In Visual Art, all students were given the opportunity to enter the SU Tas Chaplaincy Week Art Competition. This involved creating a design on an A4 piece of paper with the given theme of “happy”. For my design, (pictured below) I chose to fill the page with a range of colour and detail along with cartoon, hand drawn pictures. As the winner of the SU Tas Chaplaincy Week Art Competition, my design will be printed on a line of greeting cards, with my name included in the corner.

By Danika Spinks.
If parents would like the newsletter emailed to them in future, could they please send an email to the school at parklands.high@education.tas.gov.au and make the subject “please email newsletter” so that we can add your email address to our newsletter contacts? Thank you.
It has been so fantastic to watch the amazing talents of our students this term. From academic results to sporting success and performing pursuits, I am really proud to have had the opportunity to lead our school during this time. There have already been so many experiences available to our students this term and our hard working staff have created opportunities for students to succeed in many fields.

Beacon High Impact – Last week our Grade 10’s were involved in a Work Readiness Beacon High Impact Programme. It was fantastic to see our students engage with community and business in such a positive way. The feedback from students about this session was positive and we look forward to more of our students being involved in these sessions in the future.

Hellyer College information – Hellyer College staff came to speak to PHS staff last Wednesday about the courses on offer in 2016 and the transition process for this year. As a staff, we are really thrilled to be working collaboratively with Hellyer College to ensure our students have a positive and successful transition into the next stage of their schooling. The Hellyer College Parent Evening will be on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm and we encourage all of our families to attend. Course counselling will be at Parklands High, with both schools staff on 17th September between 3:15 and 6pm. We are expecting parents to come with their Grade 10 child in order to learn more about their course selections for 2016. Please book a time with the office.

NAPLAN – As mentioned last newsletter, we are really happy with the school wide results in NAPLAN this year. Parent of students in Grade 7 and 9 should have received their individual results via post last week. Over the 10 areas tested across the school, we increased the number of students at the National minimum standard in 7 areas. Particularly pleasing were the results in Grade 7 Reading and Grade 9 Numeracy, which saw us raise the percentage of students at or above the National Minimum Standard from 93% in 2014 to 98% in 2015. We will be working hard as a staff in coming weeks to analyse the data and use results to inform our practice for the remainder of the year and 2016.

WotOpera – We had the first WotOpera rehearsal last week! The students involved were very excited to have come from a one day workshop with a script which includes 7 scenes, casting of main characters and the storyline. The script has been published and this week students have been working on composing the music. This is truly an amazing experience for our students and I will keep you updated as they progress through the process.

Fiona Heazlewood

ABC 7:30pm Report
Make sure you tune into ABC tonight to listen to the discussion of the problems faced by the North-West Coast of Tasmania and the opinions of SRC Vice President James Dare and Mrs Giovanna Simpson’s thoughts on the problems young people in the area face today.
Hellyer College will be holding a Parent Information Evening for parents and Grade 10 Students at the college on Wednesday September 9 from 7pm.

The evening will include information for the 2016 programme. Previous students of the college will be in attendance to share their experiences and answer any questions.

All interested parents/guardians and students are encouraged to attend the session.

On Thursday September 17 the first counsellor/parent- Grade 10 interviews will take place in the Parklands High School Library. Hellyer College counsellors will be holding 15 minute interviews with each parent/guardian and student from 3.15pm until 6.00pm to help students select subjects for Orientation Day which will be held on Friday November 13.

Parents/guardians will need to call the Parklands High School office on 6433 0206 to make an appointment before Monday September 14, with the course counsellors, to ensure that the transition process runs as smoothly as possible.
On Wednesday the 5th of August, some Grade 9 and 10 students joined 3 UTAS university students for a science lesson that blew our minds! The students went through with us the courses that they took during college and university and how they got to where they are today. They also talked about the jobs that they do now and why they actually enjoy their chosen career path.

One of the students was able to show us about her trip away, where she worked up close and personal with some of the world's most beautiful animals. Another student who has a degree in Chemistry was glad to show us some risky experiments that included fire and liquid and how they react, fortunately, we didn’t set the fire alarms off.

It was a great block that we spent with the students and we will all take away some very valuable information and skills.

We would all like to thank these students for giving up their time to show us the careers that they love. We would also like to thank Mr Frankcombe and Mr Blizzard for supervising us for the block in their own time.

By Maddison King.
Hello, my name is Margaux Favoulet. I am 15 years old (I'll be 16 in November) and I arrived from France as an exchange student to stay for 10 months in Tasmania. People describe me as bold, funny and a little bit crazy. I am someone who likes to take advantage of life.

Why am I here?
The main reason for me coming to Australia is to learn to speak better English, to then be able to become an architect. I am also here because Australia has always been a dream for me and after my first year of high school, I needed change. I also like travelling and discovering new things. This idea came to me after I did another short exchange, having spent one month in a military camp in China.

Activities:
In France I love to scuba dive, I have been having lessons for the past 3 years. I have already crossed my level 1 and I want to continue to learn so one day I can become an instructor. It is an activity which I share with my father and my sister and sometimes my mother too. This club is important for me because there is a good atmosphere, I meet great people there and every year I go on a holiday with them in the South of France. My dream while in Australia is to dive in the Great Barrier Reef. When I was younger I also did ballet lessons, horse riding and other sports.

The school:
In France school is very important. It is different to Australia, the high school is after college and college is what you call primary school. I am in an arts focussed high school named Institut Sainte Genevieve (in Paris). We have to produce work of very good quality, requiring a lot of effort in a short time. I often have class from 8am in the morning until 6pm at night, with a little break in between. It also takes me one hour to travel to and from school, so the days are very long.

