FROM THE PRINCIPAL

God of compassion
Your merciful eyes
See not what we are
Nor what we have been
But what we long to be – loving and beloved
Forgiven and accepted.
Give us a mind and heart
As free as your own
Open to the possibility of change.
(Simmonds, The Closeness of God)

Clothe yourselves then as fitting for God’s people, holy and beloved. Put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. When you have put on all of these take love as your belt, so that the dress is perfect.
(Colossians 3)

Our Lenten journey continues, beautifully supported by the richness of the call to be people of mercy, reflecting the image of God in our hearts and minds and in every encounter.

Our students remain settled in their studies and are embracing the opportunities of senior secondary life and the establishment of new relationships. Weeks into courses now and already the demands of learning and assessment expectations are being felt. We encourage students to maintain their efforts even in the face of a necessarily more complex set of academic requirements.

For students coming into Year 11, the step up is the equivalent of two grades and the out-of-class work expectation is approximately five hours for a level three course.

So it is not surprising that a few are wilting with the pressure. My message is to stay with it and meet the challenge rather than pursuing the easier option. Personal fulfilment comes from setting our sights on goals and dreams that test our capacity, resilience and courage. At our Commendation Ceremony on 16 March, one of the many delights will be to witness the acknowledgement of many of our students who have achieved exceptionally well through aspiring way beyond the average and the easy and committing to sheer hard work. I recommend both!

Our community has been saddened by the news of the death of Father Elio Proietto SDB. Father Elio was the founding Principal of Dominic College established in 1973 and Parish Priest at St John’s Church, Glenorchy, from 2000 to 2007. With great joy he walked in the footsteps of Don Bosco enthusiastically placing the needs of young people at the centre of his ministry. His influence has been profound and his legacy deeply appreciated by all those privileged to have known him. The Salesian story he modelled remains vital in our GYC community. Hear with favour our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Elio your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints.

I will be taking some leave from the College from 7 March, returning on 4 April. While I am away Susan Bunkum will be acting Principal assisted by Mathew Derrick.

In anticipation of the great feast of Easter, I wish you and your family its many blessings of peace and hope and re-creation.

Mrs Bobby Court
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

EFFECTIVE STUDY HABITS

As Week 5 of this academic year draws to a close, it seems that students have settled into their classes and are beginning to engage with the first assessment tasks in each of their courses. This can be quite a daunting experience for some as they begin to establish study routines that will work for them. Inevitably, the establishment of an effective study routine often requires students to negotiate their way through the competing demands of study, part-time work and leisure activities. Despite this, it is important that students DO commit to do regular study at home, so that when assessment tasks are due and exams approach, they can be confident that they have set themselves up for success.

THE PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT

Important, too, is the need for students to look after themselves. Sean Covey (1998/2014), author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, talks about six key ‘deposits’ that young people can add to their personal ‘bank account’ in order to ensure that they achieve and maintain their overall well-being. These deposits are:

- keep promises to yourself
- do small acts of kindness
- be gentle with yourself
- be honest
- renew yourself
- tap into your talents (Covey, 1998/2014, p. 35).

It is in and through the accumulation of positives in their personal ‘bank accounts’ that young people can gain confidence in their ability to deal effectively with the demands of completing their education and embracing their future with optimism and hope.


UNIFORM EFFORTS

Finally, we commend students for presenting themselves well in the College uniform. We thank you for your support of the requirement that students wear their uniform to and from the College and that they change into sports uniform for classes. We will continue to monitor uniform closely in order to ensure that the high standards achieved thus far are maintained throughout the year.

Mr Mathew Derrick, Glenorchy; Mrs Susan Bunkum, Hobart

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

COURSE CHANGES

No further course changes will be permitted. Classes have passed the critical point where catching up may be possible and many classes have already completed summative assessments. If a student is having difficulty with a class, we encourage you to make contact with the class teacher to discuss strategies for support and improvement.

PATHWAYS

The Pathways unit being delivered through our tutor groups began in earnest this week. The assessment for this unit will be based on a student’s completion of all set tasks. As such, students must make every effort to be in attendance at all tutor sessions, and be diligent in catching up on any missed sessions. The Pathways unit, if completed successfully, will contribute five TCE points and is a necessary component of gaining the TCE.

Mrs Sandra Guerzoni, Glenorchy; Mrs Heidi Senior, Hobart

NEW INITIATIVE

MEN’S BREAKFAST

GYC male students and their fathers/carers have been invited to a simple breakfast to be encouraged and inspired about future careers and life pathways. The guest speaker will be Mr MARK RYAN, the CEO and Managing Director of Tassal. Several GYC alumni will also attend.

HOBART CAMPUS

Friday 18 March; 7:30-8:30am (rsvp to the Hobart Campus office 6238 4300 by Tuesday 15 March).

GLENORCHY CAMPUS

Wednesday 30 March; please note that this is the first morning back after the Easter long weekend (rsvp to the Glenorchy Campus office 6238 4350 by Wednesday 23 March).
**FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY**

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

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

**LENT**

While the focus is often on “giving up something” for Lent, really we should consider that “taking something up” would be more appropriate. Reaching out, moving outward in our thoughts and actions are really Lenten acts. This week students are being encouraged to “**BE MORE**” by considering signing up for a committee, participating in a fundraiser or attending an event. Please encourage your son or daughter to enhance College experience by becoming involved. The Daily Bulletin and the canteen area on both campuses provide necessary information about key contacts for joining a sports team, the office has application packages for the musical and the Directors of Ministry have information about other committees and events.

