From the Principal, Mrs Elaine Doran

A Blessing for School Student Leaders

Powerful Spirit of God, you guide us and light our way.
Bless our elected students as they take on the role as leaders of our College.
Bless our community as we encourage and support them in their leadership role.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COLLEGE/PARISH MASS
Last Sunday, Christ the Priest Church was filled with staff and families as we celebrated the new school year at our first College/Parish Mass for 2015. The congregation was introduced to our Student Leaders and the College Leadership team and staff members were commissioned by Fr Chris for their important work this year. Thank you to Fr Chris and Mrs Leanne Prichard for the preparation of the beautiful Mass, the staff who participated during the Mass and the students who took on different roles at the Mass. It was a significant way to demonstrate our College/Parish links.

MEET & GREET THE TEACHERS AND P&F WELCOME BBQ
Many thanks to the parents and guardians who attended the Meet & Greet and the P&F Welcome BBQ last Friday. Although the weather was rather unwelcoming, the staff and parents had time to mingle, chat and enjoy the delicious food on offer. Please note that Parent Information Booklets are available on our website for all Prep – Grade 10 year levels. Please download for your information.
Thank you to the members of the P&F, who prepared, cooked and served food and drinks. This event is always a great way to meet new staff and news families.

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STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to:
- Miss Megan Taskunas and Mr James Hickey on the announcement of their engagement last week.
- Mrs Carmel Sills and her husband, Brandon, on the birth of their second child, Cameron Bennett Sills on 26th February.
- Mrs Melissa Dance who was successful in her application for a part-time administration position at the Huntingfield Campus. Mrs Dance has been appointed to work two days per week during school terms during 2015 and will commence on Tuesday 10th March.

OUR COMMENCEMENT MASS

Our Commencement Mass is this Friday, 6th March at 10.00am in the Huntingfield Campus gymnasium. Parents/guardians are most welcome to attend. Our 2015 student leaders will be presented and commissioned at the Mass. All students are to wear their sports uniform on Friday.

Following the Mass, all Kindergarten to Grade 10 classes will be ‘buddied’ together for various activities at both campuses. Kinder, Prep and Grade 1 will be with their buddies Grades 5, 6 & 7 at the Kingston Campus, while Grades 2, 3 & 4 students will join with their buddies Grades 8, 9 & 10 at the Huntingfield Campus.

CONGRATULATIONS TO … …

Alexander McKillop (Grade 7M) on his recent rowing accomplishments. Alexander is the State Champion in Division 2, 500 metre, Legs/Arms/Trunk Para rower and in doing so broke the record in his division. What a magnificent achievement, Alexander.

2015 GRADE 10 STUDENT LEADERS

Our Grade 10 student leaders are to be congratulated and thanked for their willingness and commitment to take on leadership roles this year:

**College Captains**
Hayley Cordwell and Tom Loveluck

**Faith and Mission Leaders**
Maxwell O'Brien, Caleb Stanford-Deane and Marn Vollmer

**Academic Leaders**
Bronte Charles and Emma Hunt

**Arts and Culture Leaders**
Sam Howell and Eliza Revell

**Sports Leaders**
Ryan Cooper and Belinda Panton

**Environment and Sustainability Leaders**
Jacob Donnelly, Chelsea Jones and Isabel Scanlon

2015 Grade 5 - 9 Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to these students for being elected to the SRC for this year:

**Grade 5**
- Faith and Mission: Liam Duffy
- Arts and Culture: Oliver Saturno
- Academic: Jonah Harding
- Environment: Lola de Kramer

**Grade 6**
- Faith and Mission: Jack Baldwin, Annie Ridgeway
- Arts and Culture: Poppy Wood
- Academic: Jorja Lovell
- Environment: Ben Goss

**Grade 7**
- Faith and Mission: William Wallace
- Arts and Culture: Lachlan Portlock, Oliver Townsend
- Academic: Macy Charles, Jet Jankiewicz
- Environment: Maddalena Hellicar, Bruk Duggan

**Grade 8**
- Faith and Mission: Billy Freeman, Conor Bastock
- Arts and Culture: Hamah Donovan, Georgia Belgre
- Academic: Ella Harding, Hailee Baldwin
- Environment: Rachael Bondich, Emily Macrae

**Grade 9**
- Faith and Mission: Timmy Mison, Holly Coad
- Arts and Culture: Riley Pitchford, Courtney Walker
- Academic: Desmond Marenko, Lachlan Ayliffe
- Environment: Sophie Lovell, Evie Page

2015 Term Dates

**Term 1**
Thursday 5th February – Thursday 2nd April
Holidays from 3rd April - 19th April (includes Easter break)

**Term 2**
Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Holidays from 4th July – 19th July

**Term 3**
Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Holidays from 26th September – 1st October

**Term 4**
Monday 12th October – Thursday 17th December
NB: Teachers finish the year on Friday 18th December.
COMPANIONSHIP – Build personal worth with a child.

