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From the Acting Co-Principals … … … Mr Joe Sandric & Mr Brendan Gill

Blessing

“May you have great dignity,
may you have a sense
of how free you are,
and above all may you be given
the wonderful gift of meeting the eternal
light and beauty that is within you.
May you be blessed
and may you find a wonderful love in
yourself, for yourself.
Amen”

Wise Words for the Week

The world lies in the hands of those that have the courage to dream and who take the risk of living out their dreams… each according to his or her own talent. (Paulo Coelho)

Paulo Coelho (born August 24, 1947) is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist. He has become one of the most widely read authors in the world today. He is the recipient of numerous prestigious international awards

Paulo Coelho was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and attended a Jesuit school. As a teenager, Coelho wanted to become a writer. Upon telling his mother this, she responded with “My dear, your father is an engineer. He’s a logical, reasonable man with a very clear vision of the world. Do you actually know what it means to be a writer?” After researching, Coelho concluded that a writer “always wears glasses and never combs his hair” and has a “duty and an obligation never to be understood by his own generation,” amongst other things. At 16, Coelho's introversion and opposition to following a traditional path led to his parents committing him to a mental institution from which he escaped three times before being released at the age of 20. Coelho later remarked that "It wasn't that they wanted to hurt me, but they didn't know what to do... They did not do that to destroy me, they did that to save me." At his parents' wishes, Coelho enrolled in law school and abandoned his dream of becoming a writer. One year later, he dropped out and lived life as a hippie, traveling through South America, North Africa, Mexico, and Europe.

May we always encourage our students to have the courage to dream, to take the risk of living out their dreams and not become hippies!

Year 5 and 6 Round Robin Netball and Football

If you are a Year 5 or 6 parent you would know that the annual Year 5 and 6 Round Robin Netball and Football kicked off on Friday, 10th May 2013. We congratulate the students who participated and showed great College Spirit. It was lovely to see so many family members come along and watch – You are always welcome at the College and to see your child/ren enjoy themselves inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 teachers who helped in supervising the day, to Mrs. White for organising the logistics so well (as she always does) and especially to the Year 9 and 10 students mentioned below that continued our fine tradition of Senior Students mentoring our younger ones on this occasion by managing and umpiring the teams. Football - Erica Haskin, Dyan Geeves, Zak Richardson, Liam Burgess, Tyler Clark, James Smith and Ethan Monks. Netball - Ashlan Campagna, Asha Lyons, Chloe Palmer, Kate Newton, Anna Pride, Denbeigh Bogart, Laura Hardy, Rachael Mathers and Emma Burrell.
Students will now participate in the Friday afternoon rosters for the respective sports.

Netball games are always played at Aurora Sports Stadium, Creek Road, New Town. Grade 5 games start at 12.30pm and Grade 6 games start at 1.30pm each week.

Football games are held in various locations. A copy of the roster can be accessed at http://www.staloysius.tas.edu.au/news-events/grade-56-friday-sports-17513. Please note that whilst games are scheduled to start between 12.45pm-1.00pm each week, times can differ a little depending upon travel requirements.

In the event of a bad weather, game cancellations, venue or time changes all announcements will be posted to the College Website. You can view details by clicking on the following link, http://www.staloysius.tas.edu.au failing this, enter the address into your web browser. Information will be posted in the 'Latest News' section of the College web page, each Friday morning by 11.30am.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM
The College Leadership Team has begun working with Irene Grey from the TCEO on the roll out of the AITSL Teacher Standards. We will be introducing the standards to staff before asking for staff to do the self reflection. This process fits in well with our focus on improving Teaching and Learning at the College from its already good standards. As you will see when we present the feedback we received last term from staff and families, this is seen by all as an important focus for the College.

