Thomas, called the twin, who was one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the Disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe’. Eight days later, the Disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’, he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe

John 20:24-29

It is often said that the darkest hour is right before the dawn. As an expression of hope, this simple belief has few parallels. John’s gospel paints a very human picture of despair in poor doubting Thomas. It is hard not to feel sorry for Thomas, no doubt in fear for his own life as well as feeling abandoned and hopeless after the crucifixion of Jesus. What has come down to us in John’s Gospel is Thomas’s emphatic doubt, expressed in very vivid terms and this tells us something of his character. To see his response as flippant would, I think be an injustice. We should, instead, see in this story his grief and despair, those things that fuel doubt. There is a part of Thomas in all of us. There are times when despair looms large and we feel abandoned and alone. In that darkness, when we are in doubt and fear, we can believe in the dawn. Easter is about the dawn after the darkest hour, hope in times of despair and the sustaining belief in the resurrection.

Secondary Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Night

Interim reports have been issued to all secondary students and the first Parent Teacher night for 2010 will be held on the 29th of April from 4:00pm until 8:30pm. Teachers will be situated in Mackillop Court. If you feel that more time is required for your interview with a particular teacher, please make an alternative time.

Edmund Rice Network

The Edmund Rice Network in Tasmania is expanding! Maddy Pillans has just been appointed as the Justice and Advocacy Coordinator and her job is to offer a heap of opportunities for you. Maddy is an old scholar from Sacred Heart (2006 Leaver) and I have posted her message about Edmund Rice Network on our website. Go to www.shc.tas.edu.au

Enrolments 2011

Please note that Enrolments for Year 7 at Sacred Heart College for 2011 close on Friday the 22nd of April and enrolments for Kindergarten for 2011 close at the end of Term 1 on the 21st of May. Enrolment application forms are available from the Office.

Building Progress

As you may be aware, we have several building projects underway at the College at the moment and several more planned and due to commence shortly. Below is a brief summary of developments at Sacred Heart
Landscaping of the new infant playground at New Town is now complete and is a very significant improvement. The addition of purpose built plant boxes for vegetable and flower gardens (constructed by Grounds staff) and watering system is also a highly valuable addition.

I can now confirm that New Town BER (Building the Education Revolution) project will be re-phased for 2011. We expect construction of the Multi-Purpose facility and major upgrades to the classrooms to commence early in 2011.

The secondary Drama and general purpose classrooms are due to be completed at the end of Term 1.

Construction of the Catering Suite (under the Trade Training scheme) in now complete and the facility is in use. The VET Hospitality course for Year 10 is now underway.

Completion of the major refurbishment of the Julian building (VET Construction) will commence at the end of July.

Planning for the 2011 round of the Capital Grants program is underway. Our application for improvements to the top floor of the Dominic Perrin building has been submitted to the Capital Projects Committee for funding.

Detailed planning has commenced for the new Science Centre. Meetings of Science staff with the Architect have taken place and the concept plans from those discussions are due shortly.

As you can see, we are in a very exciting and busy period of the College’s life as these major improvements to our buildings and grounds and very important new facilities are completed.

**Athletics Carnivals**
Our College Athletics Carnival will be held at the Domain Athletics centre over three days this year beginning on Monday the 3rd of May with the first day of the Secondary carnival. Tuesday the 4th of May we will finish the Secondary carnival in the morning and start the Primary carnival in the afternoon and we will complete the primary carnival on Wednesday the 5th of May. We normally have excellent attendance and participation rates on the day and it is an expectation of all students that they participate. For those students who may be injured or for some other reason unable to compete on the day, we have a range of jobs that need filling as assistant officials, runners and so on and we rely heavily on our non-competitors for assistance on the day. House

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**SECONDARY NEWS**

**Winter Uniform**
The period for wearing the winter uniform officially commenced this week, after a week’s phase in. Boys need to be wearing their winter shirt with a tie and have the shirt tucked in. Girls need to have stockings and ties.

**Staff Professional Development**
On the 12 April, Joseph Driessen from New Zealand worked with all teaching staff. Joseph is an extremely skilled presenter with the ability to translate his educational philosophy into the day to day operations of a school. His insights included such things as not escalating conflict situations, maximum kindness but also strong consequences for actions and emphasizing the place of learning in assemblies and in posters around the College. It is encouraging to see that many staff are already using ideas that were picked up from Joseph’s workshop.

**Study Skills**
One of the messages of Joseph Driessen is that skills such as how to study are not necessarily learned by osmosis, they need to be learned. Below are some tips for students.

SECONDARY NEWS

SETTING GOALS
• What are your goals? How are you going to achieve them?
• What is your goal for home work and study each week?
  Each night?
• Once goals are set, keep up good habits.