Companionship could be described as a journey with another person to impart what is most important to existence and living. Companionships can have a profound impact on what a person does with the gift of their own life. Under positive influences a person can cherish the life in others, hold all life precious and make the best of their own. The companionship of parents, other relatives, teachers and close friends significantly shapes the thoughts and feelings of young children. The example and input from these key sources motivate a child’s way of dealing with life and ultimately, their drive towards success or failure.

Parents have a responsibility to provide food, shelter, clothing and education for their children and children have a right to expect their parents to do so. But all these things, though of great importance, are of an impersonal nature. Companionship between a parent and a child offers enjoyable constructive time together building personal worth—“I like being with you”.

For adults to offer true companionship, they will need to feel comfortable with themselves. When you are alone there is a conversation going on between your thoughts and feelings. Your thoughts and feelings offer you a suitable form of companionship. If you choose these wisely, you will create a productive, deeply satisfying life. It is then that the companionship you offer a child will be positive, uplifting and an influence for growth and harmony within your child.

Jesus offered an insight into the strength he brought to the companionship he had with his Apostles when he went with them into the garden of Gethsemane after he had shared the Last Supper with them. Because of what was to happen the next day, Good Friday, he said to Peter, James and John, “This sorrow in my heart is so great, it crushes me. Stay here to keep watch”. He moved away from the them to pray and when he returned Mark’s Gospel tells us, “Then he came back and found them asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. And they did not know what to say to him.”

Like Jesus, parents have to bring strength and maturity to the companionship they have with their children, be prepared to give and not be disappointed with failure.

Prayer

“Jesus, may your Spirit be within me to assist my efforts as I strive to be a true companion to my children, as you were to your friends.

Amen.”

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator, Mr Gerard Cronly

Parents/guardians and others, who wish to volunteer in Catholic schools such as our College, please note that registrations will OPEN on 1st April, not for volunteers to be registered by 1st April.

All volunteers at St Aloysius Catholic College must hold a WWCC by 1st October this year. In the meantime, volunteers who hold a Tasmanian Catholic Education Office Police Check are still eligible to volunteer at our College until they receive their WWCC registration.

We will still hold an information sign up session in the Huntingfield Campus Library on Tuesday 17th March at 9.00am for volunteers, who may like some assistance to register online. We will have laptops for use at the session and help from our ICT personnel, plus tea and coffee for those who attend. Please RSVP to leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au or on 0409 424 784 by Friday 13th March.

From the Huntingfield Campus Director, Mr Joe Sandric

Dear friends of the College,

Thank you
Thank you to the numerous families who came along to the Meet and Greet and Welcome BBQ last Friday. There was wonderful energy around the place and so many families complimented me on the way their children’s teachers have done a excellent job so far.

Come along on Friday, please!
This Friday we have our Opening Mass, Student Leader Induction and inaugural “Buddy, Play, Jump Day”. Below are the details, so feel free to come along anytime you can:

10.00am Mass
11.00’ish Mass ends. Mr. Sandric to…
• Send Grade 1, 5, 6, 7 and Preps to the bus to go back to KC.
• Explain arrangements for the day for the rest and direct classes out for Recess.
• NB... if it’s raining: We make the decision then.

