PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my minds searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness
Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming
to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy.

AMEN

THANKSGIVING MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY
Thank you to the many families who attended our end of year Thanksgiving Liturgy and Awards Presentation. We were privileged to have Archbishop Porteous attend and lead us in the Liturgy. Also attending were Fr Chris Hope, Dr Trish Hindmarsh and several guests who presented awards to Grade 4 and Grade 10 students. Thank you to Mrs Leanne Prichard and her large band of helpers – student leaders, readers, musicians and singers – for the absolutely beautiful ceremony, in which we thanked God for his blessings during 2013 and where we farewelled our amazing 2013 Grade 10 students.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their contributions to St Aloysius Catholic College:

The St Aloysius Catholic College Board Middle School Scholarships:
Serafina Brady, Macy Charles, William Ditcham
The Guilford Young College Bursary: Denbeigh Bogert
The Archbishop Adrian Doyle Award: Denbeigh Bogert
The Kingston-Channel Parish Award: Adrian Newlands and Amber Vince
The Sisters of Charity Award: Serafina Brady and Abigail McIntosh
The Joylan Scholarships: Joseph Brady (Music) and Emily Vince (literature)
The Principal’s Award: Nicholas Shelverton and Dylan Geeves
The David O’Byrne Making a Difference Award: Jack Moles and Amelia Fry
The Kingborough Council Citizenship Award: Maddison Cordwell and Amelia Fry
The Rotary Club of Kingston Academic Award: Joshua Hoyle
The Scientific Endeavour Award: Adrian Newlands
The Arts Award: Alex Donnelly
The Sport Award: James Smith
Care for Others Award: Ysabel Tueno
The VET Award: Dylan Geeves
The Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award: Amelia Fry

From the Principal … … Mrs Elaine Doran
CAMPS! CAMPS!
Last week we held very successful camps for Grade 8 boys and girls. The Grade 6 students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Canberra and three Grade 6 girls had a great time in the Grade 6 alternate program in and around Hobart. This week the Grade 9 students are off to Camp Clayton on the North-West Coast for their camp.

THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR IS RAPIDLY DRAWING TO A CLOSE ... ...
With only two and half weeks of school to go, it is becoming extremely busy.
- The Prep – Grade 2 students will complete their two week swimming program this Friday.
- The Grade 6 students and their teachers will be attending Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Friday.
- The Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea is on 11th December at 2.00pm. Mrs Prichard has issued invitations to all our volunteers.
- Reports and 2014 class lists will be issued on Friday 13th December.
- The P&F is hosting Carols by Twilight on Friday, 13th December at 6.00pm. You would have received a flyer about this event.
- Our Orientation Day is scheduled for Monday 16th November.
- We have Advent and Nativity Prayer Services coming up.

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator ... ... ...          Mr Gerard Cronly

ADVENT
The most familiar and celebrated New Year’s Day is on the 1st of January. However, it's not the sole New Year’s Day in the year as 1st of July brings the New Financial Year and the fourth Sunday before Christmas, heralds the start of the New Church Year for Christians. This fourth Sunday is also the commencement of the Season of Advent, the season during which we await the arrival of Christ on Christmas Day.

Although the colour for the season of Advent is purple, it does not signify the same penitential spirit as for Lent. Rather, purple was the most expensive of the dyes used to colour clothing in ancient times and so was reserved for royalty - to welcome the Advent of Christ the King.

Sometimes, we Christians are so involved with the busy preparations of the Christmas celebrations, we forget that the main purpose in Advent is to prepare ourselves in heart, mind and deed to welcome Jesus who comes to us in different ways:

* He came to us in our humanity at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago.
* He comes to us in the Eucharist and in the readings of scripture; he speaks to us in our consciences.
* He comes to us in the person of the needy, the suffering, the dispossessed.

We should be ready to welcome Him whenever he comes, however He comes.