TIME MANAGEMENT
• Make good use of the student diary.
• Keep a balance of work + study + sport + exercise + social life.
• Draw up a weekly timetable of commitments.
• Colour-code timetable to see if all your commitments are balanced.
• Put timetable on the fridge so there is family awareness.
• Persevere with plan – monitor it constantly and follow it.
• Remember short and long term goals – systematically work towards them.

PREPARING YOUR STUDY SPACE
• A clean, neat and warm (not too hot) environment free from loud noises.
• Turn off ipods, Myspace, Facebook, television, etc.
• Find a comfortable chair, which supports your back and is the correct level for your desk.

• Make sure the room is well lit (ideally the light should fall over your left shoulder if you are right-handed and vice versa).
• Create space around you to organise all your notes and books.
• Put timetables on the wall so you can monitor your progress.
• Find quiet places to read and summarise.
• Organise your desk and have enough stationery for all your study needs.

HEALTH
• Eat well balanced meals.
• Have plenty of sleep.
• Drink water – coffee and tea will dehydrate your body.
• Exercise – the more strenuous the better or at least take a 20 minute walk three times a week.

A few words about email
As mentioned in previous newsletters students down to Grade 4 have email addresses. This is available by logging into: editure.shc.tas.edu.au/mymail or by clicking the ‘login’ link on the main page of our new website. It uses the same logon that students use on the school computers. We encourage use of email to ask friends and teachers about homework, assignments or other school related issues. Email is filtered. Students are reminded that sending personal emails to friends in class time is just the same as the old fashioned “passing notes to your friend” in class!

Many websites ask for email addresses to sign up for their use. Students are not to use their school email to sign up for non-educational sites. Often email addresses are collected by sites for the purpose of selling to other people, which can generate a lot of spam (unwanted emails) to the email account signed up with.

You should always be cautious of sites asking for email address, date of birth and other personal details, as this could be linked to identity theft. If you intend to sign up for game sites, horoscopes (which can also be a sneaky way of getting your date of birth), downloading or any other site you should create a free email account (many are available) to catch any of the spam that may be generated. Never give out personal details.

Editure email is only the first stage of implementing an online environment. In the future students will be able to access work sheets and other content related to their classes and parents will have access via a parent portal. We have trialled similar experiences in the past using Moodle but we hope that staff and students will find Editure more user friendly.

Andrea Munro
IT Co-ordinator

For parents of Year 10’s
Guilford Young College Parent Information Evening and Year 10 Visit
All parents of Year 10’s will have received a letter from Guilford Young College, outlining the enrolment process and detailing some upcoming events affecting our students.
Just to remind you, the GYC Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday 6 May at 7.30pm in the SSJ. Both year 10 parents and their sons and daughters are warmly invited to attend. The session should finish around 8.30pm.
Please also note that our Year 10 students will be visiting the GYC Hobart Campus for a familiarization session on Wednesday 12 May from 9.15am-11.15am.
If you have any enquiries about either of these arrangements, please feel very welcome to phone Ms Donna O’Neill, Pathways Coordinator on 62 794 090.
Dear Parents

Welcome
We welcome Mrs. Donna Green to our staff for the remainder of this term. Mrs. Green will be teaching music to our kindergarten, Prep and Grade One classes replacing Mrs. Monk who is on sick leave.

Parent Teacher Interviews
A reminder to Parents that Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday, April 26 and Tuesday April 27 in your child's classroom. Information regarding your interview time will be forwarded at the end of the week. If you are unable to attend please feel free to negotiate another time with your child's teacher.

ANZAC DAY
Sacred Heart College has a long-held tradition of marching at both the Lenah Valley and Hobart ceremonies. Students wishing to attend either ceremony should wear their full winter uniform and assemble outside the John Turnbull Hall in Creek Road at 8.30am for the Lenah Valley ceremony or outside the Astor Grill in Macquarie Street at 9.30am for the Hobart ceremony. Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Burke will accompany the students at Lenah Valley and Mr. Deayton will march with students at the Hobart ceremony. We encourage as many students as possible to attend this report.

Independent Schools Leadership Day
On Monday, April 26 our Junior House Captains will attend a leadership day at the Friends School. They will be joined by leaders from Independent Schools from around the state. The theme for the leadership day is action-based leadership.

Grade 5 Camp
Grade 5 White and Grade 5 Red will be on camp at Port Arthur next week from Wednesday through to Friday.

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY - Friday 7th May 2010
As part of the Move Well, Eat Well initiative currently being conducted, students from New Town campus will have the opportunity to WALK TO SCHOOL on Friday 7th May. Staff members will meet students from 7.30 am at either North Hobart Post Office or at the corner of Creek Rd and Main Rd Moonah. (Netball Centre). The “walkers” will be leaving for school at 7.30 am sharp. Please encourage your child to participate in the walk, but ensure that they meet the group promptly, or else risk them being left behind.

