News From Our Principal

On Friday, we received our Certificate of Commission to operate as a Catholic School from Archbishop Adrian Doyle. This was as a consequence of our response to the Archbishop’s Charter. This charter provides a framework for Catholic schools to use to ensure that the Archbishop can be confident that he can mandate them to act on behalf of the Church community. The Archbishop also presented a plaque, acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land upon which the college stands, to representatives of our indigenous students.

The College fosters a good relationship with Tasmania Police, and as a consequence I have become aware of a practice that may place some of our young drivers at risk. It is alleged that some are providing a service to others by ferrying them around town, but doing so for a fee. If a fee is charged, then accident cover for injuries through the Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) is not provided for the driver. In addition, while the passenger’s injury is covered by MAIB, the Board may recover the costs of any payment from the driver of the vehicle, or the owner of the vehicle even if it is being driven by another person. These fall under the Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973, specifically in sections 18, 24 and 28. While it is commendable that the intent is to provide a community service, the collection of a fee opens these drivers, and the owners of the vehicle, to potentially significant financial risk.

Dr Reg Allen, Chief Executive Officer of the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA), visited the College this morning to discuss, among other things, TQA’s preparations for the Australian Curriculum’s expansion into the senior secondary area. Discussion included the writing of courses that are due for re-accreditation at the end of 2013 in such a way as to make the transition as smooth as possible. He also spoke about, generally, results in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, and how validity can be assured.

Thanks to those who have provided me with the opportunity to recognise the following students. Congratulations to:

- Sam Curtis (8D2) who will be representing Tasmania in swimming at the School Sports Championships in Sydney next week.
- Lucy Costello (9D3) who achieved Honours in Modern Ballet, Jazz and Funk disciplines at the 52nd dance graduation of Reflections Dance Studio. Lucy also was recognised with an award for the highest overall marks for dance from the Ulverstone academy.
- Kobe Banham (7L7), Willem Gray (7L2), Jaren Hugen (7G4) Dominic Smith (7L6), players for the Devonport Warriors Basketball side, as well as Jakeb Morrison (12D6) and Harrison Barker (7M2). See the separate report elsewhere in this newsletter.
PLAQUE OF RECONCILIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At last week’s assembly, Archbishop Adrian Doyle handed over a plaque commemorating the traditional owners of the land for the area on which the school is built. The plaque commissioned by the Archbishop was received by Laura Allford and Brooke Wickham.

The two students thanked the Archbishop for his acknowledgement and care for the Aboriginal community within the Catholic schools and parishes he oversees.

Past students can remember the Archbishop’s interest in sharing their dreams and hopes for the future in 2007. Some of our present students were invited to have lunch with the Archbishop before he returned to Hobart.

The beautifully crafted plaque will remind us of the reconciliation process begun by Archbishop Adrian and be our College statement of acknowledgement and welcome to Indigenous Australians.

DAVIES SINGS FOR THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Davies Ingwe from Zambia who owes his education to the work of Catholic missions in Zambia visited some classes this week. Students were respectful and inspired by his story of growing up in Zambia and the problems many have to overcome to receive an education.

Davies had a priest who encouraged his music talent and he has now been a musician for over fifteen years. Davies sings about his love and thankfulness to God.

He usually sings before an audience of forty thousand people! The students were keen to hear his songs and asked him to sing for them.

Some comments from the students included Aimee Freeman “Davies touched our lives through his song”, Keenan Douce “He inspired us to realise how God has influenced his life and hence inspired ours.” Brayden Van Buuren “I enjoyed his singing. It was moving.”

The students enjoyed having such a famous singer in their classroom!

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Students Support Teacher
Basketball
Last weekend, the under 14 boys basketball team from the Devonport Warriors won the Tasmanian State Championship in Launceston, going through undefeated and going on to win the Grand Final. St. Brendan-Shaw College were very well represented by 6 students. The 4 students who played were Kobe Banham, Dominic Smith, Willem Gray and Jaren Hugen and all 4 showed great sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork. A special mention also goes to Harrison Barker who assisted the team on the day. Thank you to Mr. Garry Hugen for coaching and to Jakeb Morrison for being assistant coach.

Six-A-Side Soccer
St. Brendan-Shaw College was very successful in the recent Six-A-Side Soccer Competition at Meercroft Park, winning the under 13 boys, under 14 girls and under 16 girls pennants.

The under 13 boys won the final, beating Devonport High in a close game with a result of 1:0. The team consisted of: Thomas Mace, Lachie Ford, Daniel Chamberlain, Joab Littler, Daniel Littler, Finn Leary, Max Green, Lachlan Murray and Ben Williams.

The under 14 girls defeated Devonport High with a score of 1:0. The team consisted of: Eliza Rockliff, Rebecca Johnston, Sarah Roberts, Rebecca Wells, Kelsey Bellechambers, Maddison Guilbert and Rebecca Reynolds.

The under 16 girls defeated Devonport High with a score of 4:0. The team consisted of: Laura Briant, Jasmine Squibb, Rochelle Guilbert, Hannah Best, Lucie Riley, Tayla Kirkwood, Kayla Freshney and Maggie Jones.

Congratulations to all involved.

Uniform Shop
Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10.00 am — 4.00 pm
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Mrs Sue Arrowsmith
Uniform Shop Manageress
VIVA II
A state wide youth festival for young people aged from grade 9. It is a full day of fun, celebration, formation, entertainment and sharing faith with like-minded young people! With special guest, Bishop Peter Comensoli from Sydney, interactive workshops and young faith panel and RIO PARTY! You do not want to miss this great event! Open to all young people aged grade 9 – 35 years. Saturday 28th July @ Emmanuel Centre, Newstead. Hurry, early bird registration closes Friday 13th July. Get all your information and register at www.wydtas.org.au or e-mail rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au.

RIO PARTY
EVERYONE is welcome to help us launch the Tassie WYD13 Pilgrimage with Rio Party! Whether you are small, tall, young or young at heart, pilgrim or never even thought about pilgrimage, Rio Party is for you and will have all your Brazilian styled fun, entertainment, food & drink for the whole family to enjoy! Following 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead on Saturday 28th July, come and join us in the Church hall for a social evening and help us celebrate! We appreciate if you could let us know if you are coming for catering purposes at www.wydtas.org.au or rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368.