PRAYER
“Lord, in the rush of day to day things,
we often leave You out of our life's activities.
Enliven Your Spirit within us
this Advent, so that we may engage You
to be part of each day's doings.”
Amen.
Grade 6 Alternative Program 2013
MESSAGE FROM THE KINGSTON STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

We had the second of our auditions for the A-Factor (Talent Show) on Friday. It was awesome. Our next audition is at recess and lunch on Friday 6 December.

The Kingston SRC

2014 CLASS LISTS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, any correspondence about the 2014 school year should have been addressed to the Principal or Director of Campus by 25 November. Any correspondence is considered, but please be aware that requests will not always be granted. The Principal and the College Leadership Team make the final decisions about class selections. As a school, we must look at the ‘big picture’ and ensure that we make decisions in the best interests of all students. Being new to the Kingston Campus, I have been very impressed at the amount of hard work, compassion and professionalism teachers displayed when constructing class lists.

LIBRARY BOOKS

As the year draws to a close, our lovely teacher in our Library, Mrs Godwin, has the challenging task of tracking down all the library books. This process is taking place over the next three weeks. Some students currently have books that are outstanding and overdue. Mrs Godwin is hoping that most of these books will be found when classroom collections are returned. If a book is not found, Mrs Godwin will send a letter to applicable parents explaining that it would be courteous to donate a book of choice to the library as a replacement for the lost book. It is important as a school that we take care of our collection and also that we teach students important lessons in responsibility.

CALLING ALL DANCERS

Mrs Reynolds is after any beige or pink dance shoes that you might have lying around the house. She is also on the look out for any pink and skin colour tights families may have. Mrs Reynolds is busy preparing for the Nativity on Tuesday 17 December.

ASSEMBLY & LITURGY TIMETABLE

Tuesday 17 December, 11.15am - The Nativity, Hosted by 3R and 1B
Wednesday 18 December, 1.30pm - Hosted by Grade Four & the SRC

INFANT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Infant Athletics Carnival date has been confirmed as 18 December. This is the second last day of school. The carnival will commence at 9.00am.

ADVENT BEGINS

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of this busy season, find time to stop and connect with the real meaning of the season. Caritas this year has developed an online advent calendar with an app suitable for iPads and iPhones.

It is a great app and you can download it here: www.caritas.org.au/advent

ADVENT CHILDREN’S LITURGY

For the next few weeks, our Children’s Liturgy Team have prepared a great program for children who attend our 10.00am Sunday Masses. The children will be working on their own special crib. It is a lovely way for our children to really prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. All children are most welcome to be a part of this program.

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

By now all families should have received an invitation to our Thank You Afternoon Tea for Volunteers will be held in the Sisters of Charity Centre on the Kingston Campus on Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm. A reminder that, for catering purposes, please return the RSVP slip by the end of this week.
ADVENT RECONCILISATION SERVICES
On Thursday 12th December, there will be the opportunity on both campuses for any interested students, staff and parents to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. The Huntingfield Campus service will be held at 9.30am, prior to the final Mass at Huntingfield for the year, while the Kingston service will be held at 2.00pm in the afternoon in the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Congratulations to all our candidates who made their First Reconciliation last week. Both evenings were wonderful, reflective celebrations. Thanks to the families who prepared the children so well, the staff who came along to support these students as they take this next step on their journey of faith. Special thanks to the members of the Parish Sacramental Team for preparing the Parent-Child sessions and for supporting the families. These children will go on to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next year.

VINNIES GIVING TREE/HAMPER APPEAL
Our Vinnies and Mini-Vinnies groups at the Huntingfield Campus are inviting families to bring in a gift to place under the Christmas tree in the Kingston or Huntingfield Office foyer from Monday 5th December. The gift is to be wrapped and labelled for either a boy or girl and the approximate age the gift would suit. We are also accepting donations of non-perishable items to put in Vinnies Christmas hampers. These gifts will then be presented to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) at our final campus assemblies. Vinnies will then distribute them to families in need at Christmas time. If you are able to assist with this very worthwhile project, we would be most grateful.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
Tomorrow I will be accompanying two of our students, Denbeigh Bogert and Daniel Prichard, as well as 35 other Tasmanians, to Melbourne to attend the Inaugural Australian Catholic Youth Festival. To build on the energy and enthusiasm from World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008, the Australian Catholic Bishops are hosting this festival which will be attended by close to 3000 young people from across the country. We will be attending workshops and large gatherings on a number of topics. There will be music, prayer, EXPOs, lots of fun and energy, as well as time for reflection and faith sharing. It should be a wonderful event. There will be a report and photos from the event in next week’s newsletter. You can check out the amazing program at www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au/

