The Year 7 camps are well underway. I am lucky enough to be able to share a meal with each group. Thanks to Miss Sherriff for coordinating this as a significant event in ensuring a smooth transition to secondary school. She is supported very much by the Year 7 Core teachers. The Aussie Sport Leaders and Prefects have also participated in leading the year 7s and are great role models.

I can share that the College has been accepted as an Associate School of Edmund Rice Education Australia. This will help remind us of our Christian Brothers’ heritage, mindful too of our debt to the Sisters of St Joseph. As an Associate school we aspire to be faithful to the four touchstones of schools in the Edmund Rice tradition: Liberating Education; Gospel Spirituality; Inclusive Community; and Justice and Solidarity. These touchstones are consistent with the College’s core values: Learning; Caritas; Community; Responsibility and Openness.

The College was successful in being funded to participate in a School Wide Positive Behaviours Support (SWPBS) initiative. We have identified a Team to lead us. They consist of: Mr Richard Chapman (Team Leader); Mrs Sally Bond (Parent); Mrs Mary Hansen; Miss Bridget Leary; Mrs Rose McDonald; Mrs Cheryl Sheehan; Mrs Sue Weslake; and me. We undergo the first part of training on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Last week’s Meet-the-teacher evening was very successful and is an important plank in supporting good learning at the College.

Teachers under the age of 28, teaching in any area of any school, from early learning to Catholic education to Polytechnic, could be nominated for the University of Tasmania, Faculty of Education Teaching Excellence Award, which carries a prize, a trophy and the chance to win the Premier’s Young Achiever of the Year Award. The College has two of the ten, semi-finalists for 2012. Congratulations to: Kamil Douglas; and Josephine Emery. We wish them luck as they progress to the next phase.

This week, senior secondary students had the College’s Attendance & Application; and Academic Authenticity and Integrity policies and procedures explained to them. They have been asked to discuss these with parents and to sign and return the declaration on the last page. The document will shortly be available from the College’s website.

Thanks to a prefect initiative, next Thursday at lunch a staff team will play a student team in a “Pink Cricket” match to raise breast cancer consciousness. I wonder if Ricky Ponting might be open to a part-time contract for a day ……..

Following my request for input in relation to nose piercings, I can share that there is insufficient support for a change. Thus no student should be wearing a jewel in the nose. There are a small number of students who have ignored this expectation. I seek the support of parents in rectifying this before the beginning of next week, freeing the staff from unnecessary conflict and allowing them to focus on learning.

I have also received messages of concern in relation to the length of skirts and dresses being worn. Skirts and dresses should be worn at a suitable length. As a guide, the hem should be no more than one hand-width (approximately 10cms) above the knee. Could you please check that the length of your daughter’s skirt/dress meets the above guideline. If it does not, could you please address this as soon as possible.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal
Senior Certificates
Senior students may be eligible for two separate awards at the end of year 12. The TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) is awarded once the three criteria outlined below are satisfied. While most of SBSC students receive the certificate at the end of Year 12, it is not time bound. Students can add courses completed after Year 12.

Tertiary Entrance (TE score and ATAR score)
To receive a Tertiary Entrance (TE) score, students must achieve at least an SA for five pretertiary subjects. At least three of the subjects must have been studied in Year 12. The TE score is converted to an ATAR score (Australian Tertiary Assessment Rating).

Information sessions for parents will be held soon.

TCE criteria:
Participation
Students must attain 120 participation points to at least PA, with 80 of these at level 2 or above. The subject code students are studying provides this information. For example, for the subject MTM215109: MTM is the subject abbreviation (in this example, Maths Methods); 215 is the level and number of participation points if a PA is achieved (in this example, level 2 & 15 points. The last three digits are just version control information.

Pathways
The student must have participated in some Pathways program.

Adult Literacy, Numeracy and ICT Skills
Students must have an SA in a subject which satisfies one or more of the above skills or complete a safety-net test in October. Students can download the syllabus for each subject studied from the TQA website http://tqa.tas.gov.au and note whether the subjects satisfy one or more or any of the skills. If they do not then students will need to apply to do the safety-net tests. A current list of subjects that satisfy these skills can be obtained from http://tqa.tas.gov.au/2540 and downloading the file LIT NUM ICT Tables. A FAQ file can be downloaded from the same page.

If students use the TCE Planner tool, all of the above criteria are automatically calculated and checked. The Tool is also available from the TQA website.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal
Learning & Teaching

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage
Sunday 1st April
This massive state-wide event for people of all ages is back, bigger and better than ever in 2012! Featuring the pilgrim walk, concert and family fun day, street procession and Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral there is something for everyone! You also do not want to miss our very special guest performer Fr Rob Galea.

Fr Rob is a newly ordained priest and an amazing singer/songwriter with a comparable international fan base. He has recorded with a number of pop idols and has released four of his own albums. He has played in front of hundreds of thousands at key World Youth Day events, and our Tassie WYD pilgrims are some of his biggest fans. Celebrating Palm Sunday, Young People and our Tasmanian Catholic Church we would love to see as many people from our school communities there as possible! Go to www.cymtas.org.au for more information.

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City Devonport Brass Band

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Mrs Sue Arrowsmith
Uniform Shop Manageress

REMINDER
Father Elio Capra
(Weekend 23rd – 25th March)

Fr Elio will be at the Ulverstone Mass Centre leading sessions to help us prepare for Easter.
He will concelebrate Mass at Ulverstone with our priests on Sunday 25th at 10.30am. A BBQ lunch will follow.
If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office in Devonport on 64242783 by 12th March to confirm numbers for catering.
The soccer season is fast approaching with the first school game commencing on 31st March 2012.

