God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria
Comfort those who suffer violence
Console those who mourn the dead
Give strength to Syria’s neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms
And protect those who are committed to peace.

God of hope,
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies
Inflame the Universal Church with compassion for the people of Syria
And give us hope for a future built on justice for all
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the world.
Amen

Prayer from Catholics Confront Global Poverty, a collaborative effort of USCCB and CRS

FIVE INTELLECTUAL VIRTUES THAT SCHOOLS CAN MODEL AND TEACH
Schools need to go beyond the core tasks of teaching knowledge and academic skills and purposefully instil intellectual virtues. What are these?

THE LOVE OF TRUTH
Even when the findings of science are rejected by some, the desire to seek and find the truth is a paramount virtue.

HONESTY
Honesty enables students to face the limits of what they know, encourages them to confront their mistakes and helps them acknowledge uncongenial truths about the world. Honesty goes beyond refraining from plagiarism and cheating; it means facing up to ignorance and error and accepting reality.

COURAGE
Courage means standing up in a considered and thoughtful way for what one believes is true even when other people disagree – including those in authority.

FAIRNESS
Students need to evaluate the arguments of others fair-mindedly. They need humility to face up to their own limitations and mistakes. They need perseverance, since little that is worth knowing comes easily. They need to be good listeners because students can’t learn from others, or from their teachers, without paying careful attention.

WISDOM
Wisdom is what enables us to find the balance between timidity and recklessness, between carelessness and obsessiveness, between flightiness and stubbornness, between speaking up and listening up, between trust and scepticism, between empathy and detachment. And wisdom is also what enables us to make difficult decisions among intellectual virtues that may conflict. Wisdom helps us to be fair and open-minded while also being faithful to the truth.
How do we teach these virtues? Primarily by example - in how teachers ask questions, how we pursue a dialogue, when and how we interrupt, how carefully we listen, and how often we admit that we don’t know something. Teachers are always modelling and the students are always watching.


VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP ADRIAN DOYLE
Today, Archbishop Adrian visited the HC where we farewelled him, thanked him for his interest in our College and presented him with farewell gifts, one of which was facilitated by Miss Julia Wilson, Prep WI. Students from Grades 4 - 10 attended the presentation. The Archbishop had morning tea with the staff after the Prayer Service and gift presentation.

STAFF NEWS
On Monday, we welcomed back Mrs Leanne Prichard after having been on overseas leave. Mrs Gabrielle Fisher commenced her maternity leave this week. Miss Frances Cole will teach Grade 1FC full-time until the end of the year. Ms Carmel Shelverton will commence her maternity leave from the beginning of Term 4. Her last day will be Friday 27th September. Ms Anne McWatters will teach Grade 1S in Term 4. Ms Simone Reynolds will be returning to the HC Office in Term 4, working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Sharlene Duggan will continue to work in the HC Office on Mondays and Tuesdays in Term 4.

At the end of this year, Mrs Janelle Milne, one of our Kindergarten teachers, will be transferring to John Paul II Catholic School at Rokeby. Her position is one of the three positions advertised last weekend. The other two positions are replacement positions for Mrs Fisher and Ms Shelverton, who will be on maternity leave for Terms 1 & 2 in 2014, returning to part-time in Terms 3 & 4, 2014.

Attached to today’s newsletter is a copy of the advertisement for the three positions.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY – THIS FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
Mr Gerard Cronly, our Religious Education Coordinator, has been very busy organising the events for the day, with the capable assistance of many staff and students. The P&F will be providing tea and coffee stations at the KC, while Mrs Linda Bonnitcha and the VET students will be organising the morning tea at the HC.

# Each KC class will be bringing plates of food to share with their visitors in their classrooms.
# Grade 5 & 6 students are asked to bring plates of food to share with our visitors in the Library.

The day will commence with a Prayer Service in Christ the Priest Church, followed by morning tea and visits to Kingston Campus classrooms.

At 11.00am our visitors will be welcomed at the Huntingfield Campus by Mrs Bonnitcha and the VET students who will provide refreshments in the Library. Our guests will be able to enjoy drama and music performances and Robotics displays.