CHRIS LITTLEJOHN AND TIM POULOS – THE ‘TECH-WHISPERERS’
Chris Littlejohn and Tim Poulos are both new to the St Aloysius I.T. department in 2013. Known widely as the 'Tech-whisperers', their technical expertise is a huge asset to the College. We would like to thank Chris and Tim for the fantastic start they have made at the College.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Thank you to Linda Bonnitcha for the great organisation of the Year 10 Work Experience. The Year 10s have had a wonderful taster to the life of work thanks to her organisation and liaison with businesses. Many Colleges are not providing WE any more due to the workload on staff, but in Linda we have boundless energy for the task! Well done to the Year 10 students who have taken up the challenge, represented the College well (as they always do) and learnt much about the life of a working person!

NAPLAN
Thanks to Samantha Wilton and Carmel Shelverton who undertook the main task of organising the whole three days of testing. Thanks to staff for following the booklet and doing what was asked of them. Testing of this sort can be very stressful for all involved – children, families and staff – but we need to keep it in perspective: The tests give us a snapshot of how a child did on a day. There are many factors that effect this and they are not a final assessment on how a person will go in life (note Paulo Coelho in the reflection). Thank you to families that kept this focus and to the students who did their best keeping this in mind.

PARISH AND COLLEGE FAIR
The second meeting for the fair in 2013 was held last week. A focus for the event is to make it something that the Kinders to Year 10 want to be at and help at! We will be working with the KC and HC SRCs for their input into how to do this.
RESILIENCE SESSION
Mrs Denise Long from the Catholic Education Office will be presenting a ‘Building Resilience in our Children’ session for parents in the Sisters of Charity Centre from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Monday 27 May.

Denise will explore strategies that parents can use to grow character and resilience in students from K-10. Denise will also be working with staff during the course of this term. Refreshments and lucky door prizes will be provided by our wonderful Parents and Friends Association.

Please RSVP to the Kingston Office by 25 May for numbers and catering purposes. Every student that returns a form goes into the running to win one of five Original Spaulding High Bounce Balls.

CENTRECARE FAMILY LIFE SESSIONS
In June, Centacare are running evening sessions as part of their Family Life Program. The sessions focus on developmentally appropriate lessons about families and the human body. Many parents find the session extremely worthwhile in discussing certain issues with their children. The dates for 2013 are:

Grade 3/4 - 18th June - Sisters of Charity Centre, Kingston Campus at 6.30pm
Grade 1/2 - 19th June - Sisters of Charity Centre, Kingston Campus at 6.30pm
Grade 5/6 - 20th June - Learning Centre Two, Huntingfield Campus at 6.30pm

The cost will be $10 per sessions, per family. Payment can be made at the door, on the night.

BLACK AND WHITE DAY DISCO – FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2013
The annual Black and White Day will be held at the Kingston and Huntingfield Campus on Friday 24th May. Students will be able to dress in black and white and donate a gold coin. There will be prizes for the best dressed. There will also be a disco held at the Huntingfield Campus for students in years 3 - 6 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm and students in Grades 7-10 from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Student from Grade 3 are invited to the disco as part of the College’s transition program. Information will be sent home next term regarding a disco for students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 to be held on 20th September 2013, run by the Parents & Friends Association and Student Leaders. Black and White Day is a fundraiser for the Tasmanian Devil with all proceeds going towards the Save the Tasmanian Devil UTAS Research Fund.

EARN & LEARN
We are collecting Woolworth’s Earn and Learn vouchers again this year. If you shop at Woolworths and would like to contribute, there is a box in the Kingston Campus office or vouchers may be handed to a child’s class teacher. Vouchers can also be left at the Huntingfield Campus Office for forwarding to the Kingston Campus.

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator … … … Mr Gerard Cronly

A Water Bearer had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his back. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the Bearer one day by the stream. ‘I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side allows my water to leak out all the way back to your house.’

The Bearer said to the pot, ‘Did you not notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about the flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, we would not have such beauty.’

