The final, full-school assembly on Friday gave us the opportunity to farewell the Year 12 class of 2011. The day began with a liturgy for the Year 12s and the teachers who went on retreat with them. Prefect, Jayden Von Blankensee gave a reflection on the Gospel reading (Mt 5:13 – 15 – you are salt of the earth … light of the world) which looked to their future, challenging herself and her peers to become the best that they can be. Such wisdom and insight in one so young assures me that our future is in good hands.

Following the Liturgy, the formal assembly allowed us to ritualise the end of schooling. Once again, the addresses by the College Captains, Abbie-Rose Imlach and Sam Gleeson, were inspirational.

I wish to congratulate the Year 12s, also, on their conduct leading up to the final days. It has been a conscious effort on the College’s part to promote the joy of the rite of passage that finishing school is, while being counter-cultural of the destructive and disappointing behaviours that the media likes to sensationalise (and, unfortunately, even promote) at times.

Each senior will receive a letter this week, with two pieces of information received late last week. All students would have already been advised, but we would like to ensure that we take every step to see the exams conclude without a problem. One is in relation to what can be brought into exams. The second is advice on overseas travel provided to us for all seniors. Recent events in Bali have highlighted the need to offer the best protection and advice to youth.

Congratulations to Megan Burton (7 M7) who has been selected to represent Tasmania at the Australian All Schools Track and Field competition to be held in Brisbane in December. Megan will compete in the 100m, 200m and relay in the U14 division. Congratulations also to Caitlin Radford (7 M7) who travels to Werribee in December to represent Tasmania at the Equestrian Australia National Show Horse Championships.

Caitlin won two State Titles recently at the Show Horse Council of Tasmania Horse of the Year Competition held in Launceston.

As we approach the end of the year I would like to thank the College Board and sub-committees for their work. Members of these committees are listed below:

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Frank Pisano
Principal
Basketball:
Next weekend the State High School Championships are being conducted in Ulverstone. The College has 3 teams participating and we wish them every success. On Monday the 9/10 Boys teams will be playing Marist at the College in a lead up to the event.

Cricket:
Last Thursday, 18 girls headed to the Devonport oval to participate in a girls cricket Gala Day. 26 teams from various schools participated in the 6 side games, with the focus being on fun and enjoyment. All the girls had an enjoyable afternoon, with some even getting some free Milo.

Golf:
Tomorrow, nine students head to Mowbray Golf course to participate in the 2011 Australian Schools Team Championships. Good luck to those participating.

Jump Rope for Heart:
Last week all year seven students received their sponsorship forms for the annual Jump Rope for Heart morning we hold at the College. Students are encouraged to collect some donations, with incentive prizes for those who raise over $15. The jump off day will be November the 18th, with all sponsorship forms need to be returned by this date.

Swimming Ability Forms:
Thankyou to all those who have returned their forms regarding aquatic activities in HPE. Unfortunately some students returned their forms without a name on them. If we have no record of your swimming ability, you will receive another notice early next week. If you son / daughters swimming ability has changed or you do not wish for them to undertake aquatic activities, please ensure the office is aware of this.

Movember:
As you may be aware, the month of November has received a face lift and is now known as Movember. The aim of this is to raise awareness of men’s health, especially around Prostate Cancer and Depression in Men. Some staff are on board and are growing moustaches for the cause.

On the issue of health, it’s a timely reminder to encourage us all to be active and get our daily dose of exercise. We must also ensure we give our body adequate rest. With the recent late night release of the latest version of COD (Computer Game), I would encourage students to participate in moderation and parents to ensure that students are getting adequate rest.

Mr Steve Ryan
Head of Health & Physical Education Faculty
Festive Friday in Devonport

On Friday 2 December the streets of Devonport will be buzzing like Santa’s workshop. The City with Spirit will play host to numerous events to launch the festive period.

Festive Friday
Retailers have banded together to provide shoppers with exceptional incentives to shop in Devonport this Christmas. Having agreed to open their doors from 9am to 6.30pm, Festive Friday will lead straight into the Apex Christmas Parade. Retailers in the CBD and Fourways will beautify the city by decorating their premises and provide local children with the opportunity to ‘spot Santa’ and win great prizes.

APEX Christmas Parade
The Apex Christmas Parade has always been a highlight on the Devonport festive calendar and this year is no exception. Combined with the traditional Christmas Light Up Concert at Roundhouse Park and the new Festive Friday, the Parade will form an integral part of Christmas celebrations in the City. The Parade will start at 6.30pm from Oldaker Street, move through Fourways, down Best Street and along Rooke Street to finish at Roundhouse Park.

Light Up Concert and Tree Dedication
The traditional Christmas Light Up Concert is scheduled to directly follow the parade, in the northern end of Roundhouse Park.

The Concert is set to start at 7.30pm, with entertainment in the park from 7.15pm by the Devonport Brass Band. The Concert will finish slightly after the 9.30pm fireworks display – with a choir singing the final numbers.

This is always a great concert of family entertainment with dancers, musicians and Christmas songs, before Santa arrives to light up Devonport with fireworks.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic and there will be a small selection of food vendors and children’s activities from 6pm.
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