



GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE FAMILY BULLETIN



Thursday 21 March 2013: Issue 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As a Catholic School community we acknowledge the election of Pope Francis I with a real sense of hope and joy. We keep him in our prayers as he takes up his ministry and responsibilities. As we approach Palm Sunday this weekend and the beginning of Holy Week, our focus continues to be to provide ourselves with time to reflect on our personal faith journey and to connect that journey with our commitment to reach out to others in peace and with generosity. Our Student Leaders will attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral next Tuesday evening and our Campus communities will gather on Holy Thursday to reflect in a most solemn way on the passion and death of Jesus. We wish our community every blessing during this time of reconciliation and celebration as we anticipate the great feast of Easter.

There is much activity around the College; students, staff and families are deserving of our congratulations. Our Commendation Ceremony embraced our entire College and acknowledged the gift, achievement, leadership and generosity of students, staff and parents. Southern and State swimming carnivals saw our students excel and demonstrate their enthusiasm, skill and dedication. Many students, staff and families were involved in a number of teams supporting Relay for Life over last weekend. Fundraising to support CARITAS and other outreach needs has been creative and generous and continues to build our spirit.

Interim reports have gone home. These are indicators of how students are settling into the new academic year and meeting the challenges of the senior secondary environment. Students tell me they are beginning to feel the weight of the demands of study and assessment. Sensible thinking about study/part-time work/sport and social life needs to happen to support wellbeing. Parents are encouraged to make contact with tutors and subject teachers should any concern arise particularly at this early stage. Staff photos, names and email addresses are now on our website <http://www.gyc.tas.edu.au/staff2013/> as a sub-item under (staff 2013) under the main menu item of College. It is linked to it from the Staff page (under College) and from the For Parents (under Our News)

Mrs Bobby Court

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Binge Drinking On Wednesday 20 March six Student Leader representatives attended the launch of 'Smashed', a Glenorchy City Council project using technology to engage and educate youth on the consequences of binge drinking. The project recognised social media as a major channel of communication for young people and consequently utilised Facebook, film and a new website to involve youth in discussion. It was a powerful message. Some statistics would indicate one in every six people aged 14 or older is put at risk of an alcohol related injury once a week (Butler & Rishworth, 2012). It is perhaps prudent to engage in this discussion. The upcoming online resource which can be accessed via the new website, Smashed, would be an excellent start.

Uniform As the colder weather begins, students will need to avail themselves of the multiple layers and differing options such as jumpers, blazers, stockings, long pants and College polar fleece jackets allowed within College uniform to keep warm. Puffer jackets are **not permitted** at College or on the way to and from College.

Ms Helen Spencer, Hobart; Mrs Emma Burgess, Glenorchy

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Special Consideration External Exams The Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA) has a process whereby students with special circumstances may be eligible for certain provisions to support them in their external exams. These may relate to humanitarian entrance status, significant health impairment, psychological impairment, physical disability and special learning needs. The provisions may include such allowances as extra time, separate supervision, use of a scribe/reader, borderline consideration dependent on the needs of the student's circumstance. All applications must be made through the College and must be supported by full documentation as required by the TQA. Some students will already have been identified through our Targeted Programs and the College will be in contact with you. Application forms must be provided to the TQA by **no later than the end of Term 3**. Requests for students with pre-existing conditions will not be considered after this date.



For further information please visit the TQA site www.tqa.tas.gov.au or email the TCE Co-ordinator on your campus: Vivienne Hale at the Hobart Campus vhale@gyc.tas.edu.au or Brett Stephenson at the Glenorchy Campus bstephenson@gyc.tas.edu.au

Mrs Vivienne Hale, Hobart; Mr Brett Stephenson, Glenorchy

Our Directors of Teaching and Learning with the 2012 Dux of the College, George Connolly



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FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY

TODAY IS WORLD HARMONY DAY

Student Leader Induction Mass On Thursday 14 March, the St Vincent de Paul Youth Conference leaders were inducted as Youth Conference Presidents in a beautiful Mass presided over by Archbishop Adrian Doyle, at St Mary's Cathedral. Office bearers: **GLENORCHY CAMPUS**, President, Allanna Russell, vice-president, Joshua O'Doherty, secretary, Matthew Graves and treasurer, Alex Jarvis; **HOBART CAMPUS**, Presidents, Connor Fox and Sabrina Miller who will be supported by a shared executive.

World's Great Shave The Leukaemia Foundation congratulates and thanks our students for their fundraising efforts through hosting World's Greatest Shave events on both Campuses this week.



Easter Liturgies Both Campuses will hold Holy Thursday ritual prayer next week. Students, under the direction of Ms Patricia Kempa, will present a Stations of the Cross reflection for the parishioners of St John's Church, Glenorchy, on Good Friday. We encourage our students and their families to attend the Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses. Mass times for all parishes can be accessed on the Diocesan website www.hobart.catholic.org.au/parishes/masstimes

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Cricket: GYC vs St Virgil's Batting first and after a great start, GYC posted 9/119. St Virgil's made a late charge to win 5/120, on the second last ball of the match.

Tennis The Girls 2nd grade team has won two of its three past games. The girls won against Collegiate and St Mary's, but lost to Friends.

Swimming The GYC swimming team had another great day at the SATIS swimming carnival on Tuesday 19 March. The team won the Open Boys Shield along with some fantastic individual success: 1st Open Boys Medley relay (record), 1st 50m Freestyle Josh McDermott, 1st 50m Breaststroke Matt Ogle, 1st 100m Freestyle Josh McDermott, 1st 50m Butterfly Josh McDermott (record), 1st 50m Backstroke Josh McDermott (record), 1st 4x50m Freestyle Girls relay, 1st 4x50m Freestyle Boys relay. (More details in the coming GYC Newsletter.)

Mr Zain Wright

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Morrisby Careers Test results

On Tuesday 12 March, 41 enthusiastic GYC students completed the vigorous three hour Morrisby Careers Test. They will receive feedback at an information session **on 15 April at 5.30pm** at the Hobart Campus Library. (Keep in touch through the new Careers page on the website.)

Mrs Louise Chesterman, Hobart; Ms Joanne Harris, Glenorchy

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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!

Keep up-to-date with the vibrant GYC life by frequently visiting the GYC website www.gyc.tas.edu.au Bookmark it as a FAVOURITE!

