From the Principal, Mrs Elaine Doran

The Prayer of St. Patrick
May the strength of God pilot us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
May the word of God direct us –
May thy salvation, O Lord,
Be always ours
this day and for evermore.
AMEN

OUR COMMENCEMENT MASS
The Commencement Mass was a wonderful celebration to mark the start of the new school year and to acknowledge our 2015 student leaders.

Thank you Fr Chris, Mrs Leanne Prichard, Mr Joe Sandric, Mr Brendan Gill, Mr Simon Eade, Mrs Anne Blythe-Cooper, Mrs Di Van Tienan and many other staff members and students for making the Mass a wonderful celebration.

Unfortunately, the activities afternoon organised by Mr Sandric and the Grade 10 student leaders had to be cancelled because of strong winds and rain. It seems that the ‘Do-A-Thon’ days that Mr Sandric and the leaders have organised over the past couple of years have been marred by bad weather. Perhaps when we have St Aloysius Day on 19th June, we may be able to reschedule the activities that he had planned for last Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO … …
Our Grade 4 Student Leaders for committing to leadership opportunities for this year. We appreciate your willingness to lead and to help other students at the Kingston Campus.

PARKING AT THE HUNTINGFIELD CAMPUS
While the majority of parents and grandparents are great examples of parking with the safety of the students in mind, there are some people who are still not following safety precautions when using the Huntingfield Campus car park.

• You are asked to park at least 10 metres away from the fire hydrants at ALL times. There have been some cars parked close to the hydrants, leaving little room for other cars to pass and there have been some near misses.
• Driving on the footpath to get around cars waiting behind buses is a highly dangerous activity and is illegal. This actually happened last week when an adult in a large four-wheel drive car drove onto the footpath, narrowly missing other cars and pedestrians (students).
• Please park in designated car spaces and DO NOT wait in the middle of the car park, thus blocking the way for other car park users.
• Wherever possible, upon arrival reverse into car park spaces.
• And above all, please exercise patience in the busy times after school.

Visit our College website, which has information about the College, its weekly notices, its educational programs and the P&F Association.
www.stalloysius.tas.edu.au

Important Dates

11th March  Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival for Grade 7 – 10 team
11th March  P&F Meeting at 7.00pm
13th March  Southern Catholic Primary Schools Grade 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival at the Clarence Swim Centre
Monday 16th  College Board Meeting at 6.00pm
17th March  Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Consultations at the HC for all grade levels from 3.45pm – 6.00pm
18th March  Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival at Huonville for Grade 3 – 6 team.
23rd March  Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Consultations at the HC for all classes from 3.45pm – 8.00pm
25th March  SATIS Swimming Carnival
**2016 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN**

Application for enrolments for the 2016 school year at the College are now being accepted. Expressions of Interest Forms may be obtained from either College Office.

Please note:

- **Enrolment applications for Grade 7 in 2016 officially close on Friday 24th April 2015.** Interviews for prospective new Grade 7 students will commence this month.
- **Enrolment applications for Kindergarten in 2016 officially close on Friday 8th May 2015.** Interviews for prospective new Kindergarten students will commence early in Term 2.

**COLLEGE NEWSLETTER**

The College has been experiencing difficulties with the delivery of emails to families. This problem should now be resolved. All parents and guardians should now be receiving the email reminder link each Wednesday and Friday. Should this not be the case for you, please check your junk folder. Should the College emails appear here, you will need to mark them as 'safe to receive'. Should the email not appear in the junk folder you will need to sign up for the link to College Newsletter and Notices via the College website. The College web address is:


The - [Subscribe to newsletter notification list](http://www.stalloysius.tas.edu.au/newsletters/) - will ask you to submit your details to a mail out service provided by MailChimp.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)**

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. Online registrations for volunteers open on 1st April.

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**From the Religious Education Co-ordinator,**

**Mr Gerard Cronly**

**Faith Fatigue**

God is still there; He is just out of vision

Sometimes after a plane has crashed on landing or a truck has failed to take a corner and gone straight ahead into a tree, the ensuing investigation and report will suggest “mental fatigue” or “driver fatigue” as the reason for the accident. All of us, because we are human, experience fatigue whether it be physical, emotional, or psychological and if we don’t pay attention to it, it can be destructive of our ability to function as we would wish.

Another common type of fatigue is called “Faith fatigue”, when we don’t turn away and reject God outright, but rather we lose interest in our spiritual side and the religious practices through which we give expression to our spirituality. When we lose sight of God, our faith journey just plods along. It’s just one foot after the other with no purpose in sight. There is nothing more exhausting or draining than that.