At my school, we have no uniform, you can wear your own clothes, take a handbag to class and for the girls you can even wear high heels. The duration of classes can vary from 55 minutes to 2 hours.

The goodbye at the airport was very hard, saying goodbye to my parents. My trip, or my rather long journey of two days and 23 hours and a 45 minute flight went well, but was sometimes hectic. I did the trip with 7 friends, with a stopover in Hong Kong for a day. One of our friends did not clear customs and another friend lost their luggage on arrival, so it was occasionally very stressful. We were all excited and anxious and in these moments lots of feelings crossed my mind. When we landed in Sydney at 6am, I will remember this moment forever. The sun rose and the light was passing through the window, I started to cry. Hot tears streamed down my face. It was not from sadness, but from joy because my dream came true: I was in AUSTRALIA.

In summary: I left home on July 12 in great shape and more or less happy and I arrived on July 14 exhausted, but happier than ever. My first night in Tasmania was long and I slept for 16 hours!

I feel so lucky to have this experience, I am certain it will make me grow and evolve as a teenager. Here I am alone but, it allows me to rediscover myself differently. When I am far away from the people I love, I realise that they are everything to me and that I love them a lot. I will take advantage of every moment I am here because I know it is a unique experience!

I left all of the people who made me the person that I am today behind in France. But all of the people whom I have already met and those I will meet, will make me the person that I’ll be in the future, when I return to France.

Margaux Favoulet
My family and I at the airport before I left.

My favourite family photo.

I got the chance to feed a kangaroo.

My first day at Parklands High.
The girls’ football team had a bumpy start. Our first game was an away game against Penguin High School and the weather wasn’t on our side. Sadly we lost, giving Penguin their first win. But this didn’t get us down, our next two games were home games against Wynyard and Burnie High. Determined for different results from our first game, we played a strong game of football against Wynyard High. We left the field with our heads high and our first win. Feeling good about a win against Wynyard High, we were ready to face our rivals, Burnie High. We all knew if we won against Burnie High, we would go to the semi-finals. More determined then ever, we played a great game of football, scoring goal after goal. We won by 72 points, making the semi-finals. For the semi-final we took a bus to Latrobe. Unfortunately, we were a few players short when we played the impressive Latrobe High. We played really well the whole game, never giving up, but Latrobe were too good and won by an amazing 100 points.

Thanks to all the players for a great season. A special thanks to Mr Bryan for coaching us and to everyone that helped umpire.

By Sarah Self.
On Monday the 17th and Wednesday the 19th of August, 25 students were selected on each day to participate in the Beacon High Impact Program for Grade 10’s. I was selected to participate as a Beacon Ambassador on the 19th of August. To start off, we were greeted individually at the door by Taz and Lauren, the women running this event then, as a group, we went through what makes a good first impression in an interview and how many times it takes to make a good first impression after making a bad one. On average it takes 13 times. Also, something interesting that people may not know was that in an interview your body language is more important than your words. Later on in the day we wrote up an elevator pitch, which is a short script about what job you are looking for and whether you are honest, reliable etc. We also had to ask a question about the job we were looking for. We practised our elevator pitches to Taz and Lauren and then in the afternoon 5 business people came into our school to listen to each one of our elevator pitches. The business people who came were, Rodney Green - the Community Services Manager at the council, Anita Dow - the Mayor of Burnie, Stan Hutchison - head chef at the hospital, Brodie McHenry - the My State Manager, and Fiona Bakes - the owner of Reflexions Dance Studio.

I think that everyone who participated in the Beacon High Impact Program learned either a lot or just a little, but I believe that everyone took something away from both these days. It was a great fun filled day.

By Leah Davies.
“If you’re growing up on the spectrum, this article was written for you. I grew up with mild autism myself: I struggled with isolation, I struggled with understanding other people, and I struggled with other people not understanding me. So, from one autistic to another, here is my honest advice to you.”

Chris Bonnello


(or plain test version below for Short Summary of Tips.)

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**Top 10 Tips for Growing Up on the Autism Spectrum**

1. Whatever you’re going through, you are not alone.
2. The only person who can decide who you are is you.
3. Sometimes your pace and methods will be different, and that’s totally fine.
4. Once your school days are over, they’re over forever.
5. Find the places where you can play to your strengths.
6. Don’t blame yourself for things that aren’t your fault.
7. If you need help, ask for it.
8. Everyone else finds things difficult too.
9. I’d rather be happy than normal.
10. Remember how much you’re loved.
11. Finally, listen to other people’s advice.

Read the full article by Chris Bonnello on my website at www.suelarkey.com
Walk for William!

The 12th September is the anniversary of William Tyrell’s disappearance from his grandparents front yard. Help raise awareness for William’s safe return, and promote that we value the safety of all children in Australian communities, by participating in Walk for William – Burnie.

**What:** Dress up in your Spiderman gear, or wear red and blue and join us as we unite for a 3km/40 minute community walk.

**Who:** You, your kids, their bikes, your dog. Anyone/anything you can take for a walk!

**When:** 10:30am Sat 12th September 2015

**Where:** Meeting at West Park Burnie, we will walk along the waterfront path to the Cooee traffic lights and return.

**Why:** To raise awareness for William, and to teach our children about personal safety.

There will be a range of exciting things happening at this event, including a kids talk on Personal Safety from a member of the Community Police team. So don’t miss it! To keep up to date on the details, join or follow the event on Facebook “Walk 4 William – Burnie” or contact allie.house@hotmail.com

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**Dorothy**

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**We’re off to see the Wizard**

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