

# Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council

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## Our first 2022 Newsletter

### *Welcome and our 2022 Council Members*

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2022. It is our intention to have a minimum of 3 newsletters each year. We also regularly post on our facebook page (search: Tasmanian catholic schools parents council).

Our list of current parent representative is below, and we welcome their involvement and participation. We also thank School Principals for their support to the TCSPC in supporting parent representatives. We would like to have as many Tasmanian Schools and Colleges represented by a parent on the TCSPC; if anyone has any questions in regards to becoming a member, please contact us via email ([don.ryan@aohtas.org.au](mailto:don.ryan@aohtas.org.au)).

Sacred Heart Catholic School Launceston - Darren Clark  
St James College – Audrey Holland  
St John's Catholic School Richmond - Madeleine Beven  
St Virgil's College – Perpetua Turner  
St Thomas More's Catholic School – Peta Rae  
Corpus Christie Catholic School – Sandra Hallsworth  
St Brendan-Shaw College - Karen Claridge-Robins  
Mt Carmel College – Stuart Thickett  
Mackillop Catholic College – Charlotte Geeves  
John Paul II – Andrew Barlow  
St Joseph's Queenstown – Carmen Holmes  
St Finn Barr's – Jacinta Newman

## *TASC – Office of Tasmanian Assessment Standards and Certification*

To help parents to help students with course and career planning, TASC has updated the [Parent page](#) on the TASC website to provide useful and easy to understand information about courses, assessments and exams, results, certificates and qualifications. It also links to online resources to assist with course and career planning such as Career identifying, Anything Can Happen, the Year 11 & 12 Course Guide and TCE Course Planner.

**The TCSPC wishes all parents and students a safe happy and Holy Easter, and also an enjoyable School Holiday break. Term 1 has had its challenges - well done on meeting them.**

