Wednesday 21st August 2013

PRAYER for MIGRANTS, REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost and those who have been exiled from their homes.

Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant who travelled to another land searching for a home.

Amen

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

I am a strong advocate for the wearing of our College uniform. Our uniform looks fantastic and we have received many positive comments about it. It is great that nearly all our students are able to wear their full uniform every day. There are enormous benefits for ensuring all students wear our full College uniform. These include:

- Defining our College identity.
- Developing within our students a sense of belonging to our College community.
- Providing an opportunity to build and enhance ‘school spirit’.
- Promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.
- Enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities and excursions.
- Compliance with our obligations under Work Health and Safety Legislation, e.g. SunSmart and broad-brimmed hats.
- Promoting positive community perceptions of our College.
- Making school uniform more affordable by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear current fashions and expensive clothes.

While we appreciate that there are times, such as free dress days, when children will be out of uniform, it appears we have a small number of students ‘electing’ not to wear their full uniform. If for any reason a child is not able to wear his/her uniform, under our current Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy, parents must provide a written explanation. A copy of our policy can be found on the College’s website and is also available in paper copy from both College Offices.

JUSTICE DAY

Sincere appreciation and thanks to Mrs Leanne Prichard and her staff and student assistants who made our Justice Day last Thursday a thought-provoking and memorable experience. “Who will speak if we don’t? Being a voice for the voiceless” gave us much to consider and act upon from the opening Prayer Service, the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, guest speakers, the Expo and staff and student involvement; all challenged us to be active in being not just a voice but active participants for those in society who need our help.
STAFF NEWS
This week we welcomed back Mr Joe Sandric from his long service leave.
Next week we welcome back Mrs Janet Gadomski and Mr Michael Ingham from leave.

Thank you to Mrs Melissa Dance and Mrs Dyana Griggs who have stepped into Mrs Gadomski’s role over the past 15 weeks.
Thank you also to Mr Nick Evans who has taught Mr Ingham’s Maths and Science classes during his absence.

Mrs Sarah Godwin, who is our Library teacher at the Kingston Campus, will be on leave for the next couple of weeks as she recovers from surgery. Mrs Rosie Johnston will be taking Library lessons on Mondays and Fridays while Mrs Godwin is on leave.

Next week Mrs Leanne Prichard will be going on leave from 26th August until 6th September, travelling overseas.

BOOK WEEK will be celebrated this week. There is a Book Fair at the Kingston Campus Library tomorrow and Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Veronica Bomford and Kelly Rees on working so hard to gain Silver Accreditation for the Kingston Campus Canteen in the Tasmanian School Canteen Association Canteen Accreditation Program.

CONGRATULATIONS to ten Grade 6 students have been selected to represent the College at the Southern Catholic Primary School Sports Association football and netball carnival which is being held at Dominic College on Wednesday, 21st August. The students will participate in a round robin carnival between teams from the Franklin and Denison regions. We congratulate the following students on their selection and wish them all the best for the carnival, Merrin Cooper, Chloe Loh, Emily Burrows, Jacinta Green, Zachary Adams, Jacob Downie, Max Payne, Alexander Griggs, Mitchell Cooke and Mitchell Owen.

Thank you must also go to Miss Lisa Wheeldon who has kindly volunteered to coach one of the netball teams participating in this event.

P&F BOOT SCOOTIN’ BONANZA
What a great night we all had! The company was fun, the food was great and the atmosphere was amazing! Thank you so much to Toni McGinniss and her incredible crew for such a wonderful event! A particularly special thank you to the Grade 9 & 10 VET Hospitality students and Mrs Linda Bonnitcha who added that touch of class to the night with their personal and friendly touches in serving. Well done!

How can we teach our children not to be judgmental of other people?

