From the Head of Senior School
Thinking back, I can’t tell you exactly what I was doing at 12:51pm last Tuesday at the swimming carnival. I might have been handing out pink swimming caps for the novelty events. I might have been trying to find the owner of lost property. I might have been asking the students to cheer for the Year 12s as they paddled their various inflatables down the pool. I might even have been sitting down eating my lunch talking to Mr Lay. One thing is for sure, however; the people in Christchurch, New Zealand, know exactly where they were at 12:51pm that day.

I received a text from Mr Kemp at 1:14pm that said simply ‘Nasty earthquake – NZ’. My immediate thoughts went to a friend of mine who was flying from Sydney to New Zealand for the day for work. I quickly fired off a text to him: ‘Heard the ground was shaking down in NZ. Where are you? Are you OK?’ As an hour went by, then two, I began to wonder if he had, in fact, been affected by the quake. At 3:57pm, I read his reply: ‘In Christchurch. All good ... was in the middle of it ...’ He then called me and explained that he was in a business meeting when the quake struck and he and three other people he was with crawled under the boardroom table as the ceiling began to fall in large chunks. As soon as they could, he and the others raced out of the building into the city street, only to see the building starting to collapse in their wake. We had a brief conversation in which I made sure he was ok and he said that he was going to stay in a motel out of town for the night as all flights out of Christchurch had been grounded.

When I got home and turned on the news to see any footage and to get the details of the disaster, I couldn’t believe what I was seeing. It was a 6.3 magnitude earthquake, 5 kilometres underground, 20 kilometres out of the city. It was also the second major earthquake to hit the area in 5 months, not to mention the many aftershocks. There were people running down city streets with bloodstreaked faces and behind them clouds of dust billowing out of crumbling rubble. On any other day it could have been archival news footage from 9/11 or from any of the various conflicts in the Middle East. With a little imagination, I could have been watching footage from any of the recent catastrophes that have pelted Australia over the past few months – floods, heatwaves, bushfires, and tropical cyclones. What was different this time was the fact that I knew someone involved. He is a very close friend; in fact he’s one of the godparents to my six-month-old daughter Daisy. He’s a husband and a dad, too, to a four-year-old son and twin two-year-old girls. He was one of 350 Australians visiting New Zealand on that day and he could have died.

From the Head of Senior School cont.
I am keenly aware that members of the Collegiate community may have been directly affected by this and I do not wish to capitalise on the shock value of this event, but I want to talk about the devastation briefly. In addition to the tragic loss of life and number of missing people, I was also sad to hear that the Christchurch Cathedral - a building 130 years old, that a generation of master craftsmen spent 40 years building, had lost its main spire and was now structurally compromised. I heard reports that a whole suburb had been deemed unliveable and that the entire central business district had been evacuated. To top it off, I then learned that the earthquake had caused 30 million tonnes of ice to break off from New Zealand’s oldest glacier into icebergs. This icelfall caused waves of up to 3.5 metres in height to sweep up and down the lake for 30 minutes. This took place 200 km away from Christchurch.

I learned this while watching cable TV with a ticker moving across the bottom of the screen with information like that I just shared. I was working on my laptop while checking Twitter every now and then for eye witness accounts. I learned that Google had set up a people finder website and that people in New Zealand were being asked to text friends and family rather than ring as it placed less strain on the telecommunications system. While all this was going on, I couldn’t help but wonder how I would have felt if this had been 20 years ago, without all this technology, and whether even now, the next week, I would yet know if one of my closest friends was OK. Then I realised that there are millions of people around the world without our access to technology that have that experience often. We are on the whole very lucky, in a number of respects. Let’s be grateful for that.

Mr Michael Cross
Head of Senior School

Year 3 Learn to Swim
For the last two weeks Year 3 have enjoyed participating in their Learn to Swim program at the Collegiate pool. They have practised swimming techniques, rescue procedures and diving. The girls have improved significantly throughout the two weeks and should be very proud of their achievements. We would like to thank the swimming coaches for their encouragement, guidance and skills. Year 3 are now looking forward to participating in their first swimming carnival on Friday 18 March.