If you are in such a condition, then you are in good company for when you read the life of just about any Saint you might choose, it will mention an “arid” time, which might have lasted for months or years. Their spiritual life seemed to have “dried up” and they were left in a spiritual “wilderness” or “desert” as they might have termed it. The point is that you were able to read about it in their life because they “hung on” and stuck it out till better times came.

Sometimes we might think that because we seem to have given up on God, God has given up on us. Many people have thought that, including the person who said to God, “Where were you when I trudged across the ups and downs of sand dunes alone with only one set of footprints in sight?” and received the reply, “There was only one set of footprints because I was carrying you on my back.”

St John in the letter to his Christian community wrote these encouraging words: “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”  

1 John  4: 11-12

These words encourage us to see our relationship with God in the context to our relationship with each other. If we abandon our caring, concern and compassion for each other our relationship with God will follow. It will slowly fade. The relationships are entwined. They are either strengthened or weakened by our choice.

During the course of this year there will be many opportunities that arise that could give relief to our “faith fatigue”. These might be through a school Mass or the reception of a Sacrament by one of our children, a conversation we might have or even something we have read. The thing to remember is that God is still very much part of our life, we just need to bring Him back over the horizon and into our vision.
Dear friends of the College,

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into leadership at the College for 2015. As you can see from the list below, each Grade 10 Student Leader, apart from the College Captains, has a portfolio and a group of Grade 5 to 9 SRC members to work with. The Grade 10s have had a planning day a few weeks ago and have some ideas on what has been done before and that they wish to continue and new initiatives. We all look forward to these groups having a productive 2015 where they each learn a little more about themselves and the “art of leadership”.

**College Captains**

Haylee Cordwell, Thomas Loveluck

**Academic Leaders**

Bronte Charles, Emma Hunt

Jonah Harding, Jorja Lovell, Macy Charles, Jet Jankiewicz, Ella Harding, Hailee Baldwin, Desmond Morcanko, Lauchlan Ayliffe

**Faith and Mission Leaders**

Marni Volmer, Caleb Stanford-Dean & Maxwell O’Brien

Liam Duffy, Jack Baldwin, Annie Ridgeway, William Wallace, Billy Freeman, Connor Bastock, Timmy Mison and Holly Coad

**Arts and Culture Leaders**

Eliza Revell, Samuel Howell

Oliver Saturno, Poppy Wood, Lachlan Portlock, Oliver Townsend, Hannah Donovan, Georgia Belgre, Riley Pitchford and Courtney Walker

**Environment**

Isabel Scanlon, Jacob Donnelly and Chelsea Jones

Lola de Kramer, Ben Goss, Maddie Hellicar, Bruk Duggan, Rachael Bondich, Emily Macrae, Sophie Lovell and Evie Page

**Sports Leaders**

Ryan Cooper and Belinda Panton

The ceremony was a very reverent one and all students are to be commended on the way they participated. One of many highlights was the singing that has become a hallmark of our gatherings together.

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**Prayer**

“Lord, teach us to care about Your Word that is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Teach us to care for and about each other. When we grow weary, Revive us by Your Spirit, so that we may care compassionately for our world and for ourselves. Amen.”

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| NB: Teachers finish the year on Friday 18th December.
From the Kingston Campus Director, Mr Brendan Gill

Kingston Development
The new Kinder/Prep playground is fully stocked with equipment and our students are having a wonderful time!

Goal Setting
This week, students from Prep to Grade Four will be working with their teachers to set some goals for the 2015 school year. This is in preparation for the upcoming Parent/Teacher Goal-Setting Consultations at Huntingfield. The goals will go home at the end of this week and parents are encouraged to discuss these with their children. A separate sheet will also go home for parents containing some guiding questions and a blank box for parents to prepare for the sessions. The sessions in 2015 are focused on a trinity approach – Parent, Student and Teacher working together to get the best out of 2015. Please bring the goal-setting student and parent sheet with you to the sessions. Grade Two to Four students are strongly encouraged to attend the sessions. It is important that students take ownership over their own progress. Parents and teachers can use their discretion in relation to how much of the ten minutes students are present.

Professional Learning Team (PLT) Planning Day
At Kingston Campus this year, we have three PLT leaders: Miss Megan Taskunas, Ms Carol Otten & Mrs Jenine Santalucia. They work with Georgie Fleming, our Teaching and Learning Leader at the Campus, to ensure high standards of instruction and planning. This week they spent two days planning for the 2015 school year. We have arranged regular relief staff for any of their absences to ensure continuity of teaching and learning programs.
From the Pastoral Associate,  
Mrs Leanne Pritchard

Commencement Mass Thanks: Thank you to everyone who was involved in our Commencement Mass last week. Our Grade 10 student leaders did a fantastic job in the opening procession and with the student leader commissioning, and our new Faith and Mission leaders were wonderful reading the prayers, doing the offertory and altar serving. Our Grade Four student leaders also read their pledge beautifully. The students in the choir and band did a great job too! Special thanks to Father Chris and Anthony for leading our Mass, and to Di Van Tienen from the Parish for playing the keyboard for us. Thanks also to Mr Sandric, Mr. Eade, Mrs Blythe-Cooper and Mr Robertson and Michael Howell for all their assistance with the music, set up and pack up of the gym - a huge task- and to Mrs White and her PE class for packing up all the chairs at the end of the Mass.
(Please find attached a photo page from our Commencement Mass.)

