Wednesday 11th December 2013

From the Principal … …  Mrs Elaine Doran

ADVENT PRAYER

Almighty God, I hear it over and over: you are coming to me. I feel my heart stir in anticipation, and I sense that you are inviting me to enter more deeply into the mystery of your birth. Help me to feel renewed patience settle in my heart, and to lift my face in joy. I have been like a lost lamb, but I hear your voice calling me and I feel how deeply you want me to return. Somehow I know that you rejoice in my desire to find you. Help me not to be afraid to say out loud, to believe: Here is God, coming into my life.

AMEN

TOO BUSY: EVEN TOO BUSY FOR LIVING?

In this time of Advent are we too busy to stop and reflect on the imminent coming of the Christ Child, who comes to us at Christmas? Our busy lives can sometimes overflow at this time of the year.

Every now and then, we all need a little “stop and ponder” moment, just to take stock of how our life is going along. The following few lines might give us a “ponder” or two on an all too familiar topic:

“We’re too busy it seems
to take time for dreams
or to go for a walk in the sun.
Too busy today, no time for play
too busy just getting things done.

Too busy to watch the children play
we don’t hear half the things they say.
Will our hearts be filled with misgivings,
when we learn we’ve been
too busy for living?”

It is true that the more we expect of life the busier it becomes and the more complicated and cluttered it gets. Inevitably, this leads to less time we have available to appreciate the good things we have in life. Confucius definitely had it right when he said, “Life is really simple, but we insist in making it complicated.” There is a danger that family life can be affected for at the end of a busy day each family member is both tired and overstimulated. Each person is seeking love in the family as well as healing and emotional nourishment. All too often weariness, frustration and irritation boil to the surface and family conversation can become bitter and sharp instead of gentle and kind. It’s a true case of not being able to give what we do not have, even when it is our loved ones who are in need of our giving.

Our “wants” and “desires” can cause our life to rush past us. Probably, we all need to spend time on ourselves to ensure our physical and spiritual welfare and so that: “…. Our hearts will not be filled with misgivings, and we’ve not been too busy for living.”

Is there anything in our lives that we need to change? Are we ready to celebrate at Christmas the love shown to us in the coming of the Saviour?

THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR IS RAPIDLY DRAWING TO A CLOSE … …

With only one week of school to go, we have some Prayer Services and celebrations … …

- Reports and 2014 class lists will be issued this Friday 13th December.
- The P&F is hosting Carols by Twilight this Friday starting at 6.00pm.
Our whole College Orientation Day is on Monday 16th December. New staff and students will be attending.

Mrs Su Heyward and the Grade 6 students will be presenting their Wakakirri performance on Monday 16th December.

Excursions and activities days have been planned for students on both campuses.

End of year assembles will be held at the Kingston Campus on Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm and at the Huntingfield Campus on 19th December at 11.30am.

We have Advent and Nativity Prayer Services:

- Kinder M Nativity on 11th December at 2.00pm
- Kinder J Nativity on 12th December at 9.00am
- Kinder R Nativity on Friday 13th December at 9.30am
- Kingston Campus Advent Liturgy on Tuesday 17th December at 11.15am
- Huntingfield Campus Advent Liturgy on Thursday 19th December at 11.30am, followed by EOY assembly

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be on the P&F Association’s Executive Committee and to the many other parents who have volunteered to organise events and activities for the College in 2014.

President Mrs Angela Cassidy
Vice-President Mrs Debbie Wills
Secretary Mrs Joanne Brooks
Treasurer Mrs Toni McGuinness

From the Huntingfield Campus Director … … … Mr Joe Sandric

Three invitations for you to consider:

**Carols by Twilight** are on Friday. I’ve been working with the P&F and the students of this Campus on the details and this year’s inaugural event is going to be epic! Come along and sing… You know you want to!

