From the Principal, Mrs Elaine Doran

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

*Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.*

**LENT AND PROJECT COMPASSION**

During Lent, we at our College support Caritas Australia and Project Compassion, which this year focuses on the ways in which Caritas Australia is working with partners around the world to empower vulnerable people to establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life. It is inspiring to know that we are part of a global movement focused on equality, dignity and justice for all people. Thank you to all families in advance for supporting Project Compassion during this Lenten season. In Pope Francis’ words this is our opportunity “to satisfy the demands for justice, fairness and respect for every human being.”

**THE COLLEGE BOARD**

Thank you and congratulations to the members of the College Board and the P&F Executive Committee who have committed to supporting the College in 2015 and beyond. The staff and I truly value the support, wisdom and expertise that you bring to our important parent groups and the collaborative approach that you take in decision making for the benefit of all our students.

The College Board held a successful ‘Wine and Cheese’ evening last week to raise awareness of the work that the Board undertakes for the College. We are hopeful that there will be a number of parents who will nominate to be members of the College Board. At present the membership is:

- Chair: Mrs Sandra Brady
- Deputy Chair: Mr Simon Andrews
- Secretary: Mrs Sharon James
- Treasurer: Mr Edward Jager
- Ex-Officio: Fr Chris & Mrs Elaine Doran
- Member: Ms Loryn Hair
- Invited: Mr Brendan Gill, Mr Les Gardner & Mr Joe Sandric

**Important Dates**

- 27th March Meet & Greet the Teachers Afternoon P&F Welcome BBQ from 3.30pm
- 1st March College Parish Mass at 10.00am in Christ the Priest Church
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**CAMPS IN MARCH**

- Grade 8 Camp
  - Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th
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  - Group 1
  - Thursday 26th – Friday 27th

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS/PARENT HELPERS**

New Working with Children Check

Please see the General College Notices for this new information.
P&F ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday 17th February, the P&F Association held an Extraordinary Meeting to elect a new Executive Committee. Thank you and congratulations to the parents who have been elected:

President  Mr Dion Flanagan
Vice President  Mrs Selina Munro
Secretary  Mrs Kate Broadhurst
Treasurer  Mrs Lizzie Donovan

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the outgoing P&F Executive Committee. They have done such amazing work over the past few years and the students have benefitted from their outstanding work for the College.

Immediate Past President  Mrs Angela Cassidy
Immediate Past Vice-President  Mrs Debbie Wills
Immediate Past Secretary  Mrs Joanne Brooks
Immediate Past Treasurer  Mrs Toni McGinniss

MEET AND GREET THE TEACHERS
This important informal event is on this Friday, 27th February at the following times:

Kingston Campus  3.30pm – 4.30pm
Huntingfield Campus  3.00pm – 5.00pm

The teachers and I hope to see as many families as possible to have informal chats with you about the school year ahead. A copy of the letter that was issue to parents can be found on our College website.

Information Booklets for each year level will be posted on the College website this week for parents to access prior to the Meet & Greet Afternoon.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS
Two of our swimming carnivals have been completed. The Grade 7 – 10 carnival on Thursday 19 February was an outstanding success. The participation rate was very high, helped by the inclusion of some novelty events at the start of the day. Congratulations to Aikenhead House who are the champions again this year.

The Grade 3 – 6 carnival was held yesterday and again the participation and enthusiasm of the competitors was amazing. Congratulations to Aloysius House for being the champions this year.

# Please note that the Southern Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival is on Friday 13th March.

CONGRATULATIONS TO …
Brooke Saward (Grade 10CH) who was chosen to play in Intrastate Cricket Cup Under 17 Girls Team for Southern Storm. The cricket series, which included T20 games, was played in Launceston in January.

Jake Hodkinson, a former student of the College, on his selection as member of the Australian Junior Slalom Kayak Under 23 Team for the world championships to be held in Brazil later this year.

The Grade 6 House Captains who were elected by their peers: Aikenhead - Charlotte Faella and Jack Moles; Aloysius - Nicholas Shelverton and Amber Vince; Charity - Caleb Nash and Zoe Palmer; Fides - Lachlan Cooke and Chloe Eggleston

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Thank you to the families who have provided their email details for receiving the weekly College Newsletter, which is also available on our website. If wish to receive emailed newsletters, you are asked to email saci@catholic.tas.edu.au with the subject title NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBE.

From the Religious Education Co-ordinator, Mr Gerard Cronly

Prayer

“God, you are the local point on our horizon. Give us the strength to follow the path that leads to you.

