God, our Father,
thank You for the children You
have entrusted to our care.

Inspire us to regard these children as
living messages we sent to a time
and place we will never see.

May they carry in their hearts the
positive influences that we gave them.

Amen

WISE WORDS FOR THE WEEK
“We are all a little weird and life’s a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.” — Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel)

In May 1954, Life magazine published a report on illiteracy among school children, which concluded that children were not learning to read because their books were boring. Accordingly, William Ellsworth Spaulding, the director of the education division at Houghton Mifflin compiled a list of 348 words he felt were important for first-graders to recognize and asked Geisel to cut the list to 250 words and write a book using only those words. Spaulding challenged Geisel to “bring back a book children can’t put down.” Nine months later, Geisel, using 236 of the words given to him, completed The Cat in the Hat.

STAFF NEWS
We welcome Mrs Rose who will be taking Mrs Menzies’ classes whilst she is on Maternity Leave.

- Further to last weeks ‘well done’ for the organisation of the Black and White Disco; $1,200 was raised by the College for devil research. Congratulations everyone!

- The Resilience PD for parents on Monday was a resounding success with over 90 people attending the evening. With comments like the one below, we feel families got a lot out of the session. Thanks to Brendan (this is Joe giving the thanks!) for doing most of the leg-work to get the night happening. Thanks also to the P&F for getting right behind the idea. Teamwork makes the dream work!

  *We just wanted to pass on our thanks and appreciation to all those involved at the school for organising the building resilience session last night. Denise Long put on a good session. It was enjoyable and it’s always good to pick up few tips too. We’d look forward to any similar events that could be arranged in the future. Thanks again, Ashley and Penny Bastock*

- Well done to Mrs. White for her organisation of our Grade 3 to 6 students attending the Huon + Channel Cross Country. Some of our Grade 10’s, Abi McIntosh, Sophie Penney, James Smith and Tyler Clark, helped on the day and are to be commended for their assistance. Well done, also, to the team that participated so well.
One of the things that both of us are in awe of is the quantity of ‘things’ that happen around the community that give life to our College: sports teams, extra curricular teams, individual performances in and out of the classroom… the list goes on. Help us to name and affirm them! Send us an email with details of events happening around the place that you think we might miss. We would really appreciate it.

**IMAGINATION**

The greatest gift that parents can give to their child is the gift of life. Within that gift are other gifts such as imagination, which is a valuable gift in its own right as it allows a child the space to be their authentic self. Dr Alan Flashman tells us that, “A child can express his real self because his imagination comes from within his inner life, it is not imposed on him. Imagination is important because it integrates a child’s feelings, dreams and actions. It’s a place where a child can experiment and feel control and power”.

The question is, “Do we nurture this capacity by giving children the opportunity for imaginative play?” Using imagination does not always have to be a mental activity. It can take the form of music, dance, art and many different types of hobbies. However, over scheduling enrichment activities and allowing a steady diet of TV and other passive past times, can deny children the opportunity to use their imagination. “The capacity for living deeply within their imagination is natural for children” Dr Beth Falk.

**From the Religious Education Co-ordinator ... ... ...**  
Mr Gerard Cronly

Back in the 1980s I liked to listen to a song that went with an iconic TV program of the time: Cheers. The lyrics started:

Making your way in the world today  
Takes everything you’ve got  
Taking a break from all your worries  
Sure would help a lot  
Wouldn’t you like to get away

The lyrics continue on to the culminating answer to the questions raised:

You wanna be where everybody knows your name.

As I write this I cannot help but hum the tune - you might too if you are of my vintage and liked the show? Isn't there an inherent truth in these lyrics: we all want to be "known" so that "everybody knows our name".

As parents we want that for our children. We want a learning environment that values our child as an individual and works with them to develop them into fine young women and men. Feedback from our recent survey suggests this theme as an important component of the success of St Aloysius Catholic College. But as a school we must always critique our success and shortcomings against this basic need.

I have been proud to go around the College and see how we bring this alive in our pastoral care and in the cultural aspects of St Aloysius. Our challenge is to further develop it as a principle of our teaching and learning.

As a response to your feedback you will hear us speak of developing ideas like: targeted interventions; broadening the scope of options available to students; common core teaching times, and the like.

These initiatives should all be seen through the focal point of knowing you child as a learner and working with you to create St Aloysius as a “place where everybody knows your name”.

**From the Huntingfield Campus Director ... ... ...**  
Mr Joe Sandric
FROM THE KINGSTON CAMPUS DIRECTOR … … …

Mr Brendan Gill

ASSEMBLY TIME
Thank you to 3F for a wonderful assembly yesterday. 3F displayed their ANZAC work, which contained a personal connection to the event - what powerful learning! The Grade Fours also shared their superhero creations and a fantastic range of colourful artwork.

The assembly timetable for the rest of this term:
Week 7: Tuesday 18th June - Hosted by 2F
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.

BETTA-BEE LEGENDS
Betta-Bee gave out a number of prestigious awards at assembly.
2F: For displaying the 4Bs consistently at assembly.
Harry Smith: Bronze Badge
Nicholas Wilson: Bronze Badge
Chloe Eggleston: Bronze Badge
Amaya Legg: Bronze Badge
Lachlan Faella: Bronze Badge

CENTACARE 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: 6.30pm
Grade 1/2 - 19th June - Sisters of Charity Centre, Kingston Campus: 6.30pm
Grade 5/6 - 20th June - Learning Centre Two, Huntingfield Campus: 6.30pm
The sessions cost $10 for a family to attend.

FEEDBACK
During Term One, parents and staff were offered the opportunity to provide feedback to the College in the form of 'Medals and Missions'. The leadership team at the College has spent a considerable amount of time working through the feedback. You can access a summary of the feedback on our new school website, under Vision and Mission. One of the areas parents asked for growth in was our rampant paper usage, so consider this a first step into the realm of a paperless College!

SUNSCREEN
We do not provide sunscreen due to possible skin reactions and side effects but do ask that parents provide 30+ SPF sunscreen for their children during warmer weather. The SunSmart message is actively promoted and reinforced to all members of the College community. UV levels drop from the start of May each year, meaning that Tasmanian children do not need to wear hats at this time. This also enables them to have safe sun exposure for adequate vitamin D production. A copy of our Sunsmart Policy is available at the office on request.

THE ART ROOM
The ‘art room’, that mysterious room between Prep WI and Prep O has been hoarding for too long. Many explorers have ventured into the art room only to never reappear or surface again. Rumours that the art room may contain the Holy Grail and the lost city of Atlantis have been floated around the staff room. In all seriousness, this is a priority and a plan has been made to clean up the art room so that the space can once again be used effectively.

BULLYING
Any suggestions of bullying are taken very seriously by staff at St Aloysius. Due to the rampant use of the term in the media, it is important clearly define the term. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include: mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance), not liking someone or a single act of social rejection, one-off acts of meanness or spite, isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.