From the Head of Junior School

An Optimistic Approach

The Oxford Dictionary defines OPTIMISM as “having hopefulness and confidence about the future or successful outcomes of something; a tendency to take a favorable or hopeful view. Being optimistic in the typical sense of the word ultimately means one expects the best possible outcome from any given situation.”

Intrinsically linked to the Teaching and Learning in the Collegiate Junior School, is the notion of an optimistic approach in all that we do. Research shows that optimism improves emotional wellbeing, fosters better relationships and provides protection against adverse events.

Optimism can be taught and we understand and recognise the importance of thinking positively and developing an optimistic outlook. The Collegiate Junior School aims to develop a partnership between home and school, modeling optimism and positivity. Optimistic parents too, form an integral part of encouraging a sense of hope and positvity, thus playing a pivotal role.

The Junior School staff understand, recognise and value optimism; they also thoroughly support optimistic behaviours for the children in our care.

The first six weeks of Term 1 have been filled with joy and optimism. As children arrive at school each day, it is evident by the smiling happy faces that they are filled with joy ready to meet the exciting day ahead.

The first week or so is spent getting to know each other; making friends; meeting their teachers, familiarising themselves with classroom routines. A highlight for Kindergarten children is the excitement about learning phonograms for the first time. Also Teddy Week provided much joy when the children brought their teddy to school.

Prep visited the Botanical Gardens and explored Pete’s Vegetable Patch and saw the giant pumpkins. They were filled with optimism about the possibly of growing giant pumpkins in the Prep garden!

Year 1 went to Lauderdale Beach to explore and investigate natural habitats. The girls were filled with enthusiasm and are undertaking their own research.

Year 2 have been very busy preparing their published final copies of My Place which they are going to share with us in assembly shortly. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed participating in their very first Junior School Swimming Carnival. Year 3’s introduction to Mathletics has been an exciting time with lots of challenges and optimism when trying something new.

The Junior School Leadership program commenced in Week 1 and all of the Year 4 girls are embracing their leadership roles with positivity.

What a wonderful and fulfilling start to the year and we look forward to our journey in 2011 being one filled with OPTIMISM for the challenges that may be ahead.

Mrs Angie Dixon
Head of Junior School

Samantha Hewitt

The Collegiate Community mourns the loss of our Integration Teacher Aide, Sam Hewitt, who died suddenly this week. She was a beautiful person who showed much love and care for the students with whom she worked, and they adored her. Sam was the daughter of Jane Hewitt who is also an Integration Teacher Aide in the Junior School.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane and her family.

Mrs Robyn Kronenberg
Principal

Tasmanian Science Talent Search

On Sunday 20 March, a number of Junior School girls received awards at the Tasmanian Science Talent Search Presentation Day for the 2010 competition, held at the University of Tasmania. Katie Clapham and Taya Stevenson (Year 3, 2010) were awarded second place for their Science Board Game on Tasmanian Devil facial tumour. Sophie Lienert, Sophie Moore and Sancia Bingham (Year 4, 2010) received a Merit Award for their game, which highlights the huge impact that shark finning has on shark populations, and Amy Wallace and Neve Mitchell (Year 4, 2010) also received a Merit Award for their game which focussed on the Tasmanian devil and road kill. Congratulations to these girls for their ingenuity, passion and hard work!

Mrs Adrienne Eberhard
EDGE Extension Teacher

St Michael’s Collegiate School

Middle School
Information Night and EXPO

Founders’ Hall Middle School, Molle Street, Hobart
Thursday 31 March 2010
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Staff and students will present an expo of middle years learning at Collegiate that will include a 45 minute presentation containing information about the Middle School curriculum for Years 5 to 8, the EDGE program, Visual and Performing Arts, Outdoor Education and Information Technology. There will then be an opportunity to talk with key staff or tour our Middle School building. Students are most welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided from 6:30pm
IPSHA Leadership Day

On 18 March eleven Year 6 students got the amazing opportunity to go to a Leadership Day held in Launceston at Scotch Oakburn College. This included students working with other students from various schools on challenging activities like Play-Doh Pictionary where a player would get a word, mould it out of Play-Doh, the team then had to guess what it was and when they got it right the person who guessed correctly got the next word. This game was a very interesting activity as it included no talking, but group work and cooperation. There were many other activities to do with sport, communication, teamwork, sharing ideas, mind problems and much more. Everyone had a great day and many made friends from other schools.

Georgia Jamieson
Year 6

Volunteering Counts

Our inaugural Volunteering Expo, “Volunteering Counts”, held in Linmor Hall on Tuesday 22 March, brought together a display of an amazingly broad range of volunteering opportunities.

Promoted by Tasmanian well-loved speaker and Make a Wish Foundation patron, Robyn Moore (Power of the Word), the Volunteering Expo was officially opened by Jill Maxwell, State Manager of Volunteering Tasmania.

