I wrote in the 30 August edition of the College Newsletter about the formation of the Tasmanian Catholic Schools' Parent Council (TCSPC) which is planned to replace the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation (TCSPFF). This coincided with the College’s move to transition from its Parent Forum (which is almost extinct) to a revitalised P&F. I have, since, received a letter requesting that the College nominates a person (by 1 October) to be its representative on the state-wide Council. Each Catholic School’s nominee was to be selected by that school’s P&F Executive and the Board Executive. Given that we did not have a P&F, I asked the Board Executive and the Parent Forum Core Group for nominations and can announce that Lynne Bennett has been put forward as this College’s representative on the TCSPC. We will await the Archbishop’s approval. Lynne has extensive experience in this area, having been a member of the Our Lady Of Lourdes’ P&F for 12 years, including being their TCSPFF representative. She was a foundation member of the SBSC Parent Forum and has helped develop the draft constitution for our re-constituted P&F. I thank Lynne for her willingness to take on this role, and for her support in trying to provide a forum where parents can contribute to the vibrant College community.

Parents are reminded of the first P&F meeting scheduled for next Wednesday evening commencing at 7:00pm. The main business will be a vote to accept the Constitution of the re-constituted Association. The meeting will be held in the College’s Founders’ Theatre which can be accessed from the Genesis Centre Foyer. A draft of this is available for preview on our College website. Go to the Parents link under the COMMUNITY tab from the homepage.

This year the voting for the 2013 Prefects is being processed by the Australian Electoral Commission. This will take place next week.

At the weekend, Laura Wood and Owen Zolati represented the College in Hobart, competing for the Evatt Trophy.

On Monday, a group of female footballers represented the College at a Gala Football competition. Ross Hubble and Maria Windsor accompanied the girls whose conduct, on and off the field was impeccable. They won every game by considerable margins, and some volunteered to play on opposing teams to allow them to compete.

Our best wishes are with Amy Joseph who is competing in Adelaide this week and next in the Basketball Nationals.

I look forward to some of the talent that is within our community being showcased in tonight’s Talent Quest. This year sees the 14th consecutive staging of this event, and each year I am left amazed by the talent in our midst.

As for the weekend Football finals … what a fine outcome for the Melbourne Storm! (Oh well – always next year for the Hawks).
In the first week of the second term holidays, 17 students, 6 adults and their children, travelled to Mt. Hotham, Victoria for the 2012 Ski Trip. After a rough trip across on the spirit, the week started with a day in Melbourne and we were able to see the sights, shop and attend the AFL preliminary final. It was then off to Mt. Hotham for a week where we were given the opportunity to either ski or snow board. On the mountain, each day consisted of early mornings and a big breakfast before heading out for our lessons. The day was then up to us to shred the slopes and carve up the masses of snow, although many spent the day getting back up after stacking. This was a first time experience for most and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. Ski Trip was definitely a worthwhile experience and we would recommend it to any future students who are considering going. We would like to thank Mr Ryan for his effort and organisation of the trip. Thanks must also go to those teachers who gave up their time to come along and share in the amazing experience we had.

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**St John’s Parish

Variety Concert**

**When:** Friday 12th October

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:30pm

**Where:** Guilford Young College – 74 Bowden Street Glenorchy

**Featuring:** John Coleman, Men in Black, Ryan Kay, Jonathan Warewarek, James Gath, St. John’s Choir, African Community and more!

**Cost:** $5 per adult, children: gold coin donation.

Call the Parish office on 62726363 to reserve your seats and purchase tickets. Door sales may be available on the night.
During the first week of the September school holidays 17 Ulverstone high and St Brendan-Shaw College students plus two teachers made their way to Launceston airport to begin their journey to New Caledonia. It was a long and tiring first day but when we arrived everyone agreed that it was well worth the wait. On first glance New Caledonia was a magical island surrounded by palm trees, our hotel being just as beautiful accompanied by a luxurious pool and fine dining. With the beach just across the road and the shopping just around the corner our free time was spent exploring, souvenir hunting and creating long lasting memories.

Throughout our stay we visited the New Caledonia zoo, the aquarium, the Cathedral, the museum, the market, the chou chou train and Amedee island. All of these activities giving us a taste of culture and a lot of practise of the French language. One things for sure that we all enjoyed the local cuisine, even going so far as to sample mussels, coconut milk rice and paw paw. On the days we found our own meals we revisited what had quickly become our favourite café, le fare, and sampled their burgers, croc monsuires and vienoirs.

