We have warmly welcomed Archbishop Julian Porteous to Tasmania. His commitment to Tasmanian Catholic Education has been expressed in a desire to visit each of the schools and colleges to meet staff and students, beginning this term. This has happened in a number of primary schools already. During a whole school assembly, staff and student leaders have welcomed the Archbishop, inviting him to join the community in prayer. He has engaged in dialogue with the students about his role, and his appointment by Pope Francis to the Archdiocese of Hobart. The schools have been uplifted by the connection they were able to establish with Archbishop Julian through these visits and Catholic Education looks forward to a very fruitful, continuing relationship with our Archbishop.

Archbishop Julian has identified some key indicators that a school is authentically Catholic in its orientation and commitment. These include:

1. **Clear Catholic Identity:** The whole “look and feel” of the school demonstrate to all who visit that this is a Catholic school community.
2. **Mission:** The School fully embraces the evangelising Mission of the Church.
3. **Spiritual Formation:** Prayer and spiritual growth are very important.
4. Religious Education enables students to develop **Catholic literacy** and to see the beauty of the Catholic Faith.
5. **Religious Education teachers** know and practise their Catholic Faith, offering high quality teaching and learning in RE.
6. **Relationships are strong between Schools, Priests and Parishes.**
7. **The Mandate** from the Archbishop for schools to operate in communion with the Archbishop and the overall **Mission of the Archdiocese** is clearly understood.

We hope that the Archbishop continues to enjoy his new Tasmanian home. We ask God’s blessing on his leadership of the Catholic community, which is so richly blessed and continues to build on the strong tradition of Catholic Faith and its expression in good works, developed over almost two centuries in Tasmania.

Christmas blessings and deep gratitude to all those parents, clergy, staff and generous volunteers who have supported our schools with so much devotion and love during 2013, another grace-filled year in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese.
Students from our Catholic Schools perform well in many competitions around the state and further afield. Lately we’ve had some great representation in various art competitions.

Centacare Anti-Poverty Art Exhibition aimed to raise awareness of the prevalence of poverty in our society and across the world. Entries were invited from Southern Tasmanian Catholic schools with the theme “What does Poverty look like?” Each entrant donated a gold coin with all monies raised being given to Bethlehem House to assist with their programs. The talented overall winner was Angela from St Mary’s College, Hobart.

When St Aloysius Catholic College in Kingston entered a Google Doodle design competition, one student, Isaac, was chosen as a finalist in Grades 4-6 category and gained many popular votes online with his entry: ‘If I was an explorer’.

Congratulations to Bronwyn from St Brigid’s Catholic School, Wynyard! Bronwyn’s art has been chosen to feature on the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office Christmas Card for 2013. Bronwyn also receives a framed copy of her art and a voucher for Birchalls.

Honourable mentions go to Keeley from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Ulverstone, Ryan from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Devonport, and Jordan from St Brigid’s Catholic School, Wynyard.

Thank you to all students who submitted art for the competition!
School fairs are fun, raise money and are a great drawcard to bring the wider community (and their money) into the school. Spring has seen many fairs at our Catholic schools including St John’s Catholic School in Richmond, St Virgil’s College in Austins Ferry and St James Catholic College in Cygnet.

Each has its own style. There was an impressive ‘Cow Lotto’ at Cygnet where a cow was coaxed to ‘deposit’ on one of several numbered squares. This was a popular – if a bit smelly – attraction among onlookers who had sponsored a square!

St John’s included a wine and gourmet plate stall in their fair, while at St Virgil’s, every boy from the secondary campus was there in uniform and sang in a choir to entertain the patrons.

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our wonderful fairs!
Pat Burke is a well qualified engineer who has worked for Hydro Tasmania for the last eight years. He studied at the University of Tasmania, completing an engineering degree with honours and went on to obtain a Masters degree at UTAS with his thesis on using hydrogen in combustion engines, then later a Diploma of Project Management.

Now he is responsible for community engagement for Hydro Tasmania as it examines the feasibility of constructing a large wind farm on King Island, a project known as TasWind. The wind farm that is proposed would be the largest in the southern hemisphere with 200 turbines harnessing the power of the prevailing “Roaring Forties”, the winds that blow across the island. Economically there is great potential for the small community of King Island. TasWind would provide community benefits through job creation and economic stimulus, attract industry to King Island, enhance existing infrastructure, provide payments for use of land and promote the King Island brand.

The concept of renewable energy from natural forces appeals to Pat, but implementing the concept is not a simple matter, nor one without controversy. Pat is a thoughtful considerate man who has spent the best part of a year listening to members of the King Island community and providing information to help people consider the potential of the TasWind project, and decide whether they believe it’s a good thing for King Island. He provides information in the form of community bulletins, he listens to farmers and other island residents and he is prepared to speak when asked. There are concerns and popular opinion is markedly divided. Pat stresses that public opinion is an important factor for Hydro Tasmania, and notes that the project won’t go ahead without public support.

Pat and his wife Katherine lived on the island for some time, but now he commutes weekly from mainland Tasmania. They have a daughter Henrietta who, at eighteen months, looks headed for a career as an opera singer like her aunt, Pat’s sister Emily. Pat likes surfing and King Island is ideal for that pursuit. He also has a hobby farm at Marion Bay where he grows chemical-free organic vegetables that he sells at the Bream Creek Farmers Market.

