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### REGULAR PROGRAM DATES:

**Learning Treasures –**  
**Term Two**  
Monday 2nd May - Monday 20th June  
9.00am - 10.30am

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### 2016

**Term Two** - Tuesday 26th April - Friday 1st July  
**Term Three** - Monday 18th July - Friday 23rd September  
**Term Four** - Monday 10th October - Thursday 15th December

### Banking Details:

**BSB 067 -000**  
**ACCOUNT 10273413**  
**REFERENCE: Your Name**
A word from the Principal

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus promises his Apostles that “the Spirit of truth” will guide them. The same goes for us. The Spirit, in other words is our road map. Are you willing to follow it?

There are many people out there who’ve struggled with questions like: Where should I go with my life?

God could’ve sent Jesus as a role model and then left the rest to us. But God knows us, loves us, and wants the best for us, so we have guidance whenever we want it.

Jesus gave the Spirit to the Apostles as a group, not as individuals. So they found the Spirit’s guidance by praying and talking together. Likewise, we need to connect with like-minded people to find the Spirit’s guidance. When you have a problem or need to make a decision pray and talk with others. Talk with someone who can guide you when you need direction.

Finding God’s direction in your life isn’t always easy. It can be confusing. You'll make wrong turns and hit some dead ends. We all do. But every time we reach out for the Spirit's help, direction can be found.

If there is something ever worrying you, please speak to us at school. We are here for students, parents, families, staff... anyone in need actually. This is core to our mission.

Warm regards

Mr Gregg Sharman
PRINCIPAL

Community Footy Trip to Aurora Stadium

Hawthorn play against the Gold Coast Suns on Sunday, 26th June in Launceston. The school would like to offer the school bus for interested families (at no cost) to travel on as a group.

The objectives for this exercise:
- Great opportunity to gather and do something family orientated;
- An opportunity for dads, who in many cases do not have access to participate in school-based activities due to work commitments.

We would like to invite students from Grades Three to Six only to attend with a family member. The match commences at 3:20pm and we would depart St Peter Chanel at 11:30am. Families would be responsible for purchasing tickets to the game.

A letter was sent home to families on the 8th of April asking them to return a slip to gauge interest. If you are interested in this please send us an email to melissa.thorp@catholic.tas.edu.au or inbox us on Facebook.
Thursday 19th May - Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 20th May is National Walk Safely to School Day. As this is a student free day for our school, we will be holding our walk safely to school day tomorrow, Thursday 19th May. Students are invited to gather at the rear of the Reject Shop with Miss Nicki Pitt and Ms Donna Porteus by 8.00am, where they will walk to school as a group (weather permitting). All families are welcome to join us.

Tasmanian Catholic Education Conference - Pupil Free Day
A reminder to families that this Friday 20th May, is a student free day. Staff will be attending the Tasmanian Catholic Education Conference in Launceston.

MJR Cross Country
We will be holding the SPC MJR Cross Country on Tuesday, 24th May for all students in Kinder to Grade Six.

This will be a major Parents and Friends fundraiser that will incorporate the Adidas Fun Run and all proceeds will assist the school. The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

A letter has been sent home to families with more information around the day. Fun run sponsorship forms, are due to be returned on the day. More information will be sent home from Miss Smith tomorrow with the carnival’s schedule and other additional information.

Student Absent Days
A reminder to families to please notify us when your child is away from school. Should you be aware of an absence prior please notify the class teacher via a note in the diary or email, or phone the office in the morning by 9.30am. You can also notify us of your child’s absence via our school app and by inboxing our page on Facebook.

Collect Children During School Hours
A reminder to families, should you need to collect your child early or take them for an appointment to come to the office where one of our administration staff will collect them for you. This is a safety procedure and also helps to limit interruptions to class time.

