This week is NAIDOC Week. It provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’, the group who once took responsibility for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week, and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

This week, especially, we acknowledge the Punniler Panner people who are the traditional owners of the land on which our College stands. Late last term, Archbishop Doyle presented each Catholic school in the Archdiocese with a plaque to pay respect to the indigenous people as the traditional owners and custodians of this land. Mrs Margaret Shearer, our Aboriginal Student Support Teacher, has been in discussion with members of the local aboriginal community to discuss the how we might display this plaque.

Mrs Shearer also accompanied student representatives of the College who attended Tiagarra on Sunday where a flag raising ceremony marked the beginning of NAIDOC week.

Congratulations to:

- Natalia Ayesu (9M1) who has been selected to represent Tasmania as a member of the U15 netball team. She will play in the National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour from July 6 to July 16 this year.
- Jessica Blair (8G5) who has been selected to represent Tasmania as a member of the U14 netball team. She will play in the National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour from July 6 to July 16 this year.
- Caitlin Radford (8M7) who will be representing the College at the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Championships at Werribee from July 9 to July 13.
- Lucy Wootton (8G7) who has been selected to represent Tasmania as a member of the U15 hockey team. She will play in the National Championships in Canberra from September 29 to October 6 this year.
- Kade Pitchford (10 M1) who has been selected to represent Tasmania as a member of the U16 Australian Rules Football team. He will play in the Australian Championships in Sydney in the next 10 days.
- Staff member, Mr Nick Saltmarsh, who has been invited to Sydney to umpire at these Australian Football Championships.
- Zoe Wickham (11M4) who was invited to umpire at the International Schoolgirls Tournament in Adelaide from 28th May to the 1st June. Teams from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific competed.

I encourage parents to attend the Drug forum with Fr Chris Riley at Reece High School this evening, commencing at 7:00pm.

Good luck to our Cross Country team!

Mr Garry Vidler, Board Member since the beginning of 2008, has concluded his tenure on the Board. This leaves a vacancy for a parent nominee to join. Please contact my PA, Mrs Banham, to receive a nomination form. This form will need to be signed by the nominee, the proposer, and a secondor. Completed nominations need to be returned to Mrs Banham by Monday 16th July.
DIARIES
After some discussion the College has reached the point where we are considering not having a school diary next year. Over the years the diary has become less about communicating with parents and more about students having somewhere to write their homework. Given the availability of electronic diaries, etc on phones and other mobile devices it seems like a better option to embrace the use of technology rather than have diaries which are rarely used by students as they use other means to record their homework. Students who would still like to use a diary to write homework down could purchase their own. By doing this we open up other options such as teachers emailing homework to students such that parents and students can see what homework they have, when assignments are due or when tests are on. Another option is for web pages to be set up which allow parents and students to see work due.

If you have any comments about the school not having a diary in 2013, please contact me here at school as I would be happy to hear parent feedback about the issue.

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care

NAIDOC WEEK

Three of our students proudly wearing the SBSC uniform represented our College on Sunday July 1 at Tiagarra. The occasion was the annual Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony that marks the beginning of NAIDOC week. During this week, Aborigines from all over Australia showcase their achievements.

On the same morning, Aunty Patsy Cameron launched her book *Grease and Ochre* in Devonport. The book does challenge some of the myths that have been passed down through the ages about the negative relationships between Sealers or Straitsmen and the Aborigines. It is a great book to read and looks at humanity common to all of us and not the usual stereotyping of black and white clash on the East Coast of Tasmania between 1789 and 1832.

Aunty Patsy Cameron signing the School copy of her book *Grease and Ochre.*

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Student Support Teacher
Visiting UTAS Zoologist
On Monday July 2\textsuperscript{nd}, the College was pleased to host a visit by UTAS doctoral research student Bronwyn Fancourt and her research assistant Penny, who gave a presentation on their research into the declining population of the Eastern Quoll. Ms Fancourt was returning from a mammal survey and trapping exercise at Cradle Mountain National Park on her way back to Hobart and was generous enough to stop in on her way home to Hobart. Students from the Environmental Science, Biology, Life Science and Year 10 Science Extended classes were invited to attend. Ms Fancourt spoke about her research methodology, difficulty in replicating previous studies, shared her data and shared her conclusions about the impact of changing land use, drought, feral cats and pathogens on the eastern quoll population.