The focus of the organisations represented at the Expo included children, animals, poverty and aged care, as well as health, environmental and global issues. Presenting their combined needs and opportunities to the girls demonstrated the mutual benefits to be derived by the organisation and to the volunteer who gives of their time.

Students stepping out of school and into ‘the real world’ have an opportunity to acquire valuable leadership and employability skills – vital skills which will help them gain work experience, potentially lead to part-time work and open their eyes to possible careers in the not-for-profit sector. It is undeniable that a volunteer role is an asset on a student’s resume or scholarship application, as it demonstrates commitment, motivation, leadership, teamwork, time-management skills and a well developed social conscience. Volunteering also provides opportunities for young people to create networks and to grow as a person while making a difference in the community.

The aim of the Volunteering Expo was to challenge students to move out of their comfort zone, while promoting and supporting volunteerism as a worthwhile activity – and judging by the level of genuine interest demonstrated by our students - it achieved this and much more.

I felt proud of our girls, especially when the exhibitors commented on the hospitality of our Career Ambassadors and the girls’ social awareness. Of course ‘the proof of the pudding is in the eating’, and I look forward to hearing how they really do go out and make a difference in this world. Small or large, every contribution counts.

Very special thanks go to the following organisations which participated as exhibitors: The Australian Red Cross, Hobart City Mission, The Cancer Council Tasmania, Canteen, Save the Children Fund, Salvation Army, Diabetes Tasmania, Police and Community Youth, OakTree Foundation, Volunteering Abroad, The Dogs’ Home, The Cats’ Centre, St John’s Ambulance, Ronald McDonald House, The Centre for Global Learning, The MS Society, Landcare and Vision Generation. Thanks also to So in Love Photography for the donation of a voucher worth $200.00, which was won by Gracie Hurd.

Mrs Vivien Ride
Academic Dean
Careers Expo

Attached to this edition of Ancanthe is your invitation to Collegiate’s inaugural Careers Expo, to be held at the Senior School Campus on the evening of 10 May 2011.

It is an invitation not only to attend, but also to contribute any expertise you are able to offer to ensure that the girls and their parents gain maximum benefit from this important event.

This is an appeal, seeking not money, but rather a gift of your time and knowledge in any way that you are able to manage.

When I first came to Collegiate I was privileged to attend a Year 4 Careers Expo, where I was overwhelmed by the range of career paths represented, all as a result of the class inviting their parents, friends and family to come and talk about their work.

It made me realise what a unique and untapped resource we have at this school. As parents, you have a wealth of knowledge, skills and life experience that I know would benefit our girls.

If you are not able to be an exhibitor at our expo you might choose to provide support by electing to be on a school database of career contacts which will support your daughters and their friends as they research options for their future. The social, capital and network potential of the Collegiate School Community is immense, and your generosity offers a resource which will benefit all our girls.

If you are not sure how you might be able to help, please call me on 6211 4996 or email me at vivien.ride@collegiate.tas.edu.au.

Mrs Vivien Ride
Academic Dean

‘What Next?’
Tuesday 12 April 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Primarily for Year 12 students and their parents, and Year 11 students and parents are most welcome to attend. This evening will cover everything the girls need to know when they finish Year 12 and leave Collegiate!

Topics covered include:

- How do I choose?
- To Gap or not to Gap – options available
- Uni options – stay in Tasmania or go Interstate (Launceston is not the end of the earth!)
- First year at University – What I have learnt?
- I didn’t get the score to get into my course
- Uni is not the only pathway – traineeships, Vet and apprenticeships
- The Force is with you – Police, Navy, Air force and Army
- Non-traditional careers for women
- Scholarships
- Centrelink
- College Accommodation

Further information and an invitation to attend will be sent home with all Years 11 and 12 students next week.

Mrs Vivien Ride
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Thinking about Thinking

1 Day Camps for students in Years 5 to 8
on Friday 3 June 2011 OR Friday 17 June 2011
8:30am to 3:30pm, Cost $80

This program will be based at St Michael's Collegiate School Student Centre, Davey Street Hobart and is open to Years 5 to 8 students from any school. Get together with a small team of like minded students who like solving problems, playing logic games, thinking about thinking and having fun learning, as you explore the idea of thinking in a small group.