OUR PRIMARY CHOIRS AT THE CLARENCE EISTEDDFOD
Our Grade 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 choirs successfully participated at the Clarence Eisteddfod yesterday. The students were beautifully presented in their uniforms and we are extremely proud of their achievements. Thank you to Ms Marla Leitch for your wonderful preparation of the choirs.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
We will be holding our annual Footy Colours Day on 27th September, the last day of Term 3. Students and staff are asked to wear their favourite team colours, be they AFL, soccer or rugby team colours, and bring along a gold coin donation. The money raised will be directed to the Archbishop’s Samaritan Fund, which distributes assistance to Tasmanian families in need.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to Hannah Donovan, our sole representative at last week’s primary Chess Championships. Well done, Hannah!
STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Please note in your diary for next term, there will be a student free day on Friday 25th October – the day after the Royal Hobart Show Public Holiday.

NAPLAN REPORTS
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the national tests in May this year will be sent home during the week beginning Monday 16 September.

Students in all government, Catholic and Independent schools were tested and all parents across Australia will receive results in a common reporting format.

Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2011 NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will be provided with a complete analysis of their student’s results and parents are invited to contact their child’s teacher in order to discuss any aspect of the tests.

Grandparents’ roles are as diverse as the circumstance of their extended families and often become a family’s first resource in times of crises. Grandparents who always listen and who are constantly available to provide support, are living treasures. The grandparent-grandchild relationship makes an important psychological contribution to a growing child’s development, during those important formative years, by providing guidance, support, care and fun. Grandparents can be there to share a problem and find a solution or may be seen as an emotional safety net to an older child making an important decision.

Grandparents can help establish self-esteem and security for children. They can transmit their values to children without imposing them, whilst accepting their grandchildren as they are respecting their different identities. They can provide the foundation for moral and religious values and the family’s cultural framework. They can provide some of the extras that parents may run out of time for — including extra love, attention and comfort. Importantly, they can show that older people can be fun and there is no need to fear growing old.

Grandparents can be essential for the development, enrichment and socialisation of children. They can quietly find their way into the fibre of a grandchild’s life and stay there even when they themselves have passed on.

Prayer

“Blessed are grandparents, may they be forever cherished by all society and may God’s Spirit be always with them.
Amen.”

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator … … … Mr Gerard Cronly
ONE COLLEGE – TWO CAMPUSES
Oh yes he’s banging on about that again! Well, here is a nuance on the significance of this mantra. I’ve often said that we need to move this statement beyond just a flagship for “events” like the Feast Days or Do-a-thon Day to a principle of how we do things at this College. A case study in this is what Sean Dougan and Robert Howard, two fine young scientists from Year 10, are involved with. Allow Sean to explain:

Robert Howard and I have been going to the Kingston Campus every Monday and Wednesday to undertake an online science course of Nano Technology. The course is done via an online web-link similar to Skype®, which enables us to see, hear and interact with students and teachers from around Australia. We have to do this course at the Kingston Campus because they have the NBN, which enables us to have a fast connection and an uninterrupted learning experience. We can only go to the Kingston Campus due to the very generous help of a Parish volunteer, Peter Tracy. Peter has driven us to the Kingston Campus every Wednesday, and driven us back to the Huntingfield Campus after our one hour lesson is done. His help, and that of the other staff at St Aloysius Catholic College, who have organised the lessons for us, has been invaluable in our learning in this field.

What Sean is describing here is a new way of thinking about enrichment. It focuses on the skills and capacities that we possess as a whole College and enable us to utilise them to improve learning outcomes for students. Last week I spoke of Teaching and Learning being a major focus for us as One College moving forward. Stay tuned for more examples of what Sean is describing here being the way we enrich.

(PS… I think it’s the calibre of their RE teacher that makes them such great scientists!)

FOOTY
Speaking of traditional enrichment in traditional areas, two of our students at Huntingfield did really well in footy this year:

Congratulations to Lachlan Clifford (8K) on winning the Beakley Medal for Best and Fairest in the Under 14 STJFL competition. A huge achievement! Well done, Lachie!

Congratulations also to Lucas Griggs (7B) on being runner up for the Beakley Medal in the Under 13 STJFL competition. Well done, Lucas!