On this same day, students will share a healthy breakfast with their class.

Soccer
Last week Sacred Heart College fielded 27 teams in the Central Regions soccer competition. What a phenomenal effort. From all reports the season got away to a tremendous start with all competitors having a great time.

This is the first year that the College has fielded teams all the way down to Prep. As you can imagine, ensuring that 27 teams hit the ground running on match day is a daunting task. The fact that this happened without a hitch is due largely to the wonderful efforts of Mrs. Jill Long and Mrs. Jane Davies.

I look forward to seeing you on the soccer pitch this season!

Marcus Donnelly

Primary Curriculum News

Personal and Social Learning
As an entire staff, we were extremely fortunate to recently attend a Professional Learning Day with Joseph Driessen. Joseph assisted us to find ways of improving the overall learning success of our students by focussing upon, among other things, their sense of wellbeing and emotional health. We have been reminded of how crucially linked social and emotional learning is to academic and broader success, and in contributing to us remaining life-long learners. Follow – up in-house staff professional development sessions have focussed upon not only how we already answer these needs through our College curriculum, but more importantly how we can more explicitly highlight personal, social and emotional learning experiences within core subject areas and everyday activities. This professional learning has been in support of the recently implemented Behaviour Management Policy, in striving to attain Move Well, Eat Well accreditation and in an endeavour to embed the core values of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect and Empathy into the general curriculum.

Professional Learning such as this enables us to work towards providing a happy and positive learning environment for all of our College community.

Sue Walker
Ass. Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning.

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Editure Email and the Library

Dear students,

There are a number of occasions in which we would like to be able to communicate with you on an individual basis. Email seems like an excellent vehicle for things like notification of the availability of books that you have placed on hold, we could send a message to say that the book you requested is ready to collect. Imagine how much less embarrassing it would be to get overdue notices by email instead of them being read out in class!

The facility would be a two way communication between library staff and our patrons. You could recommend titles that you would like to read, request holds for books that are on loan to another student, share your opinions of certain books that you have read.

We might email lists of new books that we have bought and also let you know about upcoming events such as Book Week and how you might like to contribute to those events. Please advise us if you would like to be put on a list to receive information about ‘new arrivals’ to the library.

The Library staff.

Ywam Review

Last Friday a group of grade 10’s were invited to tour the Ywam ship that travels from Australia to Papua New Guinea. The ship’s mission is to engage Aussie youth and encourage them to participate in a program that helps develop communities and offers health care services to those in need.

Ywam is an organisation that brings help and knowledge to people in poorer countries. Their services include eye care, cataract surgeries and dentistry, addressing diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, meningitis and other infections, and to help decrease the number of mother and infant deaths. But the program is also about giving opportunities to do something about their lives.

It was a worthwhile experience to see the wonderful work they do at Ywam, and it is important that we all make an effort to give help to people who need it. Donate your old glasses, dental supplies such as new toothbrushes and toothpaste, or give funds, that will help buy much needed medical equipment. You can make a huge difference to someone’s life, like the people at Ywam, and give them the chance to LIVE!

Lily Jeffries and Ms Balfef

Art News

On Wednesday 14th April some grade 9 Art students participated in an optional Painting Workshop. Students worked in the Art room from 3:30 till 8pm. It was a great opportunity for students to experience what it’s like to spend an extended period of time making art. Sometimes during lessons students can get really involved in the process of art making and then suddenly it’s time to pack up and go to lunch! During the workshop students appreciated the chance to be able to stay with their paintings and make significant progress during one session. We all stopped and had dinner together at six and then got straight back into it. Well done to the students who opted to take advantage of the workshop and thank you to Mr McShane for coming along to help.

One of our other extra curricular activities has been the fortnightly Gallery Crawls. Once per cycle we have been hosting after school excursions to local galleries to see the ever changing exhibitions on offer in Hobart. These optional excursions are open to year 9 and 10 Art students. The response so far this term has been excellent; every excursion has been full and students have responded enthusiastically to the Art we have been able to see.

The final Gallery Crawls for term one are:

- Wed 21st April
- Wed 5th May
- Wed 19th May

Matthew Stolp

Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator
LENAH VALLEY CAMPUS

ACCESS TO STAFF CAR PARKS
Due to safety reasons, access to the area adjacent to the Campus Hall and the Kindergarten is for staff and service vehicles only. All family members must utilise the street parking surrounding the campus. Correspondence has been received relating to student safety with parents accessing this area before and after school, in particular. Thank you to all families for their compliance with this request.

