A meeting between parents, interested community members and Tasmanian Catholic Education Office (TCEO) executives was held at our school last night. The meeting was coordinated by the Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, Mr John Mula and supported by the Deputy Director, Mr Sean Gill, Head of School Services, Mr Peter Douglas and Head of Corporate Services, Mr John Hills. Mr John Mula gave a presentation on enrolment trends in both St Joseph’s Queenstown and St Joseph’s Rosebery, exit data, projected enrolments 2017 – 2020, how Catholic schools are funded, income per student, capital debt per student, annual contributions to capital projects, population trends and West Coast school age data 2017 – 2037. After the presentation Mr Mula posed two points of discussion to the audience:

1. Issues facing your children seeking secondary education

2. Hopes and aspirations for your children

Thank you to those parents, staff members and community members who attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. Today, the TCEO executives met with West Coast Council Mayor Mr Phil Vickers then travelled to Rosebery to meet with parents and staff.

Christina Gretton
Principal
REMINDER - Student Medical Information
If your child/ren’s medical information has changed since the beginning of the 2016 school year, please remember to provide details to the school office. This also includes any updates to any medical action plans your child/ren may have.

Updated Head Lice Policy
Included as an insert this week is our updated Head Lice Policy. This policy has been updated in conjunction with our school board. Please contact the school office if you have any feedback regarding this policy.

Emergency Practice
Within the next six weeks we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students this is to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify as a threat, warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

School Photo Day
Our school photo day will be held on Thursday, 16th June. Order forms will be sent home once we have received them. Students are to be dressed in their full winter uniform. Please contact the school office if you require any uniform items prior to this day.

Last Friday’s Whole School Mass

Weekly Canteen Special

- Pumpkin Soup  $2.00
- Wholemeal Bread Available
- Pasta Bake  $3.50
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Telephone Books
Telephone books have all been delivered. Huge thanks to Andrew Lay, Michael Close, Ruth Powell, Narissa Gaspersic, Alex and Nathan Williams, Cameron Schultz and Narrell Fry, Liesl Torr, Liz Brown and Alice Richards for all of your help. If there is anyone that didn’t receive a phone book or know of anyone that didn’t and/or would like additional books, please let the school office know.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
The Billy G’s cookie dough fundraiser is in full swing with lots of orders coming in. Keep them coming guys and don’t miss out. Additional order forms are at the office if you require more and all forms will need to be returned no later than Friday, 10th June so the cookie dough can be delivered by the end of term. Orders can also be placed online for credit/debit card payment.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 29th June, 7pm in the School Library. During our meeting we will be updating our Constitution, please come along if you would like to have some input. If you would like to view a copy of our current Constitution please see Rebecca Lay.

Community News
The Queenstown Junior Basketball Association will be holding a clinic on Thursday, 9th June from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the Queenstown Stadium. The clinic is open to all age groups and is free of charge. It is run by Mr David Munns from Basketball Tasmania.

SRC Disco
Oh, what a night! The music was loud, the children were louder, but fun was had by all. The night was a huge success, due to the fantastic efforts and support from the Parents and Friends (P&F), the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the staff and students who provided support. Students have commented that it was great, and very entertaining. The feedback from some parents was that we should have a disco on a regular basis.

The disco was a night that exemplified the St Joseph’s school community spirit, working together to build resilience and improving our overall well-being. Above all, thank you to all the students who attended. The SRC is looking forward to its next school spirit event.
Expressions of interest sought
Expressions of interest are being sought for a Teacher Assistant for 6 – 8 hours per week. A current Working with Vulnerable People Registration (WWVP) is an essential requirement. Previous experience working with students with additional needs in a primary school setting is desirable. Please forward expressions of interest to christina.gretton@catholic.tas.edu.au by 5pm, Friday, 10th June, 2016.

Class News - King Billy Poems

Camping
I like camping
The swoosh of the trees
The hoot of the owl
The scamper of the possums
The pop of the fire
The pitter patter of the wombats
The whistling of the wind
I like camping
By Liam

Outdoors
I like outdoors
The chirping of the birds
The howl of the wind
The rustle of the trees
The splash of waves
The beauty of the flowers
The laughing of children
The tinkle of water
I like outdoors.
By Kirra

Noise
I like noise
The mooing of cows
The clucking of hens
The snorting of pigs
The baaaaaa of sheep
The neigh of horses
I like noise
By Joel

Water
I like water
The sound of waterfalls
Like beads of a necklace breaking
Bright blue butterflies
The tinkling of raindrops
The crashing of waves
Like elephant seals fighting
The slosh of a puddle
The splash of kids
Jumping in the sea
As smooth as a cloud
I like water
by Emilia

Video Games
I like video games
The moan of zombies
The colours of cars
The screech of your brakes
The speech of your character
The credits of the game
I like video games
By Thomas

Reptiles
I like reptiles
The crackling of their movement
The sound of their hissing
The slither of a snake
The bite of my thumb
By a blue tongue
I like reptiles
By Darrion

Nature
I like nature
The whistle of wind
The tumbling of rocks
The chirping of birds
The rustle of leaves
The crunch of apples
The swoosh of trees
The crunch of nuts
The colour of flowers
The buzz of bees
The hop of bunnies
I like nature
By Stella