Our students gave another demonstration of their capacity to display respectful and mature behaviour at yesterday's Ash Wednesday Liturgy. I was immensely proud of them.

Celebrations, like this, provide an opportunity for us to express our Catholicity, a topic of discussion at yesterday’s Leadership Team meeting. At enrolment interviews, I ask students who seek to join our College, but have no experience of a Catholic School, what they imagine a Catholic school to be. Sometimes, the answer is a general reference to praying, or “going to church”. I use the opportunity to share the view that being a Catholic school is more than this, and is not restricted to what happens in a Religious Education class. Our Catholic values must be explicit in all that we do—informing policy and procedure. Traditionally, Catholic schools use different vehicles as a means of living out this responsibility. Mottos and emblems were amongst the earliest method (not just restricted to Catholic schools) and we still strive to live out ours: “By Faith and Deed”. Mission and Vision statements became a valuable tool, and the Charisms of Founders provide another rich source. At our College, we articulated a set of Core Values: Community; Caritas; Learning; Openness; and Responsibility. The latest iteration—striving to do our best, be safe, and welcome diversity—is not a replacement of any of the above, but enhances them. In many ways, the Catholic school is a model of the growth of the Church in the first century, when people saw the way this community of followers of Christ, these Christians, treated each other, and wanted to be a part of it.

With the Church about to elect a new Pope, given Pope Benedict’s decision to end his Papacy, I ask all to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the selection process, assisting the building of God’s Kingdom.

This year we have been forced to abandon our traditional Swimming Carnival due to the redevelopment of the Devonport Aquatic Centre. Last year we were fortunate to secure a date that allowed our Year 7s to participate in an event in Burnie, last Thursday.

Next Tuesday evening (19 February) commencing at 7:30pm, parents are invited to attend a meeting of the SBSC P&F at the College’s Caritas Office.

Congratulations to: Eloize Galpin (9 G7); Tom Galpin (8 G5); Emily Lewis (8 M5); Anya Louw (7 G4); and Georgia O’Rourke (8 G5); who have been selected to compete in the National Junior Track Cycling Championships in Adelaide from February 27 to March 3. Again, if you know of members of our community who have achieved honours in an endeavour please let the College know so that we can celebrate their achievements. This is not restricted to just sporting or cultural activities.

If you get an opportunity to visit Artrage, an exhibition of artworks selected from statewide TQA Art students’ portfolios displayed for assessment, I would encourage you to take it. This year we have ten pieces of work included from two of our students from last year: Kylie Bell and Amy Burton.

Happy St Valentine’s Day to all. May we use it to reflect on the true meaning of love.
Senior Students
Senior students have been given the opportunity to re-examine their subject choices and make any changes. They should now be settling into study routines and the first assessment tasks have been given.
They are reminded of the Policy on Academic Integrity and Authenticity. All students will receive a copy to read and sign. This policy emphasizes that no plagiarism is permitted. All sources and information used in any assignment must be fully acknowledged and referenced.

Year 7-10
Core classes were constructed after much consultation between House Heads, the councillors, Mr Chapman and me. The best learning environment was the key criterion along with gender balance and so on. Students were placed with at least one friend nominated on the Subject Selection Sheet given to me last year. Consequently, core classes will not be changed.

Year 8-10 Students
Students have been enrolled in elective subjects chosen last year. Any clashes were notified last year. Consequently, changes to subjects have not been permitted during the first cycle to enable students to meet teachers, be introduced to subject content and become part of the classroom dynamics. If a student wants to change a subject after the middle of next week, a Subject Change Form needs to be collected from my office via Mrs Saltmarsh, signed by a parent and returned. Students are not permitted to change the class until confirmation is given. They need to return to the Office after a couple of days to see if their request was granted.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching)

Important Note to Parents
2013 Immunisation Program
The Devonport City Council immunisation team will soon visit the school to administer vaccinations for Grade 7, Grade 9 and Grade 10 students that may be due.

- Year 10 Adult diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Year 9 Adult diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Year 9 (boys) Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Year 7 Adult diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Year 7 Hepatitis B (2 dose course)
- Year 7 Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Year 7 Varicella (1 dose course)
(only available for those if they have not had Chickenpox)

The team will be returning to the school later in the year to provide the second and third doses.