ANZAC DAY PARTICIPATION
The Campus Captains, Heather Evans and Izak Hangan, will join other College Student Leaders to lay a wreath at the memorial service at the Lenah Valley RSL. Students are very welcome to join the parade at this service on Sunday. Those participating are asked to meet Mr Direen at John Turnbull Hall at 08.30 am. Those students who wish to attend the Hobart parade and service are asked to meet Mrs Davies outside the ‘Astor Grill’ restaurant at 09.30 am. Full College winter uniform must be worn at both events.

PARENTS’ AUXILIARY
Our sincere thanks to the generous parents who offered to be class representatives for the Parent’s Auxiliary. The official class representatives are as follows:
Kinder – Mrs Kelly Vinen
Prep – Mrs Susan Scoles
Grade 1 – Mrs Susan McLeod
Grade 2 – Mrs Bernadette Pogorzelski
Grade 3 – Mrs Kelly Vinen
Grade 4 – Mrs Bernadette Pogorzelski
Grade 5 – Mrs Christine Russell
Grade 6 - ???: a volunteer parent would be appreciated. Please feel free to talk to these representatives about any Parent’s Auxiliary matters; they will be your voice at our meetings.
Mrs Christine Russell (President)

ARCHBISHOP’S COLLOQUIUM
Today and tomorrow, the College Leadership Team will attend sessions with other school leaders to further our understanding and commitment to the Archbishop’s Charter for Catholic Education in our Archdiocese. Mrs Jane Davies will be Acting Deputy Principal during this time.

CAMPUS VEGETABLE GARDEN
This Saturday, the vegetable garden will undergo significant landscaping in an effort to establish a frog habitat, composting bin and further raised garden beds. Thank you to Mrs Horne for her passion and commitment to this wonderful area of learning and enjoyment at our Campus.

KINDERGARTEN 2011
A reminder that enrolments close at the end of Term 1 for placements in 2011. Thank you for informing families of this information that may be considering Sacred Heart College as the school for their children.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY
Next Monday, 26 April, Student House Leaders will participate in an activity day with other Grade 6 students from Independent Schools from around the state. This will be held at The Friends’ School, Hobart. The title for the day will be: ‘Action Based Leadership’. We look forward to the students returning from this experience with much enthusiasm and increased skills from their participation.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
These meetings will be held next Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. It is a very important time for parents and teachers to discuss student progress for the first part of 2010. Time Allocation Advice Forms should be distributed tomorrow. Thank you for making the time available to attend these sessions.

VISITING PERFORMANCE
On Tuesday, 04 May, the Campus will host a visiting performance displaying African song and dance. This will be an exciting presentation as our involvement with our local African community continues to grow.

NEW GROUNDSPERSON
Recently, our new groundsperson commenced work at the Campus. We welcome Mr Nathan Foale to our staff. Nathan has had significant experience in landscaping, so our Campus environment should begin to show the results of his efforts.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This event will be held over two consecutive days: Wednesday, 05 May and Thursday, 06 May at the Domain Athletics Centre. Thank you to Mrs Davies who will assist in the co-ordination of this event.

Mr Rob Direen (Deputy Principal – Primary)
Parents Auxiliary New Town
Our first cake and produce stall will be held outside Grade 5 tomorrow, Friday 23rd April. We have requested that Grade 5 and 6 families supply us with homemade cakes, or jam or chutney, if they have them available, or even homegrown vegetables. Produce will be sold from 2.30pm.

*****A Sacred Heart College Book Club Special Event****
We are very excited to announce a special guest speaker will be visiting us on Friday, May 7th here in the Library.
Kathryn Lomer grew up on a farm in northwest Tasmania. She left school at fifteen and began the first of many and varied jobs in Tasmania and then overseas.
She eventually went to university as a mature-age student and became a teacher of English as a second language and taught for many years in Australia and Japan.
She has published award winning young adult fiction as well as books of poetry.
One of her titles, “The Spare Room” is a story set in Hobart about a Japanese exchange student.
"Akira is a 21 year old Japanese student who is sent by his father to Australia to learn English. His home stay family, the Moffats, are not quite what he expected. Why are the parents always fighting? Why does the mum hate motorbikes and why does the daughter, Angie hate Akira so much?
As Akira finds out more about the Moffats he also finds out more about himself, his parents and the immense difference between Australian and Japanese culture.”
Please come along and enjoy a chat and light refreshments with us from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Friday, 7th May.

Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association
The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association are holding their Annual Re-Union Dinner on Monday 3rd May at Hadleys Hotel, Murray Street, Hobart, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost $39.00. For bookings contact Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by the 26th April.

LOST
Natasha Holbrook in Grade 5 White has lost her blazer which is named. If you find this blazer please contact Debbie Holbrook on 62727679.