Commencement Liturgy, 2010

Tonight we gather as a community to formally commence our College year and commission our student leaders our staff and parents and rededicate ourselves anew to our Mission as a Catholic school. It is altogether right and fitting that we do so.

But we might consider for a moment why we make such a fuss of it, why indeed do we leave it to March to start the year we actually started in February why we choose to invest tonight with reverence with honour and above all with earnest prayer.

It should say, without the necessity for me to explain in words, that this is an important moment and what we do here tonight – renewing our commitment to our Mission, pledging ourselves to continue the work of our founders and those that followed them and praying together as a community for God’s blessing and providence – we do all of this in God’s name.

This year especially is a momentous one in many ways with the canonisation in October of Blessed Mary MacKillop, indeed, that event alone marks 2010, our 125th year, as one of our most important and momentous. 2010 will also go down as the year of opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre and if you were able to join us on Sunday, you would have witnessed that very important event in our history.

I know that all of you will soon have the opportunity to visit the centre, to walk through the building and see the story of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania.

When you do, I recommend you spend a few moments looking at the photographs of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods. In the 1800s, a photograph was still a rare and relatively expensive thing. You will notice that people are rarely seen smiling in photographs from that time. What the photographer tried to do was capture a portrait of a person, an image that said something about the inner person, an image that glimpsed the soul. The photographs of Father Julian reveal a deeply intelligent and proud man, a man of prayer, resilience and determination. The photographs of Mary MacKillop, whatever her age, show her welcoming wisdom, her compassion and kindness, clearly the kind of person whose trust in God was unshakeable.

Both Julian and Mary look out on the world from a deep faith and conviction in the often difficult path they trod in life. Hearing the story of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania, so beautifully told last Sunday, gives a glimpse of the enormous legacy of Mary and Julian and the women who followed their call.

If we need to ask why tonight is important, a few moments gazing on the portraits of Julian Tenison Woods and Mary MacKillop, might answer our question. It is because tonight, or something very like it, was what both Mary and Julian prayed for, hoped for, and worked their lives for. It is because through their work the kingdom of God comes to earth and the word of God is given life at Sacred Heart College New Town in 2010.

We pledge ourselves tonight as teachers, parents and students and into the future to live the vision of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods and we pray tonight, as they did, for God’s blessing on our work.’

Principal’s address
Commencement Liturgy
16th of March, 2010

I would like to again thank everyone in our community – students, parents, staff, Board members and our many honoured guests – for making last night’s Commencement Liturgy such a memorable event.
Mission and History Centre Opening
Last Sunday, as I mentioned in my address, was a wonderful occasion. It was made even more so by the work of staff members and students of Sacred Heart College, a fact generously acknowledged by Sr. Jill Dance in her thanks both in her major address and afterwards more informally to all those who contributed.

I would like to acknowledge particularly Mr. Craig Fullarton whose skilled hands crafted the giant wooden map of Tasmania and Mr. Ray Blizzard who generously gave his time and expertise in technical production.

The catering was a major highlight and we need to thank Mrs. Robyn Thompson, Mrs. Rhonda McInness and Mrs. Barbara Bedelph and their helpers for a truly magnificent afternoon tea in MacKillop Court.

Finally I would like to thank the many students who participated, especially our student leaders and our Hospitality students who gave up many hours in preparation and on the day to help. They did a magnificent job and deserve our highest praise.

National Curriculum Consultation
All teachers are currently engaged in a review process of the new national curriculum. The curriculum is due for implementation across four learning areas – English, History, Mathematics and Science – in 2011 and this year teachers at Sacred Heart will be trialling some aspects of those courses in preparation for full implementation next year. More information can be found by logging on to the National Curriculum website at: http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp

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. If this causes any inconvenience, limited supervision can be provided at the College on that day. Please contact the College office on 62794090 before Friday the 19th of March if you require supervision for your son or daughter.

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.

