Congratulations to:

Alexandra McKenna (7 M2) who, as a volunteer, assists with umpiring during this Devon Netball Association Winter Roster. Her mentors contacted me to report that she is developing her skills as an umpire, and that she always speaks respectfully to players and adults. As an SBSC College student, I commend her on being such a fine ambassador of our College.

Caitlin Radford (8 M7) who had a very successful trip to Werribee, competing in the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Championships. She was placed 5th out of 23 competitors in her Rider Class and 7th out of 29 in the 2 Phase Interschool’s Challenge. She now has the opportunity to compete at the National Interschool’s Championships at Toowoomba in October. She would compete on a “pool” horse due to the logistics of getting her pony there.

The following students, all members of the Mersey Valley Devonport Cycling Club, who have been selected in the Tasmanian State Cycling team to compete at the Australian Junior Road Cycling Championships in Canberra in September:

- Rowena Badcock (10 L1) in the Under 17 division;
- Eloize Galpin (8 G7), Emily Lewis (7 M5); and Georgia O’Rourke (7 G5), in the Under 15 division.

I rely on parents and community members to provide me with details of representation, not only for sport, so that I can acknowledge them in the College newsletter. Please send details to admin@sbsc.tas.edu.au so that I can continue to do so as broadly as possible. All prove to be fine representatives of our College and deserve recognition.

Students gain much, including the value of commitment, and reward linked to effort, from participating in co-curricular activities. These are qualities that lead to better learning and are readily transferrable to the working environment. Shortly, some students will receive notice that they have been selected to represent the College in the NSATIS (and then, possibly, the SATIS) athletics team. In recent years, the Health and Physical Education Department and I have been disappointed with the attrition rate, especially at the last minute. I would strongly encourage parents to support us should your child be selected in these representative teams. I am happy to write a letter of support that students can use to show any employer to assist in negotiating flexibility in work hours.

In recent months, the Australian Government has provided additional payments that are focussed on alleviating the educational expense to parents. Another source of assistance is available through the Saver Plus program. This is a scheme, offered through an organisation known as The Smith Family, and open to families who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card; have a child at school (or starting school next year); and have some form of household income (for example, casual, part-time, full-time; or seasonal employment). The Saver Plus Program will match savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500. This program now has a Coordinator, Verity Tunevitsch, who can be contacted on: 6326 7716, or at Verity.Tunevitsch@thesmithfamily.com.au.

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**Information Night**

Next Wednesday at 7.00pm, year 10 students and families are invited to the Genesis Centre to hear what to expect as a senior student next year.

From 7.30-8.30pm teachers will be available in rooms in the Brendan Block for all students currently in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11. A list of rooms where the teachers will be situated will be available.

The Subject Handbook for 2013 will be distributed to students either late this week or early next week.

**PISA**

34 Year 10 students have been selected to participate in the Federal Government PISA testing on Monday August 6. All will do a paper test on financial literacy and technology. 20 will also do a test on the computer. Information to those chosen will be distributed next week.

**Helen Williams DocUniv (ACU)**

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

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**Australian Brain Bee Challenge Results**

Earlier in the year, the entire Year 10 Science Extended class prepared for and were all entered into the Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC), an on-line competition based on learning about neuroscience; the brain, aspects of memory, brain disorders and interesting new techniques to help with brain injury. Alex Kirkland, Hayley Green, Tayla Kirkwood and Asha Naden all made it through to the team’s section of the state final held at the Menzies Institute in Hobart on the 12th of July, with Tayla Kirkwood also qualifying as one of 21 state finalists in the individual section.

We left for Hobart the night before, and after a long road trip finally arrived. The night was spent having dinner at Pizza Hut, and then a lot of last minute studying. The next morning we were all up bright and early and headed off to the Menzies Institute for a day of tough questions and some hands on activities. Even though we didn’t come away with any titles the day was an amazing experience.

We would like to thank Mrs Hicks and the science department for giving us such a wonderful opportunity.

*The Brain Bee Team*

**Pictured From Left:** Alexandra Kirkland (10 M4), Hayley Green (10 D2), Asha Naden (10 L7) & Tayla Kirkwood (10 L2)
Organised by the Tasmanian Catholic Justice and Peace Commission the competition is open to all Secondary School and College students.

Your Brief
You have been given the opportunity to address the Federal Government on how people seeking asylum should be treated. You can do this using either a written or multimedia presentation. The written presentation can be an essay, letter or speech of up to 600 words. The multimedia presentation can be a PowerPoint or a film up to 5 minutes long.

4 Prizes to be won
$100 gift voucher to Harvey Norman or iTunes awarded for:
Best multimedia entry for year 7 to 10 and for year 11 to 12
Best written entry for year 7 to 10 and for year 11 to 12.

For more information and conditions of entry email Margaret: tcjpc@aohtas.org.au or go to the Tasmanian Catholic Justice and peace Commission website: www.hobart.catholic.org.au/sites/TCJPC/TCJPC.html. Competition closes 7th September 2012.
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Caitlin Radford—Werribee Interschool's Challenge

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