All registrations will be done on Tuesday or Thursday night, at the Devonport Strikers Club rooms, Valley Road. Karen Griffiths will be available between the hours of 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, to provide registration, supplementary rego forms and to take payment.

Registration is $50.00 per player, (cheques payable to Devonport Junior Soccer), if you are not playing for a club. Those playing club soccer as well as school soccer will have a $10.00 fee to pay.

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED BY PARENTS AND PAYMENT MADE BEFORE 22ND MARCH 2012.

Teams need to be entered in by 9th March 2012, for rostering purposes, so the names of those girls/boys intending to play are required by Karen Griffiths as soon as possible.

Coaches/Managers are needed for some grades, no coach - no team. Anyone interested in refereeing, please see/ring Karen Griffiths.

U/14 boys will be playing at the Devonport Soccer Club on Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

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Contact:
Karen Griffiths—SBSC Soccer Co-Ordinator
Ph: 6428 6703

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The College’s first game in the 2012 NSATIS basketball competition was an away game against Scotch Oakburn College. Buoyed by a short, yet intense pre-season, the boys were keen to get underway and were looking forward to the challenge.

The first 4 minutes saw the boys open up a 16 – 0 break and they never looked back. All boys played well in the hot conditions and played good team basketball.

The first home game will be held next Monday against Marist commencing at 3:30 pm. Supporters welcome.

Mr Ryan (Coach)

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The 2012 Senior debating roster is well underway. I have been delighted with the enthusiasm of the students, particularly those new to debating who are willing to take on a challenge.

Congratulations to our Year 10 team for their victory against Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston on Wednesday night. It was a brilliant start to the season.

A regular meeting will be held on Mondays during lunch in T2 for teams and strategies to be finalized.

Any interested Seniors are most welcome to come along.

Mrs Rachelle Littler

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Registration for Winter Roster Basketball will be held at the Devonport Basketball Stadium on Thursday 1st March from 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

Roster will commence on Wednesday 18th April 2012.

Registration fee is $80-00.

For further information please contact the DBC Office on 64242440 between 10 – 2 weekdays.

If you cannot make it on the 1st March an alternative is to see Mr Aherne (HPE Office at recess or lunch) and students registration can be organised.

Mr Adam Aherne

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Under 14 Roster 2012
Grades 6 - 9

Devon Hockey is running an under 14 roster catering for students from Grades 6 - 9. This roster will run on Saturday Mornings at the North West Hockey Centre (near the Bluff). During this time teams will play games along with being given the opportunity to have some skills sessions with senior men and women hockey players.

**Time:** 9am-11am Saturday mornings

**Dates:** 19th of April until the 4th August (there are no games during the holiday breaks).

**Location:** North West Hockey Centre

**Cost:** The cost is $35 per player and this covers ground hire, roster games and player insurance. Students can also purchase sticks and shin pads at a minimal cost. Mouth guard are also recommended.

**Contacts:** For more information contact Jess Ryan on 043857152 (after 3.30pm), jess.ryan@education.tas.gov.au or Sharlene Hardy on 0419367433 / 64273338 or cjnhardy@bigpond.com

**Registration:** Registrations and equipment purchases can be done on Thursday 29th March between 4 and 6pm or on Saturday 31st March between 9.30 and 11.30am

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Would you like to host a Japanese exchange student?

Japanese students will be coming to your school to study an intensive English Language and cultural course and we are looking for host families!

The students will arrive on the 29th July and depart on the 25th August. Your family will host them for the 4 weeks and welcome them as a member of your family. They will attend your school but will be doing their separate language course and various excursions throughout the week.

This is a unique experience for your family to create a more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and as a host family you will benefit from hosting an overseas student in many ways. Some of these are:

- You will see the world through the eyes of another culture
- You will learn about other parts of the world
- You will experience the fun of sharing your lives with someone from different cultural background

Your school contact: Miss Kaoru Sherriff

For more information please contact Rebecca Whiteman on (02) 9213 0082 or rebecca.whiteman@afs.org

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A workshop for your children to explore
"Respect it, don't wreck it!"

What impact does vandalism have on you, your family and the community?
What is peer group pressure and how do you say "no"?
What choices are available to get involved in local youth activities and programs?

These questions and others are explored in a presentation that will be made to Year 7 & 8 students at St. Brendan-Shaw College.

For the past 4 years the program has been funded by Devonport City Council and the Australian Government to get our young people involved in responsible action. The program aims to educate and deter anti-social behavior with a creative education presentation, followed by reinforcement lessons with teachers and local youth workers.

Strategically developed to prevent youth from travelling down the wrong path, the program challenges the thinking of children and adolescents during a time in their life when they are experimenting, forming attitudes and beliefs and being influenced.

The program will explore the different consequences of getting involved in illegal and immoral activities, as compared to choosing to pursue other constructive avenues for self expression.

The program has been developed by our contractor, Warner Awareness Education, in consultation with the Devonport Community Safety Liaison Group.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1. **Talk to your child:**
   - About respecting other people’s property and the issues surrounding property damage.
   - The success of this type of program is enhanced when it is reinforced at home.

2. **Seek further information by contacting:**
   - **The Zone Youth Information and Access Centre.**
     They provide information, support and referral on a range of issues and can be contacted on 0423 4009 or click on ‘Your Community’ at www.devonport.tas.gov.au.

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To report graffiti & property damage in Devonport call Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

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