It is a great honour to be able to offer thanks to the Sisters on behalf of the staff, on behalf of our community and as an ex-student of Sacred Heart College myself, on behalf of our students past and present.

This is an important, indeed historic occasion. It is also a moment of deep significance for all those present here tonight and a time to look back as well as forward. There are many of us here also with a personal debt of gratitude to the sisters and each with our own story. I attended Sacred Heart College from Grade 1 to Grade 3 in the 1960’s and when my parents entrusted me and their six other children to the Sisters they did so with a great trust and confidence that not only would that education be an excellent one, but that their faith would be nurtured and grown.

They believed, as thousands of parents have before and since, that in enrolling their children here, they would be loved, guided, protected, honoured and truly valued as the unique and sacred creation of God. This is despite the fact that we did not always deserve that.

When I was appointed as Principal of Sacred Heart College in 2009, my mother dug out all my school reports, as mothers do, and passed them on to me. She also found my one and only school award from Sacred Heart Convent School which was for attending every day in 1966. These words of Woody Allen come to mind that ‘90% of success is just turning up.’

What those report comments revealed to me, the admonitions and encouragements, was that my teachers cared about me deeply – not just cared about me as a person, but cared about my education, my faith and my future.

The trust my parents had in the Sisters was repaid not only for me but for my brothers and sisters as well. This story – the story of my own family – has been retold for thousands of other families who attended Sacred Heart before and since, and for those who attend now. That great founding work of the early Sisters here and in all the Josephite schools in Tasmania and elsewhere has borne a bountiful fruit because, in truth, it is God’s work that they have dedicated their lives to.

We are, as teachers and staff members at Sacred Heart College, very conscious of the sacred trust placed in us to nurture the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph which is the enduring soul of this College.

It is then with a deep sense of responsibility and of duty that we pledge to continue the work of the Sisters and to follow the path of those luminous and faith-filled women who built and nurtured this school.

Through their example and their tireless work for God, we are dedicated to the great task of following their example at Sacred Heart College and that from our honoured Sisters of St. Joseph, we take increased devotion to the work for which they dedicated and continue to dedicate, their lives.
**Literacy Program**

On Monday we will be recommencing the 2011 Literacy Program for all classes. Students have been allocated Literacy classes according to need and where they can experience consistent success. Our goal is to have every student reading at or above their Grade level equivalent by the end of Year 10.

**Secondary Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Night**

Interim reports will be issued to all secondary students on Friday, the 1st of April and the first Parent Teacher night for 2011 will be held on Wednesday the 6th of April from 4:00pm until 9:00pm. 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.

**Enrolments 2011**

Please note that Enrolments for Year 7 at Sacred Heart College for 2012 close on Friday the 15th of April and enrolments for Kindergarten for 2012 close at the end of Term 1 on the 27th of May. Enrolment application forms are available from the Office.

**Building Progress**

Most of our building projects at Sacred Heart have now been completed. The new Science rooms are now operating. All the classrooms in the Dominic Perrin block have been completely refurbished and the new Intensive English Language Centre is due for completion at the end of this Term. On the Primary Campuses, New Town will shortly commence the long awaited BER construction, a multi-purpose facility and Library and major refurbishments to the Grade 2 classrooms. At Lenah Valley, the BER project is well underway delivering new Grade 5 & 6 classrooms and refurbishment of the Primary block. The VET Trade Training Centre has now been completed and work is underway on student amenities outside the Quinlan building. Along with all that also comes the biggest IT upgrade in our history with outstanding new audio-visual facilities for each classroom and class sets of laptops on the way. It has been a long road and there is still more to come but the building programme has revolutionised our facilities and offered vastly improved teaching facilities and resources.

**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to Morgan Honner (8 Blue) who has been selected in the Under 14 Girls Tasmanian Water Polo Team which will be competing in the National championships in Canberra from 22nd-26th April. We wish Morgan all the very best.

Well done to Antony Papadelias (4 White) and Maria Papadelias (Prep Red) who recently attended the Australian national Titles for the Traditional Shotokan Karate-Do Federation held at Aurora Stadium in Hobart during February. Both students managed placings in the finals which were held on February 26th. Antony placed 3rd in the kata and 3rd in the kumite, while Maria place 2nd in the kata and 2nd in the kumite. Well done to both these very talented students!

We wish Erica Davis (8 White) all the very best as she undertakes one of the roles in the Exit Left production of “The Sound of Music”. Erica’s first performance will be on Friday, 15th April.