Author Unknown

Of all children, our own children should be the most precious to us. They might not always fit the mould of the perfect child we might like them to be. Our children should be valued equally and if one is lacking in capacity in one way or another, we should heed the “Water Bearers” reaction and interpret that child to the advantage of the child’s self image.

Thankfully, not all mosaics will look the same when completed. Not all will have the same detail or perhaps attractiveness but each will be unique and should be esteemed highly and loved without reserve.
As you would have noticed in the Principal’s section of the Newsletter, one of the things we have had this week is the Year 10 students on work Experience. As I sat at the parent meeting about it on Monday night I asked myself: Why are there so many parents here? The answer is simple. They love their kids and want the best for them.

The Ancient Greeks had many different words for love. Plato speaks of the love that a parent has for their child and that of a teacher for a student as being similar. Plato determines that this love is “characterised by a series of elevations, in which animalistic desire or base lust is superseded by a more intellectual conception of love.”

This leads to Aristotle’s to flesh out various types of love one of which he calls philia. As he writes this love is about “doing kindnesses; doing them unasked; and not proclaiming the fact when they are done” Isn’t this the type of love that binds teachers and parents?

Therefore, we can learn so much from one another. How can we do this? I believe it’s by good honest communication – the sort that was evident on Monday night.

My prayer is that when we meet, when we talk, we always remember what binds us and learn from each other so as to do the best by our children.

(Based on ideas from: http://www.iep.utm.edu/love/)

**ASSEMBLY TIME**

We had a brilliant assembly on Monday hosted by 2T. It included:

- 2F sharing their lifecycle posters
- 1K sharing their awesome Autumn artwork
- 2T singing the Tadpole Blues
- Grade 9 leaders speaking about the Black & White Disco & ‘Dunalley Day’
- A lot of Betta-Bee certificates
- 80 parents, grandparents and family friends - what a brilliant community we have!

The assembly timetable for the rest of this term:

Week 5: Monday 3rd June - Hosted by 3F
Week 7: Tuesday 18th June - Hosted by 2H
Week 9: Monday 1st July - Hosted by 2S
Week 9: Thursday 4th July - Musical Extravaganza Part One

All parents, family members and friends are very welcome to attend our St Aloysius Kingston Campus assemblies.

**BRONZE BADGE STARS**

A special mention must go to Annie Hutchins and Daniel Munnings who are the first ever recipients of a Betta-Bee Bronze Badge. These two outstanding young students have consistently displayed the 4Bs all year.
HUNTINGFIELD LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY
This Thursday 23rd May, our Grade 10 student leaders will be running a leadership training session for our new Faith & Mission, Academic, Arts and Culture and Sports leaders, starting at 11.00am in the drama room. They will look at things like ‘What makes a good leader?’ and ‘How to work as part of a team’. The most important part of the day will be working in their teams to set some goals and plan some activities for the rest of the year. Students need to wear their sports uniform on the day and lunch will be provided. A letter was sent home to parents about this yesterday.

OUTREACH DAY AT DUNALLEY
On Tuesday, 4th June, our CSYMA/Community Service class, together with the Grade 4 SRC students, Huntingfield Faith and Mission leaders and some other Grade 9 and 10 students will be travelling to Dunalley to provide a day of fun, food and activities for the 110 students of Dunalley Primary School. The main aim of the day is to put together the garden beds, which were the inspiration of Grade 9 student Oliver Ditcham, and have been supported by funds raised from our Hawaii Five-O day. As we have had the donation of a bus by Doug Wisby, we have decided to make a day of it, providing games, a craft activity and other events for the children. We will also provide morning tea, thanks to a special Vinnies/Mini-Vinnies bake off, and a BBQ lunch. This will be a wonderful day and the students are really excited, as is the Principal of Dunalley Primary School who we met with last week. Special thanks to the Ditcham family who have done all the behind the scenes work over the last few months to prepare for this special day.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE LEADERS
There are 30 eager Grade 4 Restorative Practice leaders on the Kingston campus who are all now trained and ready to start helping out in the Kinder and Prep playgrounds during lunchtimes. They have chosen a new name to fit in with our Four B’s - they are called “the Busy Bees!” They are visiting Prep and Kinder classes this week to explain their role and they will start work in the playground next week.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013
Families have been working with their children on preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have now had our second parent/child meeting looking at the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many candidates came along to Masses this past weekend to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost and to receive a copy of the Gifts of the Spirit. Confirmation is now only a few weeks’ away, on Wednesday 26th June.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
From time to time the parish runs a preparation class for any students interested in being baptised into the Catholic faith. If your child or children would like to enrol, please contact me on 0409434784 or at leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thank you to the students in Grade 8 B and Mr Cronly for preparing last week’s mass for Grades 7 and 8. Our final “Beatitudes” Mass, organised by Mrs McCarthy and Grade 5 MD will be held tomorrow for all students and staff in Grades 5 and 6. Parents are welcome to come at 10.25am in the Chapel.