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thank you to 5MD who organised last week’s Mass. This week Mr Cronly and the students from Grade 8K have prepared Mass. Parents are warmly invited to join us for Mass in the Chapel at 10.20am.

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
SEXTING
Sexting is when self-created sexual photos or videos are shared via internet-connected devices or online posts. If your child has been involved in sexting, there are things you can do to help them manage the situation. Snapchat (http://icybercitizen.net/parental-concerns/snapchat) has become popular for sexting as kids mistakenly believe that images cannot be copied and re-shared. This is not the case.

Teens are on show—their mistakes are public
Watch this video with your child: http://youtu.be/TtEGAcLBTTA

Why did they sext?
Researcher Danah Boyd says teens share images for all kinds of reasons...to express developing sexuality, to impress or be liked and to keep up with what they think is the norm. Most images are shared within relationships and most teens don’t expect images to be shared with others, with the exception of a few who hope they will gain fame.*

How do I support them?
• If their image has been viewed by others they may be publicly bullied and have sexually inappropriate comments made about them by friends and strangers, including adults.
• Providing support will help buffer the impact of bullying. Keep them connected to trusted friends and family online and offline. Stop them reading offensive comments. Keep an eye on them and get others to do so as well. If you are worried or your child is vulnerable, seek professional support.

Minimising the spread of images
• Act fast to help prevent this. If schoolmates are involved the school may be able to help.
• Help your teen identify where the images might be and send take-down requests to all sites.
• Send messages to all kids who may have received an image asking them to delete immediately.
• Help them block any people who make offensive comments about them and report them to the police if necessary.

The law
While it can be a crime to take and share sexual images of people under 18, the police don’t usually prosecute if there is no harm to those involved. They are more likely to get in trouble with the law if they have deliberately shared a photo or video of someone without their consent, especially if they meant to embarrass or humiliate them.

School support
If you are concerned about your child’s involvement in a sexting incident, please make contact with us here at St Aloysius, as we may be able to help.

Cybersmart.gov.au has a range of age-appropriate online information and related links to support parents in the education of themselves and their children.

For the full article: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Cyber%20issues/Sexting.aspx

COLLEGE - GENERAL NOTICES

Have you checked out our own icybercitizen.net web site? It provides up to date information and help about ICT at our College.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
OPENING HOURS FOR 2013-2014
December 2013
Wednesday 4th Normal Trading 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 6th Normal Trading 8.15am – 10.15am/2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 11th Normal Trading 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13th Normal Trading 8.15am – 10.15am/2.00pm – 3.30pm
Monday 16th Evening Trading 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 18th Normal Trading 2.00pm – 3.30pm
January 2014
Wednesday 29th Back to School Uniform Sales 3.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 30th Back to School Uniform Sales 3.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 31st Back to School Uniform Sales 9.00am – 1.00pm

BLAZERS
Grade Four students continuing on to Grade Five at the Huntingfield Campus are required to wear a blazer. Please come into the Uniform Shop to be fitted as soon as possible, this will allow time if a student’s size is not available one can be ordered ready for 2014.

SECOND HAND ITEMS
Good quality uniform items that are no longer required are welcome at the Uniform Shop through our second hand service. If you wish to purchase second hand items it is cash sales only.

ORDER FORMS
If you are unable to come into the Uniform Shop during opening hours, order forms are available from either campus office and on the College website. Once orders have been received they will be filled and sent to your child’s class. Payment must accompany your order, e.g. cash, cheque or credit card.

