



## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH PATHWAY PLANNING? - Mrs Heinze

Parents play a vital role in helping their child to make pathway choices. Your positive support will help your child to take confident steps to the future.

- Ask your child about their pathway planning and other learning activities.
- Look at pathway planning resources and websites with your child. There will be things that you can share to help them to gain greater insights.
- Explore with your child different ways in which they might get to their preferred life, learning or work choices.
- Support your child's involvement in school and community activities. They will value these choices more if you are positive about them.
- Encourage your child to do casual, volunteer or holiday work. This will give them direct experience of the world of work, and will also help them to build networks.
- Encourage their interests by exploring and going to places that are related to their learning or career interests.
- Remind your child of what they are good at and what they have already achieved. This will help them to develop a Pathway Plan and résumé.
- Have an open mind about the choices your child might make.



## Principals Message.....Ms Beth Gilligan

17<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last month I wrote to all of our College families to ask for your help to support an important refurbishment at the College. As you know, Dominic College has been fortunate in gaining a Federal Government "Pride in Schools" grant of \$200,000. These funds are being used to renovate a very impoverished and underdeveloped part of the Secondary Campus. All students – current and future will benefit from this.

The four classrooms that make up the Siena classroom block have desperately needed to be refurbished. They have been in a very poor condition. Having taught in these rooms myself, I know the huge difference a new learning environment will provide for all students.

Currently these rooms have been gutted, reframed and redesigned. New storage, display areas, carpet and wireless technologies need to be installed.

The Government grant is not enough to update the four classrooms to the extent that they so desperately need and we don't have reserves to call upon for this. We need to ask for help from our families and friends to complete the job. For each of the four Siena classrooms we need up to \$30,000 for refurbishment.

I am hoping that every family might be able to find a way to support the College in our Capital Campaign by donating a minimum of \$50.00. All donations are tax deductible. Every donation will make a huge difference to us. Below is a Donation Form which can be returned to the College. I am very grateful to our families who have responded already to this appeal.

## Donation Form

Complete this form and return it to Dominic College at:  
PO Box 256 Glenorchy, TAS 7010

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if there is a particular item or Siena classroom that you would like your donation to go to \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to Dominic College.

Please charge this donation to my Mastercard/Visa (please circle)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My credit card no. is:

Valid from: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your donation**



### Quote of the Week:

We all have dreams, But in order to make dreams into reality it takes an awful lot of DETERMINATION, DEDICATION, SELF-DISCIPLINE and EFFORT.  
.....Jesse Owens



**REMINDER  
NEXT WEEK:  
WEEK 2**

### Dates to Remember:

Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	GYC Pathways Expo, Glenorchy, Yr 10 1-3pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> August	SATIS Cross Country
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Dominic Activities Day
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Yr 10 Work Experience

## Head of Campus.....Mr John Visentin

### Campus Assembly

This week we took the opportunity to gather as a Campus to celebrate achievements and congratulate students for their work from first term. There were a number of significant items to celebrate including:

- The presentation of a cheque to the Siena classroom appeal from Mr Jim MacAuley from the Catholic Development Fund (CDF)
- Presentations by Mr Peter Stevenson to the outstanding students, Jessica Brennan and Teagan Nettlefold-Roberts in the Royal Society Competition focused on Charles Darwin as well as certificates to the other students who participated in this challenging competition.
- The awarding of certificates for academic effort and achievement to the students in each year level who received the most nominations from staff during term 1
- Premiership medallions to a significant number of sporting teams for their success during first term
- A judging of the Year 7 Home Economics banners by Ms Gilligan

Ms Gilligan also challenged students to use their energy in a positive manner to benefit themselves and the College Community. She indicated a number of examples of how people can harness even negative experiences to achieve positive outcomes and urged us all to make the most of the opportunities to achieve and succeed.

