Welcome and Welcome Back
Last week, all students returned and commenced a new academic year and it was my pleasure to formally welcome back all students at their Year Assemblies and in their classrooms. I have heard many and varied holiday stories and although no one actually said they were glad the holidays were over, there was a lot of ‘catching up’ going on, friendships were happily renewed and a lot of enthusiasm in the air! For some, old habits die hard and our Year 9 students were a little puzzled to be welcomed back to MacKillop College by one unnamed Principal, but I was very grateful to be reminded by staff and students of exactly where I was and very grateful again to be with you this year. So welcome to all - 2010 promises to be another great year at Sacred Heart College.

In welcoming all students to the new academic year we especially welcome our new students and particularly those beginning in Kindergarten, Prep and Year 7. Last week was transition week for our Kindergarten students and on Tuesday we held our Orientation day for our Prep and Grade 7 classes. My thanks go to our Kindergarten and Prep teachers and our Year 7 staff ably led by Ms. Karen Pape for a wonderful orientation.

Ash Wednesday
Yesterday we marked the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. All students from Lenah Valley and New Town from Grades 3 –10 gathered in the SSJ and Father Brian kindly made time in his busy schedule to preside. I’d like to thank all students for their reverence and participation in our service.

Ash Wednesday is a deeply symbolic and very important day. We are reminded by the ashes on our foreheads that life on Earth is precious but temporary. We are reminded also that to live as Christians we must turn away from sin and be true to the Gospel.

The season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and preparation is now upon us and during this time we give a special focus to the poor and needy by supporting Project Compassion. By giving up a few luxuries, we can donate the money we save to Caritas and make a small but very important difference in the lives of others.

Student Leadership
On the weekend before we commenced classes for the year, our Year 10 Student Leaders participated in their leadership formation at the Far South facility at Dover. Thanks to Deputy Principal, Mr. Eamonn Pollard and the many supporting staff for organising and conducting the course and for their input over the weekend. Thanks also to the Student Leaders for their endeavour and commitment in undertaking these roles 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 Deputies and I am pleased to announce that the College Captains for 2010 are Jack McNamara and Georgia Blizzard and the Deputy Captains for 2010 are Lily Jeffries and Josh Beechey. Well done to our newly elected Captains and Deputies and I know you take with you into your roles the support, congratulations and best wishes of the whole College community.

VET Opportunities 2010
Students in Year 10 Food Studies and MDT this year have the opportunity to commence studies for VET Certificate 1 in Construction, Engineering and/or Hospitality as part of our Trade Training initiative. As you may be aware, we are currently part way through a major redevelopment of our facilities to allow for accreditation n to deliver Certificate 1 in the above areas and this will be a major advantage to students studying in these areas.

Chicken Pox and Measles Alert
We currently have a student in Year 7 with reduced immunity due to medical treatment and it is vital that we are aware of any cases, or possible cases of Chicken Pox or Measles in the College. This is particularly important for students in Year 7 but applies across the whole College. **IF YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER CONTRACTS EITHER OF THE TWO VIRUSES OR IF YOU ARE AWARE THAT THEY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THESE VIRUSES PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to Ashley Sutton and Ryan Cook (6), Thomas Marshall and George Boughton (7), Zachary Harris, Josh Dingjan and Xavier Dyble (8), Alessia Colanzi (5), Alessii Tomac and Lauren Grant (8), Mikayla Sutton and Tiahna Tomac (10) who represented Tasmania in the National Futsal Championships which were held in Sydney during the holidays. Our students represented varying age groups and we congratulate each and every student who participated. Congratulations especially to Lauren Grant who was selected in the Under 14 Girls All Star Team!

Well done also to Daniel Watkins (9) who was selected in the junior national training squad for canoeing. He earned selection following his outstanding results at the All Schools and National White-water Canoeing events held in Victoria and he is currently ranked number 1 in Australia in his age group. Congratulations!

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

Ms. Veronique Boyd joins us for 2010 teaching secondary Religious Education and SOSE. Ms. Boyd has just returned to Tasmania from the UK and was most recently employed at Wallington High School for Girls in Surrey teaching Religious Education, Art and History.

Mr. David Genford
Mr. Genford joins us replacing Ms. Kerri Brown teaching HPE. Mr. Genford has taught at Hutchins, Friends, Collegiate, Triabunna DHS and recently spent four years teaching HPE and SOSE in the UK.

Mrs. Rhonda McInnes
Mrs. McInnes joins us teaching Home Economics during 2010 replacing Mrs. Robyn Waiss. Mrs. McInnes is a newly graduated teacher and we welcome her to Sacred Heart and to her first teaching appointment.

