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St. Mary MacKillop
The news of Mary MacKillop’s impending canonisation is something long hoped for and long awaited at Sacred Heart College. For us, there is a special and very close bond to Mary because it was her work, and that of her co-founder Father Julian Tenison Woods, that led directly to the foundation of Sacred Heart College by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The first school founded by the Sisters in Tasmania was at Westbury in 1887 by five Sisters under the guardianship of Sister M. Francis McCarthy. From those humble beginnings, the work of the Sisters flourished and spread throughout Tasmania. Sacred Heart College is part of that proud history.

That history will now be more fully told with the opening of the Josephite Mission and History Centre in the former Convent at Sacred Heart. 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, and a wonderful interactive museum for the wider Catholic community telling the story of those schools and communities founded, inspired and grown by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania. The Official opening will be at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14th in the SSJ Centre.

More information on the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania can be found at: http://www.tassiejosephites.org.au/

Commencement Liturgy
We formally launch our 2010 Academic year at Wrest Point at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th of March with our Commencement Liturgy. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of the College in this very special year and the coming canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop. The Primary and Secondary Student Leaders will also be commissioned during the Liturgy.

All students are expected to attend the Commencement Liturgy. If you are unable to attend on the night, a letter from a parent requesting exemption must be sent to the Principal by Friday the 12th of March.

National Curriculum
This year Sacred Heart College staff will be participating in the consultation process for the new national curriculum and trialling the curriculum in several learning areas and across several grades. We are due to introduce the national curriculum in Science, History, English and Mathematics in 2011 and this will be a major focus for us next year and in the years ahead as we move to full implementation.

Swimming Carnivals
We have enjoyed wonderful weather for the three swimming carnivals undertaken so far this year. The Year 7 students had a very enjoyable day at the pool on the 17th of February and last week the Primary carnival was an outstanding success thanks to the work of our Primary Sports Co-ordinators, Mrs. Jill Long and Mr. Eric Monaghan. The Infant classes will enjoy their swimming orientation day at the Glenorchy pool today.

SATIS Swimming Carnival
Best wishes to our SATIS Swimming Team and to Mrs. Anne Steele and Mr Leigh Saltmarsh for the upcoming Southern SATIS swimming carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre next Tuesday.

Our SATIS Swimming Team for 2010 is:

Best wishes to all students as they represent Sacred Heart on Tuesday.
Student Achievement
Congratulations to our students who participated in the 6 hour Mountain Bike Race at Kellevie last weekend. Well done to James Westwood (10 Blue), Timothy Keith (10 White), Simon McLaine (9 Blue), Ben Eyles (10 Red) and Jordan Adderton-Coburn (9 Red) who finished first and second in their respective events.

Year 8 Camps
I’d like to congratulate all Year 8 students on a very successful camp experience at Bruny Island. I was able to visit briefly during the first week and it was clear that all students were having a great time and the program was excellent. Many thanks to our Year 8 Co-ordinator Mrs. Angela Revell, Mr. Adam Mills and all the support staff for a wonderful camp.

Relay for Life
Last weekend Sacred Heart College had a large contingent of students and staff in the Relay for Life at the Domain Athletic Centre. The fundraising effort here at the College was led by Mr. Cameron Briers supported very energetically by Mrs. Jacqui Lawless, Mrs. Meredith Balfie, Mrs. Kylie Nelson, Mrs Vanessa Westwood, Mrs Anne Steele, Mr Mike Casey, Mrs Sharon Latham, Mrs Helen Cole, Mrs Robyn Kearney, Mrs Louise Bender, Mr Peter Warren, Mrs Julie Dean and Mr Steve Grant. Staff and students raised a total of $3900 as at 3rd March which was an outstanding effort.

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 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.

With best wishes

Mr. Craig Deayton
PRINCIPAL

PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE – Sunday 28th March
You are invited to join in the energy and excitement as we celebrate World Youth Day 2010 and Palm Sunday in unique style with the third Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage. This is an event not to be missed by people of every age, background and corner of the state!! Come along and fly the banner for your School!
We begin the day at Corpus Christi, Bellerive at 12.30pm for lunch, entertainment and opening liturgy with the Archbishop. This will be followed by a 7km Pilgrims walk across the Tasman Bridge to St. David’s Park. We begin Mass at St. David’s Park at 5pm with the blessing of palms and then form a large procession with all our colourful banners and loud voices, with police escort, through Hobart to St. Mary’s Cathedral.

