SENIORS iPAD PROJECT

Over the past two weeks the Year 9 MacKillop Catholic College Applied Computing class, accompanied by their teacher Mrs Lawler and our Elearning Co-ordinator Mr Dilger, have been visiting the Freemason’s Home in Lindisfarne to teach the residents how to use their new iPads. Some of the things that we are trying to help the residents with include apps, such as Skype, email and searching the internet. This enables residents to contact family and friends via a different media, something that they haven’t been able to do before our visit. For example, one resident was able, via Skype, to see a family member who they hadn’t seen for 45 years! Later we will look at music, painting apps and games like chess.

Everyone is benefiting from the program. The students are learning how to teach others and the residents are enjoying using new technology, which before our visit probably was a bit foreign to them. Here are some comments from students that are participating in this program:

“I enjoy teaching the residents new things about technology.” (Edward)

“I enjoy teaching and extending the residents knowledge about their iPads.” (Lynden)

“I enjoy sharing my knowledge with others.” (Emily)

It has been fun getting to know the residents and I hope the residents have enjoyed our visits as much as we have.

As part of our program all students and their families have been invited to attend an afternoon tea with Governor Peter Underwood, at which time the official project will be launched on Wednesday, September 4.

Dominic Brazendale, 9 White

HOSPITALITY EXCURSION TO GYC

On Thursday, August 15, the MacKillop Hospitality class went to the GYC Glenorchy Campus for a Masterclass on Thai Cuisine. The Masterclass was conducted by Thai chefs from a prestigious hospitality college in Thailand through the Thai consulate, GYC and Industry Link. This Masterclass gave the class an opportunity to learn some authentic Thai dishes, gain exposure to Thai cuisine here in Hobart and to give them a unique experience. The students excelled in the practical class, showing exemplary engagement while producing a classic Thai beef salad and Thai fish cakes.

Mr Ben Shaw, Hospitality Teacher

IPAD PROJECT AT FREEMASONS’ HOME – WIFI FOR SENIORS

This term the Year 9 Applied Computing Class commenced an iPad project with the residents of the Freemasons’ Home, Lindisfarne. Over the next few weeks students will be working one-on-one with the residents to introduce them to the iPad as a means to access information, internet banking and staying connected with loved ones around the world, including emails and Skype. Please read the student report, from Dominic Brazendale, on the last page of the newsletter.

Last week I had the pleasure of spending time with the students and residents and what was most remarkable, and more valuable in my opinion, were the connections that each student was starting to develop with their resident. The swapping of stories, the time spent in conversation and the empathy, respect and understanding of the contributions and experiences of the older members in our community will have a long term positive outcome for all students. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Sharon Lawler and Mr Mike Dilger for their involvement and leadership in the program.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REFLECTION

LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST.
GET THE MOST FROM EACH HOUR, EACH DAY, AND EACH AGE OF YOUR LIFE.
GOO D IS THERE WAITING FOR YOU.
BE YOURSELF – BUT BE YOUR BEST SELF.
DARE TO BE DIFFERENT – AND TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN STAR WITH YOUR GOD.
AND DON’T BE AFRAID TO BE HAPPY.
ENJOY WHAT IS BEAUTIFUL.
LOVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL.
BELIEVE THAT THOSE YOU LOVE, LOVE YOU.
AND REMEMBER: “GO OD IS LOVE”.
AND ABOVE ALL, REMEMBER THAT GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.
TOGETHER GO FORWARD – YOU AND GOD.
ACT AS IF EVERYTHING DEPENDED UPON YOU, AND PRAY AS IF EVERYTHING DEPENDED UPON GOD.

(Author unknown)

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Productions, like The Wind in the Willows, are certainly more than just polished performers on stage. The selection of play, casting, preparation, sets, costumes and technical support are vital ingredients of quality performances and I would like to thank the staff of the Performing and Visual Arts Department, including Mrs Toni Pritchard, Mrs Anne Lovell and Mrs Olivia Stephen for their support of the production. I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff involved in the other details of the production, such as front of house, stage and the dressing in and out during the days before and after the week of performances.

