News From Our Principal

This is the last newsletter for 2011. Parents are reminded of the College’s Presentation Evening commencing at 7:30pm next Tuesday, 6 December.

On Tuesday evening, the College had the opportunity to thank those people who give so generously for the benefit of our students. In addition to those members of the Board, and their sub-committees, I took the opportunity to thank a group of benefactors over the last few years that have been named as Friends of the College. An initiative that ran for a couple of years from the middle of last decade, this group provided bursaries and awards. In addition to Terry and Joan Matthews mentioned in the last newsletter, I would like to acknowledge the Friends, again, here:

- Richard and Elaine Barnard (through their association with Port of Devonport)
- Lance and Janice Cox
- Tony and Sue Davies
- Gerry and Bronnie Doolan (through their association with Doolan & Brothers)
- Kevin and Ivana Doyle (through their association with Cement Australia)
- Michael and Merrin Doyle (through their association with Glaxo Smith Kline)
- Bruce and Ann Gowan (through their association with Bruce Gowans Toyota)
- John and Julie Phillips
- There was also a benefactor who asked to remain anonymous.

Last night we farewelled our graduating class of 2011 at the Graduation Mass. The Valedictory Dinner that followed was a joyous occasion for the students and staff who joined them.

We say farewell to several staff who leave us for a variety of reasons this year, and I thank them for their contributions:

- Jillian Brandsema – a new appointment with UTAS
- Bronnie Doolan - Retiring
- Judy McIver -Retiring
- Megan Richardson – returning to Victoria
- Peter Stubbs - Retiring
- Ken Watchman - Retiring
- Sam Whish Wilson – travelling interstate and overseas.

The Following will finish fixed-term contracts at the end of the year:

- Kielly Glanville – VET Hospitality
- Stephen Jones – VET Electrotechnology
- Petrina Pullen – VET Community Services
- Brian Shearston – Maths & Science
- Elizabeth Lebski – Library

In addition, Lucy Withers has been seconded to UTAS for 2 years through a joint initiative of UTAS and the TCEO.

Today we welcomed a large number of Year 6 students on their orientation day, ready for their move into secondary school next year.

With Advent already begun, the College extends our community best wishes for a blessed Christmas.

Frank Pisano
Principal
Next Thursday is our last day of school and we will be celebrating the year with a Picnic/Pool Day at the Latrobe Pool. Students may wear casual clothes to school and we will leave the school at about 9:30 am for the Latrobe Pool.

If you do not wish your son or daughter to participate in swimming on the day you need to contact the College by next Wednesday 7 December. We will return to school by the end of the day. As usual, full school rules apply when we are at the pool. Students are encouraged to bring clothes appropriate for the weather - especially hats and sunscreen.

The canteen will be available at the pool for students who want to use it, but we would also encourage everyone to bring plenty of water for the day.

If your son or daughter is not attending our last day for some reason, could you please contact the College as soon as possible as we will still be sending an SMS out to parents to inform them of their child's unexplained absence.

We look forward to a great day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr Gavin Hicks
Acting Deputy Principal
Pastoral Care

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**Term Dates 2012**

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**BOOK SALES 2012**

**Second-Hand Book Sales/Swap**
The College has made available the Undercover Area on Monday 5 December 7.00 pm — 8.30 pm for parents to negotiate second-hand book salesswap. With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum there are several changes to books. Please check the booklists before purchasing second-hand texts.

**Book Sales Day Times**
Book Sales Day will be **Tuesday 31 January 2012** in the Genesis Centre. *Book sales will commence at 9.30 am and conclude at 6.00 pm.*

**Birchalls Book Orders**
Ordered book packs will be available to be picked up on Tuesday 31 January 2012. The books are to be paid for on the day to Birchalls who will be located in the Genesis Centre. Please make cheques payable for text books and stationery to Birchalls. EFTPOS/Cash also accepted.

**Art Folders**
These are to be purchased from the Accounts Department who will be situated in the Genesis Centre Foyer.

**Levies**
These are payable on Book Sales Day to the Accounts Department who will be located in the Foyer of the Genesis Centre. *Levies are:* $470.00 + $12.50 Diary = $482.50 for all students. Please make a separate cheque payable for levies to St Brendan-Shaw College. EFTPOS/ Cash also accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** LEVIES ARE TO BE MADE AS A SEPARATE PAYMENT TO TEXT BOOKS/ STATIONERY. ALL LEVIES ARE TO BE PAID AT THE GENESIS CENTRE NOT CARITAS OFFICE.

