We congratulate Dr Helen Williams who travelled to Melbourne earlier this week to receive an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University. Helen was recognised for her many years of service to Catholic Education in Tasmania as well as for her contributions to the Archdiocese of Hobart in general, and our Parish in particular. She has been involved with the following:

- Member and Chair of the Archdiocesan Youth Commission
- Reader at Mass
- Member of the Sheffield parish’s Jubilee Committee, Mersey-Leven Parish Council, the CWL and the NW Social Justice Committee
- A lenten program facilitator
- ‘Friend of MacKillop Hill’
- Convener of Spirituality in the Pub (Devonport)
- A Call to Change Group Leader
- Facilitator for Rerum Novarum
- Published author: co-editing one book with the poet Les Murray
- Worked on the Bishops’ Youth Statement and ACSJC publications
- Undertaken extensive research in neuropsychology
- Presented courses, lectured, been a state TQA moderator and UTAS Advisory Board and TCEC member.

As Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching, Helen has overseen several curriculum initiatives that have been introduced, including Tasmania’s Essential Learning’s, and the current implementation of the Australian Curriculum. We celebrate her award.

Pictured: Dr Helen Williams Doc. Univ (hc) with the Pro-Chancellor of the ACU, Mr Ted Excell.

Thanks to the variety of ways in which members of the College community participated in the many ANZAC Day ceremonies that were conducted in the region that the College serves. I would especially like to thank Laura Wood (10 M4) who gave the address at the Devonport dawn service, Sophie McCrae (12 G1) and Jiya Williams (12 D1) who laid a wreath for the College at the Devonport service, Caitlin Hendrey (10 D3) and Andrea Hendrey (12 D4) who addressed the residents at a service at Karingal, as well as Emma Taylor (8 D4) and Simeon Guenther (10 D2) who laid a wreath for the College at the Deloraine service.
In 2008, the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2012 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2012 are Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child's results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2012 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2010.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Helen Williams at the College.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal—Learning & Teaching

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Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10.00 am — 4.00 pm
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SECOND-HAND ITEMS
We have a large supply of grey trousers and White / Blue long sleeve shirts also football/soccer boots.

Mrs Sue Arrowsmith
Uniform Shop Manageress

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Girl Guide Biscuits/BBQ

Devonport Girl Guides will be launching their 2012 biscuit campaign with a sausage sizzle at William Street Meats, (at the Valley Rd intersection)

Saturday, 28th April 2012, 9 am - 1 pm.

Please come along and buy a sausage and a packet or 2 of biscuits and support Girl Guides!