Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Easter Break.

“The Gospels tell how on a number of occasions Jesus raised people from the dead; the most famous was His friend, Lazarus. However when the time came for Jesus, Himself, to die, it at first seemed that He had no power to prevent it. As He hung dying on the cross, some of the rulers mocked Him by saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” Luke 23:35. Similarly, the soldiers tell Jesus, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” Luke 23:37.

Lastly, one of the criminals also being crucified asked Jesus, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us.” Luke 23:39. Finally, Jesus died and was placed in a tomb.

After three days Jesus did rise from the dead at the place and time of His choosing. This was not what everyone had hoped for nor expected. The Resurrection showed to everyone that the way the ‘upside’ Kingdom of God works is not what everyone expects. The Resurrection is a celebration of the anticipation of the life to come, that there is eternal life for all. On a personal level, Easter reminds us that even when hope seems as if it is dead and buried, Christ is there to call it from the grave; Easter is available to us every day.

According to St Paul, who wrote his letter to the people of Corinth between 53 and 57 A.D., only 20 years after Jesus’ death, the Resurrection is so central to Christianity that, without it, our entire Christian faith is empty: “...If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe... And, if Christ has not been raised, your faith is a delusion...” 1Cor. 14,17.

Jesus Christ is our hope. Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.”

John Mula    Director Catholic Education
Principal’s Message

Mother’s Day
This year after much discussion the teachers wish to celebrate Mothers’ Day differently. On Thursday 5th May, between 11.30-12.45 parents are invited to visit classrooms and enjoy the activities being run. The activities will run across the time frame of 11.30-12.45 and you are welcome to come for a short time or an extended time. Afterwards, all parents are invited for a light snack in the Hall and the presentation of the traditional lovely flower provided by our generous P & F.

Kinder: Making paper tissue flowers (button holes), and have a photo booth frame set up for them to have a photo with their child.

Prep: Cooking & Craft Activities.

Gr 1/2: Would like to invite Mum’s to join them for a morning of fun filled activities including meditation and craft, as well as children presenting 'Mummy Facts!'

Gr 3/4: Art and Craft Activities.

Gr 5/6: Fenders and Feet: A Mother’s Day Treat brought to you by the 5/6 team. Come in any time between recess and lunch, have a foot spa and a pedicure and have your car washed for you. No bookings necessary. Bubbles (non-alcoholic) and nibbles provided.

Canteen
This Term SFB has not run or used an external organisation to provide canteen facilities for our students. After much thinking and discussions, I am asking for expressions of interest as to the running of a canteen at SFB. The canteen would fall under the jurisdiction and be answerable to the Principal. The canteen would run for one or two days each week. It must be self-funding. The monies raised in running the canteen must cover the cost of all expenditure including any wages. The menu would need to qualify for at least a Bronze Medal for Healthy Canteens. The canteen would be open for lunches only and not at recess. If you are interested, please contact the Office and I will contact you next week after I return from attending two days of CCEL (Principal’s Meetings) today and tomorrow.

Next Friday is the last Day of Term 1. All students have the option of wearing casual clothes and donating a Gold Coin which will be donated to the Australian charity organisation, Tour de Cure, which has been riding to raise awareness and funds to cure cancer for all. Our donation will support Angelique Sanders (SFB parent) who is training hard as she prepares to ‘ride to cure cancer’ on Tour de Cure’s annual hero event - Signature Tour. Over ten days, a team of riders, support crew and corporate partners bring the ‘cure cancer’ awareness message to local communities and fundraise with them. From 29th April – 8th May 2016, Tour de Cure will ride 1,540km on the scenic route between Brisbane and Sydney, aiming to raise a record $2 million. This year, Tour de Cure will take over 180 men and women on the Signature Tour team and donations of $10,000 will be given to nine communities and their selected local cancer projects. Angelique joined Tour de Cure as a way to help raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Angelique wants to find a cure for cancer because everybody is touched by cancer in some way, shape and form – we can make a difference in helping find a cure. You can show your support and help cure cancer by donating to Angelique Sanders. Simply visit www.tourdecure.com.au and search Angelique Sanders. Angelique has set a personal goal of raising $12,000. We know Launceston will get behind her to reach this. For more information on the route and the individual communities we will be visiting on Tour in April/May, please continue to check: http://www.tourdecure.com.au/pages/tours/signature-tour-2016
If your child is interested in participating and marching as part of the SFB group in the **ANZAC March**, please complete the form attached and return it to their teacher by Tuesday. A decision will be made if there is sufficient interest from our school community to participate.

Please remember that **Term 1 ends on Friday 8th April and Term 2 commences on Tuesday 26th April.**

Have a great week.

Anthony Healey,
Principal.

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**ANZAC Day Parade** - Please return this slip to the school office this week if your child would like to participate in the Anzac Day Parade in Launceston.

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**Uniform Changeover**

The changeover date for students’ Winter Uniform is the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 26th April).

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30 am & 2.30 - 3.30 pm.