CYBERCITIZENS
How do we support our children and students as parents and teachers in this technologically savvy world? We have begun the conversation, well Chris Littlejohn, our ICT Manager, has by “building” a website for teachers and parents full of information on the subject. It even asks for your views and opinions? Why not log on and get informed? It’s a work in progress so have your input. The website link is:

www.cybercitizens.wordpress.com/

LET THEM RUN FREE!
Recently, the staff made the decision to open up the oval to all grades from Kinder - Grade Four. This was a fantastic decision, as the oval is now being used by students for a whole range of sporting and acrobatic experiments. I was a strong proponent for this decision because at a younger age I just wanted to run and roam with my friends. While initially we did see some more conflict in the playground, the staff were fantastic in teaching the children how to play appropriately. The mantra of Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is if someone isn’t behaving appropriately, teach them explicitly appropriate behaviours. Catholic Education promotes academic success, but maintains that spiritual, physical, emotional and behavioural development are vital factors in success. We have a wonderful student and parent body who actively contribute positively to the climate of the school. Everyone occasionally has a bad day, for a Campus of 420 students plus fifty staff, we must expect a few challenges. We are a Campus of 420 students, yet we generally encounter only minor setbacks. I put this success down to three things, our
strong Betta-Bee PBS system, our wonderful, caring, proactive staff and strong guidance and positive support from our parent body. Watching so many students participating in activities on the oval has reinforced for me the joy of childhood and the strength in the spirit of St Aloysius Catholic College. As a community, we are creating positive behaviour and memories for students that will lead to success in life. As the weather continues to warm, I look forward to seeing the warmth of childhood shine through in the playground.

THE FIRST SILVER BADGE
Congratulations to Taia Graham in Prep WI for being the first Kingston Campus Student to receive a Silver Badge.

ASSEMBLY TIMES
Congratulations to 1K for hosting the assembly on Tuesday, September 10 at 2.10pm. It was a colourful and joyous assembly. After lamenting technical difficulties for ten minutes after the assembly, a young student from Prep told me it was ‘The Best Assembly Ever’. Childhood is wonderful - optimism and positivity are such great gifts that we (and particularly children) possess.

The last assembly of the term is on Friday, September 27: 11.30am – Hosted by Prep WH (Footy Colours Assembly)

All families and friends of the College are welcome to attend AND DRESS UP IN THEIR FOOTBALL GEAR for our last assembly of the term. Expect fun and a few renditions of It’s a Grand Old Flag.

PIP AND POOC
Today students from Kinder to Grade Two were lucky enough to watch Pip & Pooch by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre. It was a wonderful show. A special review and pictures will be included in next week’s newsletter.

BOOK WEEK PARADE AND DISCO
A reminder that our Book Week Parade & Disco are next Friday 20 September. Separate notices will go home about both events later in the week.

As you may be aware, the Catholic Cross Country Carnival clashes with our Book Parade and Disco next Friday 20 September. If your child is competing in the Catholic Cross Country Carnival, we would still like to give your child the opportunity to participate in the Book Parade. Cross Country students are invited to dress up next Thursday 19 September and will be filmed for the Book Parade. In relation to the Grade Three/Four disco at 2.00pm students will return from running at 2.15pm and will participate in the disco for the remainder of the day.
FAIRER WORLD FESTIVAL

Last week, on Thursday and Friday, students from Grades 5-10 attended the Fairer World Festival. Thanks to Mrs Donna Duggan and Mr Nick Bakker for accompanying these students. Please see below a couple of reports from students who attended the festival:

On Thursday, 5th September, various student representatives attended a ‘Fairer World Festival’ at The University of Tasmania. This featured inspirational speakers, such as Akram Azimi (2013 Young Australian of the Year) and Tim Kenworthy (founder of Useful).

Students also were part of various workshops run by these workshop providers: Australian Red Cross, Justice Action Network, Oaktree Foundation, Oxfam Australia, Brightside Farm Sanctuary, Vision Generation, Amnesty International Australia, Global Poverty Project, Go Fair, Environment Protection Authority Division Tasmania, Climate Action Hobart, Hobart College Students Against Racism, Youth Network of Tasmania, AuSSI - Tasmania and Caritas Australia.

Various workshops included 'The Secret Life of Bottled Water', 'How Fair is your Food?', and 'Animal Rights & Wrongs', just to name a few.

Our College also had their own stall! The stall was about the various fundraisers that our Vinnies & Mini-Vinnies students have organised this year.

Personally, the workshops I went to were great! One of the workshops I went to was called 'How Fair is your Food?', and was organised by VGen. Some questions that were asked included: Where does your food come from? Who made it and how much do they earn? What’s the difference between fair trade and Fairtrade?

Below is a link to an inspirational youtube clip about Fair Food: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsI4Kec9os

Overall, this Festival made us want to do something for the community! And make a change to Global Poverty!