Weekend Parish Masses: Saturdays 6.00pm - Kingston
Sundays 8.30am - Snug
10.00am - Kingston (Children’s Liturgy is offered at this Mass)
Weekday Parish Masses:
- Mondays: 9:00am - Kingston
- Wednesdays: 9:00am - Kingston
- Thursdays: 10:20am - Huntingfield
- Fridays: 5:30pm - St Aloysius Church

8-10 CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD UPDATE
The cross country team had their first training session on Wednesday 15th May with an excellent turn out of athletes. A good run through the Peter Murrell Reserve got our training underway and in the upcoming weeks our squad will be performing a number of different training types including a team beep test, a beach session, and some interval training in the gym.

In addition to the scheduled training, athletes had the option of participating in the City to Casino Fun Run on Sunday the 19th May. We had a good turn out of athletes and staff members participating on the day and it was a fantastic event to be a part of.

There are some more fun runs scheduled over the next 3 months which I will encouraging our staff and students to be involved. More information will be provided closer to these events.

Mr James Hickey
7-10 HPE Teacher

LOST PROPERTY
Misplaced, a pair of reading glasses at the Huntingfield Campus. Should they be found please return to Bronte in 8K or send to the Huntingfield Campus Office.
In 1K we looked at various pictures of Mary throughout the ages. In some she was crying and in some she was smiling. We talked about the sad and happy times in her life.

In some paintings she wore a crown and was covered in gold and in others she was very plain. We talked about why this might be. Then we drew our own pictures of Mary in our favourite styles.
### 2013 TERM DATES

**Term 1**
Term 1 concludes - Friday 19th April

**Term 2**
Monday 6th May – Friday 5th July

**Term 3**
Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

**Term 4**
Monday 14th October – Thursday 19th December
Staff finish - Friday 20th December

### TERM 2 DIARY DATES

#### MAY
- 23 Interschool Chess Championships at Friends School
- 24 Black & White Day & Disco for the Tasmanian Devils’ Appeal
- 24 FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
- 26 TRINITY SUNDAY
- 26-31 National Reconciliation Week
- 29 Huon & Channel Cross Country

#### JUNE
- 5 ICAS Science Competition
- 5 Grade 9 Try a Skill Day
- 5 P&F Meeting
- 10 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 18 Centacare Family Life Program for Grades 3 & 4 @ SCC, 6.30pm
- 19 Centacare Family Life Program for Grades 1 & 2 @ SCC, 6.30pm
- 20 Centacare Family Life Program for Grade 5 & 6 @ LC2, 6.30pm
- 21 ST ALOYSIUS DAY
- 26 Primary All Schools Cross Country
- 26 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm in Christ the Priest Church

#### JULY
- 1,2,3 MJR Program for Grade 6
- 2 Secondary All Schools Cross Country
- 2 MID-YEAR REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS
- 3 Grade 7 Fashion Parade
- 5 Term 2 concludes