MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for a Guilford Young College fundraising Music Trivia Night on Wednesday, April 17. Teams of 6-8 people will vie for a variety of prizes as they test their knowledge of music from ‘back-then’ to the present. This fundraiser for the GYC Creative Arts Link will be held on the Glenorchy Campus, Bowden St, from 6:30-9pm. For tickets/bookings, please contact the Glenorchy (6238 4350) or Hobart (6238 4300) Campus Office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Come along and join us for Fabian Oberdieck’s sausage sizzle fundraiser.

Bellerive Yacht Club
Friday, April 12, 2013
6.00 pm onwards.
Gold coin donation

Look forward to seeing you all there.

QUIZ NIGHT

Help raise funds for the Tasmanian World Youth Day 2013 project – supporting local young Tasmanians, as well as Chilean young people and the wider parish of ‘Our Lady of la Victoria’ in an impoverished area of Santiago, Chile. Our Tasmanian Pilgrims will go on an immersion and mission experience in this parish on their way to Rio.

These evenings will see parish go against parish, school against school and group against group to see which really is the smartest and the bravest in the state!

Prizes up for grabs for the parish/school/organisation/group with the highest representation. Plus, heaps of other prizes up for grabs!

Friday, April 12
SSJ School Hall
Sacred Heart College, NEW TOWN

7 for a 7.30pm start
$15 per person (includes first drink, nibbles and all the quiz-style fun you can fit into one night!)

Tables of 8-10 - but you must book NOW!! Book your table by contacting Anna on 0407 041 646 or agill@goodstart.org.au

GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE

Guilford Young College will be holding a parent information evening on Monday, June 3. The evening provides parents and students with further detail about the College and the process of enrolment and course counselling. Put the date in your diary as it is important that both parents and students are fully informed about the transition process to senior secondary schooling. For further information about Guilford Young College visit their website – www.gyc.tas.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

ATTRACTIONS

1. Robo Squad United Flying
2. 2013 Entertainment Book Flyer
Jesus appears to his disciples and says “Peace be with you”. The disciples were startled and terrified, thinking that they had seen a ghost. Christ reassures them, helping them realize that they were not alone in their doubts in their minds then, somewhat casually, asks for something to eat, and talks with them. The astonishing thing about this scene is that Jesus offers his disciples peace. He doesn’t even mention the word “peace” to them, but the very justified grudge, that could be held. He instead offers peace, not anger, hatred or shame. Imagine the shock of the disciples!

My point of reflection is to imagine how we, as the incarnated body of Christ, are now called to respond in kind to all the challenges, burdens and frustrations in our own lives and communities. The word used in Greek for forgiveness is more accurately translated into English as “loosened”. The reality of human sin being forgiven, or “loosened” through Christ’s death of course means that we must be Christ-like within our families and communities and let go of the sins of others and offer peace, every time, instead.

SRC NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS YEAR 7-9
On Tuesday during Personal Development, nominated students in Year 7-9 will be prepared speeches to their Home Room as part of the election process to become a MacKillop College SRC member. Each candidate values giving young people the opportunity to lead and generate ideas and actions to make our community a better place. All students in Year 7-9 participated in the voting process to elect two members from their Home Room. Successful SRC members will be announced at next week’s final Term 1 whole school assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 10 student leadership team for their assistance with the organisation of the process and for mentoring the candidates.

“Individually, we are one drop. Together we are an ocean.”

(Ryunosuke Satoru)

MANAGING STRESS – TIPS FOR STUDENTS
As Term 1 concludes, many students are starting to feel the pressure of meeting assessment task deadlines prior to going on school holidays. Managing time well both at school and at home, prioritizing tasks and being generally well organised are essential life skills we encourage our students to develop and demonstrate. If you hear your son or daughter cry “I’m just stressed!” suggest some of the following tips:

- Exercise
  Regular exercise releases chemicals in the body that make us feel good.

- Break
  Take a break from the task that is causing stress and come back to it when refreshed.

- Breathe
  It sounds easy, but taking a deep breath when things get too much can do wonders to help us calm down.

- Talk
  Communicate problems with friends, family, teachers and ask for support if necessary rather than just bottling things up.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)
Congratulations to Meg Francis (7 Red) who is the first student to be awarded 3 stamps as part of our school wide positive reward program which is all about the individual being acknowledged for exceeding our College expectations: Be Engaged, Be Respectful and Be Your Best. When a student collected 3 stamps from the College they will have the opportunity to elect their Class Co-ordinator to take to the College A-grade SRA meeting as recognition for their exceptional conduct in our community. The challenge is on for other students to join Meg in modelling our expectations and achieving a wristband and more.