Well, the first thing we can do is to be careful about the way we talk about the behaviour of others. When we are not in possession of all the the facts and simply rely on what we “suppose”, we are in no position to express judgement. Likewise, our children will learn from us by the manner in which we deal with the situation. Will we simply take their word when another child is involved or will we bother to seek the other side of the story? Will our children learn the honour of truthfulness and fairness from us? Will they be able to rely on us as a worthy benchmark for their own behaviour?
There is another exercise more worthy than “Jumping to conclusions” ; it’s called, “Seeking the truth”.

Great Spirit,
Help me never to judge another person without having first walked in his moccasins for two weeks.

- Soiux Indian saying.

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator … … … Mr Gerard Cronly
Dear friends of the College,

Monday was my first day back after having a wonderful time away with my family in Europe and my head was still in European time when I received a phone call in the morning from a parent about an issue she wished to raise with me. After explaining the situation to me, the two of us having a discussion about what could be done, the mum then apologised for ringing me up!

My response to her, is my general response to all: Thank you. Parents talking to me and highlighting things that we need to take a look at and possibly modify, clarify or eradicate are a blessing. I've mentioned this before in Newsletters, but good respectful communication is one of the keys to creating a good working environment. We all have an input into this. Staff, students and parents all have a perspective and need to feel their opinion is valued.

So, please feel free to phone or email me and please don't feel you have to apologise for it!

Have a great week.

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**WELCOME BACK MR SANDRIC**
On behalf of the Kingston Campus, welcome back Mr Sandric! One College on Two Campuses - firing on all cylinders!

**THANK YOU**
Kingston Campus staff would especially like to thank Mrs Melissa Dance, Mrs Dyana Griggs and Mrs Mardi Ditcham who have all done a wonderful job helping out in the Kingston Campus office.

**REPORTING FEEDBACK**
Recently a letter went home pertaining to an opportunity for parents to provide feedback about our new report format. St Aloysius Kingston Campus, along with most other Catholic schools in Tasmania, recently trialed a new system and format for mid-year reports. As with anything new, there was a need to seek feedback about areas of strength and potential areas for growth. As part of this process, the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office and the leadership team at St Aloysius sought feedback about the new reporting format. Thank you to all parents and guardians who contributed to the discourse. The feedback received is below:

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**SEMI-NEW SIGN TO BLOCK ACCESS**
Please be aware that the College has purchased a sign to deter people driving in the staff car park during ‘risky’ times - those times when students are arriving or leaving the College. The sign will be placed at the entry to the staff car park, thus blocking access during the following times:

- 8.25am - 8.45am
- 2.40pm - 3.10pm

Please be aware that you will not be able to enter the car park during these times. Those parents who access our disabled parking spots are welcome to continue to do so via the Aldinga St entry. I am sure you will agree that the safety of our students must come first. Thank you to the number of parents who continue to ring the College office in support of this new initiative.
ASSEMBLY TIMES
Monday, August 26: 2.10pm – Hosted by 1FC
Tuesday, September 10: 2.10pm – Hosted by 1K
Friday, September 27: 11.30am – Hosted by Prep WH (Footy Colours Assembly)

All families and friends of the College are welcome to attend Kingston Campus assemblies.

EARLY NUMERACY INTERVIEWS
Your child (P-4) has either already participated in or will soon participate in Phase Two of the Early Numeracy Interview, focusing on multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. This has strong support from teachers and can really help to pinpoint where to target teaching. I would have liked to be in Mrs Reynold’s class when they created their gummy bear arrays!

BETTA BEE
Kingston Campus students were amazed and excited to see Betta Bee last Monday. Apparently there is a rumour that Betta Bee was Mr Lowe. As I have explained to students, Mr Lowe was working in the ICT cupboard. Betta Bee was well.... Betta Bee! I guess we might find out more next assembly....

VINNIES JUSTICE DAY 2013 (A collage of the day is included later in the newsletter)
Last Thursday’s St Aloysius Vinnies Justice Day was a huge success! All classes were involved in many of the activities on offer during the day at the Huntingfield Campus, and this year the day spilled over to the Kingston Campus with Janelle Kava from Vinnies speaking with the Grade 4s about homelessness and Loui’s Van selling Milos at lunchtime.