Amen”

Lent – A time to take a candid look inside.

As we enter into Lent we are encouraged to take a candid look at our life to see how much at peace we are with ourselves.

Mark’s Gospel tells the story of a man who was far from being at peace with himself. This man had an “evil spirit” in him and lived among the burial caves beside the Lake of Galilee. Many times his hands and feet had been tied with chains but each time he broke free. He was too strong for anyone to control him.

When Jesus arrived at the burial caves, he did not back away in fear from the man. He spoke with the man, delved into the heart of the man’s problems and cast out certain things from the man’s life; He calmed his spirit and healed his soul.

Likewise, Jesus is prepared to face whatever it is that burdens us, whether it be loss of faith, cynicism, infidelity, addition, sadness or grief. He is prepared to listen and help us to cast out of our lives certain things and to restore inner peace.

Lent is a time for stripping down to the essentials, as we focus on our relationship with God. It is a time for letting go of what prevents us from being the person we want to be. During his public life, Jesus faced temptation. He suffered hunger and thirst, betrayal and the agony and humiliation of crucifixion. He did not face these things so that we could be exempt from them but that we could approach our difficulties in life with dignity.
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

Formal Literacy Programs Commence
By now, our formal literacy programs have commenced at the Campus. Students are busily learning the routines and expectations that will help them throughout the year. P-2 classes have their literacy block in the mornings Monday to Thursday. Grades 3 & 4 classes have their literacy block in the middle block Monday to Thursday. This block includes explicit instruction in reading, writing, spelling and oral language. Students move into different classes for certain elements of the literacy block, based on their development.

Kingston Development
We are currently moving resources into our new Library space. Mrs Godwin will be working in the new space over the next couple of weeks, preparing it for use. Class teachers have borrowed a considerable number of resources to ensure that students have access to books during this time. The new administration area is still moving forward.

North Melbourne Football Clinic
Last Thursday, our Grade Three and Four students participated in a football clinic and question & answer session with six players from the North Melbourne Football Club. They learnt some valuable skills and got some tips from the professionals. The questions students asked were most interesting and the players told us about the importance of healthy eating, hard work and a positive, resilient mindset.

Meet and Greet this Friday
Parents are very welcome in our Kingston classrooms from 3.30pm to 4.30pm this Friday afternoon. It is an opportunity to create or build on strong positive relationships with your child’s teacher/s. Many potential problems are overcome when there is clear communication between parent/s and teaching staff. On Friday, parents will be able to collect an information booklet pertaining to each grade level. They will also be placed on the College website.

Please note: Meet and Greet is not required in Kinder.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Bucket Hats & Caps:
These are available from both College Offices and cost $10.00 each.

Ordering:
If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during opening hours, please consider sending in an order form including your payment, the items will then be sent home with your child. Order forms are available on the College website and from the College Office.

Basketball Tops:
Please return any Basketball Tops from 2014 urgently. These must be returned even if your child is playing again in 2015 as they may not have the same colour, size and number this year. Lost tops incur a $40 replacement fee. Individual reminders will be issued this week.

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)

Please do not ask Administrative Staff at the Huntingfield Campus to fill uniform requests. There are Order Forms available if you are not able to visit during opening hours.

Thank you all and I am looking forward to seeing you again in the Uniform Shop this year. I can be contacted on 6229 0140 or via email on sacc.uniformshop@catholic.tas.edu.au

Kind Regards
(Mrs) Melissa Dance
Uniform Shop Manager
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS/PARENT HELPERS - New Working with Children Check:

As some of you may be aware, there have been some changes to the way volunteers are to be registered from now on. The Tasmanian Government’s Department of Justice is in the process of rolling out a new system of registration for those Working with Children and Vulnerable People. All those in paid employment or volunteer roles working with children (U18) and vulnerable people will need to register with the Department of Justice and will be issued with a Working with Vulnerable People Licence (very similar to a Driver’s Licence).

ALL parent volunteers will need to hold this Working with Children Registration.

Although it means a little bit of work at the start, this new system will greatly assist us in doing our best to create the safest environment we can for our children, which is great news!

This new system is being rolled out over a period of time and different types of organisations. All religious organisations must comply with this new system by 1st April, 2015.

This means: ALL COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HAVE THE NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN LICENCE TO BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FROM 1ST APRIL, 2015!

We appreciate if you are able to get your licence as soon as possible, so that it is in place and you are good to go with your generous volunteering for anything that comes up! You will need this for volunteering with children in any organisation.

HOW TO GET YOUR LICENCE

Step 1. Go to: http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application and complete the online application.