SATIS Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our SATIS Swimming Team and to Mrs Anne Steele for their efforts in last week’s SATIS State swimming carnival. Congratulations also to Reo Dante Lazaro, Alex Sella, Krista Nichols and Elise Ringwalda who as Captains of the Sacred Heart College swimming team led the squad with distinction. The team had a very successful day with many outstanding performances recorded. What was particularly pleasing was the willingness of many swimmers to fill in and take on an extra workload. There were also some excellent individual performances, which are published within. Best wishes to all in the team for next week’s State SATIS carnival in Launceston.

Student Achievement
We wish Jordan Bromfield (9B) all the very best as he competes in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships in Queensland until March 22nd. We also wish all the very best to Zach Harris (8B) who will competing in the National School Triathlon Competition which is being held in Adelaide.

It is always wonderful to hear of our students doing well in the arts arena and this week we congratulate and wish all the very best to Georgia Blizzard (10G) and Elyse Barnes (7R) who have both won roles in the Hobart production of “The Wizard of Oz”.

Year 7 Enrolments 2011
Enrolments for Year 7 placement in 2011 have formally opened and the process of interviewing applicants will commence in the coming weeks. The closing date for Year 7 enrolments is Thursday the 22nd of April. Parents will receive acknowledgment of receipt of enrolment application by mail.

Kindergarten 2011
Kindergarten enrolments for 2011 have also opened. The closing date for Kindergarten enrolments is the 21st of May. Interviews will be conducted during April and May.

Mr. Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL
SECONDARY NEWS

FROM THE CAREERS ROOM
Work Experience – We Need YOU!
A number of our year 10 students have already shown an interest in participating in work experience during 2010. I am hoping that some of our SHC families may be able to assist in helping me facilitate these requests. At the moment I am looking to place students in the following areas:

- Personal Training (i.e. gym, active after schools program)
- Bike Mechanic (i.e. local bike shop)
- Nursing (i.e. Calvary or local nursing homes)
- Astronomy (i.e. UTAS department, observatory)
- Electronics (i.e. Dick Smith or similar)

If you are (or have) a contact in any of these areas and think that you (or your contact) would be prepared to welcome a year 10 student for one week during this year, please contact me as soon as possible on 62 794 090. Your assistance will make a great difference to our students. Thank you.

Ms Donna O’Neill — Careers/VET/Work Experience Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Next Friday, 26 March and Saturday, 27 March, both myself and Mr Monaghan will attend a two-day seminar for the Independent Primary School Heads Association. During our absence, Ms Louise Davidson will be Acting Deputy Principal.

CANTEEN THEME DAY
The first Canteen Theme Day for 2010 is next Wednesday, 24 March. The item available for purchase is pizza. This is kindly organized by the Parents’ Auxiliary.

COLLEGE FAIR
All families are encouraged to attend this major fund-raising and social event for the College. It will be held at the New Town Campus on Friday, 26 March from 05.00 pm – 08.00 pm. It promises to be a great event.

‘MJR’ PROGRAM
On Tuesday, 30 March, students from Grade 6 Blue will participate in the ‘Making Jesus Real’ Program. This is an initiative organised by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office that students in Grade 6 from all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese participate in. It is a unique opportunity for the students to engage with their faith as a lived experience. We look forward to the results of this excellent program with our students.

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY
The next Campus Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 31 March in the Campus Hall commencing at 02.00 pm. All family members are very welcome to join us.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH
This important day for our College Community is celebrated tomorrow. A separate notice was distributed last week relating to the events of the day. It will be a ‘casual clothes’ day. Students are encouraged to wear item(s) of clothing beginning with the letter ‘J’. The gold coin contribution per student will be directed towards the Sisters of St Joseph orphanage in Peru. The SRC will be holding a Jelly Stall with cups available for purchase for 50 cents in support of this venture also. We look forward to celebrating this significant day.

Mr Rob Direen (Deputy Principal – Primary)

LENANH VALLEY CAMPUS

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Grade 5 Blue students have been writing stories for our Kindergarten ‘buddies’. Everybody has had lots of good ideas with their stories. We hope to be finished by the next time we see them so we can read the stories to them. We are also decorating 6 eggs for Easter. Some people have already started blowing their eggs, while the other people have been drawing a picture about a story called ‘Hatchet’. We have been having lots of fun this year and we hope it continues!

