FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday when we gathered as a community of faith to, through the symbolism of the Ashes, respond to the call to reflect on our lives, our human frailty and our capacity to be people of goodness and forgiveness. Our context for the year is Mercy and on a daily basis we are left in no doubt about the need for each one of us to draw deeply on our sense of responsibility to others. As we gathered we publicly acknowledged and blessed our student leaders for 2016. With Jesus as their example of servant leadership, our young people committed to walk in his footsteps as true disciples of courage and generosity. We walked in large number towards the foothills of Mount Wellington, making the beginning of our Lenten pilgrimage obvious to our wider community. Since 2005 the tradition of our Walk for Hope has been a powerful reminder of our capacity as followers of Christ to journey with him and make a difference to our world. We are present to one another as one, strong in our commitment to who we are and what we believe. We carried water, passing it from one to another reminding ourselves of how precious it is gaining some insight into the existence of those in our world who walk for days to find this basic necessity of life. It was a wonderfully uplifting day and truly announced the beginning for GYC 2016 with our ‘heart’ on display for all to see.

Dear Lord, I praise you as the essence of all things loving; you are complete in Yourself; You are unconditional in Love. In my heart I desire to be more like you and be truly kind and merciful. Amen

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Information Evenings next week (23/2 Glenorchy Campus, 24/2 Hobart Campus; 7:30pm start both nights) and introducing our tutors and teaching staff. We have important information to share with you which will be vital to students’ wellbeing and academic success this year.

The following week (Thursday 3 March), parents of our students of VET are required to attend our VET Information Evening in the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre at the Glenorchy Campus. Many hundreds of parents will be in attendance from southern Catholic Secondary Colleges. Parking and access is available off Mill Lane and Bowden Street. We will begin at 7pm so early arrival is recommended.

Mrs Bobby Court
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

BUILDING POSITIVE HABITS
As students settle in to their studies it is timely to remember the importance of establishing good study habits. The myth that you can build a good habit in three short weeks has long been debunked. Forming positive study habits takes about two months of regular practice. During the Pathway Planning time on Wednesdays students will set goals for the academic year and may wish to focus on their study habits. During this establishment phase students can also be supported to build these routines by being provided gentle reminders at home.

COLLEGE UNIFORM
It has been wonderful to see that the students have begun the year wearing their College uniform with pride. When students present this message of pride in public all members of the College benefit from this good impression. There is a responsibility on all students to help support this message. As students travel to and from the College they are to wear the COLLEGE UNIFORM and NOT the sports uniform. Change room facilities are available before school and at the end of breaks. There are sufficient pegs provided for students to hang their College uniform whilst wearing their sports uniform for sports-related classes.

VEHICLE SAFETY
In the interest of student safety as they travel to and from the College, we remind both drivers and pedestrians to obey all road rules and act in consideration of others. At the Glenorchy Campus, parents are encouraged to drop students off in the St John’s Church carpark during the early morning rush.

SUN SMART
Our students are young adults and we encourage them to take responsibility for their own safety. As summer draws to a close the UV index is still high and students need to be taking precaution to protect themselves against the sun. When the UV index is at three or above the Cancer Council advises people to wear a hat, use SPF30+ sunscreen and seek shade. More information is available from the Cancer Council website http://www.cancertas.org.au/prevent-cancer/sunsmart/

BUDDING FILM MAKERS
Two competitions are available for young film makers to win significant prizes. The Sleek Geek Science Eureka Prize encourages students to explore a scientific concept, discovery or invention in a short video. Details are available on the Australian Museum’s Eureka Prizes website. In the Road Safety Week film competition entrants need to produce a 30-second road safety advertisement. Details are available from their website http://www.rsac.tas.gov.au/win5000/

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

COURSE CHANGES
Many students have made changes to their course of study over the past two weeks. Parents will have signed a form to approve these changes or confirmed the change by phone or email. If you have any question about your son’s or daughter’s subjects please contact us. From Week 4 a change will only be considered where a communication is received from a parent and it may be necessary to make an appointment to discuss the change. Many classes are now full.

UTAS COLLEGE PROGRAM
The UTAS College Program allows Year 11 and 12 students to study university level units at the same time or in addition to their TCE studies. The program provides great opportunities to extend and reward hard-working students. UTAS will hold an information session for students, parents and teachers on Thursday 25 February 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Stanley Burbury Theatre. Further information: UTAS website, http://www.utas.edu.au/access-participation-and-partnerships/ucp

Mr Mathew Derrick, Glenorchy; Mrs Susan Bunkum, Hobart

Mrs Sandra Guerzoni, Glenorchy; Mrs Heidi Senior, Hobart
FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

“A little bit of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” Pope Francis

JAMM – INSPIRATION  During the past week, our College Captains, Dominic, Frances, Daniel and Alice, have represented GYC at the annual Australia-wide gathering of student leaders from Josephite schools. The gathering is called JAMM. We eagerly await to hear about their new-found inspiration from the lives of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (MacKillop House, Glenorchy Campus) and Fr Julian Tenison-Woods (Tenison House, Hobart Campus) to benefit the whole College.