They are also required to be signed in and out in the student sign in book at the office. Thank you all for your ongoing support with this matter.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017
Our Kindergarten enrolment process for 2017 has begun. If you have a child who will be commencing in 2017 or know of someone interested please encourage them to collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Over the past few years we have had a high demand for places at our school.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office to see our great school.
News continued …

Hockey News from Mrs Cartledge
6th May - Juniors
Both teams started strong in the first half and with CHCS Maroon very strong in defence, St Peter Chanel found it hard to score. A great pass to Charlotte Spinks late in the half saw her score a great goal just before half time. SPC put CHCS Maroon’s backline under pressure most of the second half and with some great passing saw Liam Corrigan and Willem Dwyer both slotting away goals. Martin and Gabrielle Spinks both played strong games at half back. SPC coming away with a good 3-nil win.

Best player – Charlotte Spinks.

13th May - Juniors
Our Juniors were off to a slow start in Friday’s game against Forest with players not passing the ball to allow opportunities to score. Coach Jo Cartledge talked about passing the ball around in the circle to give room for players to score at half time and with the team putting this into practice, goals starting coming. Nathan Turner played well on the backline and Amelia Turner was strong in goals. Forwards Liam Corrigan, Willem Dwyer and Marty Sheehan took advantage of good passing to produce some nice goals.
Goal scorers – Liam Corrigan, Hugh Dwyer, Marty Sheehan 2 and Willem Dwyer 3.
Best player – Martin Spinks

Minkey & Half-field
We love the enthusiasm with our Minkey and Half field hockey players. All are doing so well, great to see some new faces. Our school has a good number of players but some other schools of a Saturday morning are struggling to make teams, when this happens the sportsmanship is something to be commended with many willing to help out & put a different colour on. Well done and keep up the good work.

Canteen - Next Week
Due to unavailability, Canteen will be on Wednesday next week instead of Thursday. We apologise for any inconvenience.

A reminder for families, Tomorrow the following items will be available at recess time for $1.00:
- Chicken/Pumpkin Soup
- Cup Fried Rice
- Chicken Wings
- Oven Cooked Chips
Lunch as normal tomorrow. Orders are now taken on the day to make life easier for families.

Uniform Change Over
A reminder to all families that the change over period for uniform has now finished. All students should be in full winter uniform.

ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL, SMITHTON

Position Vacant: Administration Officer
We are seeking an Administration Officer for a Limited Tenure Contract-Maternity Replacement.
Start Date: 20th June, 2016
Finish Date: 24th July, 2017
Hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday.
There is potential for further employment in administration after July, 2017.
Please email Melissa Thorp for an Application Package at melissa.thorp@catholic.tas.edu.au
Application Closing Date: 4:00pm Wednesday, 1st June, 2016
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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

On Thursday 26th of May St Peter Chanel Catholic School will gather together in the Church to celebrate the Feast of the Patroness of Australia, Mary Help of Christians.

The title of Mary Help of Christians was chosen in 1821 when the foundation stone for the first chapel in Sydney was laid. It was laid on 29th October 1821 by Governor Macquarie and blessed by Fr Therry. Fr Therry had arrived in Sydney in May the previous year with Fr Conolly; they were the first official Catholic Chaplains to the colony of New South Wales. The chapel was dedicated to the Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Australia was the first nation to choose Mary under that title as principal patroness.

On 13th September 1835 Sydney’s first bishop arrived. He was John Bede Polding, a Benedictine monk. He was the Vicar Apostolic of New Holland. The chapel of St Mary’s now became his cathedral. In 1842 Polding became the first Archbishop of Sydney.

In September 1844 Archbishop convened the 1st Australian Provincial Council. It was the first Catholic Synod held with public solemnity within the British Dominions since the Reformation. It was attended by the bishops of Sydney, Hobart and Adelaide, and 33 priests of the colony. This Council re-affirmed Mary Help of Christians as the Patroness of Australia. According to the Morning Chronicle the patronal feast was celebrated in 1844: “Votive Mass of Mary Help of Christians, the title of which she is patroness of our Ecclesiastical Province.”

