St Cuthbert's Catholic School
1938 -

Our History:
In 1938, a one-roomed wooden school named for Saint Cuthbert was built in Lindisfarne, under the auspices of the Presentation Sisters. It opened with an enrolment of 32 pupils with Sister M Genevieve as the first Principal. Sophie Triffett, Francis and Patricia Cockerill and June and Denis Cox were the first entries in the Student Enrolment Register. The building served as a School during the week and as a Church at the weekend. This remained the case until 1967 when the Church of the Incarnation was built.

For the first 18 years (until 1956), the Sisters travelled to and from Lindisfarne each day - at first from St Mary’s Convent in Hobart and later from Bellerive. An eight-roomed house was purchased at 43 Malunna Road in 1957 where Sister M Leo and Sister M Michael took up residence. In 1960 the Sisters moved into a new convent at 30 Corinna Road overlooking the school.

Although the first school had been added to, in 1961 a separate brick building comprising 2 classrooms was completed, followed in later years by 5 more classrooms, an art and craft room, Principal’s Office, staff room and new toilet block. In 1975 a large hall, two smaller rooms and a canteen were built in the school grounds and have been used over the years by the Parish, the School and local community groups. Some years later a kitchen was added to the Hall area. During 1974 additions including a new staff room, Principal’s Office, Secretary’s Office, classroom and library were built. Sadly at this time, the original building known as ‘The Green Building’ was demolished due to its poor condition and to provide additional playground space.

The convent and another house adjoining the school property were purchased by the Board of Management of St Cuthbert’s to add to the School’s classroom and playground area.

Other improvements and additions in more recent times have included the establishment of Kindergarten in 2002 and from 2007 ‘Before and After School Care’.

Over the years, new play equipment on both top and bottom levels have been built. These have replaced the old pine structures that were installed by the P&F Committee at working bees. These have included the shade-sails and the soft recycled rubber surface. In 2008 the deck was built on Corinna Road to establish a dedicated drop-off and pick-up zone.

2010 – 2011 saw a substantial building programme undertaken as part of the Labor Government’s ‘Building the Education Revolution’ (BER). The existing seven classrooms were refurbished and two dedicated Early Years’ classrooms were built. This funding also allowed for the School’s grounds to be re-developed and landscaped.

In 1968, St Cuthbert’s had an enrolment of 195 pupils and a staff of 5 teachers: Sister M Francis (Sister in Charge) Sister Maria Garetti, Sister M Gerrard, Mrs Melba Kirkham and Mrs Jan Thomas.

In 2013 at our 75th Anniversary, there were 9 classes with a total enrolment of 254 students and a staff of 28, some of whom work part-time.

From its first intake of pupils in 1938 until today St Cuthbert’s has provided a quality Catholic education for thousands of children on Hobart’s Eastern Shore. We are indebted to the dedication and service of the Presentation Sisters and to the many teachers and staff who have taught and worked at St Cuthbert’s during this time. They have all followed in the footsteps of Nano Nagle and have answered her call to…

‘Take care of my schools.’
VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

Our Vision

Sharing the Good News of Jesus,
Living the values of the Gospel and
Trusting in God’s love:
We strive to nurture the growth of each person.

Our Mission Statement

As a Catholic school community we are committed to creating a welcoming learning environment where we nurture each student’s love of learning as they deepen their relationship with God.

As a Community

Of the Word
We strive to build and nourish everyone’s relationship with Jesus.

Of Wisdom
We strive to create a learning environment which provides for all; encouraging them to realise their full potential.

Of Welcome
We strive to find a place for all in God’s family.

Of Worship
We strive to nurture the development of faith through prayer, liturgy and the Sacraments.

Of Well Being
We strive to be respectful, be safe and be our best.

Of Witness
Inspired by Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters we strive to serve others in the spirit of the Gospel.
GENERAL INFORMATION

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL
Parents are required to notify the School Office before 9.15 am on the day/s a child will not be attending school. Children arriving late will need to be signed in at the School Office. Children leaving school through the day will need to be signed out from the Office by a parent or designated person.

ACCIDENTS AND ILL HEALTH
Parents or nominated emergency contacts are advised if accidents or ill health occur to children during school hours so that students may be taken home or taken for appropriate medical attention.