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**Mr Bob Farr**
Business Manager
The following Funding information chart gives a picture from the MySchool aggregated financial data for schools across Australia, showing the relativities of the three sectors (Government, Catholic and Independent) in terms of average recurrent funding available per student.

This is timely as the impending release of the Gonski Funding Panel Report approaches.

- Catholic schools operate with less recurrent funding than schools in the government sector and the independent sector.
- Even after parent contributions are taken into account, Catholic schools are resourced at around 10% less than government schools.
- Our schools have a commitment to supporting families by keeping tuition fees at a modest level.

Source: Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) financial data from My School 2.0, March 2011.

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Principal Mr Frank Pisano
Extends an invitation to
Parents & Students
To join us for
Presentation Night 2011
Tuesday 6 December 2011
at 7:30pm
In Genesis Centre
**Uniform Shop**

**Hours**

Tues/Wed 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Tues 6th December & Wed 7th December - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Monday 12th December **LAST DAY FOR SALES** - 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

**LAYBY NOW AND COLLECT** IN February 2012

**Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year**

Ms Sue Arrowsmith

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**Students Need a Greencard for Non-Metro Buses in 2012**


**Note:** students who are eligible for free travel, and who currently hold an un-expired free pass, won’t need to apply, but will be issued with a Student Greencard automatically.

**Contact details for enquiries:**
Enquiries: Telephone 1300 851 225
Email: buspasses@dier.tas.gov.au

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**You may be eligible to receive $500 to assist with your child’s music tuition, instrument hire and dance classes!**

- Would you like $500 to spend on your child’s extra activities?
- Do you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card?
- Do you have some regular work?

If you answered yes to these three questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

If interested please contact - Verity Tunevitsch - Saver Plus Coordinator - 0457 715 248 or 6326 7716 or verity.tunevitsch@thesmithfamily.com.au
How do I know if I am eligible to apply?

Parents of, guardians of, or independent students who are full time, kindergarten to grade 10 students attending a Tasmanian State or registered non-government school or grade 11 and 12 students who are required to pay a general levy at a college or polytechnic. Students who have previously completed year 12 should check with their campus or school.

To be eligible you and your partner's gross taxable income must be no more than the figures shown in the income test table below.

You must have a minimum 50% care of a child for them to be considered your dependent.

Part-time students in special circumstances may be eligible if an application is supported by a statement from a student counsellor.

Grandparents raising children are also eligible to apply for and receive STAS.

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### INCOME TEST FOR THE SCHEME - TAXABLE INCOME TABLE 2010-11

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* For more than 8 children, add $119 per week or $6,006 per annum for each additional independent.
# Gross Taxable Income

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How can I prove my major source of income and what will I need to provide?

You and your partner (if you have one) must be able to provide proof of your taxable income for the 2010 - 2011 financial year.

Proof of taxable income can be provided in the following ways if your major source of income(s) for 2010-11 came from:

- **Centrelink Benefits** other than the Family Tax Benefit;
  - You and your partner's Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN)
  - A copy of your Pension Card; or
  - A copy of your Health Care Card

- **Earned Income** – attach a copy of you and your partner’s;
  - 2010-11 Tax Assessment Notice; or
  - Two recent consecutive payslips

- **Department of Veterans' Affairs** – (DVA) attach a copy of you and your partner’s;
  - DVA Income Statement; or
  - DVA Pension Card

- **Grandparents raising grandchildren** – must provide evidence of your formal relationship with the student(s) by providing;
  - Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN)
  - A copy of your Pension Card; or
  - A copy of your Health Care Card; or
  - A Statutory Declaration – available from the student(s) school or an Australia Post Office.

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How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be assessed on the basis of you and your partner's taxable income for the 2010-11 financial year.

If you or your partner’s circumstances have changed since last financial year, your application will be assessed based on current circumstances.

**Your information may be subject to verification with Centrelink.**

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What terms and conditions need to be met for my application to be assessed?

- You have provided the information requested
- You meet the Income Test for the Scheme
- You have read and signed the Declaration and Authorisation on Page 4.

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How will I know if my application is successful or not?

You will receive written advice of the outcome of your application.

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NEED ASSISTANCE? Call 1800 816 057
Email: stas@education.tas.gov.au  Web: www.education.tas.gov.au
Year 7 students participated in Jump Rope For Heart on Monday. Students raised $2443.80 which was a fantastic effort. Well done to all Year 7 students.

Students participated in MO painting for a gold coin donation yesterday. This was to fundraise for Men’s Health.
Year 12 Graduation
We wish all families a very safe and Holy Christmas.