Plans are underway for our **Orientation Day** on Monday 16th December. This year’s orientation will see all students go to their new 2014 classes in the morning session. Maybe you might like to come and have a look around? Feel free to, and I outline the details below so you can fit in…

- **8.40am – 8.55am** Homeroom in 2013 Homerooms for existing students
- **8.55am** Buddies come over to the Main Office
- **8.55am – 9.10am** Bugs and Bees
- **9.00am** New students met by Student Leaders 2014 and their buddies outside Main Office and led to their Homerooms
- **9.10am** All students with their new Homeroom teacher for 2014
  - **Family members in the Drama Room for Welcome and then have a tour of the Campus**
- **10.35am** Recess
- **11.30am** Huntingfield Campus End of Year Assembly in the Gym. This will be led by the Student Leaders and will include a Christmas sing-along!
The SRC would like to invite you to our final Campus assembly next Wednesday 18 December at 1.30pm.

Bella McShane, SRC

LIBRARY BOOKS
As the year draws to a close, our lovely Librarian, 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 is responsibility.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NELSON MANDELA
The world has been saddened this week by the death of Nelson Mandela, aged 95. This Saturday 14th December there will be a memorial service to honour and remember this amazing man at 3.00pm at St Mary’s Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

THANK-YOU AFTERNOON TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to all the volunteers who came along to our Thank You Afternoon Tea this afternoon. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the many contributions made by all our volunteers this year. Special thanks to our student leaders for their assistance today.

VINNIES GIVING TREE/HAMPER APPEAL
A reminder that our Vinnies and Mini-Vinnies groups are inviting families to bring in a gift or non-perishable food items to place under the Christmas tree in the Kingston or Huntingfield Office foyer from 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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Tomorrow, students, staff and parents on both Campuses will have the opportunity 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 Campus service will be held at 2.00pm in the afternoon in the Church. All welcome!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
Last week, I was fortunate enough to take two of our students, Dan Prichard and Denbeigh Bogert, to the inaugural Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. In the words of Bishop Hurley from Darwin at the final Mass at Festival Hall, “Whoever says the Church in Australia is dead is dead wrong!” If this festival is anything to go by, it is alive and kicking! We are most grateful to the Kingston-Channel Parish who sponsored our trip. Here are Dan and Denbeigh’s reflections on this wonderful event.
Last Thursday, thirty-eight Tasmanian pilgrims flew to Melbourne to celebrate the first ever Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The festival ran over the course of three days, and over three thousand young people gathered to attend various workshops at the Australian Catholic University, experience music and various forms of worship from different cultures, and share the Eucharist together with a final Mass held at Festival Hall on the Saturday night.

The festival made a huge impact on all of us, and I felt so happy to know that the Catholic faith has not only made an impact on me, but is a huge part of thousands of young Australians’ lives. From sharing food and song in the courtyard with pilgrims from different states, to dancing in the mosh-pit alongside the nuns to Fr Rob Galea’s music, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival really did prove that young people can make a difference, no matter where they come from.  

Dan Prichard, Grade 9EG

I had the absolute privilege of being one of almost 4000 people who attended the inaugural Australian Catholic Youth Festival held in Melbourne. I was able to attend a number of workshops, each dealing with different issues that we see around our world, and even in our own society every day. Each experience provided a whole new perspective of the Catholic Church. The festival really highlighted just how modern and alive our church really is. Many young people shared experiences, music, dance, faith and laughter, and I think that is what made it so memorable, the fact that we were all there for the same reason, to share our young church with one another.

I left Melbourne with a whole new perspective on not only the church, but aspects of life itself. New friendships blossomed, and an enormous amount of memories created. In two years time, when the festival is held once again, I hope to see an even bigger, stronger Tasmanian representative base.

~ De Bogert

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
Would your child like to be involved in our Parish Christmas Liturgy on Christmas eve? A note was sent home today regarding times for practices for this special event. Thanks to Miss Taskunas and Miss Keddiyty for assisting with the Parish Nativity this year.

HUNTINGFIELD MASSES
Thank you to Mr Cronly and the students from Grade 8K for preparing last week’s Huntingfield Mass. Our final Mass for the year will be held in the Chapel at 10.20am and has been prepared by Miss Graham and 9EG.

Weekend Parish Masses: Saturday 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
BACKING UP YOUR DATA

Your data is anything you have stored on your primary computing device that is important to you – documents, pictures, videos, music. It is only as safe as the device on which it is stored.