### Year 10 GYC Expo

All year 10 students will visit the Guilford Young College Expo next Tuesday from 1-3pm with teachers. This is an important opportunity for students to focus on the subjects that will form the basic of their courses in Years 11 and 12. Students already enrolled at GYC will have received their subject selection forms and the information gathered at the Expo will assist in this process of discernment regarding the right subjects to assist in their particular pathway.

### Academic Awards

At this week's Campus Assembly we distributed Academic Awards to a number of students for their achievement and effort in their learning. These awards are based upon work completed in first term and selected by subject teachers.

The Academic Awards are intended to reward students for their achievement and endeavour in specific subjects and also to highlight the importance of working hard at all aspects of their learning. There are many who work consistently and productively and who produce work of a very high standard and it is only fitting that we recognise those efforts in this way.

The awards given are:

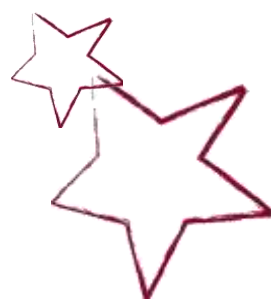
**Academic Achievement** - these certificates are awarded for achieving academic excellence over the course of the term or for an outstanding individual piece of work or performance

**Academic Endeavour** - these certificates are awarded for determined effort, dedicated commitment to learning or for significant improvement over the term.

Along with those awards presented at the assembly, which were for the students who received the highest number of individual awards in their year level, there were numerous others, which were presented in Pastoral groups during the course of this week. Our congratulations to all who received awards this time and we hope that others take up the challenge to achieve one at the end of this term.

Those presented with their awards at the assembly were:

Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Eliza Nolan Caitlin Chivers Haimish Ainsworth Jessica Brennan	Olivia Kaczorek Tashina Wolff Georgia Ryan Samuel Palmer	Jade Bailey Hannah Clear Ryan Mills	Lisa McConnon Jessica Hapka Samuel Ambler



## Sport Report.....Mr Aaron Davey

### School Bus....after school sport

Unfortunately, the school bus is unavailable until our College bus driver returns from holidays, consequently, students are expected to organise their own transport to their venues. Whilst this may be inconvenient for parents it's important that students honour their commitment to their team as outlined in the Sports Agreement that they have signed.

We have a situation at the moment where teams have been forced to forfeit games due to lack of commitment from some students. Students need to be organised for each game.

All rosters are available from the office.

### Soccer

It's very disappointing that due to poor weather many soccer games have been cancelled over the last few weeks. Our grounds and many others in Southern Tasmania have been greatly affected by the wet weather.

We certainly hope that the weather improves in the coming weeks and we can continue our rosters.

### Advice for Parents.....Swine Flu

H1N1 (swine flu) and seasonal flu is clearly evident in the Tasmanian community and it is making its way through Tasmanian schools. It also appears that the distinctions between H1N1 and seasonal flu are no longer being made and that all cases will most likely be treated as simply, "the flu".

Advice from DHHS is that the majority of people in Tasmania who have the H1N1 have a relatively mild illness which can be managed at home without needing to see a doctor.

**There is, however, a section of the community that may be at risk of severe illness from the virus. People who are at risk of severe illness include:**

- People with chronic respiratory conditions like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- People with other chronic conditions including heart disease, diabetes, metabolic diseases, kidney or liver disease, immune suppression or chronic neurological conditions.
- Indigenous people of any age.
- People who are very obese.
- Pregnant women (particularly in the middle and later months of pregnancy).

If your child has flu like symptoms please ensure that they stay at home until they have recovered. **If your child falls into the category of 'people at risk' and are displaying flu like symptoms, you should seek medical care early if they get sick with a fever and cough and/or sore throat, even if the illness starts off as mild.** You should phone their doctor or 1800 358 362 (1800 FLU DOC).

### Mary MacKillop Centenary Mass

Archbishop Doyle will preside at a Mass to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the death of Blessed Mary MacKillop at St Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday, 8 August at 10.00 a.m.** The Sisters of St Joseph warmly invite everyone to join them following the celebration for refreshments in St Peter's Hall.



### The Australian Air League Inc.....Moonah Squadron

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