From the Principal

As a parent and a principal I know only too well that the safety of children whilst at school is something that occupies the thoughts of every parent. I wish I could reassure parents that no such risk exists but, sadly I cannot. What I can reassure parents is that we regularly participate in a range of risk assessment activities that firstly enable us to understand and manage risks in our workplace and secondly allows us to minimise the potential risk for students.

Let me provide you with some pertinent examples from this year. Under the strategic goal of having a safe place for all, we commenced the year, at Board level, working our way through discussions and actions associated with the topic of safeguarding security (of all our premises and documents), and safety for teachers, students and all people who work and are associated with the school. The School has engaged a specialist company to complete a security audit of all our campuses and our security processes. The School boasts an extensive system of security measures from CCTV and alarms to regular overnight security checks and this audit will not only review the measures we have implemented but also recommend possible improvements to both facilities and processes. I’m proud to say this is part of our regular cycle of continuous improvement.

Ensuring the safety of children at school, was also addressed at a senior staff level with a Workplace Health and Safety audit necessitated by the ‘harmonisation’ legislation which will come into effect on 1 January 2012. This will ensure that all our existing policies, procedures and practices comply with these standards. Our Critical Incident Team had commenced a series of procedural reviews as part of an annual review. As part of this, I have asked our Director of Outdoor Education, Mr David Witcomb, to appraise the risk management procedures, that are an element of organising any excursions and student activities, and to give me a full report of improvements and changes needed in these areas. To date he has reviewed each excursion and activity that has taken place, or will be conducted at Junior School this year and documented a risk register for each one. David’s work will assist classroom teachers to complete what is currently an arduous but vital task; to prepare the risk management documentation required for any activity or excursion that they conduct. David will continue this process for each campus from ELC to Senior School.

You may have noticed that when staff members are on grounds’ duty they are wearing luridly-coloured vests. They identify the individuals wearing them as ‘authorised’ school personnel who can take any action deemed necessary to protect students if their safety is compromised; or potentially compromised. This was a recommendation that arose from a training session held for our Critical Incident Team in Term 1. Similarly, you may have noticed that the flashing traffic speed signs in Molle Street are now operating all day from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

From the Principal continued.

We have been working with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) and Traffic Management to review and improve traffic management around our school campuses.

Managing risk in a highly complex organisation such as an independent school where we have different age groups, different regulatory bodies, for child care, for international students, for teachers, for school buildings, to name just a few, is part of our work every day. What I can assure parents is that the School Management Team and the School Board work on creating and maintaining a safe school environment as a highest priority.

Everything we do carries an element of risk; what we aim to do is to identify and recognise the risks and set about to minimise those risks in all that we do.

And times have changed, and we have become more aware of practices and procedures to reduce risk. When I used to play netball there was no such thing as padding around the netball posts. Now you would not commence a game without completing a safety check and having padding on the goal posts would be compulsory. No we weren’t tougher then, we have just evolved in our knowledge and thinking and practices. There was a time when we didn’t have airbags in our cars or even seatbelts, but you have to be even older to remember those days. Ensuring the safety of all who work at Collegiate and minimising any potential harm is an on-going priority for the Senior Management Team and the Board and at Collegiate we are certainly making continuous improvements to achieve this.

Mrs Robyn Kronenberg
Principal

Parent Survey

The Parent Survey has been emailed to parents. We ask that you follow the link contained in the email and complete the survey online by 5 August. This confidential survey is run by MYP Corporation and will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If you did not receive the email regarding the survey please advise collegiate@collegiate.tas.edu.au.

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Middle School Achievements

We wish to acknowledge and congratulate:

- Harriette Kiddie (Year 6) and Kelcey Pitt (Year 7) won the U13 Doubles Event at the recent Devonport Squash Competition.

City of Hobart Eisteddfod Results

- Eliza Coombes (Yr 6) 1st Instrumental Solo – 10 years and under, 2nd Instrumental Recital – 12 years and under
- Alice and Eliza also achieved 1st in both the Chamber Ensemble 10 yrs and under and 12 yrs and under as part of a trio.
- Alice Pickering (Yr 6) 1st Instrumental Recital – 12 years and under, Certificate of Merit Instrumental Solo – 10 years and under.
- Sonya Pigot (Year 8) Award Certificate in 3 violin sections together with a High Distinction in AMEB Grade 8 exam.

Please provide details of student achievements to Debbie Betts in the Middle School office on 6211 4930 or by email to debbie.betts@collegiate.tas.edu.au, for inclusion in future editions of Ancanthe. Please also let us know if we have inadvertently omitted someone from the list above.