1. No backup = NO SECURITY
   If your data is only stored on your primary device (e.g. your laptop) then you have one set of data and no backup. If this device fails or is lost, you have also lost your data.

2. One backup - on user owned device = SOME SECURITY
   In this scenario you have an external hard drive or network storage that you use to backup the important data from your primary device. *Note that flash drives are not considered to be a reliable form of backup storage. They are designed for the transport of data, not long-term storage.

   A backup device works best with backup software installed on your computer. This enables backups to be automated.

   Apple provides an excellent integrated automatic backup solution for their OSX devices called Time Machine: http://www.apple.com/au/support/timemachine/

   Most external hard drives come with automated backup software pre-installed. 3rd party backup applications are also available.

3. Two backups - on user owned device and in the cloud = HIGH SECURITY
   An additional safeguard is off-site storage, such as in the “cloud”. The “cloud” refers to off-site, remote services. In this scenario, you have three copies: one on the primary device, one on the backup device and one in the cloud. The likelihood of losing your data is extremely low.

   Some cloud storage options:
   Google Drive is a cloud service that allows you to create, save and upload documents and pictures to the cloud to be stored on Google’s own hard drives. With Google Drive also installed on your computer, you can retain your own copy of the data, synchronising it with copies on Google’s servers:

   Microsoft Outlook is a similarly integrated online office suite and data synchronisation service providing online document creation, editing and collaboration:

   Apple’s iCloud is a cloud based data synchronisation service:
   http://www.apple.com/icloud/

   Other cloud services like Dropbox, do not offer integrated tools like word processing, but do allow you to synchronise your data off-site, with 5GB for free:
   https://www.dropbox.com/
   For alternatives to Dropbox:

What about Tablets and smartphones?

iOS devices like iPads and iPhones can be backed up using iTunes (by connecting the device to your computer by cable or wirelessly) and iCloud. Apps can be downloaded from iTunes at any time so need not be backed up.

Android devices can use Google Drive and the various backup and sharing services offered by Google via their Google account service. Apps can be downloaded from Play Store, so need not backed up. Also, because Android enables access to the device’s filing system it is also possible to manually backup data from an Android device. There are also backup apps: http://www pcmag com/article2/0,2817,2423270,00.asp

**Have you checked out our very own icybercitizen.net web site? Have a look now!**
LOST
Size 10 school jumper, clearly labelled Callum Ellis. If found please return to Callum in 4L.

LOST
College Jumper clearly named Ella Crayford. If found please return to Ella in Prep Wh.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

REMINDER

SACC’S CAROLS BY TWILIGHT
THIS FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER
AT HUNTINGFIELD CAMPUS
FROM 6.00pm.
COME RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE!!!
* FREE EVENT *

A copy of the program can be accessed on the College website by visiting the ‘Latest News Section’
**Battery-operated candles are available from either College Office or on the night ($2 each or 3 for $5)**
*** Bring a picnic rug or fold up chair, and your supper ***
**** Remember if bad weather, carols will be in the gymnasium ****

Please note this is an alcohol-free event
See you there to spread the Christmas cheer!

RAW CHALLENGE COMES TO ST ALOYSIUS
The Raw Challenge is a mud run with an obstacle course. It requires team work, fitness and guts!
I have had interest from a few students to enter a school team and I would like to open it up to any
students aged 14 or over, as well as parents and teachers. We would be entering in the 8km course,
which has 30 obstacles.

Date: 22nd Feb, 2014
Time: Will allocate on entry of team
Venue: Nugent
Cost: $69 (We will get a 5% discount if we have a team over 5 or 7.5% discount if over 11 members).