Mrs. Donna O’Neill
Mrs. O’Neill joins us teaching Religious Education, History, English and Media Studies and is replacing Mrs. Christine Cornelius. Mrs. O’Neill’s most recent appointment was at the Tasmanian Polytechnic but prior to that was employed at Guilford Young College where she taught Religion and Philosophy. Donna will also take on the role of Pathways and VET Co-ordinator.

Mrs. Dawn Palmer (Teacher Librarian) will be taking on the role of Teacher Librarian. Mrs. Palmer was previously employed as Teacher Librarian at Clarence High School where she also undertook the role of Literacy Co-ordinator.

Mrs. Kandy Parker (Head of English, Teacher of EAL) joins us from MacKillop College with experience of teaching EAL both at school and tertiary level. Mrs. Parker was also literacy co-ordinator at MacKillop and takes on the role of Head of English at Sacred Heart.

Ms. Katrina Saville (Part-time Secondary EAL and Outdoor Education) Ms. Saville may be familiar to some students and parents having been employed previously at Sacred Heart College on relief. Her most recent appointment has been at Clarence High School.

I’m sure I speak for all in our community in welcoming our new staff members to Sacred Heart and offering them every best wish for their time with us.

Staff Returning From Leave
We welcome back Mr. Peter Warren who returns to Sacred Heart following long service leave and to his role as teacher of Music (Secondary). We also welcome back Mr. Anthony O’Meara to Sacred Heart from his long service leave in Term 3 of 2009 teaching HPE and SOSE. After a year’s leave, we are also pleased to welcome back Mrs. Adelle MacDonald who returns to the role of Head of HPE and part time teacher of HPE.

Literacy Program
The school wide Literacy program was launched last week. The program operates at three levels - Infant, Lower Primary and 5-10. We have had a total of 6 days professional learning with Dr. Carol Christensen from October last year and finishing in the week prior to students commencing. The goal of the literacy program is to improve the reading comprehension and general literacy skills of every student in the College. We are also able to operate our Extension (Gifted and Talented) program in the same timeslot.
SECONDARY NEWS

Opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre
Work on the former Convent has now almost been completed in preparation for the opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre. The Centre will not only tell and celebrate the Tasmanian Josephite story, but will also be a wonderful teaching space for students, staff and parents of Sacred Heart College, the wider Catholic community and, most importantly, for those schools and communities founded, inspired and grown by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania, other Australian places and internationally. The Official opening will be on Sunday, March 14th.

New Primary Timetable
The new Primary timetable has been in operation this week and has been well received. Certainly at New Town, there is an immediate and noticeable benefit of reducing crowding in play areas, but the most noticeable benefits of for both Lenah Valley and New Town is the increased time for the morning session, the longer recess break and the reduced time in the afternoon session. We welcome parent feedback on the changes – positive and negative – so please contact Mr. Rob Direen (Lenah Valley), Mr. Marcus Donnelly (New Town) or me if you would like to give us your views.

Capital Projects – Brief Update
The construction and refurbishment of new Music facilities and Administration at Lenah Valley (National Pride project) has been completed and will be a major improvement for both functions. In particular, the improved access to the College administration will be a major benefit to parents.

The construction of the Infant playground at New Town is now almost complete and is likewise a major improvement to facilities.

The Drama and General Purpose Classrooms construction on the secondary school is due for completion in mid-March.

The Food Studies facility (part of the Trade Training project) is due for completion by the start of next week.

The two BER projects (Library at Lenah Valley and Multi-Purpose facility and Classroom refurbishment at New Town) are scheduled to begin in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

Major refurbishment of the Julian building (MDT) as part of the Trade Training facility is due for completion in June this year.

The construction of the new Secondary Science rooms is also due to get underway this year.

Once again, welcome back to all students and parents to Sacred Heart College this year. I look forward to working with everyone to build on the wonderful community that we have and celebrating and proclaiming the good news. It is my prayer and hope that the year will be a very rewarding and enjoyable one for all students and we look forward to celebrating the many milestones throughout 2010.

With best wishes
Mr. Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL

ART
The Art department at SHC runs a vibrant program across many mediums and we are always on the look out for materials. As such we would welcome any donations of magazines, cards, calendars and posters for the students to use. We are also setting up a ‘Learner’s Lounge’ and would be grateful for the donation of a lounge suite. Please contact Mr Stolp, Ms Boyd or Mr McShane if you think you can help.