Busy Bee Roster starts this week: Our Grade Four Busy Bee Leaders visited Kinder and Prep classes last week to talk about their important role in the Kinder and Prep playgrounds at lunchtime. They have now begun working in the playground at lunchtimes with seven children rostered on each day to help Kinders and Preps feel safe and happy and play nicely together.

Grade 10 Retreat Day: Next Thursday, 19th March, all Grade 10 classes will be attending a Retreat Day at the Huntingfield Campus. Project Hatch from Brisbane will be facilitating the day. As an Australian wide Catholic youth retreat team, Project Hatch have challenged over 18,000 young people to realise their self-worth and impact by being grounded in faith. Their use of live music, fun activities, engaging discussions and impacting stories are all part of what is making Project Hatch days a success in a rapidly increasing number of schools, church youth groups and Catholic organisations. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on the day, and will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. We look forward to having a great day!

Vinnies Commissioning Mass: A reminder that our new Vinnies and Mini-Vinnies leaders and their families are invited to attend the Vinnies Commissioning Mass at the Cathedral at 7pm on Thursday 19th March where the leaders will be presented with their badges of office by the Archbishop. If families could please return the permission slip to the office by next Monday. If you are having problems with transport to this Mass, please let me know.

Vinnies/Mini-Vinnies Purple Day for Peace: Get out all your purple gear ready to wear on Friday 20th March for our annual Vinnies Purple Day for Peace where we raise money for Caritas and Project Compassion. Last year we raised an incredible $1000 in one day! We are hoping to raise even more this year with special incentives to get ALL students and staff to dress up and be involved.

For a gold coin donation, students can wear something purple on the day, with prizes for the best dressed student and staff member! At recess at the Huntingfield Campus, and at lunchtime at the Kingston Campus, students can get their nails painted purple for another gold coin, and/or get their hair sprayed purple for another gold coin donation. Each campus will also have a “Guess the number of lollies in the Purple Jar Competition” - 50c a guess or 3 guesses for a dollar!

We look forward to everyone getting involved and raising lots of money for the amazing work of Caritas Australia!
Volunteer Online Registration Session Postponed: As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, the online registrations for the Working with Children Check for all of our volunteers does not open until April 1st. Because of this, we have decided to postpone the online registration session that was scheduled for next Tuesday 17th March until a date early in Term Two. We will advertise this date in next week’s newsletter. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage: The Palm Sunday Pilgrimage is on again this year on Sunday 29th March. It begins at Lindisfarne Church and follows a six kilometre journey along the river and across the Tasman Bridge to St. David’s Park where there will be family friendly activities, before a final procession up to the Cathedral for Mass at 3.00pm. This is one of the biggest Church events for the Archdiocese of Hobart and has a special focus on young people. As in past years, I hope to bring a large group of students from St. Aloysius Catholic College, including some of our student leaders, to this event. We normally organise transport for these students on the College bus. There will be more information in the next newsletter about this.

Masses: Thank you to Mrs Bombardieri’s class who prepared the Parish Mass at Kingston this morning. Tomorrow’s Mass at Huntingfield has been prepared by Mr Cronly’s Grade 9 RE class. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**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

General College Notices

Parents and Friends News

P&F Meeting – The P&F Meeting for March will be held this **Wednesday 11th March at 7pm**. The meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting room located under the Church. All parents are welcome to attend and we hope to see all Grade Representatives in attendance. We always need more parents to assist, so if you are able to, please come along. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there to assist us in making it a successful year of fundraising and supporting our College and our children.

Easter Raffle – All families will have now received tickets for the P&F Easter Raffle. Tickets are $1 per ticket and extra tickets are available at both Kingston and Huntingfield Offices. If you could help support this P&F fundraiser by making a small donation of quality Easter Egg chocolate, (Cadbury, Red Tulip, Nestle, Lindt) it would be appreciated. Donations can be left at both Kingston and Huntingfield. The more donations received, the more prizes to win!

Mrs Kate Broadhurst

**LOST**
Blazer clearly labelled Dylan Johnson 9MB. Could all students of 9MB please check their belongings?

Charlotte McShane has lost a school jumper and sports jacket. If found, please return to the Kingston Office.