Wednesday 24th July 2013

WELCOME TO TERM 3

After spending the past eight weeks overseas in Europe and the British Isles, it is great to be back at St Aloysius. My husband and I had an amazing journey visiting many beautiful cities, towns and villages and have many, many happy memories that we have brought back with us.

I wish to express my appreciation of the staff, in particular, Mr Joe Sandric and Mr Brendan Gill, who so capably took up the roles of Acting Co-Principals whilst I was on leave. I have received many favourable comments regarding the enthusiasm and leadership that they both demonstrated whilst leading the College during Term 2. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Samantha Wilton, who with Joe and Brendan, ensured that all events went well.

Whilst away, I was very much indebted to staff and parents for the prayerful and practical support you offered to Darren Thompson and his family on the death of their beloved Sarah. I understand that the Mass of Christian Burial was a beautiful acknowledgement of Sarah’s life. Thank you also for the support of Veronica Bomford and Bec Sward and their families on the death of their mother. This is a truly amazing community who care and support each other so strongly in times such as these. Thank you!

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to our new staff member! Ms Robyn McNicol has been appointed as Visual Arts teacher for Grades 5 – 10. Ms McNicol commenced on Monday 22nd July and replaces Ms Gaye Rose who taught

THE BENEFITS OF COMPETITIONS

Genetic differences aside, the key difference is between competition that challenges and competition that threatens. Children benefit from competition they have prepared for intensely, especially when viewed as an opportunity to gain recognition for their efforts and improve for the next time. Spelling bees, science fairs and chess teams all help to build skills in handling stress productively. A student's science project might not be the winner, the judging of their project might be stressful and scary, but the experience builds skills and performance.

Maybe the best thing about academic competitions is that they benefit Warriors and Worriers equally. The Warriors get the thrilling intensity their minds are suited for, where they can shine. The Worriers get the gradual stress inoculation they need, so that one day they can do more than just tolerate stress – they can embrace it. And through the cycle of preparation, performance and recovery, what they learn becomes ingrained.


“God, accept our thanks for the people you have put into our lives and who have helped to shape what we have become and what we are becoming. Amen”
Visual Arts in Term 2. Ms Rose has moved to Darwin to be with family and to take up a teaching position there.

**Congratulations to:**
Ms Ann Menezies and her husband, Simon O’Donnell on the birth last week of their son Benson Alexander.
Ms Carmel Shelverton and Dr Jay Sills on the announcement of their engagement and to Ms Georgie Fleming and Mr Andrew Clifford on the announcement of their engagement.

Returning from leave are Mrs Janey Donovan and Mrs Carol Duggan (this week) and Mr Brendan Gill and Ms Georgie Fleming (next week.)

We have some staff members who are on leave during Term 3:
Mrs Camille Newton who is on leave until 9th August. Mrs Kathleen Rigby is teaching Mrs Newton’s class.
Mr Joe Sandric who is on leave until 16th August.
Mr Mike Ingham is on leave until 23rd August. Mr Nick Evans is teaching Mr Ingham’s classes.
Ms Carol Otten who is on leave until 30th August. Mrs Belinda Frost and Mrs Ester Lyons will be teaching Ms Otten’s class.
Mrs Su Heyward who is on leave for all of Term 3. Mr Casey Moore will be teaching Mrs Heyward’s class.

**NEW ARCHBISHOP IS ANNOUNCED**
A new Archbishop has been appointed to the Archdiocese of Hobart. The Most Rev. Julian Porteous, former auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will become the new Archbishop of Hobart at his installation on the 17th September.

Bishop Porteous was born in Sydney in 1949, the eldest of five children. Here are few interesting facts about him:

He has been actively involved in evangelization, particularly among young people. He was instrumental in establishing the annual “Summer School” which, since 1984, has formed thousands of young Catholics in their faith.
His motto is “Gratia et Veritas” - Grace and Truth.
His recreational interests include bush walking, swimming, tennis and following the Wallabies!!

While we are sad to farewell Archbishop Adrian Doyle, who has played such an integral part in our St. Aloysius Catholic College journey, we look forward to forging new ties with Archbishop Julian and ask God to bless him as he prepares to take up this new appointment to lead and guide the Church in Tasmania. We also ask God’s blessings for Archbishop Adrian as he retires.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS**
Parent/Teacher Consultations have been scheduled for next week.
Kingston Campus Tuesday 30th July
Huntingfield Campus Tuesday 30th July and Thursday 1st August.
Information regarding times and locations will be issued this week to parents/guardians.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
To Ben Driessen, Grade 4, who has been selected in the Tasmanian Primary Schools Cross Country Team. Ben’s selection in the team came as a result of him gaining 4th place at the recent Symmons Plains All Schools Cross Country Carnival. This is a fantastic achievement given that there were close to 200 runners in each race. Ben will participate in the National Cross Country Championship in August.

