Wednesday 19th June 2013

Prayer to St Aloysius

St Aloysius – through your devotion to Christ
you are an example to all young people.

In your life you experienced obstacles in your path to follow your chosen vocation;
you showed great courage, compassion and selflessness in the way you ministered to the sick.

Be with us and help us to face all our difficulties with courage and
trust and to be as dedicated as you were in following God’s will.
AMEN

WISE WORDS FOR THE WEEK

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible’!” — Audrey Hepburn

Think Audrey Hepburn and you start humming “Moon River” (start humming now!) from Blake Edwards’
iconic movie “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” (1961). However, there was more to Audrey than a black dress, bee-
hive hair, wild cat and a classy tune:

Hepburn was appointed Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF in the 1950’s. In the early 1990s, then-United
States president George H. W. Bush (father of George W. Bush) presented her with the Presidential Medal
of Freedom in recognition of her work with UNICEF, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
posthumously awarded her the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her contribution to humanity.
Grateful for her own good fortune after enduring the German occupation of Netherlands as a child, she
dedicated the remainder of her life to helping impoverished children in the poorest nations. Hepburn's
travels were made easier by her wide knowledge of languages; besides being naturally bilingual in English
and Dutch, she also was fluent in French, Italian, Spanish, and German.

Nothing is impossible… you just need to make the effort to make it possible!

• Thanks to Mrs Ottaway and Mr Hickey for taking the Secondary Cross Country team off to the first
of their official events. It’s been great to see the children training around the Huntingfield Campus,
after school, over the last few weeks. Well done to all of them, especially since it was not the best
of weather to be running around in.

• Thank you to Mrs. Bonnitcha and the Year 10 staff that stayed late on Thursday to host the GYC
Parent Information Night. This is the second time in a month we have had all the Year 10 families
at the College for an after school meeting (the last being the Work Experience Night). Thank you
parents for your ongoing partnership with us.

ST ALOYSIUS FEAST DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Families, Please feel free to come along to any part of the day. We would love to see you there!

@ Kingston Normal classes until...
9.20am = Mr. Gill begins to load buses
When KC classes get to HC “Buddy” classes will meet you.
Prep  Year 10 buddies
Year 1  Year 9 buddies
Year 2  Year 8 buddies
Year 3  Year 5 buddies
Year 4  Year 6 buddies

@ Huntingfield  Normal Class Teacher
Normal Period #1
9.40am = Move to Homerooms
9.50am = Assemble outside the Gym

10.00am  Mass hosted by Faith and Mission Leaders
11.00'ish  Mass ends
11.00-11.20am  Recess at Huntingfield
11.20am  Move to Homerooms, Class Teacher to escort classes to Gym
End of Term (almost) Awards
Feast Day Awards (Year 5’s and 6’s leave for Netball/Football roster)
St Aloysius Has Got Talent Show hosted by Arts and Culture Leaders
Presentation of Leavers Tops to Year 10s

12.50pm  An icypole to everyone before they go to lunch hosted by Sports Leaders
1.20pm  Kingston Staff and Students to collect bags and return to KC
1.40pm  @ Kingston  Normal classes
@ Huntingfield  Homerooms for “The BIG PA Quiz” hosted by Academic Leaders

3.00-3.10pm  Pack up and home time

Our Grade 6 students had a great day being involved in the MJR Day. The MJR program developed by Peter Mitchell, is a values based Christian program aimed at students in Grade 6. The focus is to develop a positive Christian outlook on life leading into secondary school. The practical program develops leadership qualities in students as well as making Jesus real in their lives.
Please have a look at the report prepared by Grade 6 teacher Mrs Donna Duggan.

The following points are a selection of the Grade 6 children’s responses from the MJR days they attended last week. Their discussions focused on peer pressure, friendship, self discipline, preparing for Year 7, qualities we admire in people and where they saw the spirit of Jesus in their last 24 hours.