ART SMOCK
Each child should have an art smock for protection of clothing during art activities.

ASSEMBLIES
Classes come together fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the School Hall, to share work and to receive award certificates. There is normally an End of Term Assembly in the last week of Terms Two and Four.

BANKING
Students are able to bank through the Catholic Development Fund once a week during school term time. If you would like your child to use this facility or require further information, please contact the School Office.

OHSC (BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE)
This service is operated by Catholic Care Tasmania, for children at St Cuthbert’s Catholic School from 4 years of age.
Before School Care is available from 7.00am – 8.30am Monday to Friday during school terms. After School Care is available on Monday – Friday during school terms from 2.45 – 6.00pm.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Catholic Care Tasmania, Tower Rd New Town, Ph. 1300 119 455.

Catholic Care also offers Holiday Care at St Cuthbert’s for students from St Cuthbert’s and the other neighbouring Catholic schools.

BIKES/SCOOTERS
Children from Grade 4 up may ride bikes or scooters to/from school. Safety helmets must be worn. Once in the school grounds children must dismount and wheel their bike/scooter.

ADVISORY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
The Advisory Board is comprised of Principal, Parish Priest and other nominated/elected members appointed by the Archbishop.
The Advisory Board is responsible for the management of property and finances of the School and supports the Principal in other functions and responsibilities.
The Annual General Meeting is held in March and attendance by members of the School community is both welcomed and encouraged.

BIRTH TO FOUR PROGRAMME
Our Birth to Four Programme happens every Friday during Term Time from 9.00-11.00am. Families are invited to come along with their children who are four years old and under.
GENERAL INFORMATION

BOOKDAY
Books and stationery are available from the Office National at the Showgrounds during January/February prior to school commencing. Payment is made directly to Office National. Booklists are sent home with the End of Year Reports.

BUSES
Children travelling on buses to and from school are expected to conform to the school bus behaviour code at all times. School buses run to Geilston Bay, Risdon Vale, Otago Bay, Old Beach and Grass Tree Hill Road. After school, a teacher accompanies the children to the buses and stays with them until all the buses have left. Currently, the buses leave from Bus Stop # on the East Derwent Highway heading North.

CAMPS
The Grade 5/6 trip to Canberra is held bi-annually. The students will be visiting Canberra in October 2018.

$5 LUNCHES
Some Fridays each term are $5 lunch days. A healthy lunch is provided by Banjo’s Lindisfarne.

MUSIC /CHOIR/INSTRUMENTAL
All classes have weekly music lessons where they learn music theory and practise.

Primary Students have the opportunity to join the Instrumental Group which meets weekly to learn and practise performance using a range of instruments.

Primary Students are invited to join the School Choir; this group also meets weekly to practise a range of classical and modern songs for performances at School assemblies, eisteddfods and other special occasions.

DENTAL TREATMENT
The State Government, through The Tasmanian Dental Service, provides a free dental examination for all children. To make an appointment for you and your child contact your nearest clinic which is:- Clarence Dental Centre, 16 Bayfield Street, (Clarence Integrated Care Centre) Rosny. Telephone: 6211 4590.

ENROLMENT
All enrolments are subject to an interview with the Principal and include the child/children. Children enrolling in Kindergarten need to be 4 years of age by 1st January and children commencing in Prep need to be 5 years of age by 1st January.

Criteria for Acceptance –
- Catholic – baptised, practising
- Resident within the Parish
- Of appropriate age
- Siblings within the school

A proportion of children who are not Catholic are accepted each year in accordance with the guidelines set down by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission.

The children who will commence Kindergarten and Prep the following year are invited to an Orientation Day in Term 4 which is usually conducted by the Class Teachers. The aim of this program is to bridge the gap between the interview and their commencement at school. It also serves as a gentle introduction into the School environment.

Application for Enrolment forms are available from the School Office. Payment of $50.00 per child needs to be included with the completed form.
GENERAL INFORMATION

EXCURSIONS
Excursions are organised for all grades, and depending on age and curriculum focus these may include visits to nearby sites in Hobart. Costs for these excursions are included in the School’s Tuition Fee.

FIRE DRILL/LOCKDOWN DRILL
Fire and Lockdown Drills for the whole school take place on a regular basis. Students are instructed on how to exit buildings and where to assemble.