The theme of the day was “Who Will Speak if We Don’t?” and our prayer assembly at the start of the day began with Tony Brennan from the TCEO leading the students in the theme song. After the prayers for the voiceless in our world, the assembly finished with a flashmob to the song “You’re the Voice!” which brought all the students and our special guests Vin and Trish Hindmarsh to their feet!

The rest of the day was full of a variety of activities (including the Justice EXPO, Mass, chalk wall, Milo selling and a multicultural lunch), and workshops on homelessness, refugees, poverty and using social media for good. There were also some amazing guest speakers, including Alphonse Mulumba, a young refugee from the Congo, who arrived directly from a 22 hour flight from Nigeria to come and tell his story to students from each learning centre, and inspire them to use their voice for the voiceless. One of the highlights of the day was a talk by two asylum seekers who openly told the grade 9 & 10 students about their journey by boat to Christmas Island, their experiences at Pontville and their separation from their families.

Dr. Trish Hindmarsh, Director of Catholic Education in Tasmania sent this email after the day:
“What a magnificent set of learning experiences today - we were both very moved and involved and learnt a lot. The students and staff deserve great credit”.
Sr. Gabrielle Morgan from the TCEO attended part of the day and commented: “I did appreciate moving around the EXPO: the students were so helpful and their stalls were so well set up with interesting information.”

Thanks to everyone involved in making this day such a success: the workshop presenters, guest speakers, representatives from social justice organisations who were part of the EXPO, the Grade 10 students who researched and set up stalls and prepared the mass, the staff for supporting the various activities and workshops on offer, and the students who were interested and engaged in all the various activities on offer.

But the biggest thank you goes to the Vinnies and Mini-Vinnies students who have spent many lunchtimes during this term preparing for this day. They are to be congratulated for their efforts and their commitment to those less fortunate in our world.

We look forward to another successful Vinnies Justice Day next year during Catholic Education Week where the theme will be “Be the Change You Want to See In the World”.

From the Pastoral Associate ... ... ...
Mrs Leanne Prichard
DAFFODILS FOR SALE
Thank you to everyone who purchased daffodils over the last week. All funds raised will go to Vinnies programs. Thanks again to the Mini-Vinnies students who gave up their lunchtime to collect the daffodils from Maryknoll.

INAUGURAL STUDENT RE CONFERENCE AT GYC
Last Friday, twenty Grade 9 and 10 students went to the inaugural student RE Conference hosted by GYC. The students joined with 150 other students from Catholic schools across Tasmania to explore the theme “Be the Inspiration”. Guest speakers included Fr Greg Barker and Cedric Mulumba, who challenged students to “Be the Change they want to see in the world.”

Students attended workshops about Christian music, World Youth Day, motivation through sport, social justice etc. They caught up with past St Aloysius Students who were involved in parts of the day. They also participated in the prayerful parts of the day contributing to a large mandala made of colored rice. The day was a huge success and we hope that this will now become an annual event.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013
Final preparations are being made for the celebration of First Eucharist this weekend. Candidates were presented with a copy of the Lord’s Prayer at the College/Parish Mass. Last week they attended small group masses where Father Chris unpacked the mass for them, and on Saturday, many attended an afternoon retreat where they learnt more about the Eucharist and even baked and shared bread together! Please pray for these students as they prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist for the first time.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS
On Monday afternoon, some of our parish volunteers had afternoon tea together with Father Chris. These volunteers give up between one and four hours a week to assist in classes on the Kingston Campus. Some of them have been volunteering for five years now, and we are so grateful for their commitment and generosity.

NEW CROSSES FOR BOTH CAMPUSES
Thanks to Mrs Camille Newton and Mr Joe Sandric for bringing back crosses from their overseas trips to add to our cross collection on both campuses. Mrs Newton’s cross was from America, and Mr Sandric brought back two crosses (one for each campus) from Chartres Cathedral in France.

