



GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE FAMILY BULLETIN



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our last formal week of classes has arrived and as I said to our Year 12 students today it has come as quite a shock. The structure of four terms has meant that we have virtually only just returned from holidays and here we are preparing graduands for leaving, Year 11 and 12 students for final examinations and anticipating what lies ahead in 2014. Aware of the mixture of emotions being experienced, we are providing every assistance for students to ensure they survive and hopefully thrive in response to the serious challenges and choices before them.

In a community the size of ours at any given time there are experiences of both loss and joy touching our lives; our responses to them are intensified as we are caught up in dealing with significant pressure and change which accompany the ending of another year. We are very mindful of the King and Cashion families in their loss of Bailey King, son and brother and Year 10 student at St Virgil's College. We pray for Bailey and his family; may he rest in peace.

We continue to pray for Alex Gadowski, in hospital in Melbourne and offer our heartfelt thanks to our teachers, students, 'chefs' and families and all those who donated to and attended our fundraising Gala Dinner for Alex last Friday evening. The spirit of community support in the room was palpable, reminding us of the sheer goodness and generosity of people. We achieved a total of close to \$25,000 to assist Alex and his family.

We look forward to our Graduation Ceremony **next Tuesday** evening, our College Arts Exhibition on **Wednesday 13 November** at the Glenorchy Campus and the great achievements of our students as they respond to the best of their ability to the weeks ahead. And so we pray:

A Blessing for our Graduands

God of all wisdom,
your Spirit shelters us in the community of Guilford Young College:
as our senior students prepare to leave
for the study, exams and work
that lie beyond school days,
guard and guide them with your blessing,
so that their lives may always be shaped by the grace and truth
which you have made known through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession as we give thanks and look toward the weeks to come

We thank you, God, for the life of our College,
for students who love to learn,
teachers who teach with passion and dedication,
the staff, families and volunteers who work together here.
*God of grace and truth, **hear our prayer.***

Thank you for the times of prayer we have shared, and for growing faith,
for the spirit of community we are building,
and for all the life-long friendships formed.
*God of grace and truth, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for calm confidence as exams approach,
for clear minds and peaceful spirits in stressful times,
and for all of our students to do their best in every challenge.
*God of grace and truth, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for the students who are leaving us this year,
for further study, for new jobs or for gap years.
Guide them in the choices they make throughout their lives.
*God of grace and truth, **hear our prayer.***

In times of stability and times of change,
as we grow in body, mind and spirit,
give us grace to hear you call to us, and to follow you gladly.
*God of grace and truth, **hear our prayer. Amen.***

Mrs Bobby Court

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Congratulations to our students on a superb finish to formal classes for 2013. It's been a rewarding year and you have embraced the challenge of working diligently, taking risks and studying hard. We are proud of your achievements so far.

Next week we begin Study Week with tutorials on offer for all students undertaking TQA3 courses. Please refer to the tutorial timetable for details of times. Student attendance is not monitored during this week, but we encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity before exam time. The libraries at both the Glenorchy Campus and the Hobart Campus continue to be open for you to study from 8:20am-4pm.



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In approaching your exams, be encouraged to rest, exercise and eat well. Adequate sleep is vital and will impact every waking moment. A report on a new study from the University of Rochester led by Professor Maiken Nedergaard indicated that sleep allows spinal fluid to clean our brains. Getting adequate sleep will assist your memory and lessen anxiety levels. Finally, to those students not undertaking exams at this time, we hope you have an enjoyable rest. Well done for your efforts in 2013.

Mrs Emma Burgess, Glenorchy; Ms Helen Spencer, Hobart

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING IMPORTANT EXAM and ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Formal classes finish on **Friday 1 November**. This is also the final date for assessment for the purpose of preparing internal ratings for all courses that will be submitted to the TQA. On **Monday 4 November** teachers will meet in subject groups with moderators to finalise ratings and complete the quality assurance process. Internal assessments for TQA 3 courses will be available to students and can be collected from teachers from **Wednesday 6 November**. Students will also be able to access their internal ratings from the electronic markbook on Filemaker.

