



GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE FAMILY BULLETIN



Thursday 7 March 2013: Issue 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we welcomed hundreds of parents to our information evenings where we shared ideas and expectations and affirmed the importance of communication and supportive relationship. Discussion groups offered a number of ideas and gave worthwhile advice around improving our processes and strengthening understandings of standards and needs.

The following outcomes are provided for your consideration:

- If you require electronic communication of Bulletins etc and have not been receiving them in this format please contact rstevens@gyc.tas.edu.au
- Occasionally error will be made in sending text messages about absence from class. We apologise for this and ask that you let us know when this occurs, but ask for your indulgence as we continue to use this valuable means of communicating with you about absenteeism;
- We have activated a request of parents to access email addresses and photos of staff and will shortly have this detail on the College website for you;
- We will proceed with preparing some information forums for parents. The preferred time seems to be 7.30pm. Ideas about the focus of these forums are welcome. Please email rslym@gyc.tas.edu.au or smcardle@gyc.tas.edu.au
- We would like to continue with our Parent Consultative Committee this year. It gathers parents who would like to provide ongoing feedback on College policy, programs, pastoral care and the faith life of the community. This is a relaxed and positive way to make a contribution to improving what we do at GYC;
- We ask parents to support our celebrations and key days by ensuring student attendance. This enables students to contribute to and appreciate the great College to which they belong. Our next big event is our **Commendation Ceremony on 15 March** at the DEC. Full, formal College uniform is expected. Our focus will be the presentation of awards for achievement and contribution and the commissioning of our student leaders;
- Uniform is a constant work in progress. We have a distinctive and attractive uniform with flexible options. We insist it is worn well, thus respecting our entire community and giving expression to a sense of belonging and pride. Please support us. We are currently concentrating on correct sports shorts and the required skirt length. Following warnings, students may be sent home to rectify the situation; and
- Many parents expressed appreciation of these Bulletins, so I hope you enjoy this one!

We began our evenings with prayer. As we continue our Lenten journey I share this one with you:

Loving God, all your longing is for us to come close to you.

Help us to hear your calling, to trust in your unending compassion.

As we experience repentance and forgiveness, remind us always that our home is in you. Amen.

Mrs Bobby Court

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Safety and transport: Adults have an understanding of the risk associated with young people and cars. Sadly, it might be our experience of tragedies, or it might be that our brains are more developed than those of 16 and 17 year olds, or perhaps a combination of both. Still, it is a message that any young person would struggle to avoid – that cars require a heightened sense of safety. For this reason, the College discourages students from driving others to and from school. We recognise, however, that this is a parent's prerogative, and so ask if there is an arrangement in place, that parents give written permission for their son or daughter to carry named passengers.

The College's policy on **cross campus travel** comes from the same principle of safety. Students are not permitted to drive their cars cross campus. They are to use the bus provided. All students who have cross campus classes attended a meeting on Monday and this was clarified for them. This will be the ongoing expectation of the College. Likewise, for an excursion, it is usual that the College would organise transport and that students would not be allowed to drive themselves.

Uniforms: For new parents, our procedure for a student out of uniform with justifiable cause is that the student requires a note from you stating the issue, and with a date. In such an instance, the complete College sports uniform would be an option. Students out of uniform, without a note, can anticipate being sent home to correct their uniform. In the coming weeks, we will be working with students regarding the requirement of knee length skirts. We encourage students to show self-respect and College pride and to ensure our positive reputation in the community is upheld.

Ms Helen Spencer, Hobart; Mrs Emma Burgess, Glenorchy



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FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Interim Reports: On Tuesday 19 March Interim Reports will be posted. These will provide parents and students with an overview of the student's application and progress in each course at this stage of the year.

Academic Integrity: At recent House Assemblies students were presented with information relating to the College's Academic Integrity Policy. This includes our Deadlines and Extensions Policy, together with important information about plagiarism and the procedures for submitting externally assessed folios. In order to have their work assessed by the TQA, all students will be required to sign a Student Declaration later in the year to guarantee that they will abide by the external assessment rules of the TQA.

Quality Assurance Meetings: A reminder that there will be no classes on **Tuesday 12 March** as all teachers will be involved in meetings with colleagues from other colleges. Students are encouraged to make some time for assignment work, test preparation or study on that day.

Mrs Vivienne Hale, Hobart; Mr Brett Stephenson, Glenorchy

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY

Student Committees: More than 250 students over both Campuses have signed up for student led-committees which cover a wide range of interests. Currently the GYC community is supporting the Relay for Life, the Justice Network, the World's Greatest Shave and buddying detainees with the St Vincent de Paul Society. Students collected more than \$1700 for Aurora Disability Service while button-selling; they have attended Mass for the beginning of the StVdP Conference year and they are skilling themselves to support Eddie Rice buddy camps and StVdP camps over Easter.

Focus Days: The talented and engaging Mike Fitzpatrick has been working with our Year 12 students this week, reflecting on their GYC journey. He will return in April to work with the Year 11 students.

Welcome St Virgil's College Year 7 classes! St Virgil's Year 7 students have visited GYC as they investigate their College history and the life of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers congregation. Groups of students have met in St Virgil's Chapel (GYC Hobart Campus) with Br Sean McManus CFC to delve into the story.

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Cricket: The boys have had a win against Friends' and then went down to Hutchins. Matthew Howell and Jonny Cooper have been best with the bat.

Rowing: At the North West Schools regatta on Lake Barrington, GYC girls finished 2nd in the division 1 quads, 2nd in division 3 quads and 3rd in the eights. Louisa Seddon won her singles race and Sarah McCarthy finished 2nd in her division. The boys' double of Jacob Gatehouse and Alec Paterson finished 2nd in division 1. Jacob and Alec were also 3rd and 5th fastest in their singles races.

Swimming: Great results were recorded by our GYC swimming team at the SSATIS swimming carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre on Wednesday. The team won the College Boys, College Girls and College Co-educational Aggregate Shields. New records were set by Joshua McDermott (Open 50m Butterfly) and our 4x50m girls freestyle team, Kirilee Porter, Ellie Picken, Lily Czeszek and Olivia Sanderson. Congratulations to all team members: Aydin Turhal, Josh Mayne, Matt Ogle, Angus Denholm, Joshua McDermott, Jack Sandric, Olivia Bonnitche, Kirilee Porter, Ellie Picken, Lily Czeszk and Olivia Sanderson. A detailed list of all individual performances will be published in the next edition of the *GYC Newsletter*. *Anne Steele – swim coach*

Mr Zain Wright

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Morrisby Careers Test: Parents have been sent a letter detailing the Morrisby Test requirements for next Tuesday 12 March. Please remind your child to arrive no later than 8:45am and report to the Hobart Campus office. They will finish at approximately 1pm. Any questions please email lchesterman@gyc.tas.edu.au or phone 62384300. (There is a new Careers page on the GYC website, www.gyc.tas.edu.au/careers)

Mrs Louise Chesterman, Hobart; Ms Joanne Harris, Glenorchy

DATES TO REMEMBER: SATURDAY 16 MARCH – SUNDAY 17 MARCH, Relay for Life

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL, Music Trivia Night, Glenorchy PAC, 6:30-9pm, to benefit the new performing arts complex planned for the Glenorchy Campus. ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

See the GYC website www.gyc.tas.edu.au for photos of recent College events