**Extra Opening Hours**

*The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday 26th April from 8.30 am - 9.30 am (First day of Term 2).*

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**World’s Greatest Shave 2016**

A very big Thank You to all who helped Mathew raise $182.20 on Friday March 11th. Mum and Dad put in an extra $2.80, added to $65 already raised, making his grand total $250.00. That is enough money to assist a newly diagnosed family with counselling. To those on the end of the colouring line, sorry if we ran out of hair colour, we were overwhelmed with how many students wanted to colour their hair.

Thank you.
Prayer
God of light and life,
as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus,
may our hearts be filled with joy and wonder
at the gift of new life you have blessed us with.
We make this prayer in union with Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you forever.
Amen.

Rainbows Program

In Term Two we will commence weekly support groups for children who have experienced grief in their families. This may be due to death, separation/divorce of parents, or other painful loss.

A Rainbows group comprises children of similar age, who have experienced loss, offering peer support to each other with the guidance of a trained adult facilitator. Rainbows facilitators are caring people committed to supporting children on their journey from hurt to healing. Students are able to express their feelings, work through their grief, build self-esteem and begin to accept what has happened. Facilitators and children must agree to strict confidentiality. With the exception of children sharing what they say or do with their own parents, what happens in the group stays in the group.

If you feel your child would benefit from participating in this program or would like further information, please come and see Alice Cannon.

Head Lice

*Head lice have been found amongst children in the school. Please check your child’s hair today!*

If you do find head lice in your child’s hair please notify the school. Your child is required to remain away from school until after use of a recommended treatment and an attempt to remove all of the eggs (nits). Treat only if there is evidence of head lice.
Kids today have access to, and are accessible by, many millions of people worldwide via a variety of websites, apps and online-games.

Your child may potentially be exposed to identified dangers such as exposure to inappropriate content, cyber bullying and harassment, exchange of inappropriate images and identity theft. Children are often not aware that their words and or photos, which may have been intended for a small audience, sometimes find their way to a larger one, which may have unexpected consequences.

Please monitor your child’s use of technology at home to ensure that they are active in a safe online environment. Many games, such as Minecraft, have chat room options which have no restrictions and which are easily accessible to students who unintentionally seek’ help’ with gaming techniques or levels on the app.

Some suggestions to help keep your child cyber safe:
- keep computers and ipads in a communal area of the house
- find out what your child is doing online, ask questions, become familiar with the sites they visit, apps they use and games they play
- remind your child about stranger danger and how this can apply online
- explain the importance of keeping details private

Don’t be afraid of technology. Learn about it and embrace it as your children do and help them to understand the importance of staying safe online.
Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday the 28th April at 9.30am, with a parent information session at 9.00am, you and your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program “The Ditto Show”. Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children’s safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to “abuse-proof” our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The “Ditto Show” is live performance with “Ditto” being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5’s). The cost of the program is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

 ‘Ditto’, the Bravehearts’ mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include “Private Parts” and “Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust”. These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centers has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don’t just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms. The main aim of the program is to enhance children’s emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of “Yes” & “No” Feelings, The Body’s Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team
Footy Margin Tickets - The season has started and first round Richmond versus Carlton had a margin of only 9 points and the successful winner to be notified by Alli. Tickets are still available for $25 and are valid for the whole football season. Contact Allison Woodland – 0408 175224 or leave $25.00 with your details at the office.

Entertainment Books - Order before 26th April to get pre-season vouchers valued at $160! See flyer for more details or contact Maree Penton on 0417152266 or email pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

Mother’s Day Stall - Mother’s Day is Sunday 8th May, and if every child is to be able to purchase something for their Mother we need gifts ASAP. Please bring donations like chocolates, bath products, coffee mugs, candles, books, photo frames or similar items to the office before the end of term next week.

Next meeting - The next meeting of the P & F will be held next Tuesday 5th April. All are welcome to come along and join in, or if you have any great ideas for us please let us know on pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au

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Contact: Maree Penton Phone: 0417 152 266
Email: pandf.sfb@catholic.tas.edu.au
School Holiday Programs

**YMCA School Holiday Program** - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Week 1 & Week 2 from 2-5pm ages 5-14. Activities include gymnastics, trampolining, karate, Movies and everything sporty. All Activities $15. For more information or make a booking, please phone 6344 3844 or email reception@ymcalaunceston.org

**Circus Fun** - Learn great skills involving: hula hoops, diabolo, rolla bola, silks, trapeze and much more. Full day - 9am - 3pm $50 (7-15 years) Half Day - 9am -12pm $30 (5-6 years) Tuesdays and Thursdays only. For more information please email: circscool@hotmail.com

Student Free Day

CatholicCare will be open for childcare on our Student Free Day on 20th May. Please phone 1300 119 455 to make a booking.

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**JAPARA BASKETBALL CLUB**

**U10 GIRLS NEEDED:**

The Japara Basketball Club is looking for any girls who would like to play and improve their skills in basketball and were born in the years 2007/08/09 to join our U10 Girls Basketball Team for season 2016.

U10 Girls play on a Tuesday night at either 4.30pm or 5.20pm.

If you are interested please call or email our President, Kathleen Russell on 0407 996 576 / Kathleen.russell66@gmail.com

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**JAPARA BASKETBALL CLUB**

Competition Venue:
Elphin Sport Centre
www.japara.org.au
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