By Lucy Quilliam and Bronte Johnston

THANK YOU
Appreciation is expressed to the Parents’ Auxiliary for their wonderful efforts in presenting the ‘Welcome Barbeque’ for our Community last Friday evening. A number of new initiatives were implemented in order to enhance our ‘Eat Well, Move Well’ school application. A very enjoyable evening. Congratulations and well done!
Appreciation is also due to the staff, students and families who contributed to and attended the College Commencement Liturgy at Wrest Point on Tuesday evening. Particular mention is given to Mrs Jane Davies (Religious Education Coordinator) and Mrs Pam Monk (Music Teacher) and the students who participated in the choir and percussion group. A fantastic effort!

PRIMARY NEWS

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NEW TOWN CAMPUS
Dear Parents

Last Friday Sacred Heart College hosted 25 teachers and principals from interstate who were participating in the “Making Jesus Real” conference. As part of the conference, our visitors spent the morning in Six White observing the MJR program in action. The MJR program promotes Christian Values whilst focusing on the personal growth of each student. This very successful program is now practiced in the majority of Catholic Schools in Tasmania and is gaining in popularity on the mainland.

It was very pleasing to hear the many positive comments about the manner in which our students in Six White conducted themselves on the day. Congratulations Six White on being such great ambassadors for our school.

PARENTS AUXILIARY NEW TOWN
Thank you to our 2 new mums for coming along it was GREAT to have some new faces and we would love to see some more. Dates to remember for Term 1 are:

- 23rd April Cake Stall (Grade 5/6 to supply cakes)
- 7th May Mothers’ day Stall

It has been decided not to have a disco this term because of the fair. Our next meeting will be Friday, April 16th in the Primary Music Room at 2.15pm. Mrs Frances Harris—President

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Thank you to all families for what has been an overwhelming response to our grocery drive. The Music Room is full to the brim with items which will be distributed to needy families over Easter. We can now call a halt to this activity, knowing that many families will have a little more than normal. At our assembly on April 1 at 2.10pm in the SSJ these goods will be presented to a representative from the Cathedral Parish, and a prize given to the class which has brought in the most. All are welcome to be present at this day as well as the Holy Week re-enactments which will take place on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March at 11.30am in the quadrangle. Please start returning your Project Compassion boxes. We would very much like to have all donations in by Thursday April 1st.

On Friday we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, hopeful that our Sisters will be able to join staff for a morning tea on their special day.

MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations to all Grade Six choristers who helped lead the singing at the Commencement Event. Commitment to rehearsals ensured very sweet singing on the night. The Sacred Heart College Orchestra continues to develop beautifully and all members should be so very proud of their efforts. Once again the regular attendance at rehearsals is so evident. We congratulate Mrs. Rebekah Grice our string tutor and her husband Mr. Derek Grice (our woodwind tutor in 2009) on the arrival of their daughter Emma Kate just last week. Chances of a musical childhood are high for this baby!

Mrs Bernadette Burke—Primary Music

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
This week we pray for the following students who are making their Reconciliation at St Mary’s Cathedral and we wish them every blessing as they follow their faith journey:

- Mitchell Harris (3R), Stephanie White (3R), Katia Howell (3R), Liam Garrett (3W), Jarius Lesek (5W), Petra Lesek (4W), Rhianna Driessen (2W), Mark Ortmann (5W), Isabella Crespan (4W), Nicola Jeffery-Zeitzen (4W) and Nicholas Barwick (2W).

TWILIGHT FAIR
A reminder that the College Twilight Fair is next Friday 26th March from 5pm until 8pm. We would like to take this opportunity that thank all our wonderful parents for the generous donations that have been received through the College Office. Donations will be gladly accepted right up to the day of the fair and we look forward to another fantastic community event.

Mr Marcus Donnelly (Deputy Principal Primary)

WANTED
Two of our Grade 10 Science Extended students are looking to acquire equipment for a project that they are undertaking. The equipment required included:

- A small engine (50-250cc or 10-30hp)
- A small motorbike or go cart gear box
- Motorbike or go cart braking system

If anyone is able to donate or sell cheaply please contact Ben Eyles or Tim Keith through the College Office or email tim.keith.16@gmail.com

We thank you in anticipation!

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