**CONDOLENCES**
We express our condolences to the Westcott family. Kevin Westcott, father of Michael, father-in-law of Nancy, and grandfather of Henry, Charles, Eliza and Edward passed away recently.
We also express our condolences to the family of Mrs Joyce Strong, a parishioner of the Kingston-Channel Parish, who passed away during the school holidays. Mrs Strong was a wonderful benefactor of the College, having sponsored Music and English Scholarships, the Joylan Awards, for students at the Huntingfield Campus. Please keep both families in your prayers.

CHILDREN NEED A MORAL COMPASS - HONESTY
As parents, we all want our children to feel, think and act with respect for themselves and for other people.

This week we look at honesty.

Honesty means telling the truth. It means not misleading others for our own benefit. Living together successfully - as in a home or more broadly in society - depends on trust, of being truthful to others. Without honesty, trusting each other is impossible. Honesty also involves self-criticism, facing up to our own mistakes and doing our best to correct them.

Welcome back to term three! All classes have started well and both students and staff seem rested and ready for another busy term ahead.

Some of the exciting things happening this term at the Huntingfield Campus include:
* GYC Pathways Expo for Grade 10 students
* SATIS Cross Country and Athletics
* Duke snow camp at Ben Lomond
* Vinnies Justice Day
* Footy Colors Day
* Grade 10 Dinner

All this as well as many opportunities for learning and growth in every classroom each day!!

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS
A reminder to all parents to register online for parent/teacher consultations which are on next Tuesday 30th July and Thursday 1st August.

SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR 2014
By now most families of Grade 8 and 9 students should have had the chance to view the subjects on offer in 2014 on the College website. Today, the students had the opportunity to hear from each of the elective teachers about what each subject involves.

Next Wednesday afternoon we have our Course Counselling Evening between 3.30pm and 6pm. A reminder that families can make appointments with staff to discuss options for 2014. These appointments can be made by emailing Samantha Wilton on samantha.wilton@catholic.tas.edu.au with a preferred time to meet.

ONLINE SCIENCE COURSE
This week two of our Grade 10 students, Sean Dougan and Robert Howard have started participating in an online science course using the NBN facilities at the Kingston Campus. They will travel to the Kingston Campus twice a week. We look forward to hearing all about the program and the benefits of this new form of online learning.

Leanne Prichard, for Joe Sandric
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013
A reminder to all families that the next Parent-Candidate Meeting to prepare for First Eucharist is on tonight at 7pm in the Church of Christ the Priest. First Eucharist celebrations will occur on the weekend of the 24th and 25th August.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Thank you to all the families who have already ordered Confirmation photos. All orders will need to be in by this Friday.

VINNIES/MINI-VINNIES FOOD DRIVE
Thank you to all the families on both campuses who have already donated to our Vinnies/Mini-Vinnies food drive. We will be accepting items for the rest of the week. Items that are most useful include: tinned spaghetti and baked beans, tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned meat (ham, tuna/salmon), noodles (2 minute and cup), biscuits (plain and sweet), longlife milk, pasta, pasta sauce, Vegemite, and muesli bars. Thanks for your support.

NAIDOC WEEK
On the last Thursday of term two, each Learning Centre at the Huntingfield Campus ran a prayer service to acknowledge NAIDOC Week which occurred during the holidays. Thanks to the students from each centre who read prayers and readings for the services.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013
Eleven pilgrims from across Tasmania have now arrived in Rio for World Youth Day 2013. Last week they spent time in a parish in Santiago Chile and were involved in various outreach activities. In the coming days they will participate in prayer, reflection, liturgies and catechesis, where they will meet up with our new Archbishop-Elect, Bishop Julian Porteous, who is currently in Rio with a group of pilgrims from Sydney. The week will finish with a huge mass on Copacabana Beach with our new Pope Francis and an estimated one million plus pilgrims from all over the world!

To mark World Youth Day at St. Aloysius, prayer services were held on Monday in each Learning Centre at Huntingfield, and our Thursday mass this week will be centered around the theme for this year’s World Youth Day: “Go and Make Disciples” (Matthew 28:16-20)

COLLEGE/PARISH MASS
Our next College/Parish Mass will be held on Sunday 11th August at 10am in the Church of Christ the Priest. An invitation will be sent home to all families next week.

A NEW TRADITION HAS BEGUN AT OUT COLLEGE
On a recent trip to Melbourne for CSYMA, I was fortunate enough to visit a wonderful Catholic College, St Francis Xavier that is, believe it or not, a ‘One College on THREE Campuses’ school. I was most impressed on visiting each front office to see a large and varied array of crosses and crucifixes on the wall. These were donated by staff and families who visited different parts of the world and brought back these lovely symbols.

After speaking with the College Leadership team, we have decided to start this tradition at St Aloysius. Our first donated crosses come from Mrs Doran:
The large one is from Assisi and the other from Rome. These will be put up in our College offices and will be added to as more crosses are donated. I know Mr Gill is hoping to bring back a St. Brigid’s Cross from the UK!

LOUI’S VAN BISCUIT DRIVE
Thanks to parents and families from Prep O who baked treats on the last week of term for Loui’s Van. This week families from Kinder R are invited to contribute.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Masses return to Huntingfield this Thursday with our Faith and Mission leaders preparing tomorrow’s Mass on the theme for World Youth Day.

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