MOUNTAIN BIKE
On the last school day of 2009 a mountain bike was left on the Secondary campus. The bike was chained to the bike rack, but this was cut so the bike and helmet could be kept secure during the long break. If this is your bike please contact Mr McShane.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
The Grade 9/10 Applied Technology (Art) class will be working across a range of mediums this year and one of our main themes will involve recycling and using found objects. With this in mind if you have any broken or unwanted jewellery, kitchen utensils, wind up clocks/watches, tools, crockery or object d’art please send them along to Mr McShane in M4. If you think we might find a use for it...we probably will!
SECONDARY AND PRIMARY NEWS

TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENTS
All students should have received a technology use agreement. Junior is an orange sheet and senior is a yellow sheet. Extra copies can be obtained from the main admin office. Students will need to read, sign and return these by the end of February. Secondary passwords have already been distributed and primary passwords will be distributed shortly.

It is important that students keep their passwords secure to ensure their work is not compromised. School computers are provided for educational purposes and non-educational games are not acceptable. USB drives are convenient for the transfer of student work but they must not be left in computers during lessons when other content could be accessed.

The College has internet filtering, however, in the past some students have avoided this. A letter will be sent home to parents if their son or daughter has been caught bypassing the filtering.

Many secondary grades have earbuds on their booklist this year. These will need to be stored well, to ensure they last. If they are broken they should be replaced. In grades 9 & 10 only options students have the earbuds but it would be very useful for other students to purchase them for classes other than electives eg using them for Maths Online.

Students have access to a school email facility using: editure.shc.tas.edu.au/mymail
This is a monitored service and should be used for educational purposes such as emailing work to yourself or contacting teachers. Currently staff can be contacted using: initialsurname@shc.tas.edu.au eg amunro@shc.tas.edu.au but they will be moving over to the Editure system in the near future.

Mrs Andrea Munro  
IT co-ordinator

PRIMARY NEWS—LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS

WELCOME BACK!
All staff members wish students and their families a very warm welcome back to the commencement of a new term and school year.

Work has continued over the holiday period in order to finalise renovations of the former Administration Building to house the Music Room. Transferring of equipment is happening this week and should see the commencement of lessons in Week 3. Mrs Monk is looking forward to doing some wonderful work in this new facility.

Teachers have worked very hard over the past weeks to ensure that classrooms and work programs are in place for the term. This will ensure engaging and stimulating learning experiences for students.

The first day saw students looking their very best in smart uniforms and eager smiles. There certainly was a genuine excitement around the campus.

I look forward to meeting as many families as possible during the coming weeks.

May God offer His blessing to all of us as we embark on another exciting year together.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS
This year we welcome Mr Tom Burke who will be teaching Grade 6 Blue full time and Mrs Bridget Pitfield who will be teaching Grade 1 Blue part time. Both Mr Burke and Mrs Pitfield have previously been employed at the New Town Campuses. We wish them well for their time at this campus.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Primary)
This event will take place on Friday, 26 February. It will be held at the Glenorchy Swimming Centre. Grades 3 – 6 will be involved in competitive races and novelty events representing the four House teams throughout the day. Times relating to this event are:

Depart Campus 09.00 am Return Campus 02.50 pm
SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Early Childhood)
This event will take place on **Thursday, 04 March**, it will be held at the Glenorchy Swimming Centre. Grades 1 and 2 will be involved in novelty events. Times relating to this event are:

Depart Campus 09:30 am Return Campus 12:30 pm

Should a family member be available to assist on the day with the running of the carnivals, may I ask you to contact Mr Eric Monaghan at the campus as soon as possible. Thank you.

COMMENCEMENT LITURGY
This important occasion in our College’s year is to be held on **Tuesday, 16 March** at West Point Convention Centre. The program should be approximately an hour in duration commencing at **6:30 pm**. All students from Grades 3 – 6 are expected to attend and be seated with their Class Teacher. Early Childhood students are welcome to attend and be seated with their family members. Thank you for making the necessary arrangements in order for students to be in attendance at this important College event.

PARENTS’ AUXILIARY MEETING
The first meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday, 22 February** in the Grade 1 Blue Classroom commencing at 7.00 pm. All welcome. Thank you.

WELCOME BARBEQUE
Due to a range of reasons, the campus Welcome Barbeque will now be held a week later to that advertised on the College Calendar. This will now be on **Friday, 12 March**. Further details will be advised closer to the date. Thank you.