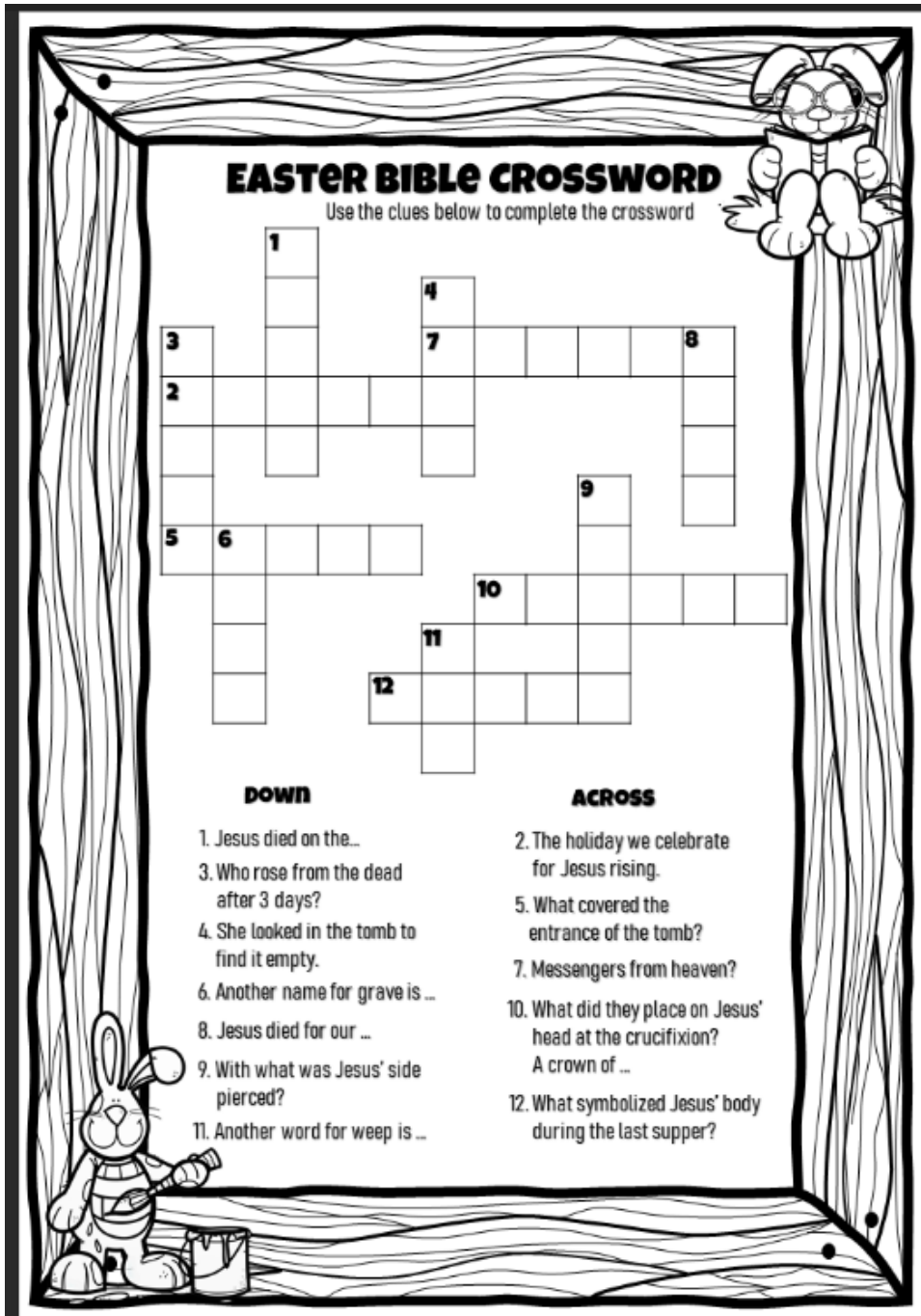
 eSafety parents

## Free holiday activity for the kids

Family routines can be quite different during the holidays. This might mean more time relaxing, playing games or watching videos on social media. Balance your family's extra screen time over the holidays with some online safety activities.

The [Be Secure Quiz](#) is a fun, interactive activity for kids aged 8-12. The quiz helps start family conversations about important online safety topics, such as:

- keeping devices safe
- protecting privacy and personal information
- spending money online
- getting help and support if something goes wrong.



# 26TEN

*The TCSPC have established a partnership with 26TEN. Attached you will find 2 links which explains what 26TEN is and does, and some excellent information on Family Literacy.*



## What is 26TEN?

### Family Literacy and its importance

26TEN's website and Facebook page links are:

[Home \(26ten.tas.gov.au\)](http://26ten.tas.gov.au)

[26TEN - Tasmania's campaign for adult literacy | Facebook](#)

## 2022 NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Conference is being held in Melbourne 4-7 September 2022. More information can be found at: <https://ncec2022.edu.au>



Helping Tasmanians improve their literacy and numeracy skills develops their skills and confidence, builds resilience in our communities and grows the state economy.

# Submissions and more during Term 1:

- Submission to the Social Media and On Line Safety Enquiry
- Submission to the Literacy Advisory Panel
- Applied for an Emerging Priorities Program Grant
- Council meetings held
- Met with Archbishop Porteous, Dr Gaskin, Executive Director Catholic Education Tasmania, and Deputy Executive Directors
- Assisted CET with RAT packaging
- TCSPC Grants scheme announced
- Began meeting with politicians re the upcoming Election



## New research into Catholic school parents' perspective

New research by Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) aims to capture parent perspectives on issues of concern to help inform future federal government policy.

***“We will be gathering evidence nationally on existing and emerging issues of concern for Catholic school families, especially issues that impact on their children’s health, wellbeing and learning,” CSPA chair, Karl Rodrigues said.***

***“We are keen to hear parent perspectives from a cross-section of families including those with children experiencing challenges around learning and from families with children in remote school settings.”***

The research will incorporate surveys, parent/carer interviews and strategic reference group discussions.

***“We will be working with our CSPA state and territory members and the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth to undertake this research across Terms 2 and 3 this year,” Karl said.***



***“It’s an exciting opportunity that will shed critical insights into how to enhance parent engagement in student learning, and will no doubt capture the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on school communities.”***

CSPA is the national representative body for parents/carers with children and young people in Catholic schools. Working with Catholic school principals and parents, CSPA seeks to better understand how parents and carers can work in partnership with school staff to benefit the health, wellbeing and learning of students



Watch out for information how you can be involved with this important project

## 2022 Term Dates

Term One:	3 February 2022 - 14 April 2022
Term Two:	2 May 2022 - 8 July 2022
Term Three:	25 July 2022 - 30 September 2022
Term Four:	17 October 2022 - 15 December 2022

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