Consent forms are now being distributed to students in the relevant grades. Please return your consent form (completed in blue/black pen) to the school office no later than Friday 22 February 2013.

How To Make A Difference?
Would you like to make a difference to a person living at Karingal Community, Meercroft Care or Melaleuca Home for the Aged?

Red Cross is urgently seeking volunteers for the Community Visitors Scheme to visit residents living in Devonport who have few friends and family to visit them. It only takes half an hour a week to make a real difference in someone’s life. We urgently need volunteers now, so if you can spare an hour a fortnight to bring joy to an elderly person, it will enrich your life too.

Please give Felicity Harris a call on 03 64311848 or email me at fharris@redcross.org.au. Full training and support is provided by Red Cross.
Students wearing the uniform well are from the left: Jacob Templeton (12 M5), Kate Elkhair (12 G7), Shea Steven (10 L7) and Michael Ackroyd (10 L1).

As we do not have a school diary this year, some of the information which is usually found there will be communicated with families through the newsletter.

This week, we look at uniform.

Part of Doing Our Best is wearing the uniform with pride. It is a symbol of our community and the uniform is often recognised in the wider community as being something special about our school. The uniform also allows us to Be Safe as intruders on the property can easily be recognised.

The winter uniform may be worn all year round. The summer uniform can be worn in Terms 1 and 4, which means only the winter uniform can be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

From next week the College will begin checking students’ uniform to ensure it complies with the College expectations. Parents may be contacted if there are issues with a student’s uniform.

The College uniform is as follows:

**GIRLS: Years 7 - 10**

**Summer Uniform**
College blazer; Summer dress; Maroon v-neck jumper; Light blue socks; Black, polished shoes*

**Winter Uniform**
College blazer; Plaid skirt; Light blue dress shirt; Maroon v-neck jumper; College tie; Navy stockings; Black, polished shoes*

**GIRLS: Years 11 - 12**

**Summer Uniform**
College blazer; Navy skirt; Navy v-neck jumper; white socks; black, polished shoes.*

**Winter Uniform**
College blazer; Navy skirt; White dress shirt; Navy v-neck jumper; College tie; Navy stockings; black, polished shoes.*

**BOYS: Years 7 - 10**

**Summer Uniform**
College blazer; Grey tailored shorts or trousers; Light blue open neck shirt; Maroon v-neck jumper; grey socks; black, polished shoes.*

**Winter Uniform**
College blazer; Grey tailored trousers; Light blue dress shirt; College tie; Maroon v-neck jumper; grey sock; black, polished shoes.*

**BOYS: Years 11 - 12**

**Summer Uniform**
College blazer; Navy tailored shorts or trousers; White open neck shirt; Navy v-neck jumper; Navy socks; Black, polished shoes*

**Winter Uniform**
College blazer; Navy tailored trousers; White dress shirt; College tie; Navy v-neck jumper; navy socks; Black, polished shoes*

*Shoes must be plain, black, polished, school shoes - not suede, nor canvas, nor boots, nor shoes that are of a skate/sneaker etc. style.

**Physical Education**
School polo top, Navy shorts, School rugby top, Navy track pants

*The PE uniform is not to be used as a substitute for academic uniforms.*

**Inter-school Sports Teams Uniform**
For all teams, the travelling or pre-match uniform is the school rugby top and navy track pants. Unless otherwise directed, students are to wear the P.E. uniform. For SATIS sports and basketball, students hire the uniform from the school. Correct attire must be worn for each sport.

**Other Uniform Expectations**
- Blazers are to be worn travelling to and from school and during school assemblies.
- The summer shirt may be worn out provided that it has a straight hem and sits “on the hip”. Winter shirts must have a top button and must be worn tucked in.
- Boys must wear tailored trousers or shorts (plain black/ navy dress belts only).
- Extra items of clothing needed for warmth are not to be visible. Scarves must be a plain material.
- Skirts and dresses are to be a suitable length (a rule of thumb is no more than two hand-widths above the knee).
- Jewellery is not to be excessive. Earrings are to be plain, unobtrusive and limited to two pairs. No piercing is allowed in places other than the ear.
- Hair is to be neat and well-groomed and not draw undue attention. Long hair is to be tied back during practical lessons where it is hazardous not to do so. Boys are to be clean shaven.
- Excessive make-up (especially coloured eye shadow and/or heavy eye liner/mascara) must not be used. Coloured nail polish is not permitted.
- Tattoos are not to be visible.