Pat’s path to his current position began with his initial schooling at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Geeveston, where his parents, Tom and Bernadette Burke, taught. He completed grades 3-6 at St Therese’s Catholic School in Moonah, then moved to St Virgil’s College, Austins Ferry, and Guilford Young College in Hobart.

He gained many values from his Catholic Education that stand him in good stead now. Pat believes it is most important to respect people’s varying points of view and appreciate the value of each person’s opinions and contributions. He has learned to reflect on what happens and learn from it and he is prepared to give new things a go.
The power of planting trees was in evidence at the launch of the One Tree Per Child Program in Tasmania on Tuesday, October 15.

Students from both Holy Rosary Catholic School, Claremont, and Mount Carmel College, Sandy Bay, took part by planting trees to launch the program which aims to have every child under ten plant at least one tree.

At the afternoon launch, Claremont students planted trees at Westfield Reserve that will help to stabilise the banks of the Abbotsfield Rivulet. Earlier in the day, forty students from Mount Carmel College planted over 400 native trees at the Mt Nelson Sustainability Learning Centre.

Co-founder of the One Tree Per Child program Jon Dee, who participated in the day, said the program is international in its reach and will deliver great benefits not only for the environment but for the local community.

“The program was launched in England in March and we have just returned from a launch in Armenia. Today’s events mark the launch of the program in Australia.

“Planting trees and shrubs is a great way for kids to connect to the environment and their community. Including One Tree Per Child in the curriculum means millions and millions of trees will be planted across Australia and as they grow, their trees grow with them as does their commitment to the community” he said.

Mount Carmel student Mia said she understood the importance of planting trees.

“Trees give us oxygen and millions of different animals homes.”

“This is my first time planting trees and I’ve really enjoyed it.” she said.

Director of the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office, Dr Trish Hindmarsh, welcomed the initiative.

“Tasmania’s Catholic Education community is pleased to be involved with the One Tree Per Child Program. This initiative aligns well with our strategic goal to raise the ecological awareness of our staff and students in the State.”
Students around our Archdiocese have been meeting the new Archbishop.

Archbishop Julian is very keen to make himself known to every student and is trying to visit all schools before the end of this year. He has made an impressive start! We have photos from just some of these visits.

Meeting Archbishop Julian

Pictured are students meeting the new head of the Catholic Church in Tasmania, Archbishop Julian Porteous, at St Therese’s Catholic School in Moonah, St Paul’s Catholic School in Bridgewater, Corpus Christi Catholic School in Bellerive, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in Lenah Valley, Holy Rosary Catholic School in Claremont and St Brigid’s Catholic School in New Norfolk.
The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office has signed a Move Well Eat Well Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services. The Agreement underscores the mutual support for Move Well Eat Well and recognises that the program offers a sustainable way for schools to make healthy choices easy, positive and normal, and to have lifelong influences on children’s learning, growth and development and health.

Catholic schools all over Tasmania are enjoying taking part in the Move Well Eat Well Program, making healthy eating and physical activity normal, and positive parts of every day for every child.

The free program offered by the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services, provides schools with a simple framework and great resources for the whole school. Eating well, making water the main drink and being active become parts of everyday school life, supported by families, the canteen, volunteers, teachers and other school staff, and the community.

Schools that have embedded Move Well Eat Well into school life are recognised with an Award for their organised and sustainable efforts. Seven Catholic schools have achieved Move Well Eat Well Awards, most recently Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in Devonport.

A feature of Move Well Eat Well is that ideas and curriculum resources are shared among member schools. This means that solutions to typical challenges like healthy fundraising and being physically active

For more information visit www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au or email movewelleatwell@dhhs.tas.gov.au
Three outstanding drama events made it a triple treat for the community at Dominic College Glenorchy recently.

The Senior Drama class presented a staged version of the novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* as their major performance work for the year.

The opening night audience, including Archbishop Julian, was entranced by an intense performance of this challenging play.

The final day of Term 3 saw the first House Theatresports Competition entertain and enlighten the whole 7-10 student body in the Little Theatre and the Dance Studio. There was even a ‘mean’ judge!

Then in early November Dominic College hosted the debut production of EXTRAS, a performing arts group drawn from Dominic scholars and staff, past and present.

An ‘RE Showcase’ was held at Corpus Christi Hall, Bellerive. This annual event enables teachers to share ideas for Religious Education classroom activities.

A teacher’s reflection: “As a classroom teacher I really enjoy having the opportunity to view the work of other teachers and their students. I am inspired by the creativity of others and this flows through into my planning and my teaching.”

Crazy sock days have been turning up all over the place!

They are part of ‘Socktober’ – the awareness and fundraising campaign of Catholic Mission.

Photo from St Patrick’s Catholic School in Latrobe

The Grade 2 classes at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Devonport, have been participating in a shared project with the Baptcare Karingal Community in Devonport, where some of the aged citizens, who require low levels of care, are involved.

Over a period of several weeks, small groups from Karingal have been visiting the school to offer support in Reading to the students. There has been a different group of adults each week.