St Mary’s College presents the Broadway musical hit, *The Wiz*, from June 12-14 at 7.00pm at the Playhouse Theatre. Book your seat through Centertainment now for a magical night of entertainment. Tickets selling fast!

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### CROSS COUNTRY AND EDDIE RICE CUP

Last week the College held its annual Cross Country Carnival at Wentworth Park. Congratulations to Tenison House, led by their House Captains, Tom Youl and Ellie Fleming, on their victory. It was another wonderful event in which participation levels were high amongst all year levels.

Well done to the age champions and those students selected for the cross country team that will compete at the Southern SATIS

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

1. Ascension and Pentecost - New Life, New Spirit
2. McK Sport Edition 4

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**GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE**

Guilford Young College is now accepting enrolments for 2015. The final PARENT INFORMATION EVENING will be held on THURSDAY, 12 JUNE at the Hobart Campus (Barrack Street, one block immediately behind the Cathedral) at 7.30 pm. Enrolment applications for 2015 are due by FRIDAY, JUNE 20. Further information; Enrolments Registrar, Mrs Rose Stevens, 6238 4367 or enrolments@gyc.tas.edu.au

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People with pianos need not apply. These can be dropped off at the College.

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A reminder for all Year 10 students and parents that Guilford Young College applications for 2015 are due on FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014. Please contact GYC or Mackillop if you have any questions about enrolment for next year.

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YEAR 10 EXAMS
This week marks the beginning of our Year 10 Exam Block for June. All Year 10 students will begin exams on Thursday June 12. This practice of completing work under exam conditions helps support our young people in learning the techniques involved in the preparation for exams, the technique of using the time given appropriately and managing a lead-up study time. All students have been given guidance by their teachers of exam content and support in revision techniques. The exams will be in the College Gym and due to the recent cool weather students may bring additional warm items if needed when working in the Gym during the exam period.

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All exams in the Gym, except Drama which is in the Library

GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE TRANSITION
Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 10s to GYC for their first transition meeting to senior secondary education. Our students were a credit to us: they listened politely, their uniforms were excellent and they were engaged in the conversations of the possibilities available in Year 11 and 12. Guilford Young College is running its final Parent Evening this Thursday, June 12 from 7.30pm at the Hobart Polytechnic. If you have any questions about senior secondary education this might be of interest to you.

UNIFORM
Parent support is vital in helping us ensure our young people wear their uniform correctly. In particular, I would like to focus on two aspects: the length of girls’ skirts and that boys wear the correct winter shirt tucked in at all times. The length of the girls’ skirts is slowly creeping up. I ask parents to check that skirts are 3cm’s from the floor when kneeling. Boys’ winter shirts can be either long or short sleeved, but must have a business collar that buttons at the neck.

CANTERBURY
Last week I met with the Canteen Manager and representatives from the Student Representative Council to discuss possible changes to our canteen menu. Our discussion was also supported by some great research done by our Year 9 Science Extended class who looked at the healthy-eating options we currently have for sale and offered some suggestions for future items. As a result, the Canteen menu will now include a rotational choice of sweet products such as caramel slice, Blisskits, banana bread and hedgehog slice as well as a hot food choice at lunch such as curried chicken, hot roast rolls, tacos, nachos and jacket potatoes. There will be an updated Canteen menu out in coming weeks.

CANNING
Yesterday, during Personal Development, students were given a hard copy of their goals that they set earlier in the year to review and update. The goal-setting sheet was stuck into student planners as a further incentive to keep them in mind as we progress rapidly through the year. Students were also asked to record their reflections about where they are at with their individual academic and personal goals, as well as a self-assessment on everyday basic skills such as organisation, punctuality and so on.

KEEPING PERSONAL BELONGINGS SECURE
Please encourage your son/daughter to take care of valuable, personal possessions while they are at school. In particular, items such as wallets, mobile phones, iPads and iPods should be safely locked away in student lockers when not in use or passed on to the office for safe keeping. Articles of clothing, books etc should be clearly labelled with the student’s name so that if misplaced, they can be promptly returned. We need to generate a culture of care and awareness of the value of property.

STUDENT LEADERS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPORT - EDDIE RICE CAMP
Two weeks ago, the Student Leadership Team was given the opportunity to help young, local children not as fortunate as we are by hosting an Eddie Rice Camp overnight at the College from Friday 16 May to Saturday 17 May.

When the children first arrived on site on Friday afternoon, we were a little anxious and unsure how we’d connect. Within an hour, we discovered they were kind, fun and appreciative kids, full of energy. They were us out!

We played several get-to-know-you games and had a nourishing dinner and finally the opportunity to sleep! Obviously we didn’t take the opportunity to sleep and were very tired the next morning. The kids (who probably didn’t sleep either) had even more energy than the day before! We were exhausted!

After a day packed full of active tasks and some powerful and meaningful opportunities to talk and debrief with the kids, we travelled with them to drop them off at their homes. This was quite an eye-opener, to see first-hand some of the injustices that exist in our society that these families have to deal with every day.

On the whole it was an amazing experience with amazing kids who seemed to have a fighting spirit to push through many hurdles. Thank you to Andrew Blackett and Brendan Webb from Eddie Rice Camps, Mr Lahey, Mrs Pollard and Dr Towns for making this inspiring opportunity possible.

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THE EDDIE RICE CAMP REPORT
It is the fundamental work of a school in the tradition of Catholic Christianity to facilitate opportunities where our own students are motivated with a self-sacrifice, recognising and turning toward those less fortunate, and experience the value of giving themselves in service to others. It is startling to realise the extent of poverty around us, and to give one’s time to making a brighter horizon in the life of a child is the work of Eddie Rice Camps in a nutshell.