At the end of the week the Music students presented a concert which highlighted the breadth and depth of musical talent in the College. Commencing with the training band and choir, the students performed in combinations such as, rock bands, duets and acoustic performances, just to name a few. All in all, this was a fabulous evening and well supported by students, families and friends. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr Sean Priest, Ms Ruth Freeman, Mrs Toni Pritchard and the many Music tutors at the College for their hard work and enthusiasm in preparing the students for the event.

STAFFING NEWS

At the end of the week both Mrs Alice Smith and Mr Joe O’Shea will be taking long service leave, returning to the College at the start of Term 4. Mr Raymond Blizzard and Miss Cathy Allen will teach Alice’s and Joe’s classes, respectively and we warmly welcome both teachers to the College. On behalf of all at the College I wish both Alice and Joe safe travels and we look forward to their return in Term 4.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Mr Peter Kay will leave the College at the end of the week as he has accepted a position with the Tasmanian Fire Service. Peter has been at the College since 2005 and his presence and influence will be missed. As previously mentioned we are very grateful for his many and significant contributions to the College but wish him every blessing for his new career direction. Peter’s replacement is still yet to be decided and I will inform students and parents as soon as this has been confirmed.

ROBOCUP, THE NETHERLANDS 2013

In a recent newsletter, June 12, I wrote about two Year 10 students, Haiden Nettle and Gwilym van den Bosch, heading to The Netherlands, as part of a larger team, Robo Squad United, to compete in the international competition in Eindhoven, The Netherlands in June 2013. After months of very hard work, the squad was hugely successful in the
EDMUND RICE CAMP

The second Edmund Rice Camp will be held at Mackillop Catholic College on Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14. Open only to Year 10 students, it is a fantastic opportunity to offer young people positive experiences with lots of games and fun on camp. For our students, it’s an opportunity to lead through service. Hours can be counted toward your St Joseph’s Certificate. If you are interested, applications close Friday, September 6. Please return camp forms to Mrs Pollard through the satchel.

EDDIE AFTERNOON: Wednesday, September 4: 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Students who participated in the first Edmund Rice Camp will be able to spend an afternoon with their buddy on September 4 on campus. It will be a fantastic opportunity to reconnect and spend time together.

VINNIES YOUTH: ONE NIGHT OF POVERTY

Vinnies Youth is inviting students from Years 9 – 12 to participate in their “One Night of Poverty” which raises awareness of what it is like to be homeless. It will be held at St Virgil’s Junior School, 102 Patrick Street, Hobart, on Friday, September 20, from 6.30pm to 9.00pm on Saturday, September 21. If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please get an application pack from Mrs Pollard.

WINTER APPEAL

Thank you Mackillop for your generous support of the Winter Appeal. There has been an overwhelming response to our Vinnies Winter Appeal and your contributions will make a significant difference to many people out there who are in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone.

YEAR 8 REFLECTION DAYS

The Year 8 Reflection Day has been changed to the dates below:

Monday, September 16: 8 Blue, 8 White, 8 Green
Friday, September 20: 8 Red, 8 Gold

Reflection Days are an integral part of the Religious Education Program, and are compulsory for students to attend. Further information will be distributed over the next week.

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DOMINO’S PIZZA FUNDRAISER!

On Monday, September 2, Domino’s Hawaiian and Meatlovers Pizza will be available at lunchtime. Slices are $1.50 each, with a maximum of two slices per students only. The order will be taken in the Home Room satchel by Friday, August 30. All funds raised will be donated to Albie House. This is an initiative of the Media, Communications and Business Course.

Supervision at the College does not commence until 8.15 am. It is advisable that students are dropped off at the College from 8.15 am onwards.