This will be the last newsletter for 2012. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone who is associated with the College, be it parent or student or staff member or friend, a blessed and holy Christmas with the opportunity to gather with those that you love.

I wish to thank the following replacement teachers who will leave us at the end of the year:
- Mrs Gabrielle Hay, Food Technology, replaced Mrs Tanya Rataj in the classroom.
- Mrs Ceri Davies, Year 7 Core Team, replaced Miss Angela Henry who chose to move from teaching to the Laboratory technician’s role.
- Mr Brett Norton-Smith leaves after completing a contract in the MDT department.

This year will also see three long-standing and loyal members of staff retire form the College community. With a combined service to the College of over fifty – five years we farewell:
- Mrs Kerrie Cole leaves us as Canteen Manager and over twenty years of service. Kerrie has overseen a transition to healthy eating menus and the quiet and loyal support of staff and students;
- Mrs Lorraine Sadler has worked for over twenty years in a variety of roles, most recently in the Canteen, and
- Mr Tony Harris departs after nearly fourteen years as a counsellor, supporting countless numbers of students and their families, while fully involving himself in the life of the College. Our extensive photographic history over the first decade of the 21st century is thanks to his expertise and special attention.

Next year Mr Ben Milbourne will take up his contract in 2013, teaching in the Mathematics and science departments. We will also welcome to the Year 7 Core team Mrs Cheryl Gamble. I thank her for making herself available to attend the Year 6 Parent night on Tuesday, and to participate in the Year 6 orientation day on Wednesday. Mr John Doubleday returns to the college in 2013 to teach automotive technology, and his characteristic enthusiasm has not waned. We will also welcome Mr Nick Sallese as a teacher aide in the learning support team. Finally, Bradley Tolson has been selected to replace Nathan Johnston as Sport Trainee in the PE department. I would like to thank Miss Kaoru Sherriff for her work as Transitions Coordinator this year.

I am most pleased with the level of attention that has been given to ensuring that we meet the needs of our new Year 7 students.

Miss Sherriff has chosen to leave this role to concentrate on building the profile of Japanese in the College’s curriculum. She will be replaced by Ms Sally Aitken.

Mrs Rochelle Taylor has lead the Science faculty with distinction over the past few years and has been instrumental in the successful phase-in of the Australian Curriculum in Science at the College. She has chosen to step down from the role. She will be replaced by Mrs Kelly Hicks.

Mr Wayne Roberts and Mr Hector Lenton are both taking a years leave of absence in 2013. Ms Kate Merry will act in the role of Head of Faculty History and Society in place of Mr Roberts.

I am pleased to announce the College Captains and other Prefect positions for 2013. They are:

**College Captains:** Kate Elkhair & Jacob Templeton  
**Secretary:** Inida Pearce  
**Treasurer:** Lachlan Butlin

**House Prefects:**  
- Dillon - Jordan Smith  
- Griffin - Joshua Harris  
- Lyons - Lewis Harvey  
- MacKillop - Jordan Quaile

**Environment:** Callie Buchwald, Stewart Holmes & Duncan Robertson

**Community:** Indea Quinn, Bowen Templer & Lachlan Pagett

**Social Justice:** Emily Ekeleschot & Brooke Wickham

**Sports:** Rebecca Hyland, Zoe Wickham, Matthew Zema & Kade Lynd

Starting from January 2013, Schoolkids Bonus will be introduced in Australian schools. Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs associated with primary and secondary schooling. More information can be obtained by visiting the following web-address: http://www.human services.gov.au/customer/services/schoolkids-bonus.
Principal
Mr Frank Pisano
Extends an invitation to
Parents & Students
To join us for
Presentation Night 2012
Tuesday 11 December 2012
at 7:30pm
In the Genesis Centre
Three activities awaited the students when they arrived at Narawntapu National Park.

Karen and her son Cruise (everyone loved Cruise!) led one group into Aboriginal cultural use of ochre for the girls and stone making tools for the boys, string making.

Emma led her famous animal scats walk where students take a closer look at what wild life has been around and Judith-Rose showed students how to take away memories from a place by doing rubbings from the different elements they could find such as wood grain, bark and shells. Added to this the students incorporated Aboriginal symbols to make a memory of the time they had out at the park.

Everyone enjoyed the great location and the great experiences given to them by Judith-Rose, Emma and Karen. The star was definitely Cruise!

A very big thank you to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Presenters!

Mrs Shearer
Teacher
Hours

Tues 11th December & Wed 12th December - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Monday 17th December LAST DAY FOR SALES - 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
Cash Cheque Layby Eftpos

Lost Property: Please come in and check if any of it is yours, it may save you repurchasing new items for next year.

LAYBY NOW AND COLLECT IN February 2013

On behalf on the Uniform Shop staff we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and thank you for your support in 2012

Ms Sue Arrowsmith
The College will be closed on Friday, 14th December 2012 for our Staff function and then will be closed from Wednesday 19th December 2012 for the holidays.

Term Dates 2013

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Book Sales 2013

Second-Hand Book Sales/Swap
The College has made available the Undercover Area on Wednesday 5 December 7.00 pm — 8.30 pm for parents to negotiate second-hand book sales/swap. 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 29 January 2013 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 29 January 2013. 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.

Book packs not collected on the day will be taken to the Birchalls store at Don College and will need to be collected and paid for from there and levies paid at the Caritas Office.

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 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.

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

Fees 2013

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The family discount system shall continue.

Mr Bob Farr
Business Manager
STAS application forms are to be issued to new enrolments only or to families who have not applied for, or been in receipt of, STAS in 2012. Families who have been in receipt of STAS 2012 have been sent correspondence regarding STAS 2013 directly from the Department.

STAS application forms can also be downloaded from the Department’s web site at: https://www.education.tas.gov.au/documentcentre/Documents/Student-Assistance-Scheme-Application.pdf.

If you have any queries regarding the forms please contact our Service Centre on 1800 816 057.

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 and grade 11 and 12 students who are required to pay a general levy at a college. 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.

INCOME TEST FOR THE SCHEME - TAXABLE INCOME TABLE 2011-12

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<td>Income Per Week</td>
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* For more than 8 children, add $123 per week or $6,204 per annum for each additional dependent.

# Gross Taxable Income

Department of Education
Student Accommodation Allowance 2013
The Student Accommodation Allowance provides financial assistance to students in Years 11 or 12 who must live away from their usual Tasmanian home in order to study at a registered government or non-government school. The allowance is limited to a maximum of two years unless special circumstances exist. The allowance is not means tested.

A new Application Form is required each year. These are available from the Caritas Office.

Please do not confuse this Tasmanian Government allowance with Isolated Children’s Allowance, Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY which are available from the Commonwealth Government and are delivered through Centrelink.

Important Dates 2012

5 December 2012, Wednesday
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Secondhand Text Book - Swap/Sale Evening (Years 7 - 12)

• 12 December 2012, Wednesday
Return of Booklists to College

• 17 December 2012, Monday
2.00pm - 8.00pm
Sale of new and secondhand uniforms—last day

Overdue School Fees

As the College office will close at 4:30pm Tuesday 18th December all outstanding balances must be cleared.

Thank you
We wish all families
a very safe and
Holy Christmas