SPORT NEWS—LENAH VALLEY

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
In 2009, we raised an amazing $2493 for the National Heart Foundation. A big thank you to all students who participated in a wonderful program and especially to those who helped raise these funds for a great cause! Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the thank you prizes were not all distributed. This week all students should receive their prizes.

MOVE WELL EAT WELL
Both primary campuses of Sacred Heart College are currently working towards being accredited as a “Move Well, Eat Well Award” school. To achieve this, we are promoting a healthy school environment - including healthy eating and greater physical activity. As part of this, with the full support of the Parents’ Auxiliary, each student was donated a clear College drink bottle. The drink bottle is for water only and as part of the water policy, which meets the award criteria, it is to be used throughout the school day and during fruit breaks, which have been incorporated into our timetable.

Dates:
**Primary Swimming Carnival** (Grades 3-6)
Friday 26**th** February 9:30- 2:00
(please leave your name at office if you can assist)

**ECE Fun Aquatics Session** (Grades 1 and 2)
Thursday 4**th** March 9:30- 11:30
Looking forward to the exciting times ahead with sport in 2010!

**Eric Monaghan** (Sports Co-ordinator)

PARENT INTRODUCTION EVENINGS
The following dates have been set for these events:

Monday, 01 March – Kindergarten, Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2
Tuesday, 02 March – Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6

Further details will be advised closer to the dates. Thank you.
ASH WEDNESDAY COMMEMORATION
This important day that marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, was on Wednesday, 17 February. As well as the significance of this day/season being explored with students in classrooms, students participated in traditional ritual and prayer in the following ways. Early Childhood classes will have a session at their campus, while students in Grades 3 – 6 will join with students at New Town in a more involved session.

Mr Rob Direen (Deputy Principal – Primary)

PRIMARY NEWS—NEW TOWN CAMPUS

WELCOME BACK
We’ve had a wonderful start to the year with all of our new students settling in well to school life. It is always great to see so many happy and enthusiastic faces walking through the gates at the beginning of the school year.

There are a number of exciting innovations happening across the school this year particularly in the area of Literacy and Numeracy. We look forward to the implementation of the new whole school literacy program. The program which focuses on improving reading will initially be rolled out from grade 5 – 10 before eventually including students across the college. Students on the primary campus from grade 2-6 will also be participating in another literacy based program called PEG’s (Primary Enrichment Groups). Stay tuned for further information.

If you have been walking around the school recently you may have noticed a wonderful transformation in the kindergarten playground. During the holidays Mr. Gangell and his crew along with a host of outside contractors have been working feverishly to produce a state of the art playground and vegetable patch. We thank them for their hard work and anticipate many happy hours of playing.

Once again we extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Mr Marcus Donnelly (Deputy Principal—Primary)

ASH WEDNESDAY
All our classes have taken part in the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent.
We have looked at ways in which our lives and those of others can be enhanced by prayer, giving and self sacrifice.
To this end each family on the primary campus will receive a Project Compassion Box for the season of Lent.
An aim this year is to build up our giving fund so we can tangibly see where our fund raising actually goes. For example $2 could provide a tree seedling for deforested areas in Malawi, or $400 could provide a grant for a family to start a small business in East Timor.
Collection of Project Compassion boxes will be just before Easter.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
For any family wishing to participate in the Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program, it is advisable to contact Sr. Pam Davis or Mrs. Anne Shirley as the program is imminent.

CARITAS
With preparations for Easter underway with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, Project Compassion have begun their appeal. Did you know that $15 could supply blankets for a maternity ward in Papua New Guinea, or $7 could provide one chicken to enable a Cambodian family to begin chicken-raising? Each primary family will be receiving a Project Compassion box this week and secondary students will have boxes placed in classrooms to aid in this appeal.

Mrs Bernadette Burke and Mrs Jane Davies—RE Coordinators
ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS
Welcome back to the 2010 school year. It is hoped that everyone had a safe and restful summer holiday.

The year has begun, and everyone is busy!! Planning sessions have taken place this week for all Primary Teaching Teams and much discussion has been had with regard to new Literacy and Maths programs about to be implemented. There will be a significant amount of assessment going on over the coming days and this is a very necessary and informative procedure – one that assists teachers to appropriately plan curriculum that will meet the learning needs of all students.

The restructured timetable for Primary has also been very positively received. This allows us to make better use of quality learning time whilst also gaining playground space at our College. Both inside and outside of the classroom, this timetable is very supportive of the new Behaviour Management guidelines developed last year. It has been noted that traffic congestion on the playground has been greatly minimised!!