GRADES
St Cuthbert’s Catholic School offers a range of class structures from Prep to Grade 6. Every endeavour is made to cap classes at 28 students.

HAIR – BOYS AND GIRLS
Hair must be neat and tidy. When hair reaches the collar it must be tied back (as per health requirements) with black or brown hat elastic type bands. Brightly coloured clips and bands should not be used. Hair dyes and trendy hair styles are not acceptable.

HATS
Children must wear hats outside during the school day during Terms One and Four. No hat – no play. Parental responsibility involves ensuring the children wear their school hat to/from school. All hats must be clearly labelled with child’s name.

HOMEWORK
Students are expected to do homework on a consistent, regular basis on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each school week. Length of time depends on the grade level. Parent’s signature is required at the end of homework time. Children are responsible for all aspects of their homework routine and expectations are clearly explained to the class early in the year.

HOUSE TEAMS
All students at St Cuthbert’s Catholic School are allocated to a House Team for athletics and swimming events. The House Team names are as follows:-

- Presentation House Gold
- Rogers House Red
- Flynn House Green

ICT (INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY)
Each class has access to laptops and iPads. The school is wireless networked and all computers are able to be connected to the internet.

IMMUNISATION
The Department of Community and Health Services requests that parents of all students enrolled at St Cuthbert’s Catholic School as required by the Public Health Act of 1997, to provide information about the immunisation status for their child/children. In the event of a declared outbreak of an infectious disease, all students who have not provided the School with either proof of immunisation or a Statutory Declaration are to be withdrawn from school for the designated period of time.
GENERAL INFORMATION

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Children are to be excluded from school if suffering from:-
- Measles/Rubella
- Infectious hepatitis
- Whooping cough
- Impetigo (School sores – until sores are treated and covered)
- Ringworm
- Chicken pox
- Mumps
- Headlice (until treated)
- Conjunctivitis

INSURANCE
All children at St Cuthbert’s Catholic School are covered by the CCI School Care – School Activities Cover from Catholic Church Insurances Limited (CCI). If you need to make a claim, please notify CCI direct on 1300 655 001 within 35 days of the incident and they will forward the necessary documentation to you. All claims must then be returned to the School Office for processing.

JEWELLERY
Students are not permitted to wear jewellery with their school uniform. Exceptions: wrist watch, plain studs/sleepers (pierced ears). Nail polish, make-up, trendy hair styles, hair dyes and sprays are not acceptable as part of the St Cuthbert’s Catholic School’s uniform.

KINDERGARTEN
The activities and experiences provided by the Kindergarten are designed to help children in a variety of ways. Primarily we are there to foster their feelings of self worth, to support and extend their innate disposition to learn and to actively promote the development of various skills, attitudes and values.
The children will be involved in many first hand experiences to enrich their learning. Children learn in various ways – they may be visual, auditory or kinaesthetic learners and there must be a balance of different ways of teaching/facilitating in order for children to learn best. Generally we engage children in learning that is child referenced – that is, provide a curriculum that is relevant and of interest to the children. We place a great deal of emphasis on learning through Senses as this is how young children come to know their world and through “Play” – informal and structured. As the famous Swiss psychologist, Jean Piaget once said “Play is the child’s work”. Through play children learn about the world and their place in it. They are able to explore, develop, rehearse and understand. Make believe play is particularly helpful with learning to come to terms with certain emotions and to work through problems.
In the Kindergarten programme we provide a balance of large group, small group and individual learning opportunities with an emphasis on indoor and outdoor learning experiences.

School times for Kindergarten
Days of operation 3 full days for each child
Arrive at school 8.30am
Kindergarten class commences 8.45am
Play lunch 10.50am (Eaten under supervision)
Play time 11.00-11.20am (Allowing flexibility at various times)
Lunch 1.00pm (Eaten under supervision followed by outdoor play, rest and afternoon activities)
Kindergarten finishes 2.45pm
LIBRARY
The School Library is open Monday – Thursday each week. Students from Kinder to Grade 6 have Library every week with our librarian, where they can investigate/practise an aspect of library routine. All students must have a library bag before books can be borrowed. Students are issued with a library ID code which is used during the borrowing/returning process.

