From the Acting Deputy Principal

It’s a wide, wide world

The Federal Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety published their findings and recommendations in a report entitled ‘High-Wire Act: Cyber-Safety and the Young’ last week. I was most interested to read it on a number of levels. First and foremost because it is an area that parents and educators need to be aware of and this report brings the most recent recommendations to us in a very readable and accessible way. On another level I was interested to read it because of our regular Ancanthe articles on Cyber-safety and the tips we provide for students and parents, and I knew that our students were acknowledged several times in the report as having contributed to the forums and to the surveys. There were several forums of young people, one in Brisbane and one in Hobart, and our students took part in them. The report brings the voices of young people to life, and makes interesting reading from that perspective.

The Committee also conducted two online surveys of young people in relation to cyber-safety issues. A total of 33,751 young people completed them: 18,159 for those less than 12 years old and 15,592 for 13 to 18 year olds, making this a very comprehensive and contemporary insight into what is happening in Australia in the online space. But what I found most interesting I suppose, was the portrayal of the sheer complexity of the wide, wide world of online communication. Of course we know that the online environment is an integral part of modern economic and social activities, and a vast resource of information, communication, education and entertainment but what this report highlighted for me was how deeply complex and multi-dimensional that environment is and the difficulties of regulating it. I won’t go on, but you might be interested in reading this report yourself, or at least glancing over it! Here is the link: http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscct/report.htm

It might seem a bit glib and self-evident to say, after all that introduction, that the most significant, general points to emerge from the range of material received by this Inquiry included: the need for children and young people to be in control of their own experiences in the online environment through better education, knowledge and skills and the need for enhanced privacy provisions in the online environment.

But the report actually contained some fascinating accounts of what is happening all around us in this online world. Take Chapters 4 to 6 (there are 19 chapters in all) for example, which deal with specific abuses of cyber-safety; cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking, online grooming, sexting, privacy and identity theft, and other cyber safety complexities such as fraud, ‘technology addictions’, online gambling and illegal and inappropriate content. Interesting reading.

What needs to happen in the short-term, says the report, is for more detailed and longitudinal Australian research on how young people are interacting with the online environment, and emerging technologies in particular.

Then based on that research, there is a requirement for a cooperative national response, based on a range of educational programs.

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2011 Tasmanian State Budget – Cuts to Non-Government School Funding

Without any prior warning or consultation, the 2011 State Budget announcement included a 5% reduction from 2011 in the level of recurrent funding for non-government schools. This has broken the agreement for funding of non-government schools that has been honoured by all previous governments since 1998 and it also breaks the 2010 election commitments, given in writing to Independent Schools Tasmania by the leaders of both Labor and the Greens, to maintain funding at the levels derived from this agreement.

This 5% cut for non-government schools in 2011 is in addition to the 2011-12 budgeted 4% saving that the government is planning for all Tasmanian schools. Clearly a cut that is specific for non-government schools is inequitable. Furthermore this 5% reduction in funding commences this year and that means that we have to reassess our finances for this current school year. Non-government schools, that is schools in the Catholic and Independent sectors, receive their funding from three main sources: fees paid by parents from after-tax earnings, government funding from the Federal Government and funding from the State Government.

While the funding from the State Government is the smallest contribution to our income, a 5% reduction in this income does have a real effect on our finances immediately and into the future.

We can only hope that Minister McKim can also reverse this budget decision.

Mrs Robyn Kronenberg
Principal

From the Acting Deputy Principal continued.

To be effective, a combination of carefully designed and targeted programs is needed for the use of parents/carers and teachers, and the varied needs of the different developmental stages of Australian young people; and a need for parents/carers, teachers and all those who engage with young people to become more informed, and gain an understanding of online technology and its many uses.

It is a most attention-grabbing document, and one I urge you to have a look at. I think you will be as fascinated as I was.

