From the Principal

We have nine students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist this October. They had a fun day together with other students from the Launceston Catholic Schools last week.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist). Confirmation perfects our baptism and brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. It is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The sacrament of Eucharist brings to completion the Christian process of initiation. In this sacrament we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. Catholics believe the Eucharist is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive the Eucharist, we are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God.

A Sacrament makes present the grace of God it signifies. This means that of its very nature the Church and all that it does in Christ is sacramental, for it makes Christ present and effective in the world. The Sacraments come from Christ. They celebrate that life in symbol and ritual.

We wish for our nine candidates the openness to receiving the grace of God as they continue on their journey of initiation into the Catholic Faith.

Some statements to consider as we ponder the mystery of Sacraments and sacramentality:

Your being has meaning because you are loved
This is why you are a sacrament
Life is about discovering yourself as a mystery.
You are a sacrament

Carol Seagar
Principal
Please visit our website to view photos of your children and their work for the year.  
web.stm.tas.edu.au

The Rosary

October is the month of The Rosary. During the first two weeks of next term students will be learning about this traditional meditative prayer as part of their Religious Education classes as well as praying The Rosary.

We encourage students to bring their own rosary beads to school if they have a set. If your child does not, we will have some for sale before school each day in the main foyer for $8 each.

Candidates Fun Day

Fathers Day
The Schools Triathlon Challenge is on again this year and will be held in Devonport on Thursday 26 Nov. This is an event open to all students in Gr3-6. Students can either enter as individuals or in teams of two or three with one student completing different legs of the race. If you want to enter this event Entry forms and information about the event can be found at [www.schoolstriathlonchallenge.com](http://www.schoolstriathlonchallenge.com)

The entry fee for the event is $15 which includes backpack and finishers cap and for this you can enter both individual and team events. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website and these need to be returned to school with the relevant entry fee, then the school will enter all participants on a single entry form. The school needs to return the entry form by the end of term 3 (Fri 26th Sept).

Unfortunately the school is unable to provide supervision for the day so students wishing to enter they will be responsible for their own transport and supervision on the day, but it would be great to see as many students as possible compete on the day.

**Prepare to toilet train this summer!**

Join Kimberley in a workshop designed to help parents make plans to toilet train with clarity and confidence. Kimberley is a registered Occupational Therapist with many years experience working with children and their families to achieve their goal of toilet training.

**Cost:** $30 (includes tea, coffee and course materials)

**Venue:** Launceston-based venue to be confirmed

**Times/Date:**
- 9am – 10:30am or 11am – 12:30pm Saturday 10 October
- 9am – 10:30am or 11am – 12:30pm Saturday 24 October

Spots in each workshop are limited. Individual consultations are also available for toilet training and other developmental priorities.

Contact Kimberley on [kimberley@occupyot.com.au](mailto:kimberley@occupyot.com.au) for more information, to join your preferred workshop or to enquire about affordable individual consultations.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you, or is a friend or relative of yours, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? If so, then the RCIA process is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, small group environment. Please feel free to bring a friend along to accompany you on the journey, or to help them as they explore the riches of our faith. If you would like to join this group, please contact Gordana Crowe on 0417 307 127 for more information.

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**Earn & Learn Stickers**

Put your Earn & Learn Stickers in the box outside the office by tomorrow. They will be sent off next week.

Thank you for your support.

**YMCA Holiday Program**

Available at the office counter.

**RUN & WALK FOR YOUR HEART**

Sunday 4 October
5k Fun Run & Walk starts 10am
800m Kids Fun Run & Walk starts 9.30am
Free Kick-Start Breakfast for all entrants
Starts at Aurora Stadium and goes through Heritage Forest
Register online at [www.cliffordcraig.org.au](http://www.cliffordcraig.org.au)
STM Fair - Plant & Produce Stall

Now that the sun is trying to shine, it is time to get gardening! Planning is well underway for the school fair and we are looking for donations of seedlings, potted plants and flowers and quality homemade preserves. We are also looking for donations of the following:

- potting mix
- soil
- manure
- mulch
- pots

If you have any donations, please leave them outside Miss Noble’s Prep classroom. If getting your donations to school is difficult, please leave your name and number at the office and we can arrange a suitable time to collect your donations.

Please contact Miss Noble on shaye.noble@catholic.toowoon.edu.au if you have any questions about how you can contribute to our plant and produce stall.