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YEAR 7 üPAD PROGRAM
Last night we met with parents of Year 7 students to answer any queries in regard to the iPad program. Copies of our Question and Answer document and an Intention to Purchase letter have been sent to all families during the past week. In order to begin the beginning of next term we need parents to return the Intention to Purchase Document to the office by the close of business tomorrow.

UNIFORM
The wearing of the correct uniform to and from the College has been a major focus over the past week. All students are required to have a College blazer and this must be worn both to and from the College. As we approach the beginning of Term 2, I remind parents that students need to be neatly groomed at all times. Hair, if below the collar, should be tied back neatly and the only acceptable earrings are either one gold or silver stud or stud in the lobe of the ear.

EASTLANDS/TOWN OR SHORELINE PASSES
These passes will need to be re-activated via the College office at the beginning of Term 2. All students visiting any of the above should have a current pass if not under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.

REPORTS
Interim reports will be sent home for all students on the last day of this term, April 19. We are using a new format for our interim report and a letter will be included which will outline for parents the descriptors covered.

Our first Parent Teacher evening will be held on Thursday, May 9 and bookings can be made after April 19 via our website. Please note that students are an important part of this conference process and parents are asked to bring their son or daughter to the appointments.

Tips on how to provide effective parental engagement:

- Provide a supportive and stimulating home environment that encourages learning by asking questions and exchanging ideas. Involve the whole family in learning activities, including homework and other curriculum-linked activities and discussions. Help them to share their academic achievements each year and know the skills they need to complete tasks in various subjects.

- Expect a child to achieve: Having high expectations for children to achieve academically and in other ways encourages them to do their best. Let the child know that you are proud of them for trying their best, not for coming first in something.

- Develop a positive parenting style: This includes modelling behaviour that shows an interest in learning new things, not being afraid to make mistakes and learn from them and having the discipline to finish difficult tasks before having fun. The most important thing is that the level of commitment by parents needs to stay the same.

- Build a bond with the school: Build a relationship with your child’s teachers, one based on trust and mutual respect. Let your child know that you are interested in what the teacher says and what is going on in the classroom. Engagement strategies are more likely to be successful when teachers know how to communicate effectively with parents. Through this mutual understanding and commitment, a child’s wellbeing will be enhanced, and they will have a much greater chance of living a life that they value, where their full capacities and aspirations are fulfilled.

- Parental engagement in learning outcomes at home can lead to higher grades and test scores, lower drop-out rates, higher education rates and a greater likelihood of children going onto higher education and university. It also has the added bonus of helping to improve school attendance, to increase social skills, to give a greater sense of personal achievement and to help children focus and engage in school work.

- As an Edmund Rice Association School, MacKillop Catholic College is participating in the wider events of the Edmund Rice Network across Tasmania. As well as the Mass to honour Blessed Edmund Rice on the feast day is May 5, we are offering our students the opportunity to get involved in Edmund Rice Camps. The first of these camps will be happening early in Term 2, and our Student Leaders are currently in formation and planning this experience for their participants. It is incredibly important to work with the Charm of Edmund Rice, both for staff and students. We are privileged to be part of this wider network and look forward to participating in the Edmund Rice Mass.

- Thank you to all families who have returned their Project Compassion box. Your donation will contribute to the improvement of the lives of the world’s most vulnerable communities.

- On sale will be hamburgers, sausages and soft drinks. Come along and get some delicious food today!

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PROJECT COMMISSION
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BEE – TUESDAY, APRIL 16
The CSYMA class is holding a BBQ on the last Tuesday of Term 1 and all funds raised will go to the work of Caritas Australia. On sale will be hamburgers, sausages and soft drinks. Come along and get some delicious food today!

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POST-EASTER REFLECTION
It was with new eyes that I re-read the appearance of Christ to his disciples this week (Luke 24:36-49). After the “busyness” of Easter, both liturgically and socially, we often forget that the Easter season is a lot longer than the three days of ceremony and holiday. Between Easter and Pentecost is a journey of understanding exactly why we have been forgiven our sins through Jesus’ death on the cross.