YEAR 9 FOOD STUDIES
As part of the Year 9 Food Studies program this term, the classes have been studying food equity and the unequal distribution of food around the world. In an effort to help the homeless in Hobart, we have teamed up with St Vincent de Paul to provide desserts for their “Feast with Friends” meal for the homeless. This is a charity event that gives the homeless a three course meal once a month as opposed to the regular soup kitchen meals they are given. The three classes prepared, sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce; chocolate brownies with a berry coulis and apple crumble with custard. This was a great opportunity for the class to give something back to the community in which we live; they all did a great job.

Mr B Shaw

WILDLIFE RESCUE COURSE
On a cold, wet, dreary afternoon in mid-June, a group of enthusiastic Mackillop College students and family members attended Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary’s FOC Wildlife Rescue Course. The purpose of this course is to train people in basic animal rescue skills, to get sick and injured native wildlife to appropriate care. Thousands of animals are hit by cars, attacked by dogs and cats, caught in fences, trapped in fireboxes etc etc. We learnt how to catch and transport a variety of animal species, from the well known wallabies and possums to lesser known echidnas, bandicoots, bettongs and potoroos. It’s not just mammals which need rescuing; we also discussed rescuing different species of birds and reptiles, such as blue tongued lizards. We also learnt about what was needed in a rescue kit. A large plastic tub for birds or reptiles, hessian sacks for most mammals (not echidnas though!), gloves, pillow slips, torch, towel, blanket etc. Most of us who attended the course have registered to be added to Bonorong’s rescue database, where we are contacted to rescue animals in our local area.

FOC Wildlife Courses are run regularly throughout the year. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me (pgraham@mackillop.tas.edu.au) or Bonorong directly (http://www.bonorong.com.au/foc_program.html)

Pat Graham
Animal Studies Teacher

ROBOCUP JR REGIONAL COMPETITION 27/7/13
On Saturday, July 27, three teams from Mackillop competed in the Hobart Regional event of RoboCup Jr in the Senior Rescue division. Whilst the teams lacked in numbers, they made up for in their enthusiasm and commitment to robotics. All the students were extremely competitive on the day. Over 5 rounds, all the teams managed to negotiate the obstacle course several times to completion, including locating and pushing out the “victim” (= an aluminium can) from the “chemical spill” area. Our 3 teams qualified for the finals in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (out of a field of 7). In the final rounds, the “see-saw” and “cattle grid” obstacles proved to be the undoing of two of our robots. Only “DeBrous” managed to solve the courses unscathed. Final results were:

“DeBrous” – Benjamin Kershaw and Liam Brooks (Yr 7) – 1st place
“iRobot” – Alexandra Bull (Yr 8) – 3rd place
“RobotFTW” – Munro Wilson and Jye Kelly (Yr 8) – 4th place

I look forward to taking Mackillop’s Robotics Team to the State competition, to be held in Launceston at the end of August.

Pat Graham
Robotics Co-ordinator

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KIGURUMI NO HI
Late in Term 2 the Year 7s were able to sample maccha aisu or green tea ice-cream. Valhalla made the ice-cream using Tasmanian milk and Japanese green tea powder. Many students got into the Japanese theme of the day by wearing a kigurumi (or ‘onesie’). Students learnt how to ask and show appreciation for their ice-cream in Japanese.

Mrs J Hardman
ENROLMENT - YEAR 11 & 12
ST MARY’S COLLEGE
Year 11 and/or Year 12 Enrolments 2014 - St Mary’s College
Year 10 2013 students at Catholic Colleges in the South of the State can progress to Senior Secondary study in the Catholic sector at either Guilford Young College or St Mary’s College.

Parents and Year 10 students are advised that the closing date for enrolment applications for entry to Year 11 (or Year 12) at St Mary’s College in 2014 is Friday, August 30, 2013. You are warmly invited to contact our Enrolment Officer, Tammy Carlton, for further information about the College, the range of subjects and flexible delivery arrangements, a tour of the College and for an Enrolment Application. A number of scholarships are available on merit and fee assistance is always available on a needs basis.

We would love to see you, your family and friends there to support the students in this very practical way.

Queries to Sean Priest, Music Teacher, at Mackillop College
spriest@mackillop.tas.edu.au

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MACKILLOP MUSIC SHOWCASE
Friday 16 August 7pm at Citywide Baptist Church
Tickets are $5 per person at the door.

Our annual winter concert features members of the Music, Band, and Choir programmes at Mackillop College. It is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and their musical skills to a supportive audience of parents and friends.

Tammy can be contacted as follows:
(T): 6108 2562 or (E): enrol@smc.tas.edu.au

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HOBART GANG SHOW 2013
“Wicked Tales”
Mt Nelson Theatre, Hobart College
Olinda Grove, Mount Nelson

FEATURING MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENT - Seamus Hallam (7 Green)
Thursday, August 22 - 7.30 pm
Friday, August 23 - 7.30 pm
Saturday, August 24 - 2.00 pm & 7.30 pm

Come along and support Seamus. To book this event go to: http://www.trybooking.com/CYQF

Contact Denise for further information at: pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

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MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
Thursday, August 8, 2013

Part of our Feast Day celebration for our students is a BBQ lunch. On this day the canteen will NOT be open. Students will need to bring a supply of drinks and snacks from home.

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Letter to the Catholic People of Tasmania

The announcement of the Holy See that Pope Francis has appointed me as the new Archbishop of Hobart occurs while I am attending World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. I regret that I cannot be in Australia at this time.

I receive the news of my appointment as the eleventh bishop of Hobart with joy and expectation.

My years as priest and bishop have been within the Archdiocese of Sydney. I look at my appointment to Tasmania with the intention of making this beautiful island my home and its people my people.

As Archbishop I embrace the call of Blessed John Paul II at the turn of the millennium to “start afresh from Christ”. I invite you to join me in the time ahead to seek a deeper relationship with Christ that he may shape our thoughts, words and actions. Christ is our sure foundation and the hope that inspires us to embrace and live our Catholic faith to the full. In and through Christ the Catholic faith is our treasure and our joy.

The great mission of the Church in our time is the New Evangelisation. All Catholics are called to discover our task in the world of enabling individuals and cultures to be transformed by the power of the Gospel. I want to make the New Evangelisation the pastoral strategy to my service among you.

I look forward to formally taking up my role as Archbishop. I look forward to meeting you all that we might grow in mutual love and serve the needs of all in Tasmania.

May we grow together, united in our faith in Christ. May he be the inspiration of all we do together. May he be glorified in our lives and in the Church in Tasmania.

May the blessing of God be upon you all.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Julian Porteous.