FAMILY FUN DAY! - St. David’s Park, 3 – 5pm
For those with small children, or those who can not make the 7km pilgrims walk, you are warmly invited to begin your Palm Sunday experience at the Family Fun Day. There will be FREE Children’s entertainment, including jumping castle, crafts, zoo doo animals and more, along with the sounds of St. Joe’s big band and food and drink available for purchase. You will be joined by the other pilgrims at 4pm, ready for the blessing of palms and large procession!!

For more information visit: www.cyntas.org.au or contact Rachelle on 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aoh tas.org.au
A BIG WELCOME FROM CAREERS
The VET/Pathways/Careers area is now being looked after by Ms Donna O’Neill.

ALL students are very welcome to visit Ms O’Neill in the Careers Room at any time for advice, information and assistance in the areas of future career options, work placement and our new VET programs.

Year 10’s are particularly encouraged to meet with Ms O’Neill to discuss their pathway beyond year 10, and to consider the many options available to them in relation to potential work placements during their final year at Sacred Heart.

Thank you  Ms Donna O’Neill

GRADE 7 AQUATIC DAY
A fantastic day was had by all at the Grade 7 Aquatics Day last week. The weather was perfect and participation levels were high. Once the 50m and 25 m races were over, activities were held in the water for homeroom groups and the stands were bare. Delaney House won the points score on the day. Age champion for the girls was Hannah Steele, Annalise James was runner up. Boys Champion was Joshua Commane with Braeden Todorovic runner up.

SWIM TEAM
The swimming team has been in training since the second week back of the year. The team has been training on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning up at the Friends pool hitting the water at 7am under the watchful eyes of Mrs Steele and Leigh Saltmarsh. The numbers turning up have been the best ever and Mrs Steele wants to applaud the level of commitment and application shown in the water. The team will compete in the Southern SATIS carnival next Wednesday, 10th March at the Hobart Aquatic Centre and then travel North on March 23rd to compete in the State event.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the College – Reo Dante Lazoaro, Alex Sella, Ryan Pettitt, Jordan Bromfield, Michael Bidgood, Krista Nichols, Kate Barker, Samantha Brereton, Elise Ringwaldt, Maddie Walker, Max Ellis, Zac Coppelman, Austin Bidgood, Ben Woodward, Lily Boughton, Holly Richards, Zoe Fenning, Jess Bluett, Katlynn Sullivan, Zac Harris, Luke D’Allesandro, Tom Gratina, Nick Becker, Henry Burrows, Jack Lim, Nikayla Roach, Tiana Barnard, Lauren Walker, Hannah Ryan, Kassia Michajlow-Hicks, Duncan Honey, Josh Commane, Braeden Todorovic, Mitchell Long, Peter Arcena, Hannah Steele, Annalise James, Rebecca Pearsall, Ashley Carr and Nikki Salter.

6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE
Last Sunday Sacred Heart entered 2 teams in a 6 hour mountain bike race held at Kellevie. Both teams did extremely well and both finishing with places.

The team of 2 (James Westwood and Tim Keith) finished second behind 2 uni students and the team of 3 (Simon McLaine, Jordan Adderton-Coburn and Ben Eyles) finished first in the 3-4 Boys School Division. It was an awesome day at Kellevie and the weather held off until half way through when it started to pour, this made it better for riding as we all finished our laps quicker. After all the mud and rain it ended well with some of us winning some spot prizes. We would like to thank all the parents who came down to support us and especially Mr Fullarton for organising our teams and training us up so we could have a shot at winning, and also congratulations on his team coming second in the 3-4 Mixed Division. James Westwood—10 Blue

James Westwood and Timothy Keith

PRIMARY NEWS
NEW TOWN CAMPUS

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
It was great to see so many parents turn up to our Parent Information Sessions during the week. These evenings provide important information regarding your child’s education for the coming year. If you were unable to attend please contact your child’s class teacher for a copy of the information booklet handed out on the evening.

COMMENCEMENT LITURGY
Our Commencement Liturgy is fast approaching and will be held at the Wrest Point Casino on March, 16 at 6.30pm. All students from Grade 3 – 6 are expected to attend in full summer uniform. Students who are participating in the ceremony should arrive no later than 5.45pm. All other students should assemble with their class teachers in the Board Walk Room at 6.00pm.
PRIMARY NEWS

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Fantastic weather, great team spirit and exciting competition in the pool marked our primary swimming carnival. It was very pleasing to see so many children competing in the carnival and enjoying the aquatic environment. The House chants proved very entertaining and added to the house spirit on the day. Well done to our House captains who led their teams so capably.

The primary students would like to thank the grade 10 swimming squad: Reo Lazaro, Alex Sella, Ryan Pettit, Michael Bidgood, Krista Nichols and Sam Brereton for their support and encouragement in the pool.

Thanks to our hardworking parents auxiliary, who provided refreshments and to our parents who acted as officials. A special thank you to Mrs Steele who acted as our Chief Timekeeper, to Amy Westwood who helped with judging and to Mrs Thuringer who helped with the computing of results.

The final results will be announced at the next assembly and the school team selected from this carnival will start training next Wednesday after school. Mrs Jill Long Primary PE Coordinator

GRADE 6 NEWS
Since the start of the term Grade 6 has been doing lots of things to help out other grades and the environment. On Friday the 26th of February we had the primary swimming carnival. The house captains for 2010 did a wonderful job helping out the teachers with organizing their house teams and getting students to races on time. Also over the past few weeks both Grade 6 classes from New Town campus have been taking out other classes for daily PE, as some training for becoming A.S.L leaders (Aussie Sports Leaders).

On Friday the 5th of March both Grade 6 classes from New Town will be going up to Clare Street Oval to participate in Clean Up Australia Day For Schools between 9:30-10:30 am. Any Parents, Guardians, or family members are welcome to come and help out. If coming please bring: a hat, gloves, a drink and a garbage bag.
By Hollie Moore and Chloe Fergusson

GUITAR LESSONS
If there is anyone who wishes to enquire about private guitar tuition here at Sacred Heart please do not hesitate to contact me. Our tutor Mr. Tim Lowe would welcome any new students. Thankyou – Mrs Bernadette Burke

SRC NEWS NEW TOWN CAMPUS
Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in by their peers to be members of the Student Representative Council:

3 White - Brigitte Stockwin, Ryan Backhouse
3 Red - Remy Ortmann, Lachlan Steele
4 White - Petra Lesek, Lachlan Chambers
4 Red - Madeline White, Nicholas Dalwood
5 White - Harry Davies, Alexandra Vinen
5 Red - Jenna Charmichael, Ben Brownless
6 White - Laura Evans, Harry Jensen
6 Red - Hollie More, Nicholas Fowler

The students received their badges at the Primary assembly and they are enthusiastic and excited about the year ahead.

One of their first roles is to help Mrs Burke coordinate the collection of non perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul. This food drive will run until Holy Thursday. There will be a competition between each class to see who can bring in the most items. Mrs Melissa Bower & Miss Kelly Jeffrey

LENTEN PROJECT
We are hoping to make a collection of non perishable groceries to be distributed by the parish to needy families. Each class has a box which we would like to fill by Thursday 1st April (Holy Thursday). Please feel free to bring an item to school with your child for their class box. The hopefully overflowing boxes will be on display at our College Assembly on Holy Thursday. Families are as usual very welcome to attend our assembly. Could Project Compassion boxes please be returned in the week prior to Easter? Thank you for the generous spirit so prevalent at Sacred Heart!

Mr Marcus Donnelly (Deputy Principal Primary)

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH
5 Parents Auxiliary AGM—(Primary Music Room New Town)
8 Eight Hour Day
9 Parents and Friends AGM—7pm Secondary Library New Town
12 Lenah Valley welcome BBQ
16 COMMENCEMENT EVENT
17 Grade 7 and Grade 8 camps depart
26 Twilight Fair 5pm—8pm SSJ and Courts