11.40am Grade 1, 5, 6, 7 and Preps arrive back to KC and go to classrooms + bite to eat
12.10pm First set of activities
12.40pm Lunch
1.00pm Second set of activities
1.30pm Third set of activities
2.00pm Back to classrooms

@ Kingston

11.00’ish Mass ends. Mr. Sandric to…
• Send Grade 1, 5, 6, 7 and Preps to the bus to go back to KC.
• Explain arrangements for the day for the rest and direct classes out for Recess.
• NB... if it’s raining: We make the decision then to have a ”normal day”

@ Kingston
Grade 5 and 6 catch the bus back to HC
@ Huntingfield
Mrs. Doran to host Morning Tea for Student Leaders families in the Library.
11.30'ish to 12.10pm Lunch at Huntingfield. 10min eating with Buddy Class in/outside their classrooms.
12.10pm Back to homerooms
12.20pm First set of activities
1.00pm Second set of activities
1.40pm Third set of activities
2.20pm HC back to homerooms
3.00pm KC classes catch the bus back to KC

One of the focuses for the Grade 10 Student Leaders for 2015 is to continue to strengthen the ONE COLLEGE nature of the school. One of the ways that they wish to do this is by “buddying” a Huntingfield class with a Kingston one. The day is about allowing this to be done by doing fun activities at both campuses. The buddy groupings are:

- Kinder H: Grade 6DR
- Grade 2S: Grade 8GB
- Kinder J: Grade 6DR
- Grade 2OS: Grade 8JB
- Kinder R: Grade 6MC
- Grade 2T: Grade 8NF
- Prep N: Grade 5HD
- Grade 3F: Grade 9B
- Prep OS: Grade 5K
- Grade 3G: Grade 9GH
- Prep W: Grade 5L
- Grade 3SF: Grade 9MB
- Grade 1T: Grade 7B
- Grade 4B: Grade 10B
- Grade 1M: Grade 7F
- Grade 4R: Grade 10CH
- Grade 1W: Grade 7M
- Grade 4W: Grade 10N

**Buddy Activities...**

**At KC...**
Play-a-thon (on Play Area); Parachute Game (on BB Court); and a Jumping Castle (on the Oval).

**At HC...**
Play-a-thon (on 5/6 Area); Parachute Game (On BB Court); and a Jumping Castle (on the Oval).

Get connected to Edmodo!
I ask families to connect to Edmodo, an excellent electronic way for families to keep in touch with what is happening in their child’s classes. This is the second year our staff have been using Edmodo and the feedback from families last year was very positive.

One of our major goals in using Edmodo this year is to have all families connected. To do this you have to go to the College Website and click on the Edmodo option at the top of the page, learn more about Edmodo and then follow the steps to connect.

**From the Kingston Campus Director,**
**Mr Brendan Gill**

**Kingston Development**
I was lucky enough to have a tour of our new administration area and it is wonderful. It includes better staff facilities, space to accommodate our growing staff and most importantly, a new entry to increase safety for our students. In a couple of weeks and we will have access to the new space.

**Meet & Greet**
Thank you to the parents and staff that attended the Meet & Greet afternoon and/or the welcome barbecue. It was a pleasant evening, full of relationship building for the year ahead.

**St Aloysius Commencement Mass**
On Friday, we have the St Aloysius Commencement Mass for 2015. This year our school leaders have planned an exciting day. The school leaders really want to focus on building up our One College, Two Campuses relationships. Because of this, all Kingston classes will have Huntingfield buddy classes. On Friday they will rotate through three activities with their new buddy class. Please note that Grade Twos, Threes and Fours will be at Huntingfield for most of the day, returning to Kingston at 2.40pm.

**Friday Canteen 6/3/15**
Please note that due to the activities on Friday, the Kingston Campus Canteen will be closed.

**From the Pastoral Associate,**
**Mrs Leanne Pritchard**

**First College/Parish Mass:** Thanks to the many students, families and staff who attended our College/Parish Mass last Sunday. Special thanks to our Grade 10 Student Leaders for attending and to the following students who were involved in various parts of the liturgy: Isabel Scanlon, Jasmine Hincks, Kani and Nila Mathivathanan, William Broadhurst, Inara and Natalie Osborne, NiAmh and Siobhan Bawle, Jonas Shelverton, Charlotte Doyle, Madeline Brough, Huon Prichard, Jonah Phelps, Molly, Benjamin and Liam Duffy, Metasebia and Roy Duggan, Simon MacFarlane, Sophie Dance, Serafina Brady and James Downes.

Please find attached a photo page from this Mass.

**Commencement Mass:** On Friday morning, our whole College from Prep to Grade 10 will gather together for the first time this year in the gym at Huntingfield for our Commencement Mass and Student Leaders Commissioning. The Mass begins at 10.00am and will be immediately followed by the Student Leader Commissioning Ceremony. Parents are most welcome to come along.

**Vinnies/Mini-Vinnies Leadership Positions:** After our elections last week, I am very pleased to announce our
leadership positions for our Vinnies and Mini-Vinnies groups for 2015.