Mr Charles Kemp
Head of Middle School

James Knight at Anglesea

On Thursday 14 July Kindergarten to Year 4 students journeyed around the world through the storytelling of Australian author and traveller, James Knight. To tie in with the 2011 Book Week theme One world, many stories James shared his experiences of working and travelling in Ethiopia and India as well as childhood memories of his friendship with a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. James used personal items, gifts and pictures collected from his travels to inspire the students to appreciate their own lives and lifestyle and to expand their knowledge of the similarities and differences of children’s lives around the world. Year 2 students shared their reflections on his presentation:

I think he was very funny because he made me laugh when he said hello in different languages. (Lexie)

It was funny when he told us the cockatoo followed his mum to the shop! (Holly)

I liked the story about the cockatoo because it was sad, funny and weird all mixed together. (Alexa)

It was funny when he made Suzi sit on the seat from Ethiopia. (Sophie A.)

He was very entertaining with the Kinders, brought happiness and was very interactive - there were lots of surprises. (Meera)

Mrs Tricia Scott
Teacher Librarian Junior School

Collegiate Mothers’ Night

Friday 29 July, Royal Yacht Club, Marieville Esplanade, 6:30pm

There are still some places available for the Annual Collegiate Mothers’ Night, so hurry and don't miss out. It’s shaping up to be the best Mothers’ Night ever with lots of prizes and fun for all. Please phone Rachael Johnston on 6211 4964 to book your ticket.

Sincerest thanks from the Collegiate Foundation to all the members of the Collegiate community who so generously supported the 2011 Annual Appeal.

Kevin Ko
International Bell Ringing Director
Artist-in Residence
2, 3, 4 August 2011

We are very lucky to have Kevin Ko coming to work with our present and past ‘Belles’ in Week 7 of this term. There will be a culminating concert on Thursday 4 August at 5:00pm in the McNeill PAC which will showcase our girls’ work, as well as the solo work of Kevin. This is quite something to see and it would be wonderful to see as many people as possible supporting us. A letter will go out to past and present ‘Belles’ this week. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need any further details. Interested staff and parents are most welcome to join in all, or some, of these workshops which will happen from 2:30 to 5:00 pm on each of the above days.

Ms Melissa Howden
Junior School Music Teacher

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Year 7 Overnight Bushwalk

The car park was a-buzz with excitement as we gathered in the morning for our overnight bushwalk. After a lively bus trip we arrived at the Coal Mines Historic site near Saltwater River and loaded up our packs to set off. We started our walk near some convict ruins where the worst convicts from Port Arthur were sent to work the underground coal mines. The solitary confinement building was an unexpected experience. It was easy to imagine how scary this would have been in real life!

We stopped at ‘Pebble Beach’ for a rest and some morning tea where we were joined by some curious crustaceans! From there we followed a track inland that soon dwindled to a wallaby trail. Then our trusty guide Dan stopped. We all gathered around his map wondering where we were! After reassurance from Dan we headed off in the right direction again.

When we arrived at camp and took off our packs we felt so much lighter – almost as if our feet weren’t touching the ground. By now we were ready for dinner, but first we had to learn how to use a Trangia stove. Mr Witcomb demonstrated ‘how to’ and ‘how not to’ do this. Dinner was a success for all, followed by delicious toasted marshmallows and a surprise visit by a gang of local possums.

Mr Witcomb proved to be so much more than an awesome outdoor education teacher when he managed to set up a jumble of electrical cords, powered off the 4WD battery, to get a projector going, so we could all sit back and watch UP! on the side of the trailer; outdoor cinema magic with marshmallows and popcorn!

The next day we headed off with high spirits. Dan had told us that there was a challenge for us, and that there was a reward. When we stopped at Slopen Main Beach for a break, he told us the details of the challenge: we were to clean up the beach, after the big storm a week earlier, and the team that gathered the most rubbish would win a massive block of chocolate! Although we liked the prospect of a big chocolate reward at the start of the clean-up, once we saw the amount of rubbish that had washed up on the beach we all forgot about the chocolate and became focused on giving something back to the environment. After all, we had had such a lovely time in this pristine environment that we felt that it was our turn to say thanks and give something back.

Mr Witcomb contacted the Parks and Wildlife office to tell them about the rubbish collection and that we could not fit it in the trailer; outdoor cinema magic with marshmallows and popcorn! After lunch we headed to the Coal Mines Historic site to see the remains of the underground coal mines. The solitary confinement building was an unexpected experience. It was easy to imagine how scary this would have been in real life!

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Later in the day we did an investigation into the possible causes of the big storm the week before. We took samples of debris from the beach and made predictions about what we thought would wash up onto the beach. We then went back to Port Arthur to see the remains of the underground coal mines. The solitary confinement building was an unexpected experience. It was easy to imagine how scary this would have been in real life!

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Derwent Mercantile Collegiate Rowing Club

The DMCRC requests nominations from parents of rowers to fill the vital positions of Treasurer and Secretary on our Committee. Nominations should be made by 12 August please. Contact Sam Mollard on 6233 3599 or on email sam.mollard@justice.tas.gov.au

The AGM will be held on 17 August 2011 at the Clubhouse.