LOUI’S VAN BISCUIT DRIVE
Thanks to parents and families from 3WF who baked treats last week. This week families from 3R are encouraged to bring in some homemade goodies for Loui’s Van.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thanks to the Grade 10s who prepared last week’s Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, attended by a number of parishioners. Special thanks to Joe Brady from Grade 9 and Mr Simon Eade who played music for this Mass. Grade 5/6 B have prepared this week’s Mass. Parents are welcome to attend at 10.25am.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

SAUSAGE SIZZLES
Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who assisted with the Kingston Sausage Sizzle held on Tues 13th August and the Huntingfield Sausage Sizzle held on Wed 14th August. The Sausage Sizzles raised over $1,000 for our College. Further details will be provided in the next P&F Newsletter. Thank you.

THE ‘BOOT SCOOTIN’ BONANZA’
The P&F “Boot Scootin’ Bonanza” Dinner held on Saturday was a huge success. 100 guests were in attendance with most wearing a little bit of country while some others went all out. Those who went to a lot of trouble looked amazing. Darren Denehey won a prize for the best dressed male and Veronica Palmer won best dressed female. Other guests won prizes including $500.00 worth of financial advice from Shadforths, $150.00 worth of Dulux Paint, $100.00 Village Gold Class Vouchers, meal vouchers and many more. Thank you to all who attended and to those who supported the dinner by donating prizes. Mystery entertainment included beautiful singing by Hui Furness accompanied by fellow musician Ross Smithard and a display of almost synchronised boot scooting from some of our lovely teachers led by Megan Taskunas. It is hoped we raised in excess of $3,000. A more detailed list of winners and sponsors will be provided in the next P&F Newsletter together with some photos of course! Toni McGinniss.

FAIR MEETING
The next Fair Meeting will be held tonight Wednesday 21st Aug commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room located under the Church. Point of Contact is the Fair Coordinator Sandra Brady 0428 675 046 bradys@clearmail.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
A flyer will be sent home later this week providing details of the Fathers’ Day Stall being held at the Huntingfield Campus on Wednesday 28th August and Kingston Campus on Thursday 29th August. If you would like to assist on the day of the stall please contact Angela Cassidy atscassidy@bigpond.com or 0438 393 638.

Angela Cassidy
Parents and Friends President

MUSICAL NOTES
The St Aloysius Choirs from Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at the Clarence Eisteddfod on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30am. Please mark this day in your calendar. Parents are welcome to attend to listen. There is a small entry fee to pay at the door. Further information will be coming home with your student closer to the date.

HUNTINGFIELD CAFETERIA
Due to the majority of students being off Campus at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 27th August the Huntingfield Café will be closed
Vinnies Justice Day 2013

Prayer Assembly

“You’re the Voice Flashmob

Chalk Wall

EXPO

Guest Speakers

Loui’s Van Milos

Workshops
INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED

Dr Linda Silverman presents

Through the Lens of Giftedness

Gifted individuals may look like everyone else, in fact, even pretend to be like others but their giftedness creates a different organisation of self with their experiences differing significantly from the norm. Despite these differences they are often judged by standards based on the norm. Dr Linda Silverman will discuss how the gifted are not as clearly understood, how their typical behaviours may be misjudged as dysfunctional and how significant weaknesses may go undetected as high abstract reasoning abilities enable the gifted to compensate well enough to score within the average range.

All who work with the gifted need to be aware of the characteristics of these individuals in order to recognise what is atypical, rather than comparing the gifted to norms for the general population.

When: Friday, September 6, 2013
Where: the undercroft, Elizabeth College
Time: 8:15 pm
Cost: current financial members $45; non-members $55
All welcome.
Light supper provided

Linda Kreger Silverman, PhD, is a licensed clinical and counseling psychologist. She directs the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development, and subsidiaries, the Gifted Development Center [www.gifteddevelopment.com] and Visual-Spatial Resource [www.visualspatial.org], in Denver, Colorado.