**Staff Change**

Unfortunately Mrs. Julie Dean is away on sick leave at the moment and will be absent for four weeks. We have been able to maintain the Japanese programs thanks to the support of a colleague Japanese teacher in another college who has prepared lessons and maintained the program while Julie is away. Fortunately there will be no interruption to our Japanese classes and we look forward to welcoming Julie back in the very near future.

Mr Craig Deayton
Principal

**PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE**

Thanks to teachers and parents who attended last Wednesday’s information evening about changes to Parent/Teacher interviews. Craig Deayton, Louise Bender, Jacqui Lawless and Sue Walker presented the idea of “goal setting” for both secondary & primary students at these early interviews, and encouraged students to attend. The school’s results on the My School website and the success of the Literacy Program were also discussed. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the Parent’s page on the school website:


Next Meeting: 11th April 7pm in the Secondary Library - to discuss vertical homerooms in secondary and ideas for school “street” sign.

Footy Tipping: Thanks go to all the families that have joined our SHC competition. Good luck – look out for the results in the newsletter!

Please send any questions or feedback for the P&F to press@tcspff.org.au

Mrs Jane Capp –President P & F

**PARENTS AUXILIARY NEW TOWN**

The AGM for the New Town Parents Auxiliary was held on Friday 04 March. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for any of the executive positions, and the committee has folded. I would like to thank Michelle Williams, Bernie Garrett, Kylie Driessen, Mel Backhouse and Della Stevens, for their support with the committee over the years, and also a heartfelt thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to help at our various fundraisers and the support with all of the wonderful donations that have been given over the years.

With Thanks to all—Frances Harris
COMMENCEMENT EVENT, FRIDAY 11TH MARCH
Congratulations also for all who were involved in the wonderful event that was the ‘Commencement Event’ on Friday 11th March. We have received some wonderful feedback: - "We were very grateful for all that was done to make Friday night such a special occasion. Thank you for all you did. It was a most memorable time which we will really treasure" and "Congratulations on Friday evening’s celebrations! Magnificent, and deeply memorable as part of Tasmanian history unfolding". This was such an inspiring event and was for everyone who worked so hard to put it together – congratulations on a job well done and Thank You.

GRADE 8 FOOD/TEXTILES
Grade 8 students are continuing to work towards completion of their boxer shorts. Some students are very close to being finished, others still have a way to go. When these garments are completed, students will move onto their Food Unit.

GRADE 9 FOOD STUDIES NEWS
Grade 9’s food classes are now moving into a Unit on Yeast and will be making such items as Doughnuts, Bread baked in flower pots and rolls. Hopefully some of these tasty morsels will make their way home, if not we encourage students to make these items again to gain practice and provide enjoyment for their families.

GRADE 7 FOOD/TEXTILES
Grade 7 students have moved into their unit on textiles and are making heat packs at the present moment. These lovely lavender filled bags hopefully will be well used over the coming winter months.

GRADE 9/10 CHILD STUDIES NEWS
Child Studies students should now be working on their presentations of “Health during pregnancy”. Their investigations will be presented in class and should be accompanied by a sheet of information for their fellow students. This area of learning will be assessed by their fellow students and their teacher.

MUSIC NEWS
Year Five students are becoming familiar with their woodwind, string and brass instruments. Many creative versions of “Hot Cross Buns” are echoing in homes and the music room.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE LIBRARY BOOK BAGS
We still have some VET Enrolment forms outstanding. Could those students please ensure their forms are handed into Mrs. McInnes as a matter of urgency? Grade 10 VET students are working toward their Present Food exam with a practical meal assessment being held this Friday. Students will be working in teams to make a meal, presenting, eating and assessing it this Friday. Students will need to have their chef uniform, hat and apron.

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TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED
The Tasmanian Association for the Gifted are holding an information evening for parents and teachers with Dr Kumudini Dharmadasa on Thursday, 31st March at Goulburn Street Primary School at 7.30pm. Dr Kumudini will speak about mathematically gifted students.

RSVP to tagsgifted@gmail.com or phone 0488291497
GRADE 2 BLUE – CHALK AND TALK
Grade Two Blue has just completed a unit on Fables. We discussed the structure of fables and compared it to that of fairy tales. We listened to and read numerous fables and related poetry, always trying to work out the moral to each one. We practised re-telling fables orally and in writing, acted out some, wrote some riddles and finished the unit by choosing a moral and writing our own fable with a partner. We have learned some great ‘character trait’ words and their synonyms and sometimes we were able to relate what we learned to the value or virtue being discussed in the classroom. We enjoyed discussing how the morals are relevant to our own lives and overall, we feel that the wisdom of fables will help us throughout the year ahead.