HATS/CAPS
It is compulsory for all students to wear a hat during Term 4. Hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop and both College offices at a cost of $10.00 each.

LAYBYS
Layby’s are welcome on all uniform items. Layby payments can be made with cash, cheque or credit card.

PLASTIC BAGS
With the new regulations regarding plastic bags effected 1st November this year, all families are encouraged to bring their own recyclable bags for clothing purchases. The Uniform Shop will have a small supply of the new bio-degradable bags if required.

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES DAYS
Trading hours for the Uniform Shop have been extended to cater for new students arriving at the College and to allow extra time for existing students to start preparing for 2014. As you would appreciate, the Back to School Uniform Sales Days are extremely busy and long wait times can occur. I would encourage any student who may need new items for 2014 to plan ahead and come into the shop or place an order NOW in readiness for next year.

VOLUNTEERS
As mentioned, the Uniform Shop will be extremely busy this term. To reduce wait times and assist parents and students, any parents who are able to help on the days listed would be much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer some time, please email the dates and times you are available to sacc.uniformshop@catholic.tas.edu.au or leave your details at either College office.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Uniform Shop soon.

Melissa Dance
UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

LOST
Size 14 blazer, clearly labelled belonging to Bryn Scarfe (6HD)
SCHOOL BANKING
The last day of School Banking/Kookaburra Club for 2013 will be Thursday 12th December.

Thank you to those families who have supported the School Banking Program and we trust the children’s bank account balances are growing as quickly as the children are.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time during 2013 to ensure the work associated with the banking has been completed.

Toni McGinniss
On behalf of the School Banking Team

P&F AGM MEETING
The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held tonight Wednesday 4th December commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room located under the Church. If you would like to become more involved with the P&F, we are seeking volunteers for 2014. If you would like further information regarding any of the positions, please contact the P&F President – Angela Cassidy (0438 293 638 atscassidy@bigpond.com) or the P&F Secretary - Joanne Brooks (0437 296 866 sandysamdog@yahoo.com.au). Thank you. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COLLEGE & PARISH FAIR RAFFLE PRIZE
The Winner of the 1st Prize from the Raffle is unable to use the prize. The Prize is a Silver Membership for 12 months at the Kingborough Sports Centre Valued at $636.00. If anyone is interested in purchasing the prize for $300.00, please contact Angela Cassidy (0438 293 638 atscassidy@bigpond.com). It would be a great Christmas present.

CAROLS BY TWILIGHT
All Families should have received a flyer regarding the Carols By Twilight to be held at the Huntingfield Campus on Friday 13th December 2013 from 6.00pm. Please come along and celebrate the Advent season and the closing of the 2013 school year. Please RSVP to either Briar Ayliffe (0409 223 392 ayliffebldh@bigpond.com) or Wendy Nielsen (wanielsen@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 10th December 2013. Thank you.

Angela Cassidy
P&F ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

COLLEGE YEAR BOOK
The 2013 College Year Books have now arrived and look fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Deb Williams for all the hard work preparing them. Pre-orders have now been filled. Should you have not pre-ordered, there are extra available for purchase. Complete the order form below and return to either College Office with the payment or call into either office to make an over the counter purchase.
The yearbook is a record of the life of the College in 2013. It is currently in the final stages of production and will be available in December.

The yearbook is approximately 150 colour pages and includes all students from Kindergarten to Grade 10.

Cost is $25 per book, and the order form below, together with payment, can be left at either office.

Regards,
Mrs Deb Williams  Mrs Elaine Doran
Year Book Coordinator  Principal

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FAMILY NAME __________________________________

Name of student ______________________ Grade _____

I require _______ copies of the St Aloysius Catholic College yearbook and I have enclosed $_________
MEDIA STATEMENT

Catholic Education Welcomes Funding Certainty

National Catholic Education Commission Executive Director, Ross Fox, has welcomed today’s announcement that the Abbott Government will deliver funding certainty for Catholic schools for the next four years.