Dr Julie Rimes
Acting Deputy Principal
Invitation from Hutchins School: Sail Training Expedition on the tall ship Windeward Bound
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Are you up to handling this much sail? You will sail on-board as trainee crew from Hobart to Preservation Island and return. Meet students from other Hobart schools, develop leadership skills, grow in self-reliance and self-confidence, work in teams and improve decision making. These are just some of the benefits offered! This is an invigorating and challenging way to mark the end of the year, celebrate the end of exams, challenge yourself and contemplate future directions. It is offered to boys and girls from Years 9 to 12 at selected schools. The first exercise is a safety drill and then climbing the rigging. You will learn the ropes and how the ship runs in your watches. You will work and eat with your watch. Watches run four hours on and up to eight hours off for 24 hours a day. You will learn about all facets of a ship, especially sailing her. There will be lessons in navigation and you will be encouraged to try your hand. If the opportunity arises, we will explore some of the treasures of the East Coast. The ship will be sailed by you as trainees under the direction of the crew. On the last day the ship will be handed to the trainees to sail it home. Challenge your horizon! For details, please contact Mr Peter Starkey at Hutchins School on 62214207 or email Peter.Starkey@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

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Tasmanian Association for the Gifted
presents an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet with Sue Breen, one of our highly experienced New Zealand colleagues. Sue has extensive involvement with gifted organisations, gifted education and professional development.

Quick, Simple Effective Ways To Cater For Your Very Bright Preschoolers
• A workshop to engage the whole child in a sensory-rich activities environment
• Identification and characteristics
• Using a variety of extension and enrichment activities to assist children to predict, estimate and take risks especially in unpredictable situations
• Developing persistence when faced with uncertainty
• Communicating effectively with others
• Skills and approaches used when fostering reading and writing links
• Understanding maths concepts and the joy of science

Registrants are welcome to stay for a keynote presentation by Professor Carmel Diezmann on ‘Creativity and the minds of the Extraordinary’ and a short presentation by Professor Ian Hay, Dean of Education, UTas, followed by a light lunch concluding at 1:15pm.

Sunday 17 July 2011
9:30am to11:00am
Larmenier School, 38 Station Road, St Leonards
Cost: $55.00 Concession $40.00
UTAS BEd and MTeach Students $20.00
To register email: tasgifted.north@gmail.com or phone 0421 396 777

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The Parent Survey

Do you have a son or daughter with a disability or ongoing health condition?

Want to find out about options for their future?

Come along to the **Gearing Up: Living Your Potential Expo**

on Thursday 14 July 11:00am to 3:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Derwent Entertainment Centre.

The Expo will showcase education, employment and recreational options for people with a disability or ongoing health condition. Meet and talk with service providers – there will be over 55 information booths, including University, Polytechnic, employment agencies, apprenticeship centres, disability organisations, community access providers, parent organisations and more. Join a tour of local Disability Enterprises – offering supported employment.

You need to phone Debbie Hindle on 6226 1796 to secure a place in these free tours.

Also, check out the sport and recreation options and Art Exhibition

The Expo will also launch a new parent resource – **Beyond the School Gate**. This resource provides information of the different options, hints for planning, profiles of young people in their chosen field, and tips from other parents.

For more information go to [www.ndcotas.com.au/gearingup](http://www.ndcotas.com.au/gearingup) or phone Debbie Hindle on 6226 1796
School Calendar

**Week 4 Term 2**

**Sunday 10 July**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Monday 11 to Tuesday 12 July**

Year 7 Overnight Bushwalk, 701

**Monday 11 to Friday 15 July**

Years 9 and 10 Examinations

Year 9 Overnight Bushwalk, 702

**Monday 11 July**

Music: Marimba Ensemble, Middle School, 12:30pm to 1:15pm, String Quartet, Broughton, 12:30pm to 1:15pm, Orchestra, McNeill PAC, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, Middle School Band, Middle School, 3:45pm to 5:00pm

**Hockey:** Col Div 1 – Bye, Col Div 2 v MTC at THCC, 4:15pm

**Netball:** Year 8 Col v SHC at SHC, 4:15pm, Year 7 Col – Bye, Year 3/4 Col B v SMC B at HC3, 4:00pm, Year 3/4 Col W v MCC W at HC1, 4:00pm, Year 3/4 Col R v SMC G at HC2, 4:00pm

**Tuesday 12 July**

Music: Years 5/6 Choir, Middle School, 1:15pm to 1:50pm, Senior Choir, McKeil PAC, 12:45pm to 1:15pm, Bell Ringing, Middle School, 3:45pm to 4:30pm