MY RUNNING STORY – BY GEORGE MCLEOD, GRADE 2 BLUE
I have been running since I was 5 with Hobart Districts Little Athletics Club, I am now in the Under 8’s. I have lots of friends at running and I am very fast. Running helps me be fast at football and soccer. This was my first year where I ran in the State Little Athletics Championships at the Domain. It was a lot of fun and hard work. I got: Gold Medal in Hurdles Silver Medal for 400m and Discus Bronze Medal for 200m, Long Jump 4th in 70m, 100m, High Jump, Triple Jump 6th in Turbo Javelin 8th in Shotput.
I broke the Hobart Districts record for 400m as well and won the Best Multi Event Athlete for the club.

COMMENCEMENT EVENING
Thank you to all families who were able to join us on this gorgeous evening of celebration. The setting was perfect and the liturgy allowed the traditions of Sacred Heart to shine. Congratulations to Genevieve Longo who represented Lenah Valley in the prayers of intercession, she read beautifully. Many thanks to Jane Davies who was integral in the preparation of the evening.

WELCOME
We welcome Miss Amy Westwood to our campus as a new teacher assistant. Amy will be working in Prep and Grade 1. This will assist in our Early Years literacy and numeracy focus.

EARLY YEARS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Early Years Swimming carnival held on Monday at the Glenorchy pool was a great day. The weather was (finally) perfect for swimming and the children have discussed many highlights with their peers. Children participated in swimming events, such as relays and novelty events. The support of parents and friends was outstanding. Thank you for your support it was greatly appreciated.
The children would like to thank Sacred Heart senior students who helped on the day. Many thanks also to Jill Long and Eric Monaghan for their work in organising the carnival.

LEARN TO SWIM
A reminder to parents that Learn to Swim begins on the 4th April for Prep – 6 students. Information has already been sent home.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This week has been a very busy time for parents and teachers alike. Tis opportunity to meet and focus on our children is invaluable. The interviews enable strengths to be shared, approaches to challenges to be mutual and concerns to be aired. It has been great to hear positive feedback on some of our programs and the work we have been doing at Lenah Valley.
Many thanks to parents for taking this opportunity to speak with us. Thanks must also go to staff who work especially hard during interview time.

PARKING
McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue
The parking situation around the Lenah Valley campus during drop off and pick up a time is an ongoing concern. Parents need to observe the No Standing and No Parking signs on McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue. These signs ensure the smooth movement of traffic allowing the bus to collect children and our neighbours to access their driveways and houses.
Incidents in the past week alone include the bus not being able to navigate McCann Crescent and students subsequently being late for connecting buses and a parent’s car was damaged as another vehicle tried to ‘squeeze’ through.
A concerned parent approached cars not parked correctly only to be told they were standing, not parking. Safety is of the greatest importance at the beginning and end of the school day, we appreciate the lack of parking during this time of redevelopment at the campus, however, we expect understanding and patience from parents of our children.
Ms Jacqui Lawless – Deputy Principal LV

PARENTS AUXILIARY UPDATE
The Lenah Valley Parent’s Auxiliary held its AGM on 28th February. I would like to announce that the Executive for 2011 is as follows:
President- Mrs Christine Russell
Vice President- Mrs Susan McLeod
Secretary- Mrs Susan Scoles
Treasurer- Mrs Trudi Merkel
We have some exciting plans for our Campus Community in 2011. In place of our usual monthly cake stalls, we have decided to hold a mini market once per term. Our inaugural mini market will be held on April 20th in the Campus Hall. Further details, such as opening time, will be supplied at a later date. We anticipate that we will have several themed stalls such as a cake stall, fresh produce, second hand children’s clothing, books and a Mother’s Day stall. We are inviting members of the College community to take the opportunity to hire a stall for the market to sell any personal crafts or appropriate items of their own. Any other ideas for stalls are warmly welcomed. The Parent’s Auxiliary anticipates that this will be a very successful and fun event. The students are keen for the canteen to open again for the healthy snacks on Fridays. We are happy to provide this service again this year and would appreciate offers of assistance to run the canteen. The commitment is only about an hour on a Friday. If we have sufficient volunteers most people will only be required to assist in the canteen once or twice a term. We will send home a form in the near future calling for volunteers, if you are able to assist, please consider offering some of your time so that the children can enjoy this privilege again.

Mrs Christine Russell -President, Lenah Valley Parent’s Auxiliary