Venturing into Noumea and exploring the city turned up some interesting finds. The stores were crammed full of so much stuff that the heat made it unbearable to stay in there long. Many exciting purchases were made, including dozens of bracelets, postcards, bongo drums, clothes and other assorted items. One of the most difficult things about shopping was knowing what you could and couldn’t bring back into the country. Whilst in the city we experienced the atmosphere of several markets and all through our stay were able to watch different forms of traditional dancing. As well as living the culture we engaged in several successful conversations in French, with numerous locals.

A massive highlight of our trip was playing petanque with the locals. On our second day there we wandered over to watch them play and ended up getting invited to join. This was a big honour for us because New Caledonians are very serious about their petanque and it showed through their concentration and dedication. We all had a great time and learnt lots about the game and the proper way to play it. It is more fun than bowls.

Everybody loved the pool. At one point we were waiting to get in the pool but couldn’t because there was a photo shoot going on. The Miss New Caledonia Pageant was taking place and they were using the pool as a background for their photos. That annoyed us as it was our last day and they were taking a really long time. Most of us were afraid that their six inch heels would get caught in the boards in the deck and they would fall in the pool.

Amedee island proved to be the best day for everybody. After a forty minute boat ride we arrived at the island to be greeted by clear waters, white sand and the most beautiful coral reef. In the short amount of time spent there we indulged in the best food we had ever eaten, climbed the lighthouse, explored the coral reef, took a glass bottom boat tour, climbed a coconut tree, attended a sarong tying demonstration and went snorkelling off the reef. One less appealing factor of our day would be walking around the island and looking down to find a sea snake beside you, whilst they could not hurt us, many still did not like them.

Forever we will remember the friends we made, the memories we gained and the activities we participated in. We thoroughly recommend that any French student should consider going on this trip. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and you won’t regret it.
On October the 1st 7D had the privilege of raising two Jersey calves that were then three weeks old. For the next three weeks we will be feeding, weighing, cleaning and exercising Noodles and Barbie; the names that were chosen democratically by our class.

Our class makes up five teams, Cow-Bury, Moozarella, Cowstronomy, Surfing-Cows and the best of all Milky Way. Each team has one morning and one afternoon on our week long roster. Before we feed them anything one person from the duty team or Miss Aitken would step on the scales and weigh themselves. They would then pick up one of the cows and step onto the scales together and someone would read the combined weight. Maths would then come into play; we take the persons weight away from the combined weight. This gives us the weight of the calf.

The feeding consists of mixing four cups of milk powder with three litres of luke warm water together to create the milk mixture that then gets evenly split between the two bottles that have a teat creating the resemblance of their mothers udder. After they are fed the milk we would hand feed them some muesli. One person of the duty team would change the water and another would clean out the pen. The next step is washing up the utensils such as the bottles, teats, whisk and the bowl we mix the milk up in.

The last thing that most groups do is give them a hug goodbye.

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**2012/13 Tasmanian Mountain Bike Gravity Series**

Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club are running Round 1 of the 6 race series at Paloona, October 6-7.

The other rounds are at various locations and dates from October 2012 through March 2013. Riders can choose: Saturday ride day only, not racing Sunday, or Sunday race day with optional Saturday ride day.


Spectators are free and welcome.

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**Mental Health**

As a part of the Health and Wellbeing Expo being conducted in Ulverstone by the Rotary Club of West Ulverstone, there will be a Mental Health Forum held at the Ulverstone Civic Centre this Friday at 6.30pm. The forum will be hosted by Betty Kitchener OAM, Director, Mental First Aid Australia, Auspiced at Orygen Youth Research Centre, University of Melbourne. She is acknowledged as one of Australia's highly qualified and well respected mental health researches and speakers.

If you want to attend, please feel free to attend.

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**Uniform Shop**

**Tuesdays/Wednesdays**

10.00 am — 4.00 pm

Cash Cheque Layby Eftpos

Blazers $178.00  
Grey/Navy Shorts $27.00 - $30.00  
Blue/White S/S Shirts 20.00  
Grey/Navy Socks $8.00 - $13.00

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