## Calendar of Events

**Issue 19 / 30th November**

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<td>Whole School End of Year Mass and Assembly</td>
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**REGULAR PROGRAM DATES:**

**Learning Treasures –**

**Term Four**
Monday 10th October - 5th December
9.00am - 10.30am

**Contact Us!**

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**2016**

**Term Four - Monday 10th October - Thursday 15th December**

**Banking Details:**

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ACCOUNT 10273413  
REFERENCE: Your Name
A word from the Principal

This is easily the most hectic time of the year! Also, probably a time where people become tired and more vulnerable.

There is so much happening at school. Please keep an eye on our school calendar of events, notices sent home, Skool Bag app, email and Facebook page for information. There are many means of communication we apply.

Last Sunday, we began the liturgical year and the season of Advent. Advent is a time for preparation for celebration of Christmas, and also a reminder of the second coming of Christ. You will see Advent wreaths displayed, with each of the four candles of advent having their own symbolic meaning.

How might Advent impact you and your family? We light candles in Advent to remember that Christ can bring light (guidance and warmth) to the darkness in our lives and in the world. We also remember that Christ’s light can burn away what holds us back from our full potential. Maybe you can take time in Advent to feel God’s compassion through prayer and in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or talk with a teacher, friend, workmate, or fellow parent about things you’d like to change.

With us in our highest aspirations and most treasured dreams,

with us in our most tragic setbacks, with us in our deepest struggles:

journey with us now, God of the Advent season.

Deepen our faith, show us the faithful way,

keep us faithfully on the way, that we may respond to the

One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

CCEL - Statewide Catholic Principal Meeting

Today Mr Sharman travels to Hobart for his third and final statewide principal meeting for the year. Mr Sharman returns on Monday.
Bereavement
Jack McCarthy was a long time Parishioner at our church. We pass on condolences to the McCarthy family.

Charli Kay - All-Schools National Athletics
Well done to Charli Kay who competed at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in Sydney over five days. Charli placed 5th in the Multi event with a PB of 4.04m in 100 metres, PB of 4.37 metres in Long Jump, 6.94 metres in Shot put and another PB in the 800 metres. Charli also placed 13th in the individual long jump with a PB of 4.51 metres. Yesterday she also placed third in the mixed Shuttle Relay. Great work Charli, you should be proud of your effort!

Mason Howard and Jonah Evans - Cricket
Well done to Mason Howard and Jonah Evans who represented CH in Country Gold cricket earlier this week. (below right)

North-West Catholic Primary School Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday the 16th November SPC students travelled to Penguin to compete in the North West Catholic Primary School Athletics Carnival. Conditions for the day were perfect with team spirit high and smiles all round. Well done to all competitors and congratulations to all students who placed in their events. (above left)
Play Street
Last week, Miriam from Play street visited our school. We are in the process of generating a master plan for the outdoor environment at our site. Miriam will be running a series of consultative sessions with staff, students and families. It is envisaged that we will have this plan completed by March, 2017. Miriam was very impressed with the potential that exists with our school site. Miriam has had extensive experience working with at least a dozen schools within the Catholic system statewide.

Capital Works Briefing
You are invited to attend a community building works consultation sessions where Mr Gregg Sharman will run through the Capital Works that will be starting next year. There will be two sessions held next Wednesday the 7th of December each running for around 45 minutes each. The first session will start at 1:00pm and the second at 3:15pm. All are welcome.

Swimming Program over Summer
Together with the Circular Head Council, the Waratah-Wynyard Council are running a ‘Getting into Swimming and Water Safety’ Program. This will run during January and February next year. Children from the age of six months old are able to participate in these programs. For an Enrolment Form or more information please contact the office.
EOY Reports
End of Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 9th of December.

Gerry McMahon
Mr Gerry McMahon will not be continuing in his Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator role next year. Gerry is officially entering into retirement next year.

We thank Gerry for his assistance and support provided in a formal capacity since the beginning of Term 3, 2015. Gerry ensured that all staff are prepared and supported for prayer services, involvement in Junior Joeys, as well as being the parish-based sacramental coordinator. Gerry also given his time freely as a volunteer in Grade 5 this year.