- The next 10 years are very important for me as I am setting up my life. I am going to make big decisions in my life over next 10 years.
- I need to learn from my mistakes as, "Only a fool makes the same mistakes twice".
- The more you put into life the more you get out of it.
- Be a generous kind and caring friend.
- Friends can make or break you, "If you want to fly like an eagle don’t hang around with the turkeys".
- The ability to do as you are asked cheerfully.
- A good people skill is when you are thanking a person, use their name if you know it.
- For next year I need to work on my time management and organisation.
- Be a kind, caring, generous and helpful friend.
- MJR is about recognising Jesus’ presence in our lives in the NOW of our lives and not as a
A person who lived 2,000 years ago.

- A bad attitude is like a flat tyre, you won't get anywhere unless you change it.
- Qualities we admire in people, kindness, forgiveness, understanding, patience, a sense of humour, honesty and trust, cheerful, generous, and friendly.
- Lines from songs we liked: "Remove the clouds and look at the bigger picture"
  "Your future is in your hands"
  "Keep your head held high".
  "Never to surrender to the dark"

- Where we saw the spirit of Jesus over the last 24 hours when …
  "When my grandmother bought my sports uniform when I forgot it."
  "When Josh offered to take my bag."
  "Mrs Duggan helped Emily when she fell over.
  "My mum made me breakfast and lunch."

From the Huntingfield Campus Director ... ... ... Mr Joe Sandric

With the Feast Day of our patron this Friday, here is something I wrote (with the help of my wife - well, she did a lot I must admit!) on St Aloysius.

You may wish to read it over to become more familiar about our patron.
You may wish to know more by studying the links.
You may wish to quiz your child about it.
You may wish to ignore all suggestions.

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA 1568 – 1591

St Aloysius Gonzaga was a saint often viewed as aloof and removed from ordinary life, a sickly weak young man who rejected his family for a life of piety and who died young. Nothing could be further from the truth. He was like many rich, young men of his age, born into nobility he was surrounded by the excesses and opportunity of the Renaissance. The young Aloysius was the son of Ferdinand Gonzaga, a prince in the Holy Roman Emperor, a complex man of great wealth and connection. He was a mercenary soldier and a compulsive gambler. His Father also ensured that Aloysius had a classical education.

Right from his early days St Aloysius was intended to embrace the life of a courtier. He was channeled into military life and trained as a soldier. He served as a page in the Spanish court. Surprisingly from a very
young age he displayed the qualities of a contemplative and was very disillusioned by the extravagance of the court. His family had strong links with the famous Medici family and while growing up amongst privilege, he also was surrounded by the violence and brutality of the Renaissance Italy and shockingly even witnessed the murder of two of his brothers.

Still very young Aloysius suffered from kidney disease. Which meant he had long periods of convalescence and which left him bed-ridden. He found this a great joy as it gave him time for prayer. His spirituality grew and in the sources about his life it is recorded that he taught catechism to boys of poor families. He received his First Communion from Saint Charles Borromeo.

Aloysius was deeply inspired by the missionary work of the Jesuits and wanted to follow this example. At age 18, Aloysius signed away his legal claim to his family’s land and titles to his brother. This decision is very reminiscent of the Young Francis of Assisi who also rejected the wealth of his family to make an option for the poor and for God.

Aloysius became a Jesuit novice and was a spiritual student of Saint Robert Bellarmine. If the St Aloysius studied Bellarmine’s work at all, he would have studied theology and contemplative spirituality and complex religious philosophy. Bellarmine is said to have praised the intellect and spiritual maturity of the young Aloysius.

He must have been anything but weak of mind and spirit. Often depicted holding a Lily, he committed himself to a pure life of celibacy. When we consider this decision, a young man of the Renaissance, he would have had found this very difficult. This was not a feeble, passive response to his faith but a courageous and counter cultural life choice to live out.

In the final years of his life the prayerful Aloysius goes out to the poorest of the poor and tends the victims of the Roman plague that killed thousands in 1591.

The picture of the beautiful sculpture above, depicts the young and courageous Aloysius holding the body of a dying man, this captures more the spirit of young saint. The courage to reject the wealth that secured his safety and status, the courage to seek God through his own illness and opulence of his era, the courage to go to the poor and ultimately loose your very life in the service of love. St Aloysius died from the plague at the age of twenty-three.

