
11th March – Commencement Event

SWIMMING CARNIVALS
The Primary Swimming Carnival takes place at the Glenorchy Pool for Grades 3 – 6 on Friday 25th February from 9.30-2.15pm. If any parents could help as officials at the carnival, it would be very much appreciated. On the following Thursday at the Glenorchy pool, the Grade 1 and Grade 2 students have an aquatics morning from 10.00am – 12.00pm. All parents are very welcome at these carnivals.

Mrs Jill Long

Ms Jacqui Lawless—Deputy Principal Primary LV

IMPORTANT DATES

FEbruary
21 P & F AGM 7pm Secondary Library
22 Kinder Information Evening
23 Grade 7 Swim Day
25 Primary Swimming Grades 3-6
28 LV Parents Auxiliary

March
3 Early Childhood Swimming Carnival