The Library is also open until 3.30pm every Wednesday afternoon, and lunch times Wednesday and Thursday for student research and to promote children’s reading activity.

LOTE
Prep – Grade 6 students all undertake the study of the Indonesian language. Mrs Loretta Osborn teaches the 30-minute lesson each week on Thursdays.

MASS
Special school Masses are held at the beginning of the year (Mass of Blessing) and at the end of the year (Mass of Thanksgiving). These take place in the Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne and the School community is invited to attend.

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORMS
Asthma
St Cuthbert’s Catholic School is acknowledged as an “Asthma Friendly School”. Children need to self-manage medication however where the child is too young to manage this medication themselves, the medication needs to be handed in to the School Office with clear, written instructions from parents. Children may carry inhalers. At the commencement of the school year a Student Asthma Record form is sent out to parents of Asthma sufferers. These are held in the School Office for reference during the year.

Anaphylaxis
Parents whose children suffer from Anaphylaxis will be required to complete an annual Anaphylaxis Notification and Management Plan and provide the school with an Anaphylaxis Action Plan. Please ensure that class teachers are also aware of these conditions as early as possible.

Please ensure that your child's lunch box and drink container are easy to open and clearly labelled.

**If you have a child with specific food allergies/medical needs please inform the School Office.

ST CUTHBERT’S IS A NUT-AWARE SCHOOL

MEDICATION
All medication for children is dispensed by Administration personnel. Medication should be brought to school and left at the School Office with clear, written instructions from parents/doctor. No medication is to be left with children (exception: Ventolin type inhaler for children who can self-manage).

MOBILE PHONES
For security, student mobile phones are to be checked into the School Office upon the student’s arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

NEWSLETTER
Parents are kept informed of all important school affairs and events by a fortnightly Newsletter which can be viewed via the School website - www.stcuthberts.tas.edu.au, or the St Cuthbert’s Skoolbag App or Facebook page. Other detailed newsletters regarding certain events may also be sent home throughout the year. If there are any urgent dates/notes children need to be aware of, a separate note will be sent home.
GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS
8:00am - 4:00pm daily.
Messages may be left on the Message Bank at other times.

PARENT INFORMATION
Information is provided to parents by each class teacher early in Term 1 to inform parents of classroom programmes, practices, procedures and expectations.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
All parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the School by assisting in an area of their choice. For example:

- Parents & Friends Association, Working Bees, Library help, School Fair [when scheduled], Excursion assistance

All parents must have a Working with Children Check to participate in activities where children are involved. Please ask at the School Office for further information.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
The P&F meets on the third Tuesday of each month during Term time at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome. The P&F organises major fundraising activities such as the Mothers Day Stall, Mid-Year Fundraiser, Disco for Students, Fathers Day Stall, School Fair.

PARKING
Please observe signs outside of the School. For safety reasons, if parents are collecting or dropping off children they should park on the School side of Corinna Road. Parking is also available on East Derwent Highway. Please note the Clarence City Council monitors and enforces the parking restrictions.

PARISH PRIEST
Father Peter O’Loughlin is the Parish Priest for Bellerive/Lindisfarne Parish. He resides at the Presbytery at Corpus Christi, 2 Alma Street, Bellerive. The telephone number is 6245 0501.

Mass times are as follows:-
Saturday Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne 6.00pm
Sunday John Paul II, Rokeby 8.30am
Corpus Christi, Bellerive 10.30am, 6.00pm

PASTORAL CARE
The Principal and the Assistant Principals: Learning and Teaching and Religious Education are available to assist where possible if families have special needs.

PHONICS (LETTERS AND SOUNDS PROGRAMME)
This Phonics programme is implemented in all classes. Letters and Sounds is a phonics programme. It is implemented in our Early Years’ classes (Kinder - Grade 2).

PLAYGROUND AREAS
For reasons of safety, specific playground areas are allocated to the different grades.

POLICY DOCUMENTATION
St Cuthbert’s Catholic School has a range of Policy Statements, a copy of these are available from the School Office.
GENERAL INFORMATION

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT POLICY
At St Cuthbert’s we have a Positive Behaviour Support Policy, a copy of which may be borrowed from the School Office. A summary is sent home early in Term One and parents/children sign a form to indicate that it has been read.