TQA Notice of Enrolment Forms: Students have received their pink enrolment form which is their official ID for the TQA external exams. They must sign it, keep it in a safe place and bring it to every exam.

Student Guide to External Assessment 2013: These TQA booklets have also been distributed to students and they have been asked to sign to acknowledge they have received it. It is essential that students are familiar with its contents and tutors will be supporting them in this. If a student is in breach of any TQA rules, it will not be acceptable to say 'I did not know' or 'I did not receive the booklet'. Therefore, it is the responsibility of every student to be familiar with the information in the booklet. The external exams are conducted by the TQA, not by the College, and their instructions and regulations must be strictly observed. **If a student cannot sit an exam due to illness**, then the procedure set out in the Guide, including the use of the medical certificate, must be followed. Students also need to make sure that they check the timetable carefully so that they turn up on the correct day and at the correct time for their exams. No allowance will be made for a student who misreads the timetable. We also remind you that students cannot sit an exam at another time (even if they are ill) and so other arrangements such as travel must be avoided.

Tutorials for TQA 3 courses will run during the Study Week from Tuesday through to recess on Friday. Students will receive further information from their teachers and are strongly advised to attend. They are welcome to attend any tutorials in a particular subject.

We encourage all students sitting exams to prepare well and we offer them our very best wishes.

Mrs Vivienne Hale, Hobart; Mr Brett Stephenson, Glenorchy

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY MINISTRY MATTERS

"I keep meeting Catholics who excite me and, as someone who gets asked to speak in lots of schools, I have often noted a special energy in Catholic schools, one that seems to derive from their emphasis on social justice." Martin Flanagan, Australian author

FRANK BRENNAN SJ – Pope Francis and Australia's Social Justice Agenda In his usual erudite and uplifting manner, Fr Frank Brennan presented the John Wallis Memorial Lecture for 2013 to about 120 people gathered in our Hobart Campus assembly area on Show Day evening last week. He painted a beautiful picture of a very pastoral pope with some very practical and challenging messages for his flock. A full transcript of the lecture is available on our GYC website.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Last week was Mission Week and as a Catholic school we encourage our students and their families to consider donating online to three very worthy causes and to keep the people affected in their prayers: : **the people of Syria**, through the work of Caritas (www.caritas.org.au), the work of the Catholic Mission Society (www.catholicmission.org.au) particularly the people of the youngest Catholic community on the globe, **Mongolia**, and our **neighbours in NSW** affected by the fires through donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society (www.stvincentdepaul.org.au).

LIGHT THE NIGHT THROUGH HOPE CONCERT

Our College St Vincent de Paul Conferences coordinated a very enjoyable evening at Youth Arc last Wednesday (23 October). The night flowed with a talented array of present and former students offering musical acts including Jonty Dalton, Joshua Prichard, Georgia Oates, Joe Mackey, Miranda Robinson, Jennifer Reid, Sam Gobbey and Jonathan Warwarek. Georgia Verrier led a very moving lantern ceremony remembering those affected by blood cancers. Many thanks to the organisers and especially to Millie Macleod and Georgia Verrier for their enthusiastic leadership. The \$800 raised went to the St Vincent De Paul Society and the Leukaemia Foundation.

*Mrs Simone McManus, Glenorchy; Ms Kylie Sullivan, Hobart
Mrs Susan Bunkum, Director of Religious Education*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

ATHLETICS On Saturday 19 October the GYC athletics team competed at the state SATIS athletics carnival held in Launceston. Although unable to field a full strength team due to injury, illness and studies, the team performed exceptionally well. The boys finished equal second in the open shield, the girls finished seventh in the open shield and the team finished third in the co-educational shield.

Mr Zain Wright

Please see additional notices on our GYC website.