News From Our Principal

Last Friday we were invited to send three students to Ulverstone High School to participate in a climate forum that was joined by Prime Minister Gillard and Member for Braddon, Mr Sidebottom. Year 10 students, Caitlin Hendrey (10 D3), James Walsh (10 M5) and Laura Wood (10 M4), came away with some ideas that I have challenged them to implement in our College community. I expect that the Environmental group, led by Prefect Joe Braid, would be their starting point. It was good to see young people from across the region collaborate so well, each representing their individual school communities so well.

On Tuesday I was able to drop in to Symmons Plains during the running of the all-schools cross country. The excellent results are reported elsewhere. I wish, however, to comment on the conduct of our team. Our students, consistently, conduct themselves in a fashion that brings credit to themselves, and is so rewarding to the staff who work with them. Thanks to the whole team, so well cared for by staff members: Miss Renee Sushames (Sports Coordinator), Mr Steven Ryan, Mrs Emma McIver, and Mr Nathan Johnston.

Before I came to this state, I worked in a Christian Brothers’ Boys’ College. The Principal, speaking to a meeting of Year 10 parents, gave two pieces of advice that have always stayed with me. The first was: “give your son a hug – he may act as if he doesn’t want it, but give him one anyway”. The second was to encourage parents to: “talk to each other”. He was referring, in particular, about the pressure parents face as they grapple with finding the right balance between allowing freedom, while providing protection.

Three events in the last week reminded me of Br Grundy’s advice. The first was the sad and unnecessary death of a young 18 year old who died as the result of a single, unprovoked punch as he walked the pavement in Kings Cross. The second is a TV advertisement, that I caught the end of that uses a slogan, something like: If you’re off your head, don’t share a bed’, that I took to be aimed at encouraging young people to lookout for friends who may make poor choices, or find themselves in a predicament that they do not want to be in, but without the skills or capacity to escape. The third was Fr Chris Riley’s visit, where he shared the statistic that some 5 million people in Australia have been sexually assaulted, and that many of the youth that he works with have drug and alcohol addictions as a consequence of sexual assault.

I have grave concerns in an attitude that many hold toward marijuana use. It is NOT a harmless substance to many, and results in more than “just a phase of growing up” for some. The negative implications of sustained use can be significant. Perhaps more concerning (if only because of the number of people that it affects) is our attitude to alcohol consumption, especially when it can place a young person in a situation where they may experience abuse.

Being a parent is a most challenging and, at times, thankless responsibility. Often, it is not until your own children are well into adulthood that they come to sense the capacity parents have to give unconditional love, and appreciate that the boundaries that parents set flow out of this love. In society we see very young people rushing to experience the freedom of adulthood while being so poorly equipped to exercise this freedom wisely so that the they, or others, are kept safe. Talking to other parents is a good source of support.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal
Information Night
Students who are currently in Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11, and their families are invited to the 2013 Information Night on Wednesday 25 July in the Brendan Block from 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

Teachers will be available to give advice on electives in Year 9 and 10 and subjects in Senior Secondary.

Current Year 10 students and families are invited to a gathering in the Genesis Centre at 7.00pm to discuss what it means to be a senior secondary student. Information will be given on the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), university entrance requirements and scores, and Vocational programs and pathways.

If you have friends not enrolled at SBSC who are interested in attending, please assure them they will be welcome.

Helen Williams DocUniv (ACU)
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

NSATIS Cross Country

On Tuesday the 10th of July, 47 students from years 7 to 12 travelled to Symmons Plains to compete in the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country. Runners from over 20 schools across the state participated on a course ranging from 3km for under 14’s to 6km’s for under 20’s.

We had a number of great team efforts and excellent individual results including 5 of our runners finishing in the top 10 for their age group. 3 students were also selected in the Tasmanian Cross Country team to compete at the Australian Cross Country Championships in Adelaide in August. Congratulations to:

- Amy Joseph who finished 2nd in the under 14 girls
- Ryan Powell who finished 3rd in the under 16 boys
- Max Green finished 6th in the under 14 boys

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you for representing our college in such a positive and successful manner.

Miss Renee Sushames
Head of Sport
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who would like to join the Catholic Church?

Come along to the Community Room at Sacred Heart Church Ulverstone on Tuesday, 24th July, 2012 for more information.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm and everyone is most welcome.

For more information contact Sr Margaret on 6428 3095.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

VIVA II
A state wide youth festival for young people aged from grade 9. It is a full day of fun, celebration, formation, entertainment and sharing faith with like-minded young people! With special guest, Bishop Peter Comensoli from Sydney, interactive workshops and young faith panel and RIO PARTY! You do not want to miss this great event! Open to all young people aged grade 9 – 35 years. Saturday 28th July @ Emmanuel Centre, Newstead. Hurry, early bird registration closes Friday 13th July. Get all your information and register at www.wydtas.org.au or e-mail rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au.

RIO PARTY
EVERYONE is welcome to help us launch the Tassie WYD13 Pilgrimage with Rio Party! Whether you are small, tall, young or young at heart, pilgrim or never even thought about pilgrimage, Rio Party is for you and will have all your Brazilian styled fun, entertainment, food & drink for the whole family to enjoy! Following 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead on Saturday 28th July, come and join us in the Church hall for a social evening and help us celebrate! We appreciate if you could let us know if you are coming for catering purposes at www.wydtas.org.au or rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368.

Uniform Shop

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Mrs Sue Arrowsmith
Uniform Shop Manageress
Caitlyn Hendrey (10 D3), Laura Wood (10 M4) and James Walsh (10 M5) attended the Prime Minister’s visit to Ulverstone High School.