RAINBOWS
The Rainbows Programme is organised by the Assistant Principal: Religious Education and may be offered to children from Grades 1-6. It is intended for children who have experienced significant loss through death in their families or parent divorce/separation. Teachers who have completed the relevant training lead the groups. Students participate in this programme voluntarily at their parents’ request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
At St Cuthbert’s Catholic School your child will receive Religious Education aimed at fostering a love of God and each other, through the development of Christian attitudes, celebrations, awareness of Church community, parent communication and enrichment, knowledge of faith and church and Gospel teachings. It is understood that parents will support their children in the practice of their faith.

REPORTS
Written reports for Prep to Grade 6 are distributed twice yearly – Mid Year and end of Term Four. Parent-teacher interviews are offered immediately after these written reports are distributed. Parents are welcome to contact teachers regarding their child’s progress throughout the school year. Goal-setting consultations are held towards the end of Term One. It is an expectation that all parents will attend these sessions. Kindergarten parents will receive their child’s Portfolio home at different times during the year. Formal opportunities are provided after these times for parent conversations with the teacher.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
Family centred – Parish based – School supported.
The Parish is the local faith community into which children are initiated. The preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation is facilitated by a Parish Sacramental Team which ensures that parents, parishes and schools work together to implement the process of initiation in ways that meet the needs of all involved.

SCHOOL HOURS
School commences each day at 8:45am and ends at 2.55pm (Prep to Grade 6). Kindergarten students are dismissed at 2.45pm. Teacher supervision is not available until 8:30am.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Professional photographers take individual, class and family photos of the students each year and are offered to parents to buy.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
The Special Learning Needs Co-ordinator organises class and individual testing as well as Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for specific children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 on a needs basis. Programmes such as Multi-Lit support students to become independent readers where appropriate.

SPECIAL SUPPORT SERVICES
A psychologist visits St Cuthbert’s for a day each week. Referrals are organised through the Principal and/or Class Teachers.
SPORT
Students can represent St Cuthbert’s Catholic School at Football, Netball, Hockey, Basketball. Additionally, they may be chosen for the St Cuthbert’s Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country teams.

Code of Behaviour:
- Friendly participation
- Good sportsmanship
- Fair play
- Respect for umpires, coaches, managers

STUDENT FREE DAYS
On occasions the staff undertake Professional Development during Term time which necessitates a student free day. This means that students do not attend school on these days. Parents are notified well in advance of this occurring so they can make alternative arrangements. The Student Free Day in 2017 is Friday, October 27.

STUDENT LEADERS – GRADE 6
All Grade 6 students are eligible to be elected as:
- School Captains
- School Deputy Captains
- House Captains

STRATEGIC PLAN
St Cuthbert’s Catholic School has developed a Strategic Plan (2012-2016) to manage developments in the School. It was written following full consultation with all members of the School community – parents, students and teachers. A document summarising the planning areas is available from the School Office.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Currently all children from Prep – Grade 6 participate in a Swimming Programme run by qualified instructors at Oceana Aquatic Centre. The cost of the program is covered through the payment of school levies.

TRANSITION TO GRADE 7
St Cuthbert’s School is one of the feeder schools for:
- St Virgil’s College 6249 6555
- Dominic College 6274 6000
- Sacred Heart College 6279 4090
- St Mary’s College 6208 2560
- Mt Carmel College 6216 7900
- MacKillop College 6245 0099

TOYS
Children should not bring toys to school with the exception of in-class theme days organised by the teacher. No responsibility is taken by the school for any damage to toys.
 GENERAL INFORMATION

TUITION FEE

Family discount
A family discount can be claimed by families with multiple children at Tasmanian Catholic schools or colleges, in accordance with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission School Fees Assistance Policy. The discount rate is:

- 3 children: 10% discount on tuition fees for each child
- 4 children: 20% discount on tuition fees for each child
- 5+ children: 30% discount on tuition fees for each child

Payment terms
Invoices are issued early in the new school year. Full payment is due 30 days from the date of the invoice, unless other arrangements are made using the attached payment arrangement form.

Please note that any payment arrangement entered into is purely administrative. Notwithstanding the amount invoiced, in the event of default on payment arrangements the total amount outstanding will become immediately due. The school reserves its right to take steps to recover payment in full.

The Principal needs to be contacted if parents are experiencing any difficulties with payment of fees.

