**From the Principal**

As I write to you in this newsletter our teachers are finalising student reports. The mid-year reports are the most detailed reports that parents/caregivers receive over the course of the year. Reports will be distributed on the 26th June. We have scheduled parent/teacher interviews on the 3rd and 4th of July. I would encourage you to make appointments with your child’s teachers to discuss the progress of your child. Included with the newsletter is some information that may assist in making the most of your child's parent/teacher interviews.

Our students have been busy over the past several weeks and I have been proud of the way they have represented themselves and the school. We had 65 participate in a Flash Mob activity at Salamanca on 25th June to raise awareness of the social issues associated with gambling. We also had 8 of our students participate in a Wilderness Camp on 27th – 31st May. These students participated in a range of challenging activities over the course of the trip. Our Grade 9 and 10 students have recently had the opportunity to participate in the Construction Industry’s “Try a Trade” and white card training. These extra curricular activities certainly add positively to our teaching and learning program.

We have recently celebrated the efforts and achievements of a large number of students through our Exceeding Expectations Program. Students who have been identified as exceeding expectations were invited to attend an excursion to the movies as a reward.

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**Student Term Dates 2013**

**TERM 2**
Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July

**TERM 3**
Tuesday 23 July – Friday 27 September

**TERM 4**
Monday 14 October – Friday 20 December

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**Important Information from Office Staff**

Just to let you know that our old school number has been cut off and you can only use the new one now **6242 9299**.

**NEWSLETTER** – Newsletters will be distributed via hand delivery or email. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please provide the office with your email address.
Social media, and in particular Facebook plays a large part in many of our young people’s lives. I am often contacted by parents and caregivers about advice in helping our young people engage with this media. Included with the newsletter is some advice that may be useful in assisting our students with social media.

Jason Szczerbanik  
Principal

Stars of Sports  
Congratulations to:

Erin Fazackerley (9A) who was a member of the Tasmanian Junior Tennis team that recently contested the Pizzey Cup in Adelaide; a team photograph appeared recently in the Mercury. This adds to this talented sportswoman’s representative honours in the State Cricket team earlier in the year. Excellent achievements, Erin!

Jyle Grafton (8E) who was the sole Rose Bay competitor in the Tasmanian School Surfing Championships held at Clifton Beach. The event was postponed a number of times due to unfavourable weather but Jyle formed an Allstars team with a student from Friends School and won the U16 section; unfortunately, they could not win the Mark Richards Shield because they were not from the same school. Any disappointment vanished when Jyle won the U16 boys section and he will now represent Tasmania at the National Schools Championships. A great effort; well done, Jyle!

ArT nEwS  
Congratulations to the following students for their selection into the UTAS MEANMACHINES workshop. These students wrote excellent submissions as to why they should attend and have this opportunity to experience a 4 day art workshop at the Tasmanian School of Art in Hunter St, in the last week of June.

The students are all from Grade 10. They are:
Maggie Smith  
Beth Fennell Burge  
Andre Arias  
Yasmine Donnelly  
Liam Johnson  
Moira Lowe

Artist of the Month: April  
Artist of the Month for May goes to up and coming talent Grade 8 student Jessica Gregory. Jessica has developed awesome technical skills and has the added bonus of creative and quirky ideas sprouting out of her like water from a fountain. She is willing to explore different mediums and themes. Both her art folder and mask work are high quality work. Well done Jessica!

Titration Competition  
Budding scientists are encouraged to get involved to sharpen their analytical skills in chemistry. After learning and practising their skills, teams of three students will pit themselves against other schools at the University of Tasmania on August 9th. Any Grade 9 and 10 students are encouraged to enter. Please see Mr Mogielnicki.
The National Child Oral Health Survey is here!
During 2013, some Tasmanian schools will be participating in a major study of child dental health, the National Child Oral Health Survey. The Survey will take a snap shot of the current oral health status of our 5 – 14 year olds and will assist in planning future dental services for the Australian child population.

Your school has kindly agreed to participate. Over the next few weeks, your child may bring home an invitation to be a part of this important Study.

Parents/guardians will be asked to fill out a survey questionnaire, then, on designated days, our trained, professional clinicians will visit the school to carry out a dental examination for the participating students.

The dental examinations will not involve any treatment and will take place at schools using portable dental equipment. However, should our clinicians detect an area of concern, parents/guardians will be notified in order that treatment can be sought through the public dental service or the family dentist.

Should your child be selected, we would be very grateful for consent for your child’s inclusion in the study.

**We can’t do this without you!**

**Entertainment Book** – thank you to those parents who have either bought or returned their entertainment books. A REMINDER to all outstanding entertainment book holders, please return to school as soon as possible.

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**General Noticeboard:**

- **PIANO & VOICE LESSONS**
  Margot Lampkin, member of the Tasmania Music Teachers Assoc. offers lessons on the Eastern Shore. Phone 6244 5344

- **Learning Business for Numeracy, Literacy & Music** – contact Zoe Buckley [fully qualified teacher] on 0402451681

- **“Youth Assist” in Clarence / assistance for anything Youth!**
  “Youth assist” is a youth space at the “Clarence Integrated Care Centre”, at 16 Bayfield Street near Zap fitness and McDonalds. “Youth assist” is a place where you can get support, short term help with health concerns, links in to other services, or just talk to a youth worker. Best of all it is all totally free and confidential.

  At “youth Assist” free toiletries and health items are available as well as help with getting health discounts. Free internet, phone access and a youth worker are on site to help check out community services around housing, income support and benefits, money, employment and study.

  The “Youth Assist” youth worker will be on site Tuesday & Friday 2-5pm and is available to chat about what’s been mentioned or anything else. To see the youth worker call 6247-1230 or come along at the drop in times. No appointment necessary.

  On Thursdays there will be a free family planning sexual health clinic 2-5 pm. A female doctor and health nurse will be available at this time to provide consultations and treatments. This is by appointment only.

  To see the Doctor call 6233-8901 to make an appointment with Pulse health.

  Thanks, stay safe and happy.