**Hockey:** Col W Yr 9/10 v MKC at THC2, 4:00pm, Col R Yr 10 v Ogilvie at THC1, 4:00pm

**Soccer:** Col 1sts v TFS at Warrane, 4:00pm, Col 2nds v TFS at Cambridge, 5:00pm

**Netball:** Year 10 Col v MTC N at Uni of Tas 1, 4:15pm, Year 9 Col v SHC R at Col, 5:00pm

**Wednesday 13 July**

Music: Collegiate Singers, McNeill PAC, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, String Trio, Broughton, 4:00pm to 5:30pm

**JSSATIS Tas All School Cross Country at Symmons Plains**

**Netball:** Col 1sts – Bye, Col 2nds v GYC R at Aurora Sports Stadium 5, 4:00pm, Year 5/6 Col v MCC G at MCC, 4:00pm

**Badminton:** College Col A v Fah at Crt 3, 4:00pm, College Col B v Col C at Cr 2, 4:00pm

**Thursday 14 to Friday 15 July**

Year 7 Overnight Bushwalk, 702

**Thursday 14 July**

Chapel: Middle School

Music: Years 7/8 Choir, Middle School, 12:30pm to 1:15pm

**Friday 15 July**

Music: String Quartet, Broughton, 12:30pm to 1:15pm, Senior Choir, McNeill PAC, 12:45 to 1:15pm, String Quartet, Broughton, 4:00pm to 5:30pm

**Badminton:** Year 7 Col v at TFS B, 4:00pm, Year 8 Col A v Dom at Crt 10, 4:00pm, Year 8 Col B v Fah at Col, 4:00pm, Year 9 Col v TFS at TFS, 4:00pm, Year 10 Col v Ogilvie Yuki at Crt 2, 4:00 pm

**Water Polo:** Year 11/12 Col R v GYC 12 at dive end, 8:00pm, Year 11/12 Col W v Fah at dive end, 6:30pm, Year 11/12 Col W v Fah at dive end, 6:30pm, Year 9/10 Col v TFS R at middle, 8:00pm, Year 7/8 Col W v Fah Combined at change end, 9:00pm, Year 7/8 Col R v MTC YR7 at change end, 8:00pm, Year 5/6 Col R v St Virgils Orcas at dive end, 7:00pm, Year 5/6 Col W v Montagu Bay at dive end, 6:30pm

**Saturday 16 July**

Hockey: Col R Yr 6/7 – Bye, Col W Yr 7 v Fah at Fah, 9:00am, Col Yr 8 v TFS at HC1, 10:00am, Half Field Blue v St Johns at THC3, 10:00am, Half Field Yellow Col W – Bye, Half Field Yellow Col R v Kingston Kangaroos at CB A, 9:00am, Hookin2hockey Green Col v Glenorchy G at THC3B, 9:00am

**Coming Up**

**Monday 18 July**

Mid-term Exeat

**Tuesday 19 July**

COGA Meeting, Cananore, 7:00pm

**Wednesday 20 July**

Bishop’s Day

**Thursday 21 to Friday 22 July**

Year 7 Overnight Bushwalk - 703

**Thursday 21 July**

JSSATIS Cross Country, Rokeby Police Academy

**Friday 22 July**

Year 9 Rock Eistedfodd

**From the Chaplain… Living in the Moment**

“In the whole of world history there is only one really significant hour - the present” wrote theologian, pastor, spy and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Too often we live either in the past with its regrets and shame, or in the future with its worries and uncertainties. Christians recognise, in the cross of Jesus Christ, the place where we can take, and give to God, our mistakes and failures. Through prayer Christians also assert that God will take from us our worries and fears for the future. We are then freed to live in the present moment.

In his book “Living in the Moment” author Paul Arnott outlined The Ten Commandments for living in the moment: Focus fully on each moment of every day. Habitually tune in to the world around you. Be emotionally, as well as physically, present for those you love. Recognise that you have the power to choose how you react to others. Cultivate the habit of forgiving those who hurt you. Set your own agenda. Make time to be still each day. Accept that your worth is determined by who you are, not what you do. Do not try to see into the future. Face your own mortality.

May we all find peace and joy as we live life, not in the past with its regrets, nor in the future with its uncertainties, but in the present - in relationship with our loving God and each other. Shalom (Peace),

Scott Sargent
School Chaplain

Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness.

James Thurber