Changes to terms and conditions
New terms and conditions were introduced on 1 February 2015. By continuing your child/ren’s enrolment from 2015, you will be taken to have accepted the new Terms and Conditions. Visit our website [website address] or enquire at the school office for a full copy of our new Terms and Conditions, which you should read carefully.

VISITORS
All visitors should report to the School Office. The Office will issue all people visiting the school during school hours with a Visitor ID Badge for security reasons. All volunteers now need to hold a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) Card.

WORKING BEES
These are organised through the P & F and dates/times are advertised in the Newsletter. All parents are encouraged to help where and when they can.

YEAR BOOK
The Year Book is provided annually to each student as part of the Tuition Fee.
GENERAL INFORMATION

UNIFORM
Uniform requirements are available from the Uniform Shop or orders can be taken via the School Office.

The school uniform is as follows:

**GIRLS**
- Summer Dress
- Skort – Bottle green
- Tartan Skirt
- Tartan Trousers
- Short Sleeve White Shirt
- Long Sleeve White Shirt
- White Socks
- Green Socks
- Black Stockings
- Scrunchies, Headbands
- Black School Shoes
- School Jumper

**BOYS**
- Long Grey Trousers
- Grey Shorts
- Short Sleeve White Shirt
- Long Sleeve White Shirt
- Grey Socks
- Black School Shoes
- School Jumper

**SPORTS UNIFORM – GIRLS and BOYS**
- St Cuthbert’s royal blue shorts
- St Cuthbert’s sports top
- School rugby top
- Bottle green track pants
- Girls bottle green 3/4 leggings (optional)
- House colour tee-shirt [Red, Green or Gold] (only to be worn when specified and not on P.E. days)
- White sneakers, white socks (children may wear sneakers to school on P.E. days only)
- Football/Hockey socks

**OTHER ITEMS**
- School Bag
- School sun hat (School Policy – no hat no playing outside)
- Waterproof Art Smocks
- Library Bags

**OPTIONAL**
- Polar fleece jacket (to be used for extra warmth only, not to be used as school jumper)
- Raincoat – bottle green spray jacket or safety yellow raincoat – no other colours to be worn for wet weather gear
- Japara – bottle green
- Polar Fleece Scarf and Beanie, bottle green or black only

**Important**
All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child’s name. This will dramatically reduce the number of lost property items and ensure that your expensive items can be returned to their rightful owner.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays 8.45am-9.30am every Term, and also on Wednesdays 2.30-3.00pm in Terms 1 and 4.
CHILDREN LEARN BEST WHEN

❖ They feel confident because of previous experiences of success.

❖ They are expected to learn.

❖ Their natural curiosity is aroused.

❖ They are active and involved – discovering, solving problems, explaining what they are doing ………

❖ They feel safe.

❖ They are challenged.

❖ They are mature enough to master the task.

❖ The task is interesting and makes sense.

❖ They have the opportunity to observe and imitate others.

❖ They have plenty of chances to practise.
Conscientious parents are always looking for ways of helping their children do well at school. Here are a few hints that can be guaranteed to get results.

1. Help the children feel good about themselves and about learning. Encourage every effort. Try to praise rather than blame.

2. Read to them every day from the earliest age. There is no better way to create a desire to read.

3. Give presents of simply-written and well-illustrated books on a whole range of topics – both fiction and non-fiction.

4. Encourage the children to write regularly in a variety of ways – letters, diaries, factual accounts, imaginative stories, bank or post office forms, journals, labelling, etc.

5. Try to cultivate a sense of number, size, length, height, width, volume, area, weight and time in everyday life. Join with them in estimating, counting, calculating and so on.

6. Take time to discuss every day happenings. Encourage questions and show how answers can be found.

7. Regularly give them one of the most precious gifts you can – your time.
CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

Dorothy Law Nolte

If a child lives with criticism he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.
If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with jealousy, he learns what envy is.
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.
If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with recognition, he learns that it is good to have a goal.
If a child lives with honesty and fairness, he learns what truth and justice are.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and in those about him.
If a child lives with friendliness, he learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.
If you live with serenity, your child will have peace of mind.

With what is your child living?

(From Canfield and Wells, 100 Ways to Enhance Self Concept in the Classroom)