We look forward to working with everyone again this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have. Warm Regards, Mrs Sue Walker

JOSEPHITE MISSION AND HISTORY CENTRE
In this year of the Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop, the Sisters of St Joseph in Tasmania warmly invite you to celebrate with us the blessing and opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre 67 Clare Street, New Town by Archbishop Adrian Doyle on Sunday 14th March 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

The Blessing and Opening ceremony will take place in the SSJ Centre, Pedder Street.

Please reply: by Wednesday 3rd March 2010 to
Sisters of St Joseph Administration Centre,
PO Box 38,
New Town Tasmania 7008

Email: josephitemission@tastelfibre.com.au
Phone: 03 62781503

COMPLETION OF SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT MOONAH LUTANA 2010
(Confirmation and First Eucharist)
A meeting for parents of children who wish to participate in this year’s Confirmation and First Eucharist gatherings will be held at the Presbytery at Moonah at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 10th.

This meeting is for those whose children have celebrated First Reconciliation or for those whose children have celebrated First Eucharist but not Confirmation. The Mass of Confirmation and First Eucharist will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 24th April. There will be only this one Mass at which the Sacraments are conferred and it will be celebrated by Archbishop Doyle. Please contact the Presbytery at 6272 1442 if you have any queries.

HELP NEEDED: Family Fun Day (Sunday 28th March)
The Family Fun Day is part of the Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage where young families and/or those who can’t make the longer Pilgrimage walk from Bellerive can join in the festivities. The Family Fun Day will run 3pm-5pm at St. David’s Park, Hobart with FREE Children’s activities, jazz band and food and drink available to purchase. Just after 4pm we will be joined by pilgrims walking from Bellerive, and at 5pm we will have Blessing of Palms with the Archbishop and the police will close Harrington Street so we can all process through Hobart to St. Mary’s Cathedral to continue with our Mass. If you are starting your Palm Sunday Pilgrimage at the Family Fun Day and can volunteer your time we would be VERY pleased to hear from you. WE NEED people to man stalls and activities, including: Cold Drinks, Fairy Floss, Face Painting, Children’s Crafts, Pasta and set-up crew. If you can volunteer your time please contact Rachelle asap on 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au

PIANO LESSONS 2010
Have you thought about piano lessons for your child? Rebecca is a qualified and experienced piano teacher who loves working with children and holds lessons right here at school! Phone her on 62253483 or 0409331034 for details.
TWILIGHT FAIR FRIDAY 26TH MARCH—6 WEEKS AWAY!!!!

For the next few weeks we will be requesting donations for various stalls at the fair.

This week we are asking for perishables that may be used as prizes—for example small bags of chips, fun size bars, wrapped lollies and lollipops, cans of soft drink or fruit boxes. If you are able to help out in any way it would be very much appreciated.

The Craft Stall would greatly appreciate your donations of the following items: Coloured buttons, craft ribbon, fabric, scrapbook and wrapping paper, reels of sewing cotton and off-cuts of smaller sized fabric and paper most welcome.

Once again a HUGE thank you to the wonderful parents in our College community who are giving up their precious time in helping prepare for this event.

As our electrician from previous years is no longer a parent we are also on the lookout for a licensed electrician to make sure that our power supply for the night is adequate.

Our next meeting is to be held at Giblin Street on Tuesday, 23 February at 6.30pm to clear the shipping container and organise fair items. All are most welcome to help in this process!

SACRED HEART TENNIS COACHING

Hobart tennis coach, Marty Nidorfer of Total Tennis will be conducting primary tennis lessons (Grades 2 to 6) after school this year. All standards are catered for with children learning tennis skills in a games based environment. Lessons will commence Friday, 26th February at 3.05pm at the school tennis courts. Please refer to the enrolment form received by your child with this weeks newsletter for more details. If enrolling, please complete the form and leave with Mrs Thuringer at the Primary School Office by Thursday, 25th February. Also Total Tennis offers a modified Tennis program for 5-7 year olds (Grades K to 1) and have a free ‘come and try’ day this Sunday 21st, at 11am until 11.30 am at the University. Once again please refer to the flyer for further information. If you have any queries please contact Marty on 0437 310504. Mrs Jill Long—Primary PE Coordinator

CALENDAR DATES

FEBRUARY

22 Parents Auxiliary AGM (Lenah Valley)
26 Primary Swimming Carnival (Grades 3-6)

MARCH

4 Early childhood Swimming Carnival
12 Welcome BBQ Lenah Valley
16 COMMENCEMENT LITURGY—6.30PM WREST POINT CASINO
26 Twilight Fair 5pm until 8pm