References:  
http://www.catholic.org/s
http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01331c.htm
http://saints.sqpn.com/saint-aloysius-gonzaga

Jesuit Websites Worth a look:  
http://www.ignatianspirituality.com

Some of the links:  
Lunchtine Examen
An Ignatian Prayer Adventure
The What-How-Why of Prayer
http://www.sacredspace.ie
www.prayasyougo.org

From the Kingston Campus Director … … …  Mr Brendan Gill

REPORTING
Teachers are currently hard at work on the reporting process. Information about our new reporting format went out earlier in the term and an update went home late last week. Parents with children in Kindergarten received separate information, as the reporting process in Kindergarten is unique. Both documents are available on the College website. Reports will be issued to parents in the last week of Term 2 on Tuesday, 2 July.

ASSEMBLY TIME
The assembly timetable for the rest of this term:
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.
ST ALOYSIUS FEAST DAY
Friday 21 June: St Aloysius Feast Day – Mass & Assembly at the Huntingfield Campus.
The Mass begins at 10am.
The Assembly begins at 11.30am and will contain acts from Prep to Grade Ten. Many of our Kingston Campus students are participating, including acts from:
* A Grade 2-4 Dance Group coached by Mrs ‘Groovy’ Reynolds
* A film about the St Aloysius Office by 3R
* A Buddy Book by 3WF & 1K
* Prep WH & Prep WI singing the Dinosaur Song (Be Scared!)
* 2T singing their second (new and improved) rendition of the Tadpole Blues
* 2F Eye of the Tiger Dance Group

It is a fantastic One College on Two Campuses event. Kingston students will participate in activities run by Huntingfield students. There may even be a few surprises thrown in for good luck! Please note that there will be NO lunch orders on Friday for Kingston Campus students due to the assembly.

For a full schedule of the day, please refer to the Principal’s section of this newsletter.

A Place to Call Home - A Prayer for Refugee Week

Compassionate God,
No one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
Watch over those who are separated
from their loved ones and homeland;
those who fear persecution
and hope for a better life in our community.
May we reach out in welcome
to all those who arrive as refugees,
embracing one another so that
together your hope O God
will be our future.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

REFUGEE WEEK
This week is Refugee Week. The theme for this year is: Restoring Hope. The theme reminds us that, while a refugee’s journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope. They hope to find freedom from persecution, safety and security for themselves and their families. They hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma. The Refugee Week website http://www.refugeeweek.org.au has some great resources, including the background information and statistics on Refugees and some definitions of refugees and asylum seekers.

CSYMA CONFIRMATION SESSION FOR GRADE FOUR STUDENTS
On Monday our Grade 9/10 CSYMA class presented a session on Confirmation for all St Aloysius Grade 4 students in the Sisters of Charity Centre at the Kingston Campus. The students did a fabulous job, leading prayer, games and an information session on Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They also led small groups where they discussed the gifts of the spirit and decorated paper doves, with the names of people and things that reflect the various gifts. They also prepared brochures for the students about Confirmation. There will be a full report on this session in next week’s newsletter.
ST ALOYSIUS DAY MASS
Our Huntingfield Faith and Mission Leaders have been busy preparing the St Aloysius Feast Day Mass which will be held in the Huntingfield Gym on Friday, 21st June at 10am. Students and Staff from Prep to Grade 10 will be attending. The Grade 9 band will be playing music and the choir will be singing. Parents are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration to honour St Aloysius, our Patron Saint. For more information on St Aloysius, please see the faith information sheet below.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013
A reminder that the next parent/child evening is on tonight, Wednesday 19th June. This is the final parent/child evening before Confirmation next Wednesday, 26th June at 7pm. There will be a rehearsal Monday, 24th June at 7pm in the Church. It is important that all candidates and their families attend this rehearsal. Please pray for these students and their families as they make their final preparations for this important step in their faith journey.

