MUSICAL NOTES
Congratulations to Oliver Ditcham in Grade 9 for his song entry into Music Count Us in 2013. The Judges awarded him a high commendation for his excellent submission in the song writing search in this National competition.

Entries for the Shaker Maker competition for Grade 1 and 2 close on Thursday, 19th September. Bring your shaker to the music room. Be sure to put your name on it!

Mrs Marla Leitch
K-6 Music Teacher

GRADE 7 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following Grade 7 students who have won awards over the weekend:

Kye Newson (7BM) won the Under 13 Black’s team Best and Fairest Award and Lachlan Ayliffe (7CK) was runner up. Both boys play AFL football for the Kingborough Tigers Football Club. Kye beat Lachlan by only 1 point.

Stephen Hoddy's (7JB) Kingborough Tigers Under 13 Gold team won the grand final against Lindisfarne.

Riley Pitchford (7BM) won the Kingborough Lions Socer Cluv Under 14 Best and Fairest Award for Team Blue.

Georgina Newton was in Melbourne over the weekend playing Table Tennis.

Mrs Sally Broadribb
GRADE 7 TEACHER

BOARD NEWS
At its meeting on 16 September 2013 the Board:

- Approved a School Fees and Levies Policy which will be published on the College’s website in the near future and is attached to this newsletter
- Discussed plans and ideas for upgrading of the Kingston campus during 2014.
- Discussed the Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations to be held on 24 and 25 September 2013 at Kingston and Huntingfield Campuses, respectively. These presentations are designed for parents, teachers and students and are provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. This is such an important area that parents need to understand and have strategies to deal with. The problems that can eventuate can be catastrophic and are all too real. The Board urges parents to make the time to attend these important sessions.
- Acknowledged the students to whom middle school scholarships for 2014 have been awarded. This follows the difficult task of assessing a number of high standard applications and submissions. The Board congratulates the recipients and encourages those who missed out this year to apply again for 2015. Scholarships for 2014 have been awarded to: Macy Charles, William Ditcham, Serafina Brady

Mr Ric De Santi
BOARD CHAIR

SENIOR DRAMA PERFORMANCE
Welcome to the world of Anton Chekhov, an eccentric writer who suffers from severe writer’s block.

The 2013 Senior Drama class present an amusing Russian comedy that follows the mind-wandering adventures of Anton Chekhov. He, partnered with some other unconventional characters, find themselves
in a few rather odd situations. Laugh with them as they explore their strange circumstances, question their debatable theories and snigger at the misfortune they face as these far from ordinary personalities take to the stage. Tickets available from the front office - Gold Coin Donation at the door.

Ms Bree Crocker
7-10 Drama Teacher
Applications are invited for the following position at St Aloysius Catholic College:

**Kindergarten Teacher Assistant – (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)**

The above position is for term time in 2014 (40 weeks) only.

Applicants must:
- Actively support and promote the Catholic ethos of the College.
- Support the collaborative learning environment of the College.
- Be innovative, professional and enthusiastic in their approach to learning and teaching.

Enquiries and requests for an Application Package are to be directed to Mrs Samantha Wilton on 6229 0100 or samantha.wilton@catholic.tas.edu.au

Applications stating full details of qualifications and experience, together with supporting documentation and the names and contact details of three referees, are to be forwarded to:

Mrs Elaine Doran  
Principal  
St Aloysius Catholic College  
PO Box 353  
Kingston 7051

Applications close at 3.00pm on Thursday, 26th September 2013.
SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES POLICY

RATIONALE

Financial assistance is a tangible way for St Aloysius Catholic College to provide opportunities for the financially less fortunate families within our community to enrol their child at our College. No child should be denied a Catholic education because of the cost of fees. In accordance with the current Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission Vision and Mission Statement, the policy endeavours to:

- respond to human need with compassion, fairness and justice that respects the dignity of all, and
- actively engage with and support the marginalised and disenfranchised within our community and the wider society.

School fees and levies are necessary to provide an effective source of revenue, to supplement Tasmanian and Australian Government Recurrent Grants and to provide sufficient funds to operate the College. The Australian Government requires the College to generate private income and not to be solely reliant on funding from Government sources.