Because this event books out fast I would like to enter the team before school breaks up. So if you are
interested and have that amount of spare cash at this time of year (good Christmas present!!), please
send Mrs Ottaway your email address and I will be in touch with you to arrange payment. Email -
marcelle.ottaway@catholic.tas.edu.au

(Mrs) Marcelle Ottaway
7–10 HPE Teacher

SCHOOL 7-A-SIDE RUGBY UNION 2014
St Aloysius has been invited to participate in a schools’ 7-a-side Rugby tournament next year. This is
open to all secondary school students, both boys and girls (different teams). At this stage the details are
limited, but it will either be a one-off Saturday gala day or over a few Friday nights. Coaching is included,
so first timers are encouraged. The event will be early in Term 1, so I would like to gather the names of
interested parties this year. If you are interested please send your name and email address to Mrs
Ottaway - marcelle.ottaway@catholic.tas.edu.au

(Mrs) Marcelle Ottaway
7–10 HPE Teacher
Mitchell Rollins, Kyle Griggs and Brock Cordwell from Grade 7 all completed our Motor Boat Licence on Monday.

The theory lesson for our Motor Boat Licence course was on Wednesday 4th December. It went for an hour after school. Our instructor, Greg Brooks came to school and ran this for us.

On Monday 9th December, we went to the Sandy Bay Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (R.Y.C.T.) for our practical lesson. We took turns driving the surf rescue boat with a Yamaha 60HP motor. We were in the boat for an hour and a half.

Some of the highlights from doing our test included getting swooped by seagulls, needing to make a mayday call into the radio but not yelling it, driving one-handed, checking if the boat was pumped up, and our teacher almost bouncing out of the boat.

After the practical session, we went in to the RYCT clubhouse for some theory revision and our test. To pass, you needed to get the first ten questions all correct, and you could only get 5 of the remaining 20 questions wrong. The pass rate for the test was 75%. We all got great results with Kyle and Mrs Broadribb getting 100%, Brock getting 93% and Mitchell with 86%!

Our Instructor for the Motor Boat Licence course was Greg Brooks at the Sandy Bay Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (R.Y.C.T.). If you would like to do your Motor Boat licence, you only need to be 12 years of age. You can contact Greg Brooks at the R.Y.C.T. He is nice, helpful and easy to understand. Call him on 6223 4599, mobile 0438 091 015, email training@ryct.org.au or visit the RYCT website at www.ryct.org.au

By Mitchell Rollins, Brock Cordwell and Kyle Griggs.
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 $__________
Welcome Morning Tea – Thursday 6th February 2014

To Parents of our College students,

The Parents and Friends Association (P&F) warmly invites you to come along for a cuppa and chat on the first day of school Thursday 6th February 2014. Please come to either the Sisters of Charity Centre at the Kingston Campus or the Library at the Huntingfield Campus from 8.30am onwards.

This is a great opportunity to meet up with other parents, either those already known or some new faces. We especially invite all 2014 Prep parents as you celebrate your child’s move to full-time ‘big’ school.

If you would like to assist with the morning tea by helping on the day or by providing a plate of food, please contact our Catering Coordinator Bec Sward swarbec@gmail.com no later than Monday 3rd February 2013.

Warm regards

Angela Cassidy
Parents & Friends President
atscassidy@bigpond.com
0438 293 638
## Summer Vacation Care Program 2014

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Vacation Care is a licenced program
The program is suitable for children aged 5 - 13 years and operates between 8am - 6pm

- Bookings are essential
- Families are required to enrol with the program prior to first booking
- Help with the cost of care (Commonwealth Childcare Benefit) available to eligible families
- Children are required to bring hats, a change of clothes, coats and lunch daily
- Please remember we ask children and families to not bring any food that contains nuts as we are a Nut Aware Service.
- Morning and afternoon teas provided.

Huon Valley Council Children’s Services
91-93 Main Street, Huonville TAS
Open Monday to Friday from 8am - 5.30pm
Telephone 6264 0333

INFORMATION SHEET

Please contact the Children’s Office for a copy of the information sheet to find out times the children will be leaving on excursions and what to bring each day.

Office contact details below.
Total Tennis Tuition

Children's Holiday Tennis Clinics

Venues: University-Sandy Bay or Lindisfarne
Duration: 3 Days & 2 Days
Dates: 23-24/12/13
6-8/1/2014
15-17/1/2014
29-31/1/2014

For Enrolment or Information
Call Grant
Phone: 6247 7116 or
e-mail: grant@totaltennis.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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