VINNIES/MINI-VINNIES SLEEP OUT
Our Vinnies/Mini-Vinnies students have planned a ‘Sleep Out’ for this Friday, 21st June to coincide with the national St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleep Out, being held across the country. The aim of the sleep out is to raise awareness of the plight of homelessness in our country. Students will get an insight into how it must feel to be homeless whilst raising much needed funds for Vinnies to assist those who are homeless.

Students will ‘Sleep Out’ overnight in sleeping bags in LC2. They will stay after school on Friday and be picked up on Saturday morning. We have organised for Loui’s Van to come and bring soup and sandwiches for dinner. As the homeless do not have access to any technology neither will we. We will spend the afternoon and evening playing interactive games, cards, board games and enjoy spending time with one another. Students are encouraged to get sponsors with all donations going to assist Loui’s Van and Kingborough Helping Hands who help the homeless in our community. We look forward to an interesting night and will give a full report in next week’s newsletter.

LOUI’S VAN BISCUIT DRIVE
Thanks to the many parents and families from 1K who baked a mountain of treats last week for Loui’s Van. These home-made goodies are greatly appreciated by the clients of the Van. This week families from Prep WI are invited to contribute.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thank you to Mrs Newton and her Grade 5N class who prepared a lovely Mass last Thursday morning to honor the feast of St. Anthony! There is no mass this Thursday due to our St. Aloysius Day Mass on Friday morning.

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
MUSICAL NOTES
There will be a Music Extravaganza (part 1) held at the Kingston Campus on Thursday July 4 in the SCC. Parents are welcome to attend. The following groups will be performing.

Grade 3, Grade 2, Grade 1, 3/4 Choir, 5/6 Choir, 3/4 Band and selected students from Grade 6.

Stay tuned for more details.

Mrs Marla Leitch
K-6 Music Teacher
Writing informal prayers in 3R

My Prayer
Dear God, I pray that you can help all of the people who have cancer.
I pray for all of the families that are sick and poor.
I pray for all of the children that are sick and have no mums and dads.
I pray for all of the people in heaven.
Amen.

Harrison Henry

I PRAY FOR THE POOR
I pray for poor and the homeless.
and all that have passed away like Mrs Snee, and all the sick people that are sick and in hospital.
I pray for the people that are in Heaven.
I pray for the ones that are battling cancer,
and the ones that believe in God.
I pray for the ones that have brain injuries.
Amen.

Freya Milic

I PRAY TO GOD TODAY
Thank you God for helping me each day.
God, you are special to me.

I thank you for looking after my great uncle Jeff in heaven.
I thank you for looking after my dad who had a heart operation.
I worry about dad, please help me not to worry.
I pray for my cat who is in heaven.
Amen.

Ellie Henley

MY INFORMAL PRAYER
I pray that my family is okay.
I pray that everybody in hospital is okay.
I pray that everyone who is sick gets better as soon as possible.
I pray for my great pop who is 93 years old does not die.
I also pray for the people who have been hurt in their life.
Amen.

Cameron Owen

I Pray
I pray that my mum does not stress too much and that she does well at her work at Blackmans Bay Child Care Centre. I pray that the car does not break down when she is driving.
I also pray for the homeless people, the sick people and the people that have no food and water.
Amen.

Jacob Stone
An evening for parents and teachers

With

Professor Sue Kilpatrick
Director, Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships, University of Tasmania

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At

7.30 pm, Thursday 27th June 2013
Venue: Goulburn Street Primary School

All welcome; light supper provided
current financial members - free
non-members - $5

Book your place at http://www.trybooking.com/5Z608
2013 TERM DATES

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

JUNE
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
2 Secondary All Schools Cross Country
2 MID-YEAR REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS
3 Grade 7 Fashion Parade
5 Term 2 concludes

2014 TERM DATES

TERM 1
Thursday 6th February 2014 – Thursday 17th April 2014

TERM 2
Monday 5th May 2014 – Friday 4th July 2014

TERM 3
Monday 21st July 2014 – Friday 26th September 2014

TERM 4
Monday 13th October 2014 – Thursday 18th December 2014