Where does the title of Help of Christians come from?

The term arose from the desperate pleas of European Catholics in 1571 under threat from the Ottoman Empire. They prayed the Rosary to ask Mary to intercede before God. and their prayers were answered in the victory at the naval battle of Lepanto on October 7th.

Catholics prayed for Mary’s help again in 1683 which resulted in another victory against the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Vienna.

In 1809 Napoleon’s men entered the Vatican, arrested Pope Pius VII and brought him in chains to Grenoble, and eventually Fontainbleau. His imprisonment lasted five years. The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. Military reverses forced Napoleon to release the Pope. On 24th May 1814 Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the Feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24th May.

Devotion to Mary Help of Christians was promoted by the founder of the Salesian Order, St John Bosco (1815-1888). Don Bosco was an Italian priest, educator and writer who lived in Turin. In 1844 he had a dream in which Mary revealed the site of the martyrdom of the Turinese saints Solutor, Adventor and Octavius. In 1864 Don Bosco began the construction of a basilica on this site. It was completed in 1868, and dedicated to Mary Help of Christians.

Mr Gerry McMahon - Prayer and Liturgy Co-Ordinator
Our next meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 1st June at 6.30pm at the school. All new and old members are welcome.

**Football Tipping Competition**

Round 7 Winner – Terry Pedder  
Round 8 Winner – Andrea Jaffray-Morf

Reminder to all manual tippers to hand in Round 9 by Thursday 9.00am as Friday is a Student Free Day. Many thanks.

If anyone has any questions please contact Natalie King 0417 968 110.

**Wood Raffle**

We are holding a Wood Raffle for the P&F! $10 per ticket, only 200 tickets available! There is approximately 9 metres of dry wood that will be delivered to your door within the Circular Head Area only. There are numerous ways to get tickets. Online – follow the instructions on our schools Facebook Page, tickets through the office, pay money to P&F members who will forward on your money and get you a ticket, get a sheet off the board in the Octagon with details on how to do it. Any queries please see office or Natalie King, Jackie Smith, Sharni Richardson, Donna Porteous or Amelia at the office. Thank you for your support!

**Fun Run**

The P&F will be supporting the parents, teachers and carers of our students next week at the Fun Run like we did last year. We will be providing light snacks of soup, savouries, tea and coffee & slices for the many that come to watch their children participate in the Fun Run! Come and see us in the canteen if you need something. No Charge!
Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Walk Safely to School Day – Tomorrow.
Meet myself and Miss Pitt at the rear of the Reject Shop by 8.00am for a friendly walk to school. We will then have some breakfast at school to celebrate our safe walking. Hope to see you there, weather permitting.

Bravehearts’ “Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure’ –Tomorrow at 11.30am.
This is an important education program for our Kinder – Grade 2’s about basic principles of personal safety. It is a live performance with “Ditto” the mascot making the performance fun, interactive & an engaging manner. It will provide our younger students with tools to keep themselves safe.

BREAKFAST CLUB
There has been a hive of activity at the breakfast club the last fortnight. Lots of little ‘bee’s’ waiting patiently for early morning food. We have included some cereal on the menu also for a change. It’s important that we have a nourishing first meal of the day to feed our brain for quality and highest potential intake of information.

Donations needed please :  Butter

‘LEARNING BEHAVIOURS’:
This week in our “Together we can Be” session we will introduce the below 4 ‘Learning Behaviours’. These are another dimension to our implementation and awareness of Social and Emotional wellbeing along with the Emotion Wall.
These basic behaviours start at home to enhance the school day. The children can take ownership of achieving these behaviours which leads to future self awareness of thoughts and responsibilities.

- Listening to teachers
  - Listen carefully to instructions and obey them
- Treat others the way I would like to be treated
- Showing kindness and consideration
- Accepting others for who they are
- Show IT and EARN it

- I come to school on time.

- I have a good nights sleep and I feel awake and ready to learn.

- I eat breakfast.
- I eat lunch.