“The Catholic sector commends the Prime Minister and Education Minister for providing this certainty for all schools.

“With this announcement we now have certainty over both the quantum of funding and the funding model determining the funding available for all Australian schools,” Mr Fox said. “Funding certainty is essential so that Catholic schools and systems can plan to support the current and future needs of students and staff.

“The Catholic sector also welcomes the Government’s commitment to reduce unnecessary red tape and compliance contained in the Education Act.

“The National Catholic Education Commission has called for these commitments, and today we commend the Government for committing unequivocally to deliver certainty to schools and systems for the next four years through an agreement that includes all sectors, states and territories.

“Catholic education is committed to working closely with the government through the scheduled reviews as part of the agreed arrangements to support the needs of all students over the next four years and beyond,” Ross Fox said.

Mr Fox said Catholic education commissions will also benefit from $55 million over four years which is provided for in the Australian Education Act, and has been confirmed today, to assist Catholic education systems transition to new funding arrangements from 2014.

There are 1,704 Catholic schools that educate 1 in 5 Australian children. Catholic education includes students from all backgrounds, including from some of the most disadvantaged communities, and operates a system of needs-based funding for its schools.

ENDS
2 December 2013

Contact: Gerard Delaney, 0413 274 176
FOR SALE

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

Mitre 10 Fork in the Road
Kingston
From 9:00 am, Cash Only

Weekends 7-8 and 14-15 December
Enquiries/Orders 0439 995 649

Blackmans Bay Scout Group Fundraiser

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2013
Santa will once again be cruising around the Kingston /Blackmans Bay area on the fire truck, eager to handout your favorite lollies.
HIGH PERFORMANCE CRICKET TASMANIA
along with
DYNAMIC SPORTS HOLDINGS
presents

2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SUMMER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

WHO:
BOYS AND GIRLS - 6 TO 9 YEARS OF AGE

WHERE:
HIGH PERFORMANCE CRICKET TASMANIA
KINGBOROUGH INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE
KINGSTON VIEW DRIVE, KINGSTON

WHEN:
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8 &
THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2014
9.30AM – 12.30PM

WHAT:
HIGH ACTIVITY, MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION GAMES OF:
INDOOR CRICKET
FUTSAL
MODIFIED AFL GAMES
MIXED SPORT ACTIVITIES
DRINKS AND FRUIT SNACKS PROVIDED

COST:
$35 PER CHILD, PER DAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR THE CAMP
PLEASE CONTACT SHANE AT HIGH PERFORMANCE CRICKET
Email: shaneholland@highperformancecricket.com.au
Phone: 6211 8212
TERM 4 DIARY DATES - IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4/12  P&F AGM at 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 4/12 – FRIDAY 6/12  GRADE 9 CAMP AT CAMP CLAYTON
THURSDAY 5/12 – SATURDAY 7/12  AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL IN MELBOURNE

Friday 6/12  Grade 6 Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral
Wednesday 11/12  Kingston Campus Advent Prayer Service
Wednesday 11/12  Kinder M Nativity
Thursday 12/12  Kinder J Nativity
Friday 13/12  Kinder R Nativity
Friday 13/12  EOY Reports issued to parents
Friday 13/12  P&F Carols by Twilight at the Huntingfield Campus starting at 6.00pm
Monday 16/12  Prep – Grade 9 Orientation Day
Monday 16/12  College Board AGM at 6.00pm
Tuesday 17/12  Grade 5 & 6 EOY Excursion
Wednesday 18/12  Kingston Campus EOY Assembly at 1.30pm
Thursday 19/12  Huntingfield Campus EOY Assembly at 11.30am

THURSDAY 19/12  2013 SCHOOL YEAR CONCLUDES FOR STUDENTS
FRIDAY 20/12  2013 SCHOOL YEAR CONCLUDES FOR STAFF

2014 TERM DATES

Term 1  Thursday 6 February – Thursday 17 April

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

Term 2  Monday 5 May – Friday 4 July
Term 3  Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September
Term 4  Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December