Ms Sandy Rogers and Miss Hannah Ibbott
Year 3 Teachers
World Challenge Expedition 2011

A group of students with the goal of taking part in a 24-day expedition to South Africa and Swaziland are braving the unofficial arrival of Winter with a training camp in the alpine area of Mount Field National Park next weekend. Several in the group have already accumulated a significant proportion of their total cost by cleaning and picking up rubbish at the conclusion of the Falls Festival, as well as part-time work and employment for those that don’t mind a bit of hard work and giving them the necessary skills to work as a tight-knit group.

This year the NAPLAN results for 2010 show comparisons with statistically similar schools and also show how students have progressed over time compared with their results in 2008. Collegiate uses the NAPLAN results and the results of a range of other benchmark testing to inform our teaching and learning programs and to individualise learning for all students.

There is a lot of information contained on the website, and I encourage parents, carers and other interested members of the school community to view the website. If you have any questions you can go directly to the ACARA information desk at 1300 895 563, or please contact the school.

Mrs Robyn Kronenberg
Principal

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2011

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2011 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so they will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer.

The scheduled dates for the tests are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows each child’s results and a comparison of the child’s performance against all other Australian students in that year level. The report will indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2011 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2009 NAPLAN testing.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

A parent information brochure will be distributed to families prior to the week of testing.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions and test schedule, visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.naplan.edu.au. or contact debra.williamson@collegiate.tas.edu.au.

Mrs Debbie Williamson
Director of EDGE

Year 1 visit Lauderdale Beach

So far this term in Science, Year 1 have been learning about things that are living and non living. On Friday 25 February both Year 1 classes went on an excursion to Lauderdale Beach to explore and discover what types of things in a beach environment are living and non living. We spent a lot of time taking pictures and identify things that were living, non living and those that used to be living. Once we returned to school we used these pictures to help us classify and group our findings. We had a lot of fun at the beach and enjoyed hunting and discovering.

Remember, to identify whether something is living or non living you need to ask yourself these questions…

Does it need water to stay alive?

Does it start off small and grow bigger?

Does it have babies or make more things like itself?

If you answered no to all of the questions then it is non living.

If you answered yes to any of these questions then the answer is that it is living.

Have fun classifying things next time you are at the beach!
The Collegiate Parents’ Association wishes to gratefully acknowledge the following Fair 2011 donors:

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- Richardson Family
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- Ruby’s Room
- Simplot
- Sirius Boutique
- Smallest Pancakes
- Snowgum
- Socrates
- Spring Bay Mussels
- St. Helen’s shack
- Storm Hairdressing Salon
- Susie J Photography
- Sweets and Treats
- Tassal
- The Nosh Company
- Trent Sayers
- TSO
- Turner Family
- Village Cinemas Hobart
- Wurf Family
TONIGHT!

Collegiate Fair

Fri 4th March
Anglesea Campus
4 - 8pm

Entertainment  Food
Rides  Stalls  Family Fun
Years 5 to 12 Swimming Carnival

On 22 February we all set off to the Hobart Aquatic Centre to participate in our yearly House Swimming Carnival. It was a highly successful day with everyone doing everything possible to help their House. I want to congratulate everyone who got in and swam at least one race, you all did a great job. The Individual Event Trophy was won by Monty, the Relay Trophy was won by Stevens, and The F W Fay Cup for the overall winner went to Monty with 784 points, followed by McPhee with 718 points, and in third place Dundas with 671 points. Individual Champions were:

- **Open Champion** – Jordan Fisher
- **Runner up** – Madeline Paine
- **U/13 Champion** – Sarah Calder
- **Runner up** – Molly Clerk
- **U/14 Champion** – Courtney Rickards
- **Runner up** – Maggie O’May
- **U/15 Champion** – Hilary Goldsmith
- **Runner up** – Maggie Bones
- **U/16 Champion** – Sophie Hughes
- **Runner up** – Sarah Pascoe
- **Year 6 Champion** – Willow Wright
- **Runner up** – Lilli Reardon
- **Year 7 Champion** – Maggie O’May
- **Runner up** – Morgan Renton
- **Year 8 Champion** – Sophie Moore
- **Runner up** – Kelsey Allen
- **Year 9 Champion** – Kelsey Allen
- **Runner up** – Heleina Frith
- **Year 10 Champion** – Sarah Pascoe
- **Runner up** – Morgan Renton
- **Year 11 Champion** – Jordan Fisher
- **Runner up** – Madeline Paine
- **Year 12 Champion** – Jordan Fisher
- **Runner up** – Madeline Paine

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

Middle School Achievements

We wish to acknowledge and congratulate:
- Kelsey Allen (Year 7) competing at the State Dressage Championships
- Sarah Fry (Year 8) – selection in the state U14 Soccer Team to represent the state in Sydney in July
- Science Talent Search 2010 – Addy Cain, Elizabeth Paul (now Year 6) 3rd prize for their game Awesome Plants.

OHA Junior Hockey

**Registration Day**
Saturday 5 March
Tasmanian Hockey Centre
Registration open from 8:30am to 10:30am
Junior Clinic 9:00am to 10:00am
For further information please contact:
Wendy Irvine 0423 984 124, paynte.family@bigpond.com.au
or Susie Forbes-Smith 6223 7933, forbie@netspace.net.au

Outdoor Education Program 2011

Notices and forms for all compulsory programs in Years 5 to 8 are handed to each student in their Pastoral Groups. Copies of these are available for download from the School Intranet. Notices and forms for all elective Outdoor Education camps are advertised in the Daily Acta, in Ancanthe and via a group student email in advance of due dates for deposits. Students are reminded to check their Collegiate emails for regular updates. It is not possible for staff to address individual emails to those students that use email addresses other than that provided by the School. Notices may be collected from the Outdoor Education notice board and downloaded from the School Intranet. Please note that the School Office is not a copy centre for lost notices. If sufficient deposits are not paid to the School Office by the due date, camps will be cancelled immediately and all deposits refunded in full. This allows programmed Outdoor Education contractors to seek employment elsewhere and maintains a level of goodwill within the greater Collegiate community.

Year 9 Flinders Island Discovery Expedition

This is a first for Year 9 students at Collegiate: a 5-day expedition in and around Flinders Island where the onus is on the student group to discover what they can do and where, to put a plan of activities together. Flinders Island lends itself to a fantastic array of outdoor pursuits and provides a great base for exploration in a remote, wild and beautiful landscape. Forms available from the Outdoor Education notice board and the School Intranet.

Year 9 Rock Climbing Camp

This is a fantastically exciting and challenging 5-day camp based at Freycinet National Park which has some of Australia’s most amazing and diverse climbing areas. Students are taught to climb increasingly more difficult and higher routes, beginning with a top-rope setup but introducing lead-climbing to those seeking greater thrills and adventure; all with amazing views out to the Tasman Sea below. Forms available from the Outdoor Education notice board and the School Intranet.

Mandarin Classes

Parents are reminded that a ten week term of Mandarin classes with Yong Bei begins for interested students on Tuesday 8 March at 12:50pm in the Middle School EDGE rooms. The class currently has 5 students. Other students are welcome. The 10 week term costs $100 per student paid directly to the tutor.

Mr Charles Kemp
Head of Middle School

The Committee of the Collegiate Old Girls' Association is pleased to invite all Old Girls of St Michael’s Collegiate School to the

**Collegiate Old Girls' Association Annual General Meeting**
Election of executive officers and new COGA constitution to be adopted
Tuesday 15 March at 7:30pm
Cananore, Senior School
97 Davey Street

All welcome ~ no RSVP required
Please contact COGA President Melanie Betts ‘06 on 0450 211 892 for more information or to request a copy of the proposed constitution.
God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to say “thank you”?

William A Ward