PURPOSE

1. School fees and levies are formulated by the College Board, Principal and Business Manager to achieve the desired level of private income that reflects the provision and maintenance of services required by the College.

2. School fees are formulated within the fee band guidelines or other guidelines as determined by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office (TCEO) for all systemic Catholic schools in Tasmania.

3. Levies are formulated in conjunction with College staff considering the educational needs of students and the perceived limits of affordability of College families.

PRINCIPLES

1. St Aloysius Catholic College is accessible to all families willing to support the Catholic ethos regardless of their personal, financial and pastoral circumstances.

2. No family who supports the Catholic ethos should be denied a place at the College because of an inability to afford full fees.

3. The Principal in collaboration with the College Board using the general guidelines outlined in this policy is responsible for identifying and supporting those families who may need assistance.

4. The provision of school fees assistance should be at the discretion of the Principal based on a pastoral interview and a completed fees assistance application form.

5. Allowance should be made in the College’s budget for fee discounts and fee reductions in accordance with percentages as determined by the TCEO.
1. School fees and levies are determined by the College Board from year to year and are usually set in the latter half of the year for the next school year.

2. The Principal, Business Manager and Campus Directors calculate levies after consideration of the needs of the College.

3. In extraordinary circumstances, additional fees and levies may be charged during a school year. Where possible, parents will be given a minimum of a term’s notice of any fee or levy change.

4. Fees and levies are charged annually in Term 1 and may be paid:
   a) Annually in advance OR
   b) In nine (9) equal monthly instalments.

   Arrangements outside these terms can be negotiated with the Principal and/or the Business Manager and are at the discretion of the College.

5. Payment of fees and levies may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY or direct debit procedures. The College’s preference is for payment for direct debit or similar arrangements.

6. Families with three or more children attending any Tasmanian Catholic School or College may elect to receive an annual tuition fee discount. The recommended minimum fee discounts which are offered as follows:
   a) Three children - 10% discount for each child in a Tasmanian Catholic school
   b) Four children - 20% discount for each child in a Tasmanian Catholic school
   c) Five or more children - 30% discount for each child in a Tasmanian Catholic school.

7. The fee discount application process provides a family with three or more children with an opportunity to apply for a fee discount that should be granted without the need for any further enquiry.

8. The College will be compassionate with families who are experiencing genuine financial difficulty. Families must make an annual application to the Principal on the designated 'Fees Assistance' application form accompanied with supporting evidence of income and expenditure to support the application. Options that may be considered where assistance is warranted are:
   a) Alternate frequency of fees and levies payment.
   b) Deferred payment arrangements for fees and levies.
   c) Reduction of fees and, in extreme circumstances, remission of fees and levies.

9. Families shall make application for assistance with payment of fees using the designated application form. This application form is to be accompanied by supporting evidence of families' income and expenditure.

10. Application for assistance with the payment of fees are forwarded to the Principal, who in consultation with the Business Manager, may request an interview with applicants to negotiate an appropriate arrangement for either an alternative payment strategy or reduced or remitted fees.

11. Parents will be informed in writing of the decision and/or approval of the application.

12. All arrangements for the payment of College fees and levies are deemed to be confidential.

13. A holding fee may be applied if a student is absent from the College for an extended period of time. It is deemed that an extended period of time would be one term’s duration or longer.

14. Where a child leaves the College during a term fees will be charged on a weekly pro-rata basis.

15. Where a child commences at the College during a term fees will be charged on a weekly pro-rata basis. The Principal may depart from this guideline for pastoral reasons in specific family circumstances.
16. Levies shall be paid for all students and no refund will be made if students leave during a term.

17. The process for the collection of College fees and levies takes into account the necessity to maximise revenue and the need to take appropriate and timely action for the recovery of outstanding debts. If reminder letters or personal contact have failed to produce a positive response to the recovery of outstanding debts, the Principal in consultation with the Business Manager may decide to place outstanding accounts with a collection agency, which will work on the College's behalf to recover the outstanding fees and levies.

18. This policy will be implemented at the discretion of the Principal.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s policy review cycle.

Approved by the St Aloysius Catholic College Board:  September 2013

Implemented:  September 2013

Related Policy:  Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission's School Fees Assistance Policy