Faire World Festival review by Gianni Puli
Year 6 Faith & Mission Leader

Grade 7-9 Fairer World Festival - Friday 6/9/13

After a bumpy bus ride to UTAS, we arrived (in one piece), at an event called the, 'Fairer World Festival'. The Fairer World Festival is set up by an organisation, 'A Fairer World' and we were lucky enough to go there. The theme for this year was fair food and the idea that we could be ‘MAD’ and Make A Difference. We began with an introduction and then went off in small groups to workshops. The various workshops were based on sustainable living, fair food, politics and how to help advertise the fairer world campaign.

We met the young Australian of the year, who gave an inspiring speech about his life and how he helps others. During recess and lunch we could visit different workshops set up by different companies and schools. Our school had a workshop displaying our Justice Day and Vinnies work.

We would like to thank Mr Bakker and Mrs Prichard for organising this inspiring day. We hope that we can get this opportunity again, it was not only a learning experience but also really fun.

Amelia Doyle and Niamh Brady - Grade 8
PRAYER FOR PEACE IN SYRIA
As you would all be aware, the situation in war-ridden Syria is hopelessly dire at the moment, with the recent use of chemical weapons and the imminent threat of international intervention.

Pope Francis this week has called for all Catholics to find time this week to commit a day to prayer and fasting for the people of Syria. Fasting is a long-held Christian tradition used to focus the mind and heart on prayer and reflection. We normally do this during Lent and other special feast days. It does not necessarily mean going without food all day, but rather giving up or exercising restraint in order to focus on turning ones heart to prayer.
There is a prayer for Syria at the start of this newsletter for your own personal use.

If you would like some more information about this, visit the link: http://www.romereports.com/palio/pope-calls-on-catholics-to-pray-and-fast-for-peace-english-10904.html#.Ui2omjZTjR or let me know.

2013 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Congratulations to all of our students who made their First Eucharist a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to their families for their involvement in preparing these children for this important step in their faith journey. Thanks too to the members of the Parish Sacramental Team for their encouragement and support.

FIRST EUCHARIST PHOTOS
A form will be sent home this week for families to order First Eucharist photos. Thanks to Deb Williams and Dyana Griggs for generously giving up their time to take photos at the Masses.

LOUI’S VAN BISCUIT DRIVE
Thanks to parents and families who have contributed to the Loui’s Van Biscuit Drive over the last few weeks.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thanks to Ms Freeman and her Grade 8FM RE class for preparing last week’s Mass. Tomorrow’s Mass has been prepared by Grade 9CH. Parents are welcome to attend at 10.25am.

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

The online world is full of fantastic opportunities for you and your children. At the same time there are dangers to be aware of, just like in the real world.

TIP OF THE WEEK
Digital Citizenship is a concept that helps teachers, technology leaders and parents to understand what children should know to use technology appropriately. Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool - it is a way to prepare young people for our digital society. Digital citizenship includes the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use and positive online interactions. (http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/).

DID YOU KNOW?
When you engage positively, you are exercising your rights and responsibilities as a digital citizen, and respecting the rights of others. You bring respect, integrity and ethical behaviour to your online interactions and discourage anti-social behaviours like trolling, bullying and harassment (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/digital-citizens/engage.aspx).
GIVE THIS A GO
Use this video to start a discussion with your child: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/tagged/

LINKS
http://www.cybersmart.gov.au


www.cybercitizens.wordpress.com

REMEMBER
The internet and social networking are very important to young people. Talk to your child about what it means to be a constructive digital citizen so they can benefit from the opportunities while building their cyber skills for life. Being a good digital citizen includes speaking up when they see someone, even their best friend, acting against these principles. Remember, it is important that they do not fear you removing their access to the internet if they tell you something – strike a balance.

ALERT
Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Cyber Safety awareness presentation will be held at St Aloysius Huntingfield campus at 6pm on Tuesday 24 September. Put this in your diary – all welcome.

COLLEGE ICT DIRECTIONS 2014 & BEYOND
Information has been sent home to all families regarding ICT directions for the College in 2014 and beyond. Detailed information is available under the Teaching and Learning section of the College website. To access, please click on this link ICT 2014 and beyond

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATIONS TO HELP CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE
Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, St Aloysius Catholic College is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

St Aloysius Catholic College is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. Throughout our College we have a range of internet safety initiatives to assist children to be safe online.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations will be held on:

- 24th September at the Huntingfield Campus for Grades 5-10 students during the day; for staff after school and for parents/guardians at 6.00pm.
- 25th September for Grade 3 & 4 students during the day.

To register your attendance at the parent/guardian session on 24th September at 6.00pm at the Huntingfield Campus, please contact Mrs Kate Bridge kate.bridge@catholic.tas.edu.au as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.