Congratulations to:

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These students will be commissioned and presented with their badges of office at a special Mass with Archbishop Porteous at St Mary’s Cathedral on Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm. A letter will be sent home to families later this week about this Mass.

**Caritas Just Leadership Day:** Last Wednesday, six of our Grade 10 students attended a Caritas Just Leadership Day at St. Mary’s College. Together with sixty students from five other Catholic schools, our students learnt about the work of Caritas Australia, the plight of the poor in our world and ways they can help to make a difference for those in need.

On Thursday, we were fortunate enough to have the same guest presenter, Jane from Caritas Australia in Sydney, come and speak with our Grade 5, 6, 9 and 10 students about the uneven distribution of wealth in the world, and ways Caritas assists communities to recover from disasters and work towards a more just world.

**Parent Resource Library:** I have some great books in this library. Two new ones I have just purchased are:

- **“Strictly Parenting - Everything you need to know about raising school aged kids”** by Michael Carr-Gregg
- **“Sexts, Texts and Selfies - How to keep your children safe in the digital space”** by Susan McLean

If you would like to borrow these, or any other books related to parenting girls, boys, teenagers etc, please email me at leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au.

**Huntingfield Masses:** Thank you to Mrs Newton and Grade 8GB who prepared our Huntingfield Mass last week. There is no Mass at Huntingfield tomorrow due to our Commencement Mass on Friday.

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**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:**
- Monday 9am – Kingston
- Wednesday 9am – Kingston
- Thursday 10.25am – Huntingfield
- Friday 5.30pm – St Aloysius Church
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Bathers
We now have a new style of Boys’/Men’s Bathers in stock, prices are $40.00 for the Boys and $45.00 for the Men’s sizes. Students are still able to wear the older style though if preferred. The new style is a Jammer. Below is a picture however ours are in the College colours of Navy with a Lime Green stripe.

Opening Hours:-

The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times in Term 1, 2015:-

Every Wednesday 2.00pm till 3.30pm
Every Friday 8.15am till 10.15am & 2.00pm till 3.30pm
Monday Evening 6.00pm till 7.00pm (16th March only)

Kind Regards

(Mrs) Melissa Dance
Uniform Shop Manager

Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 24th February, the students from Grade 3-6 participated in the annual swimming carnival at the Clarence Pool. The carnival included both 50m and 25m events. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the students participating in events and enjoying the atmosphere of the carnival. Thank you to the staff who assisted in the running of the carnival and the many parents and family members who attended.

Thank you also to the Grade 10 House Leaders and Sports Leaders for their assistance at the finishing line and also in the water supporting our younger students. Your help was greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

A special thank you to the Parents and Friends Association who last year funded cordless timing controls to replace the previous timers we had. The cordless timers were used at both the primary and secondary swimming carnivals and they will be used again at both athletics carnivals. They are a breeze to use and they ensure the carnival runs smoothly. Thank you!

Final Results:
Aloysius 710
Aikenhead 681
Fides 511
Charity 500

Mrs Nicole White
K - 6 HPE Coordinator

LOST
Size 17 blazer belonging to Thomas Walsh of 7F. Could students of 7F please check their belongings in case of a mix up? Thomas’ blazer is labelled.
Photos of Friday Jam at the Huntingfield Campus

Young Women in Harmony

Last Saturday, Hannah Irvine and Sarah Craggs went with Mrs Blythe to the Sweet Adelines Hobart Harmony Choir. The girls will attend for several Saturday rehearsals in preparation for two concerts on May 3 and May 10/17 at Wrest Point.
Staff Commissioning Mass 2015
**MARCH**

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**Wednesday 18th**
Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival at Huonville for Grade 3 – 6 team

**Monday 23rd**
Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Consultations at the HC for all classes from 3.45pm – 8.00pm

**Wednesday 25th**
SATIS Swimming Carnival

**Sunday 29th**
PALM SUNDAY

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st April

**APRIL**

**Thursday 2nd**
HOLY THURSDAY

**Friday 3rd April**
GOOD FRIDAY

**Saturday 4th**
EASTER SATURDAY

**Sunday 5th**
EASTER SUNDAY

**TERM 1 HOLIDAYS – FRIDAY 3RD APRIL TO SUNDAY 19TH APRIL**

**TERM 2 COMMENCES ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL**