In 1880, a Sydney policeman was asked to investigate a report of abandoned children in The Rocks area.

“In the front room, I saw four children varying in ages from 15 months to 10 years. They were lying on a small quantity of straw spread on a part of the floor. They had one dirty blanket over them. There was no fire and not a particle of food, the only piece of furniture was a broken sofa. The weather at the time was very cold. The home was in a filthy state. In the next house, were two more children, aged 12 years and 15 months. The older child informed me that her mother had left them nine days ago without food or money. They had since been dependent on the charity of neighbours.”

That report gave a brief and typical glimpse of life for the poor in The Rocks in 1880. When the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in the area that year, sections of The Rocks had gone into serious decline due to poverty, overcrowding and neglect. Children roamed the narrow lanes and women, unable to pay the rent, suddenly became homeless. Twenty year later, Bubonic Plague swept through inner Sydney. Over the eight months of the outbreak, 303 cases were reported and 103 people died.

By that time, Mary MacKillop had opened three ‘Houses of Providence’ – refuges staffed by her Sisters to serve the poor of The Rocks. Last week I gathered with the other principals of Josephite schools in Australia and New Zealand for a conference and, as part of our meeting, we visited the sites of the Houses of Providence founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. We also visited the archaeological digs uncovering the foundations of the houses like those that featured in the Police report.

Standing amidst the glittering skyscrapers of Australia’s richest city, it was hard to believe that a medieval disease ravaged this area barely 100 years ago. More remarkable though were the stories of these luminous, faith-filled women who lived, worked and died among the poor they served.

As we commence what will be, no doubt, a very welcome break we might reflect again on our history and our mission at Sacred Heart College and take pride in those origins. Along with that pride in the heritage we share, we have a responsibility to tell the stories and keep alive in our hearts the spirit that animated our founders and those who followed them.

Never see a need…..
**Staffing Changes**

Next Term we Farewell Mrs. Anne Steele who leaves us to join the staff of Guilford Young College. Anne has been a great servant of Sacred Heart, and will be sorely missed. Our loss is GYC’s gain however and we wish Anne every success in her new role.

We welcome back several staff members returning from leave at the start of Term 2. Ms Kerri Brown (Year 8 Co-ordinator - NT) and Mr Eric Monaghan (Assistant to the Deputy Principal – LV) and Mr. Tom Burke (Year 6 – LV) who rejoin the staff of Sacred Heart College following periods of leave.

I also sincerely thank Mrs. Jane Davies who was Acting Assistant to the Deputy Principal at Lenah Valley in Eric’s absence and Mrs. Angela Revell who took on the role of Acting Year 8 Co-ordinator replacing Ms. Kerri Brown. In welcoming back Kerri, we farewell and thank Mr. David Genford who took on Kerri’s teaching load during Term 1.

 Likewise we thank and farewell Mr. Kevin Trewick who took over Mr. Burke's Year 6 class at Lenah Valley over the last few weeks and also Ms. Cate Weate who leaves us after a term teaching EAL. Cate has been a regular replacement and relief teacher at Sacred Heart and we offer her and Kevin every best wish as they leave us.

We also welcome Mr. Matt Conolan who has joined us teaching Outdoor Education from the start of Term 2. Matt will be sharing the Year 9 and Year 10 Outdoor Education classes with Ms. Katrina Saville.

Every best wish to Mrs Meredith Balfie and Mrs. Kathy Knott who are both taking some long service leave at the start of Term 2.

**Literacy Forum – Parents and Friends**

Our next Parents and Friends meeting on the 28th of June will be given over to a discussion of the new literacy programs in the College. The Literacy programs were introduced this year and involve all students. Please come along and hear about the exciting development in Literacy at Sacred Heart. The meeting will commence at 7.00 p.m. in the College Library.

**Justice Action Network**

Two weeks ago we were honoured by the visit of Mr. Nick McKim (MHA) Mr. Duncan Kerr (MHA) to the College to talk to students from 8 Catholic, Independent and Government Colleges as part of the Justice Action Network. We are much indebted to all three Parliamentary guests for their generosity in giving their time to come and speak at Sacred Heart and we look forward to the major Justice Action Network forum in August this year which Sacred Heart is hosting. The co-ordinator for the above events and the prime mover behind the Justice Action Network is our Deputy Principal, Mr. Eamonn Pollard.

**Movement into the Drama Building**

We will be moving our Drama students into their new building on the first day of Term 2. There is still some minor work to be completed over the break, but we will be ready to go on day one next Term. The movement of Year 10 classes into the rooms on the first floor will also be undertaken on the first day back.

**Commencement of Term 2**

A reminder that Term 2 commences on Tuesday the 15th of June. Monday the 14th of June is a public holiday.

**Student Achievement**

This week we congratulate Louise Hanlon (Grade 7 Blue) who recently competed in the National Diving Championships in Brisbane. Louise dived in 4 competitions and in the 4m Platform she came 12th in her age group nationally. Well done Louise! Congratulations also goes to Angela Cantwell (8 White) and Thomas McManus (10 Gold) who competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth last weekend. Both students spoke extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.

**Enjoy the Break**

As we conclude this first Term of 2010, I take this opportunity to all our many, many volunteers, staff and parents, for your support of the College, coaching our sporting teams, serving on the P & F or the Board, working on many committees, and all those who do so much to bind together this Catholic community. I know through such shared effort we are blessed and fortunate and I speak for all teachers in thanking parents for your efforts and your support.

Likewise I may presume to speak for all parents in thanking our teachers for their work and care throughout Term 1, I do so in the knowledge that teaching is a demanding but intensely rewarding profession and we are doubly blessed at Sacred Heart with caring, committed, highly skilled and thoroughly professional staff. I thank all our staff sincerely for their work throughout Term 1.

Finally to all our students, well done for your efforts in Term 1, be safe over the break, enjoy a well earned rest and I look forward to working with you again as we commence the winter Term.

Best wishes and may God bless you.

Mr Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL
SACRED HEART HOSTS JUSTICE FORUM
The Justice Action Network is made up of students and teachers from schools around Hobart from the Public, Catholic and Independent sectors along with representatives from community organisations. The Network aims to increase awareness of human rights and social justice issues and usually organizes an event once a term. This Network has existed for about 12 years and has been recognised with the inaugural Tasmanian Schools Human Rights Award in 2008.

Given that there will be a federal election in the next 12 months, the Network decided to organize a forum where politicians representing the major political parties were invited to give their party’s position on justice issues and to take questions from students on these issues. The forum was held at Sacred Heart College on 7th May. The politicians who attended were Nick McKim from the Tasmanian Greens, Duncan Kerr from the Australian Labour Party and Vanessa Goodwin from the Liberals. There were students from Guilford Young College, Fahan, The Friends School and Hobart College, as well as Sacred Heart College.

Each politician spoke for four minutes and then questions were received from students. The questions included discussion of issues such as the Millennium Development Goals, Indigenous issues, immigration and the environment. Perhaps the highlight was Nick McKim making a promise to look into prioritising intensive language opportunities for humanitarian entrant students.

Nick was invited to attend Justice Action Day on 25th August to report back on progress made on this promise. Thanks and congratulations to all students from the various schools who helped to organize this event.

Mr Eamonn Pollard—Deputy Principal Coordinator, Justice Action Network

NEW TOWN CAMPUS—PRIMARY
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
As we head towards our first term holiday break I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking and dedicated staff at New Town Primary Campus for all of their efforts during Term 1. I would also like to thank all of our parents and guardians who have volunteered their time and expertise to help out at our campus throughout the term. We really do appreciate it. Finally I would like to wish all of our students and their families a well earned break and hope that you return rejuvenated and refreshed, ready for a busy second term.

LITERATE PRACTICES
I am pleased to report that we have had a really positive start to our reading and comprehension program in Grade 5/6. All students are experiencing engaging and explicit learning opportunities focussing on the skills of deeper comprehension in reading. The timetabling of the program has also enabled students to implement self management and organisational skills.

Our teachers are very positive about the program as it allows them to work with smaller group numbers and to explicitly teach on a more regular basis.

GRADE ONE WHITE
Mrs. Bridget Newman will be taking extended leave at the beginning of Term 2 until the 28th June to travel overseas. Mrs. Fiona Oliver will be looking after Grade One White in Mrs. Newman’s absence.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION
Congratulations to the following students who will be making their Confirmation and First Communion this Sunday at the Cathedral:
Nicholas Barwick, Isabella Crespin, Nicola Galloway, Liam Garrett, Emily Geard, Mitchell Harris, Katia Howell, Nicola Jeffrey Zeitzen, Jairus Lesek, Petra Lesek, Genevieve Longo and Stephanie White.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these students as they move further along their faith journey.

Mr Marcus Donnelly—Deputy Principal Primary

SRC NEWS
The SRC’s have already started planning for this year. One of the projects is fruit scraps recycling which will go to the Kindergarten worm farm or if available a new compost bin. The SRC’s are looking for 4 and 5 litre ice cream containers. If you have any please send them down to Three White. Also, we are about to start our first fundraiser of the year. We are looking for old mobile phones for the “You Can” campaign. We will be sending out a letter with more information early next term.

Thank you—Laura, Holly, Nic and Harry (Grade 6 SRC’s)

COOL KIDS PROGRAMME
In Term 2 Jane Kilpatrick will be running a program during school hours to assist students who have anxiety difficulties. Each weekly session goes for 40 minutes. The Cool Kids program is developed by the Macquarie University Anxiety Unit.
If you would like your primary aged son or daughter to participate in the program or you would like further information, please email Jane Kilpatrick. There will be parent information sessions on Monday 21st of June from 4.00pm until 5.00pm or Thursday 24th of June at 2.15 until 3.00pm.
LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS
ACCESSING NEWSLETTER
The College Newsletter is delivered each fortnight on a Thursday by the youngest student in the family. The Newsletter may also be accessed on the College website. A request for postage may also be made as well as a request to be sent to specific email addresses. It is important that every family reads the up to date information contained in this publication.

THANK YOU
As our term draws to a close, we thank Mr Kevin Trewick for teaching Grade 6 Blue, Mrs Anna Greenhill for teaching Grade 5 Blue, Mrs Therese Kelly for teaching Grade 3 Blue and Mrs Jane Davies for Acting Assistant Deputy Principal and P E Teacher. Next term we welcome back both Mr Tom Burke and Mr Eric Monaghan.

CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Tomorrow students in Grades 3 – 6 will participate in the College Cross Country Carnival at Wentworth Park, Bellerive. We look forward to a successful event to end Term 1.

CONGRATULATIONS
We wish to warmly congratulate Sr Joseph who celebrates 60 years of teaching service to Catholic Education. We thank God for the wonderful gifts He has bestowed on Sr Joseph that she so willingly shares with so many in our community.

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY
Our next Campus Assembly will be Wednesday, 23 June in the Campus Hall commencing at 02.30pm. All welcome.

CHESS
On Tuesday, 18th May, teams from both the primary and secondary campuses competed in a regional chess tournament at Friends’ School. The competition was of a very high standard and our teams performed very credibly.

Our Primary team came second which now qualifies them for entry into the State Championship later this year. Princess Street Primary School achieved the gold medals playing some outstanding games but our students also performed to a very high standard. Our best player was Oscar Brown from Grade 5 Blue who won 5½ out of 7 games. Oscar also received a bronze medal for coming third overall in the Primary tournament. Other top scorers were Matthew Barnes and Blake Zamylk who each won 4½ out of 7 games and Sebastian Kransnicki and Anurag Gilkum who both scored 4 out of 7 games.

Our Secondary team came up against some very tough competition. They came fifth but were only half a point behind the fourth placed team. The Secondary competition was won by Hutchins School with Calvin Christian College and Friends’ School being placed second and third respectively.

Congratulations to all our players and thanks to Mr Tom Kransnicki, our coach, for all his hard work.
Ms Louise Davidson (Chess Co-ordinator)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
We wish all families a happy holiday break. May the time together be fun-filled and life-giving. We look forward to everyone returning on Tuesday, 15 June for a fantastic Term 2. God bless.

Mr Rob Direen—Deputy Principal Primary

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST
The Glenorchy Catholic Parish will be holding meetings in St Johns Church foyer, 62 Bowden Street, Glenorchy on Thursday, 24th June at 1.30pm or at 7.30pm. Attendance at one of these meetings is essential for the parents of potential candidates. We look forward to providing you with information about the preparation process and to sharing with you the responsibility of making your child’s sacramental preparation a time of growth in learning more about God’s love.
Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated at 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 16th October 2010 by Archbishop Adrian Doyle.
For further information please contact the Parish Office on 62726363 between 9am and 5pm.

PARENTS AUXILIARY NEW TOWN
The Mothers Day Stall was a great success with a massive $1440.00 raised. So thank you for all the wonderful donations, and we hope you enjoyed your gifts.
Our first meeting for Term 2 will be held on Friday, 2nd July at 2.30pm in the Primary Music Room.
Mrs Frances Harris—President

LOST
Simon McLaine has lost his new school jumper which was clearly named. If found please return it to the College Office.
Natasha Holbrook has also lost her brand new jumper which again was clearly named. If found please return to Natasha in 5 White.