This presentation is offered as part of the full program for Friday evening for the conference Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens. Those registering for this presentation are invited to participate in the whole evening, including the politicians’ panel Bright Futures: A Political Perspective, commencing at 7:30pm

Book your place at http://www.trybooking.com/CJRL

DISCOVER SAILING DAY

"The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania invites your school community to participate in this year’s Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 27 October.

Discover Sailing Day is a chance to visit the RYCT and get out on the water. Students and staff from the school are invited to come along to the club with friends and family and see how much fun sailing can be!

Discover Sailing Day is free to attend and all boats and safety equipment are provided by the RYCT. You can sail in an off the beach dinghy or a keel boat from the wharf.

All you need to bring is clothes and shoes you don’t mind getting wet, sunscreen, a hat and loads of enthusiasm!

No prior sailing experience required."
To get you started we will take you sailing for about 45 minutes. You are welcome to stay longer and enjoy a the Club’s famous sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation. Please register your interest on-line at http://www.discoversailing.org.au/myclub/sa/DSRegistration.aspx?OID=7010 or contact the sailing Manager, Chris Oh on 6223 4599 or sailing@ryct.org.au.

You should also contact Chris if you would like more information, some promotional posters and/or brochures for use at your school. ”

Jayne Nilsen
Executive Officer - Tamania
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)

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**JUNIOR CRICKETERS WANTED**

The Crows offer a fun and family orientated pathway to playing cricket. No matter whether you are a beginner or an experienced player the Club can cater for your needs. We are looking for junior players for all age brackets to fill teams in the TCA Youth League.

Games are played through the week with the club providing specialised coaching and official club uniform for all team members.

Grade 3 - Monday’s
Grade 4 - Tuesday’s
Grade 5 - Wednesday’s
U13’s - Sunday mornings
U15’s - Sunday afternoons

Register your interest with the club ASAP so that teams can be registered for the upcoming season

For further information please contact the club representatives:

**Junior Development Officer**
Marc Owen
0413 012 468
msowen@bigpond.net.au

We also welcome expressions of interest from parents in the Game Day roles of Team Coaches, Scorers and Managers

The 2013/14 Season starts early November so get around your mates and get a team together.
**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 3 DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**
19 – 23  BOOK WEEK
22 – 23  Book Fair at the Kingston Campus Library
19 – 30  Grade 3 – 6 Swimming Program
24 & 25  First Eucharist Masses at Christ the Priest Church
26  Kingston Campus Assembly at 2.10pm
27  Grades 7 – 10 Athletics Carnival at the Domain.
28  Fathers’ Day Stall at the Huntingfield Campus
29  Fathers’ Day Stall at the Kingston Campus

**SEPTEMBER**
4  P&F Meeting at 7.00pm
10  Kingston Campus Assembly at 2.10pm.
13  GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL PERSONS DAY
16  College Board Meeting at 6.00pm
17  Installation of our new Archbishop, Julian Porteous
19  RE Showcase Day
20  Southern Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Event for our Grades 3 – 6 team
20  Book Week Parade
20  P&F - Kinder to Grade 4 Daytime Disco
25  Southern SATIS Athletics Carnival for our Grades 7-10 team
27  Kingston Campus Assembly at 11.30am.
27  Footy Colours Day to raise money for the Archbishop’s Samaritan Fund
27  Term 3 concludes.

**2014 TERM DATES**

**Term 1**
Thursday 6th February – Thursday 17th April

EASTER in 2014 is in the school holidays – Good Friday is 18th April
and Easter Sunday is 20th April

**Term 2**
Monday 5th May – Friday 4th July

**Term 3**
Monday 21st July – Friday 26th September

**Term 4**
Monday 13th October – Thursday 18th December

NB: Teachers commence on Monday 3rd February and finish the year on Friday 19th December.