News From Our Principal

Next Wednesday at 7:00pm we will be holding our Year 7 2015 Information and Open Evening. This is an opportunity for parents and students who are looking for enrolment into Year 7 next year to gather more information about our College. I am pleased to be able to report that our new structure of curriculum delivery in this transition year is working very well. This year we have moved to a structure where two teachers (Hector Lenton and Paul McIver) specialise in teaching Maths and Science to all five Year 7 core classes, and two teachers (Robyn Arthur and Cheryl Gamble) teach English and History to all five Year 7 core classes, while Daman Peters teaches the majority of Religious education classes. I would like to commend them, too, for their initiative in offering a homework club after school on two nights per week for Year 7 students. This is an indication of their professionalism and commitment to our students. If you know of any parents who are contemplating joining our community, please encourage them to come along. If it is for a Year level other than Year 7, the evening gives them an opportunity to experience our community and see our facilities. They can approach either myself or one of our Deputy Principals, Richard Chapman or Gavin Hicks, and we will be able to help them with answers to any questions they may have.

I am in Hobart for meetings, but I am unable to stay to support our SATIS swimming team due to commitments back at school. I know that they will represent us well.

Congratulations to:

- Ryan Powell (11 D2) performed extremely well at the 2014 Australian Junior Track and Field Championships held in Sydney recently. Ryan came 4th in a big field of contestants in the Men’s Under 18, 3000 metre event in a time of 8:52.02, just 8 seconds behind the winner.

On Holy Thursday, 17 April, we will have a student free day to allow College staff to receive input and be part of our being an Associate School of Edmund Rice Education Australia. We are mindful of maintaining our links to the founding orders: The Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph. On Holy Thursday, Br Damien Price will provide us with an opportunity to refresh ourselves with the ethos of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers.

The Governing Council has approved a small period of leave for me, commencing on 31 March, to conclude on 16 April. In my absence, Mr Richard Chapman will be Acting Principal, and will be supported in the Pastoral Care Team by Mr Kamil Douglas who will Act as Deputy Principal Pastoral Care. Mr Ross Hubble will return from his exchange to Taiwan next week.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

The College will be closed on Thursday, 17th April for Staff Profession Development.
It will reopen on Monday, 28th April at 8:30am.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. - Psalm 23
**Traffic Management**

**Pedestrian entry off Percy Street**
- To ensure personal safety, a pedestrian pathway (Zebra stripes) has been added for pedestrians entering/leaving the College from Percy Street.
- All drivers are asked not to park closer than 3 car-lengths South of the Student Carpark entry/exit on Percy Street to ensure good visibility.
- All drivers exiting the Percy Street Carpark are to turn left onto Percy Street.
- All drivers using the Percy Street Carpark are to be mindful of pedestrian traffic.

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**Immunisations - Catch Up**

Devonport City Council will be offering a free immunisation catch-up clinic for those Grade 7 (Males & Females) and Grade 9 (Males) students who were away or unable to attend the recent first round of the school based immunisation program.

When: between 3pm – 4pm Tuesday 15th April
Where: East Devonport Rec Centre, Caroline St EAST DEVONPORT

If parents have any queries please give Devonport City Council a call on 6424 0511.

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**HARMONY DAY PHOTO’S**
On Friday 21st March the Senior Secondary Sport Science class travelled to the University of Tasmania, Launceston Campus. The purpose of the excursion was to visit the School of Human Life Science particularly the Exercise Science Laboratory.

As a part of the excursion students were able to gain insight into the courses that are offered by this particular faculty at UTAS, hopefully stimulating student’s thoughts about possible future pathways. Also students were able to witness St Patrick’s College conduct a VO$_2$ Max on a treadmill and Michael Ackroyd was able to be VO$_2$ Max tested on a cycle ergometer. As a part of this, Michael’s peers were able to collect data from the test and gain insight on the specialised equipment and VO$_2$ Max testing protocols. Michael’s test recorded an impressive VO$_2$ Max of 51.484 ml/min/kg. Students were able to further develop their understanding in this area (which is a part of the Physiology unit they are studying in class) and how it relates to Sport Science in the field.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to staff at UTAS particularly Dr James Fell, Senior Lecturer and Exercise Science Program Coordinator and Stephen Stone, along with a number of assistants who organised and hosted our visit. Their courtesy and professional enthusiasm made our visit a valuable experience.

L-R: Steven Stone Exercise Physiologist, AEP ESSAM (coordinating the test protocols), Ashleigh Corbin (collecting data on Rate of Perceived Exertion (RPE), Michael Ackroyd (subject), Madeleine Robbins (Monitoring and collecting heart rate data), Cameron Hingston (adjusting workloads for the stationary cycle).

Mr Adam Aherne
Sport Science Teacher
PAUL SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE 2014

YOU are invited to join with people of all ages and from right around the state for the fifth Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage! Starting at Kangaroo Bay, Bellerive there will be the 8km pilgrimage walk around the waterfront, across the Tasman Bridge into Hobart.

If you don’t think you can make 8km walk, join us at the Concert & Family Fun Day to take part in the last leg – one big, police escorted, street procession through Hobart to St. Mary’s Cathedral for Mass. This day celebrates World Youth Day 2014, Palm Sunday and the Tasmanian Church! It is a day full of energy, fun, witness, faith and celebration! We need everyone from around the state there to make it the greatest celebration yet – students, staff, families, friends…EVERYONE!

Buses will be available from all around the state. Special guests Sam Clear and James Edwards will be joining us. All your information is available on the website: www.cymtas.org.au.

REGISTER & WIN! We appreciate early registration for Palm Sunday Pilgrimage to assist in planning, plus, when you register you are automatically entered into the draw to win a number of prizes, including accommodation, restaurant and store vouchers! Go to: www.cymtas.org.au to register (or contact Rachelle: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368.)