**TENISON and MACKILLOP HOUSE – LENTEN LITURGIES**

This week we had our first Campus House-based liturgies in Pathway Planning time. We welcome the opportunity for students to reflect on the particular giftedness, vision and charism of the founder after whom their House is named. We do so knowing that it was those gospel values of generosity, hospitality, welcome, inclusion, forgiveness, charity and justice that inspired each one of our founders to work for the education of society’s most marginalised in their particular place and time. Each founder read the signs of the times and identified that education was a way to freedom from poverty. **Who might Fr Julian Tenison Woods and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop identify as Australia’s most marginalised groups today?**

**WYD 2016 – REGISTRATIONS CLOSING**

Your son or daughter is being invited to join with other young Tasmanians to explore the historically and spiritually rich Rome, Assisi, Milan, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow, Wadowice and Prague en route to the largest and most vibrant display at World Youth Day 2016. Young people are being encouraged to be part of the energy, spirit and faith of millions of young people gathered together with Pope Francis. Participants need to be 16 - 35 years at 31 December 2016. Registrations are closing soon. Contact RACHELLE SMITH before 12 March on 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aoh tas.org.au

**WYD FUNDRAISER**

Once the sun goes down, the outdoor cinema will light up the sky! You are invited to enjoy *The Amazing Spiderman 2* while supporting the Kingston Channel parishioners’ pilgrimage to WYD 2016. *St Aloysius Catholic College Huntingfield Oval, Huntingfield, on Saturday 12 March.* Gates open @ 6:30pm. BBQ sausages, popcorn, drinks and other movie-watching goodies will be available for purchase. Film @ 7:30pm. Tickets are $12.

**GRACEFEST**

Gracefest is a special youth event this Saturday. With a strong focus on the spirit of joy, Gracefest will be held at St Peter’s Hall, 6-10pm, [further information or to register](www.gracefesttasmania.org.au)

**AFS – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Can you help to make a young Japanese person’s year? The students have already been delayed and really want to have a host family so they can start their exchange student experience. NOW is the perfect time to not only provide a student a with home and a family, but the experience of a lifetime. [further information](GYC website)

**FROM THE MANAGER OF E-LEARNING**

**TECHNOLOGY, OFFICE365 and E-LEARNING**

GYC has invested heavily to improve access for students with their own computers. Wireless access is now available across both campuses and by now all students should have accessed the school network on their own device. As part of this response the College is providing Office365 access to all students. Students can access all the Microsoft Office products through the internet. They are also able to save their work on the cloud which means no more pesky USBs to worry about. As part of our licencing agreement with Microsoft, all students can download all these Office products on to five devices for free with a one year licence, on both Macs and IBM compatible computers. Student email will also be accessible through Outlook online. To access this amazing resource, students need to click on the link on SIMON or log in at : [https://login.microsoftonline.com/](https://login.microsoftonline.com/) The email is firstname.surname@gyc.tas.edu.au and the password is the same as they use at College. **My role is to help improve teaching and learning though the use of digital technologies. Please contact me for advice on purchasing a digital device for learning or other related matters.**

*Mrs Ineke McGuire*
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

BOYS’ 20/20 CRICKET
Unfortunately wet weather washed out both games last week. This week GYC Red defeated Hutchins: GYC Red made 200 and bowled out Hutchins 6/160. GYC Blue defeated The Friends’ School: Friends’ made 8/120 and GYC Blue replied with 0/121. More details on the GYC website under news. GYC vs GYC next week.

GIRLS’ SOCCER
In the first game for the season GYC was defeated by St Michael’s Collegiate School 2-6. In yesterday’s game, GYC defeated Fahan 6-0.

ROWING
GYC rowers competed at the North West Schools regatta last weekend, achieving some good results. They are at Lake Barrington again this weekend for the Tasmanian School Championships.

SAILING
Division 1 boys (GYC/SVC) won their first competitive sail on Wednesday, defeating Friends White. Division 2 lost to Hutchins on Tuesday and Hutchins Yellow the previous week.

SWIMMING
As this Family Bulletin was being prepared, GYC students were competing in the SSATIS swimming carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

TENNIS
The boys’ 1st grade tennis team defeated Friends’ last week but suffered their first defeat this week against the Hutchins School. The girls’ 2nd grade team has been defeated in its first two rounds - by Collegiate and Friends’.

FROM THE CAREERS ADVISORS

SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday 15 March.
The Morrisby Career Analyst testing HAS BEEN DEFERRED until later in the year. Applications will remain open until shortly before the test date.

Friday 11 March
Amy Little will speak about MONASH UNIVERSITY, J209 (Hobart Campus) 1:40-2:15pm.

Tuesday 8 March (Glenorchy Rm A204, 12:55pm) and
Wednesday 16 March (Hobart Rm J209, 1:20pm)
TASMANIA POLICE will speak about opportunities and career development training.

Thursday 17 March
GYC alumnus Alec French will speak about joining the AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE J209 (Hobart Campus) 12:45pm.

Mr Richard Clark, Glenorchy Mrs Jo Haneveer, Hobart

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 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.

Mr Zain Wright

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
SCHOOLS DAY
FRIDAY 4 MARCH
Now in its 25th year the Clean Up Australia movement celebrates a generation of environmental and educational work. Our Learning for Life classes on both Campuses will participate to kick start their community service learning for 2016.

The photo on page 1 is a Learning for Life class on the Glenorchy Campus which was visited this week by volunteer MARY PARSISSONS who has taken her volunteering to international levels.

Standing next to her is LUKE WILLIAMS, Year 11, who as a young teenager established a charity, the LEND A HAND TO HUGO FOUNDATION, which works to support autism.