- Why is an argument not logical?
- How do I get my point across?
- A breakfast cereal offers “Balanced Energy” and its makers want you to “feel energized and confident” after eating it. What does this mean? Explore the claims of advertisers.
- It is a fact that Australia is moving towards the equator… It is getting hotter in Hobart. Is it? Are the two ideas connected? What’s cause? What’s effect?
- Why do so many people get their thinking in a muddle?
- Work your way through generalisations, faulty arguments, cause and effect, syllogisms and just plain woolly thinking!
- What’s a definition? What’s a concept? How might we think about intelligence? What is it?
- What’s the difference between seeing and observing? Do we observe differently from others? Why?
- Is an argument based on emotions or facts? What is proof? What is an unsubstantiated statement? What is an-if then statement? What’s the evidence? How strong is the evidence and the argument?
- What’s scientific method? What does being a sceptic mean? We explore an important concept – Becoming a Global Citizen. What does the topic mean? How might the topic affect you? Should it affect you? What responsibilities do we all have? Do you have any special responsibilities? How should we think about the topic?

Sometimes I sits and thinks,
and sometimes I just sits.
Satchel Paige  US baseball player (1906 - 1982)

Your child should bring their own food and drink for the day, and pen and paper.

No laptops please – we are going to think independently!

Application forms are available from Monday 28 March at the Middle School Office or email: collegiate@collegiate.tas.edu.au
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from Mrs Janene Crowle,
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Mrs Cawley Farrell
Deputy Principal

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Thinking Year 9?
Think Collegiate.
A Year with a Difference: developing each student’s independence, responsibility and resilience; a rigorous academic program with opportunities for adventure, leadership and service to the community. You are invited to join us as a Student for a Day on Wednesday 6 April to experience academic and student life in Year 9 at Collegiate.
Enquiries to Katherine 6211 4911
For information about Academic, Boarding and Indigenous Scholarships at Collegiate please visit www.collegiate.tas.edu.au

St Michael’s Collegiate
Set for Life.

Years 2 and 4 Swimming Carnival
The Years 3 and 4 girls thoroughly enjoyed their swimming carnival on Friday 18 March. The Year 3 students were participating in their first swimming carnival and were pleased to overcome nerves and high levels of excitement to swim their best in all events. The novelty events at the end of the carnival were great fun and included kick board races and musical rings. It was wonderful to see everyone cheering and supporting each other. The Year 8 girls even taught everyone how to do the Mexican wave. Thank you to all staff, parents and students for helping to create such a memorable event.

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**Week 8 Term 1**

**Sunday 27 March**  
Third Sunday in Lent

**Monday 28 March**  
Chapel: Kilburn/Rivers, 8:30am to 8:45am  
Music: Marimba Ensemble, Middle School, 12:30pm to 1:15pm,  
String Quartet, Broughton, 12:45pm to 1:15pm, Orchestra, McNeill PAC, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, Middle School Band, Middle School, 3:45pm to 5:00pm  
Soccer: Yr 10 Col W v DOM at DOM, 4:15pm, Yr 9 Col - BYE

**Tuesday 29 March**  
Chapel: Stevens/Mitchell, 8:30am to 8:45am  
SATIS Swimming Carnival, Launceston Aquatic Centre, 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Year 6 Impact Leadership Conference  
Music: Years 7/8 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  
Tennis: Col v Fah at H.C., 4:00pm  
Basketball: Year 7/8 - no game  
Sailing: Col v Calvin, 4:50pm  
Year 1 to 4 in2CRICKET clinic at Anglesea, 3:30pm

**Wednesday 30 March**  
Chapel: McPhee/Monty, 8:30am to 8:45am  
Years 6, 7 and 10 Immunisations  
JSSATIS Swimming Carnival, Hobart Aquatic Centre, 9:30am to 2:00pm  
Music: Musical Vocal Rehearsal, Middle School, 12:30pm to 1:15pm, Collegiate Singers, McNeill PAC, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, String Trio, Broughton, 4:00pm to 5:30pm  
Soccer: Yr 7 Col v DOM at Col, 4:15pm  
Softball Finals: 1st Col v SMC at Prince of Wales Bay, 4:15pm

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Student for a Day, Years 5 and 7 2012  
Middle School Information Night and Expo, Founders’ Hall, 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
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Middle School Musical Rehearsal, 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Tennis: 2nd Finals Col v TFS at H.C, 4:15pm  
Soccer: Yr 5/6 v MTN at Sandown, 4:00pm, Yr 3/4 Col W v SMCB at GYC, 4:00pm, Yr 2/3 Col W v MTN at Anglesea, 4:00pm, Yr 2/3 Col R v FHW at Fah, 4:00pm

**Friday 1 April**  
Chapel: Reibey/Dundas, 8:30am to 8:45am  
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, Year 10  
Years 7 and 8 Social at Collegiate, 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
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

**Coming Up**

**Monday 4 April**  
Collegiate Parents’ Association Meeting, Cananore, 7:30pm , All Welcome

**Tuesday 5 April**  
Year 5 Collegiate/Hutchins Picnic

**Wednesday 6 April**  
Student for a Day, Year 9

**Saturday 9 April**  
Head of the River, Lake Barrington

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