We thank Ms Fancourt for her visit and the chance to hear about how ‘real’ scientific method being used in the field to answer complex questions.

The Environmental Science Class

Brain Bee State Finalists!
As part of their work in Science Extended, the class entered the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC), an on-line quiz entered by 11,000 students from 382 schools from across Australia and New Zealand. The challenge is run by the Australian Neuroscience Society in an effort to raise awareness and educate students about how the brain functions, vision and memory centres, associated neurological conditions, like Alzheimer and Parkinson’s Diseases, the effect of sleep deprivation, drugs, alcohol, depression, the potential benefits of new stem cell research and acquired brain injury on brain functioning.

Tayla Kirkwood scored well enough in round one to make it to the individual State final (round 2) and Alex Kirkland, Hayley Green and Asha Naden will participate with Tayla in the team’s section of the State Final held in Hobart next Thursday July 12\textsuperscript{th}. The girls have been working hard preparing for the big competition and are to be congratulated for being invited as one of only eight schools to attend the State Final. Road trip! We wish them all the best for next week…watch this space for the results!

Mrs Kelly Hicks
Science Extended Teacher
We still have one Japanese student (male) to be allocated a host family.

If you are able to host from 28th July—25th August please email ksherriff@sbsc.tas.edu.au.

Thank you to our families who have already volunteered.
Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who would like to join the Catholic Church?

Come along to the Community Room at Sacred Heart Church Ulverstone on Tuesday, 24th July, 2012 for more information.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm and everyone is most welcome.

For more information contact Sr Margaret on 6428 3095.
Recently the College received communication from the local community in regards to safety concerns for the elderly members of our community, particularly in the Shearwater, Port Sorrel and Hawley Beach areas. Some members of our community, including the elderly, may have mobility, health, or hearing/ sight issues that affect response times when faced with an oncoming skater, especially if this is on footpaths, or when reversing from their driveways.

Whilst the College endorses our students in engaging in leisure pursuits and personal fitness through skateboarding, we do ask our students, and their parents/ caregivers, to consider safe skating practices for all of the members of their local communities. There are rules and regulations related to skating practices which are as follows and can be found at; http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/safety/skating_and_cycling_rules. The following is an extract from this site.

Tasmania commenced a new regime for the use of skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and bicycles on roads and footpaths on 1 July 2001.

**Rules**

The rules recognise the importance of skating and cycling as a recreational activity and a form of transport. Skaters and cyclists are able to share footpaths and some roads with other users, unless an area is clearly signed as a place where skating is not allowed.

**Skating on Roads**

The rules prohibit skating on roads:
- With a dividing line or median strip or on one-way roads with more than one marked lane; or
- With a speed limit higher than 50 kilometres per hour; or
- Between sunset and sunrise (darkness).

**Skating & Cycling on Footpaths**

Skaters and cyclists can share footpaths, however in areas where skating and footpath cycling are allowed, skaters and cyclists must:
- Keep left, give way to pedestrians and ride with due care and attention and reasonable consideration to other users.

**What is a "no go zone"?**

Local Councils have the power to declare No Go Zones where skateboards and bikes are not allowed. No Go Zones will are marked with a sign and may also have pavement markings.

**How are the rules enforced?**

Police Officers are responsible for enforcement. A skater or cyclist who contravenes one of the rules may:
- receive an on-the-spot fine or may be summoned to Court.

If a skater refuses to obey any of the regulations, including skating in a signposted No Go Zone, Police also have the power to temporarily confiscate skateboards and other wheeled recreational devices and toys for a period of seven (7) days.

**More Information**

For more information about the new rules relating to skating and cycling, contact the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER).

Pastoral Care Team