We thank Gerry and wish him (and his wife Robyn) every blessing in retirement.

Winter Appeal
Vinnies 2016 Christmas Appeal Parish Collection Weekend will be held on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December. Our Christmas Appeal is focused on ‘Rebuilding Strength’ and making a real difference to the lives of the thousands of Tasmanians that we assist.

Your generosity to Vinnies had helped so many people in the past, and as we gear up for our 2016 Christmas Appeal Weekend Collection we again call upon your kindness and generosity to help us assist with the needs of struggling families throughout Tasmania.

Donations may be placed in our appeal envelopes which will then be forwarded onto our office for receipting.

Graduation Mass
This year’s Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday the 11th of December starting at 10:30am. We ask all families in attendance to bring plate of food to share with everyone. It will be at this service that Grade Six awards will also be presented.

Congratulations
We extend our congratulations to two of our Teachers Assistants, Lynette Cobbing and Nicole Pedder who recently gained their Certificate III in Education Support. Well Done Ladies!
Parents and Friends Nominations 2017
Parents and Friends nomination forms are available from the table located at the front of the office. Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Member of the Committee are due to Mrs Melissa Thorp by Monday 5th December in hard copy or via email at melissa.thorp@catholic.tas.edu.au.

Parents and Friends Christmas Raffle
This years Parents and Friends Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night of the Christmas Concert. Raffle ticket books will be handed out to all families very soon. All tickets sold will go in the draw to win one of 12 prize packs.

Stanley Showgirl Competition
This Saturday is the annual Stanley Show. Every year there is a Stanley Showgirl Competition that includes the following categories:

- Miss Tiny Tot; Zero - Four Years of age
- Master show Boy; Zero - Four Years of Age
- Miss Junior Showgirl; Five - Eight Years Old
- Master Show Lad; Five - Ten Years Old
- Miss Showgirl; Nine - Thirteen Years Old
- Miss Teen Show girl; 14 - 19 Years Old
- Show Mother and Children
- Show Family and Children

Competition starts just after the opening which will be around 12:10pm. There will be great prizes up for grabs in each category. For any enquiries please contact Jenni Newman on 0437067149.

Athletics Carnival Winner
Congratulations to Gibson. The final tally for our Athletics Carnival was as follows:
- Gibson - 1,412
- Hanlon - 1,351
- Marian - 1,228

Door of Mercy Prayer Ceremony
Thank you to Mr Gerry McMahon for leading the door of mercy ceremony last week. Thank you also to the students for relaying how they can demonstrate the acts of mercy in everyday life.

Library Returns
With only two weeks left of school, it is now time to start returning all outstanding library books. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Sports Dinner
This coming Tuesday is the SPC Sports Dinner. It will be held here at school and will start at 5:30pm. Students who have represented SPC throughout the year have all received an invitation and order form that needs to be returned to the office with payment by the 2nd of December.
As this year comes to an end for our Grade 6's they are looking towards transitioning to Grade 7 next year. This can highlight some new feelings of anxiety, nervousness and frightened. Today we have had a visit from 2 ex St Peter Chanel Grade 7 Students and their co-ordinator plus 2 people from CHAC. Our Grade 6 students were given the chance to ask questions to help alleviate any fears they might have about next year.

Our Rock and Water program has concluded this week on a very big high. This group of students have learnt how to ground, focus and stand more firmly both mentally and physically. The 3 building blocks; self control, self reflection and self confidence, have enabled the group to work as a team and construct a human pyramid. Check out our photos. The positive feedback from participants and parents has been very rewarding so we will now be continuing this program in 2017.

ROCK AND WATER
Yesterday was our last Rock and Water lesson for 2016. This program is based on three core principles:

1. Self confidence
2. Self control
3. Self reflection

Students have been learning about grounding, centring and focusing themselves. Our goal today was to build a human pyramid!

Congratulations to the students who took part in this program.
St Peter Chanel Catholic School accepting enrolments for 2017

• A Culture founded on learning, compassion and Jesus
• High student expectations
• Structure, organisation and discipline
• Future-orientated thinking
• Social and emotional well-being is prioritised
• Focus on quality home/school partnerships

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