**Out of Uniform**
Being out of uniform should be a rare occurrence and parents are asked to support us in this regard. If being out of uniform is unavoidable, an explanatory note must be provided. Wearing the PE uniform to or from school is regarded as being out of uniform.
14 February 2013

Dear Parents / Students

I write to advise that over the next four weeks (Feb 15 – Mar 15), various Health and Physical Education (HPE) classes will be conducted external to the College site at Coles Beach.

These lessons will be conducted to give students an understanding of how to be safe in and around the aquatic environment.

Students must be properly prepared for such activities and are reminded to bring appropriate footwear (for walk to beach), towel, bathers, hat and protective clothing. Sunscreen is provided by our department.

Students are reminded of the expectations when undertaking water activities. Walking to or from venues including the beach is to be in an orderly fashion. Students must follow the instructions of the teachers and no one is to leave the specified area without approval. For beach swimming no one is to go over shoulder-height depth or go outside set boundaries.

As this is a local excursion, consent has been given through your child’s enrolment. On this form you have also indicated your child’s swimming abilities. If you do not consent to your child’s participation, or there has been a change in their swimming ability, please contact the College as a matter of urgency.

If you have any questions, or concerns please contact myself or other HPE staff.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Steven Ryan
Head of Health & Physical Education Faculty

“Mild” asthma is very serious

If your child has asthma, please let us know immediately.

This is in light of information we have learned from our training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania.

“The people at greatest risk of death from asthma are those whose asthma is not considered severe,” said our trainer from the Foundation.

“Because they rarely have an attack or only usually have a mild attack there’s a tendency for the person with asthma or their carer not to take precautions – such as having a blue/grey reliever puffer available at all times. They are also less likely to know how to use their medications and devices properly and know what to do in an emergency.

“So when you have a bad attack - and that can happen even if you’ve never had one before – they tend to panic and have no medication available. That is unfortunately why people who have mild asthma die.”

Please call the office immediately if your child has asthma on 6424 7822. We’ll send you out a Student Asthma Record form. The Asthma Foundation recommends that you fill this form out with your doctor.

If you need any help or advice on asthma or associated allergies, please call the Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

Are you ready for digital TV?

On 9 April 2013 analog TV will be permanently switched off across Tasmania and free-to-air TV will be broadcast in digital-only.

To continue watching free-to-air TV, you need to ensure your television can receive the digital signals by either:

- connecting a set-top box or digital recorder to an analog TV, or;
- upgrading to a digital TV, which has a built-in digital tuner.

Most Tasmanians already have digital TVs or at least set top boxes on the older style units.

However we want to make sure that people potentially at risk of not being aware of the changeover, and what to do about it, have all the appropriate support and information.

The Government has set up two practical assistance schemes to help with the switch to digital TV. The Household Assistance Scheme and the Satellite Subsidy Scheme are available now; if you are eligible you should have received a letter asking you to apply.

To find out more about digital switchover, including how to access local help and information about assistance schemes, visit the Digital Ready Website www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

If clubs would like further information locally, they can contact Noel Hunt at Regional Development Australia. 0419 100 735.
**Canteen**

**Wedges**
Starting next week the Canteen will be adding wedges to the lunch menu. Wedges will only be available on a Tuesday lunch.

Made only on pre order from the list below:
- Plain Wedges $3.00
- Wedges with sour cream & Cheese $4.00
- Wedges with sour cream, cheese & Sweet Chilli Sauce $4.50

**Coffee**
To all staff please be aware we do have coffee and hot chocolate facilities available now for $3.20.
Year 11 and 12 this facility is also available to you and please note you can purchase at the canteen during your study periods also.
To all other students hot chocolate is only available for during recess and lunch.

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**Uniform Shop**

**Tuesdays/Wednesdays**
10.00 am — 4.00 pm
Cash Cheque Layby Eftpos

*Mrs Sue Arrowsmith*
Uniform Shop Manageress

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Contact Verity Tunevitsch at The Smith Family on 6326 7716 / 0457 715 248 or verity.tunevitsch@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Ash Wednesday Liturgy Photo's

Year 7 Swimming Carnival Photo's