SIGN UP FOR COMMITTEES – INVOLVEMENT!

One regret of many departing Year 12s is that they were not involved in more of the activities on offer during their two years with us. Next week there will be a lunchtime sign up opportunity which hopes to “illuminate the path to participation for 2016” whether it be a sport, the musical, debating, the language society or a fund-raising committee. Please encourage your son or daughter to take a small risk and participate. Throughout the year, opportunities will also be provided for involvement in one-off fundraising events. These events are often supported by our House Representatives who provide leadership at a very “hands on level” within their Tutor group and House and we thank them for their generosity in taking up this work this year.

RELAY FOR LIFE – LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR

Sadly, there are very few members of our College community whose extended or immediate families have not been affected by cancer in the last year. As a College, we plan to gather an alumni Relay for Life team for 2017 and we seek the interest of former students to plan ahead for this event for next year. In 2016, please be encouraged to support the Relay for Life through donations on line.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE – FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Preparations are under way to run a World’s Greatest Shave event (Leukaemia Foundation) at lunchtime on each Campus early in March. We will need students (girls and boys) brave enough to have a complete hair shave or a spray of temporary hair colour on the day. Students will need to have permission from home to participate. Donations can be made at the event or online under our GYC Shavers team. https://worldsgreatestshave.com/

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – APPLY NOW!

Looking for an adventure? A faith-inspiring encounter? The buzz of millions of young people gathered together? An experience of Pope Francis? Join other young Tasmanians on the World Youth Day 2016 Pilgrimage – through Rome, Assisi and Milan, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow and Prague – for a life-changing experience. Applications are open! If you are 16-35 years (as at 3 December 2016) and are at all interested, please contact Rachelle ASAP on rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368 or visit www.wydtas.org.au

GRACEFEST – JOIN THE FUN

‘Gracefest’ is an exciting event for Tasmanian Christian youth, aged 15-25, to be held on Saturday 5 March, 6-10pm, in St Peter’s Hall. The evening of prayer and worship will include special performances from Christian singer, Steven Kirk. Food for sale, festival for free! Fully supervised. Attendance by registration: www.gracefesttasmania.org.au/

Randon Acts of Kindness Week – Smile!

Complimenting someone, donating to Project Compassion, even sharing a smile can make someone’s day so much better. As GYC is about promoting positive change, and change starts with the simplest acts of kindness, this is Random Acts of Kindness Week in which students and staff are being challenged each day to perform an act of kindness and make the College a happier place. (See the GYC Facebook page for each day’s challenge.)

Ms Kylie Sullivan, Glenorchy; Mrs Simone McManus, Hobart
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

BOYS’ 20/20 CRICKET
GYC has two teams in the competition this year; a team from each Campus. In a stunning beginning to the season yesterday (Wednesday), GYC Hobart (Red) amassed a staggering 218 for the loss of 9 wickets in 20 overs against The Friends’ School who replied with 113. (Further details and more photos on the GYC website.)

GYC Glenorchy (Blue) had a bye and starts its competition next week against Hutchins Magoos. Next week, Hobart plays St Virgil’s College.

GIRLS’ SOCCER
The girls’ 1st grade soccer kicked off this week. GYC had the bye and will play St Michael’s Collegiate School next Wednesday afternoon at the Hobart Campus oval.

SWIMMING
Swimming trials were held on Tuesday night. The swim team will compete at the SSATIS swimming carnival on Thursday 3 March.

TENNIS
The boys’ 1st grade tennis team has had a flying start in its defence of both the SSA-TIS and SATIS titles. The boys defeated St Virgil’s College in the opening round and defeated The Hutchins School this week. (Further details and more photos on the GYC website.)

The girls’ 2nd grade team plays its first round tonight (Thursday).

Mr Zain Wright

IMPORTANT DATES

23 February
Parent Information Evening, GLENORCHY
7:30 - 9pm

24 February
Parent Information Evening, HOBART
7:30 - 9pm

3 March
VET Information Evening, GLENORCHY
7pm

The Guilford Young College banner will fly proudly when the 2016 COLLEGE COLOURS COCKTAIL PARTY is held in St Peter’s Hall, corner of Harrington and Brisbane Streets, on Friday 18 March. The function, which brings together old scholars from all Hobart’s Catholic and Independent colleges and schools, will be held from 6:30pm. Cost $25 per person. All old scholars from the various schools are invited to attend. There will be more information on the GYC website (under Events) as it becomes available.

If any YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN 2015 have not collected their REFERENCES or their YEAR BOOK, both are available from their former Campus office.