Step 2. When you complete your online application it will generate a receipt that you will need to print out.

Step 3. Take your receipt, ID and fee into Service Tasmania. There is a fee of $17.76 for a three year registration for volunteers. You will need to submit an application along with showing ID and making payment of the fee. You will also have your photo taken for the licence.

Step 4. You will receive your licence in the mail.

Step 5. Whenever you volunteer you need to give your licence number to the organisation/responsible person where you are volunteering.

Note: This process can take up to 6 weeks.

To assist with this process, we are organising a “sign up” session for any parent and parish volunteers, who may need assistance to apply online, at the Huntingfield Campus on Tuesday 17th March at 9.00am in the Library. There will be laptops there for you to use and our ICT personnel to assist us, as well as a cup of tea or coffee! Please RSVP at leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au or on 0409434784 by Friday 13th March if you will be attending this session.

We sincerely appreciate your commitment and generosity in volunteering at our College. Thank you in advance for taking the time to obtain your licence so that you can continue to volunteer in the many different roles our volunteers fill. We couldn’t do it without you!!

Have fun!
Ms. Bree Crocker
Creative Arts Coordinator

It’s hard to believe that we are already well and truly on our way through Term One. This nine week term has proven to be a myriad of activity here at St Aloysius as we get into our course work and really begin to unfold all of the wonderful opportunities that we have to offer. In the world of Drama the Grade 7s are getting into their bodies and doing a course in movement. Grade 8 is experimenting with focus, improvisation and the concept of Ritual. Both grades will create a final performance piece that they will have to develop over a few weeks within their chosen groups. Senior Drama is investigating both practically and theoretically the beginnings of Drama with a unit on Ancient Greek Theatre. During this time I will be watching how each of the students work both independently and as a group in order to cast for the Senior Drama production that will take place in Term Three.

On a community level we are all looking forward to the Ten Days on the Island Arts Festival in March that will bring an incredible array of music, drama, dance, design and art to our Island from all over Australia and the world. I hope that you can get along to see some of what this brilliant festival has to offer.

For the program go to: www.tendays.org.au/
The Grade 7-10 swimming carnival on Thursday 29th February was a huge success. A mix of fantastic house spirit and some amazing individual and team performances led to all students, teachers, parents and spectators having a very enjoyable day.

Congratulations to the Aikenhead house on winning the carnival for the second year in a row. This came about as their stand out participation level.

Results:

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Some students performed very well on the day and led to them being named age champions or runner up age champions. This is an excellent achievement for all students and I am extremely proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Champions**

U13: Olivia Nicolson & Jet Jankiewicz
U14: Jacinta Green & Connor Bastock
U15: Emma Dixon & Bradley Vince
U16: Hayley Cordwell & Reuben Jarvela

**Runners Up**

Zoe Fleming & Jake Denton
Merrin Cooper & Hugh Cornish
Courtney Walker & Kai Blackett
Belinda Panton & Elliot Felmingham

(Mr) James Hickey
Grade 7 - 10 HPE Coordinator
Grade 10 Leadership Camp 2015
Kinder R’s visit to the Church
Kingston Student Representative Council 2015

Hi, welcome to the new school year in 2015. We are the 2015 Kingston Campus leaders. Our names are Niamh Bawle, Sam Conway, Maci Lancaster, Oliver Dwyer, Inara Osborne and William Broadhurst. This will be a fantastic year. We will try to represent the students the best we can. Some ideas we have for this year are: a coin line, Justice Day, using the ‘Friendship Seat’ more, producing a joke book for fundraisers and selling something for cancer. We know it takes work, strength, time, kindness and a sense of humour to be a good leader.

Some of us have been here since Kinder, some of us have moved to the school in later years. We all agree St Aloysius is a really good school. There are caring students, we can talk to the teachers if we have problems (we have really nice staff). We are lucky to have such a good education. We are proud and grateful that we were chosen for this position. We hope all students, parents and staff have a great 2015.
**FEBRUARY**

Friday 27th  
Meet & Greet the Teachers Afternoon  
& P&F Welcome BBQ from 3.30pm

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Immunisations at the HC

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MJR for Grade 6

Wednesday 11th  
Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival for Grade 7 – 10 team

Wednesday 11th  
P&F Meeting at 7.00pm

Friday 13th  
Southern Catholic Primary Schools Grade 3- 6 Swimming Carnival at the  
Clarence Swim Centre

Monday 16th  
College Board Meeting at 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th  
Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Consultations at the HC for all grade levels  
from 3.45pm – 6.00pm

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**