Sam Mollard
President

Book of the week

For girls in Senior School:

Forgotten by Cat Patrick

London has no memories from the past… she sees memories from her future. “…there are only two choices: I can remind myself about someone who is not a part of my life, or I can leave him out of my notes to save myself from going through this all again tomorrow” (p.16)

A story that will keep you reading all night, stay with you long after you’ve finished and make you fall in love with its characters.

Recommended by:

Miss Jodie Heath, Director of Library Services
and Catelyn Richards, Year 12

The great

Year 12 Garage Sale…

is happening soon!

The Year 12 girls would appreciate donations of any items suitable for their upcoming fundraising garage sale. Items may be left at the Senior School Office. Please keep an eye on upcoming editions of Ancanthe for more details.

Isobel Latimer and Friends
Year 7
### Coming Up

#### Monday 1 August

**Collegiate Parents’ Association Meeting**, Cananore, 7:30pm

All Welcome

#### Tuesday 2 August

**SPA Auditions**

**SSATIS Cross Country**

#### Wednesday 3 August

**Grandparents’ Day**, Middle and Senior Schools

#### Friday 5 August

**Free Dress Day**

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### School Calendar

#### Week 6 Term 2

**Sunday 24 July**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Monday 25 July**

- **Chapel**: Stevens/Monty, 8:30am to 8:45am
- **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 v Fah at THC2, 5:00pm, Col Div 2 - Bye
- **Netball**: Year 8 Col – Bye, Year 7 Col v MTC W at Uni 1, 4:15pm, Year 3/4 Col B v SMC G at HC1, 4:00pm, Year 3/4 Col W v SMC B at HC3, 4:00pm, Year 3/4 Col R v Fah B at Fah 1, 4:00pm, Year 3/4 Col M v SMC Blue at HC2, 4:00pm
- **Canoe Polo**: Col v St Virgils B at Clarence Pool, 8:00pm

**Tuesday 26 July**

- **Chapel**: Dundas/McPhee, 8:30am to 8:45am
- **Music**: Years 5/6 Choir, Middle School, 1:15pm to 1:50pm, Senior Choir, McNeill PAC, 12:45pm to 1:15pm, Bell Ringing, Middle School, 3:45pm to 4:30pm
- **Hockey**: Col W Yr 9/10 v Col R Yr 10 at THCC, 4:00pm
- **Netball**: Year 10 Col v SMC G at Col, 4:15pm, Year 9 Col v SMC B at Col, 5:00pm
- **Soccer**: Col 1sts – Bye, Col 2nd v GYC at Domain Athletics Centre, 4:00pm

**Wednesday 27 July**

- **Chapel**: Reibey/Mitchell, 8:30am to 8:45am
- **Music**: Collegiate Singers, McNeill PAC, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, String Trio, Broughton, 4:00pm to 5:30pm
- **Netball**: Col 1sts v TFS at Stadium 6, 5:00pm, Col 2nd v MKC at Aurora Sports Stadium 5, 4:00pm, Year 5/6 Col - Bye
- **Badminton**: College Col A v TFS at Crt 4, 4:00pm, College Col B v TFS at Crt 2, 4:00pm, College Col C v GYC at Crt 3, 4:00pm

**Thursday 28 July**

- **Chapel**: Middle School
- **Years 11 and 12 Information Evening**, McNeill PAC, 7:00pm
- **Music**: Years 7/8 Choir, Middle School, 12:30pm to 1:15pm

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### From the Chaplain...  Bishop's Day 2011 - Soup and Scones

This week the School Visitor, The Right Reverend John Harrower OAM, Bishop of Tasmania enjoyed his annual Bishop's Day at Collegiate. The day started with House Chapel at 8.25 am where the senior girls were challenged to live in community together with greater patience. Bishop John then visited a Textiles class, two Art classes, before accompanying me to my first Faith and Learning Centre. More scones and other delicacies rounded off the day with an afternoon tea with the Junior School Staff.

Following meetings with the Principal and Chair of the Board it was time for soup with the 2011 Confirmees. Bishop John then had morning tea with the Senior and Middle School Staff where we all enjoyed Dale Norman’s justly famous sones. Following meetings with the Principal and Chair of the Board it was time for soup with the 2011 Confirmees. John enjoyed the opportunity to meet, encourage and enquire of these girls who will, in October, publically acknowledge their commitment to Christ. After making a guest appearance at Middle/Senior School Assembly John headed up to the Junior School for an afternoon of prayer and stillness with the Preps, story book time with the Kindergarten children, art with the Year 3s and a visit to our Early Learning Centre. More sones and other delicacies rounded off the day with an afternoon tea with the Junior School Staff.

Bishop John enjoyed his day at Collegiate tremendously, talking of how it lifted his spirits and provided a welcome respite from his desk. Shalom (Peace),

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Scott Sargent

School Sargent

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*Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action.*

*James Levin*