As we approach the end of Term 1, in this first, four-term year, I can see evidence of the advantage of shorter terms. The atmosphere around the College remains ‘up-beat’ and I do not see the signs of ‘tetchyness’ that often became apparent at the end of the longer terms. The week has seen some positive events:

- Our NSATIS boys basketball team has won the firsts’ competition. They will go on to play the SATIS final against the Southern winners later this year;
- Our NSATIS girls basketball team will play the final in the firsts’ competition in Launceston later today;
- The Athletics carnival was held in a great atmosphere, providing healthy competition in an environment that nurtures positive relationships with peers and staff alike. I would like to thank parents who supported their sons and daughters by encouraging their attendance and participation over the two days. Congratulations to MacKillop house on their success.
- Tonight will see our first Social for the year, and is a fitting way to celebrate a successful term’s effort.
- Tomorrow, we will close the Term by holding a solemn, ANZAC Day ceremony at the College. With the holidays intervening, the Leadership Team believed that this day, which is so significant to our National identity, was acknowledged within our College community. I want to thank the prefects who have agreed to represent the College at various celebrations in the region.

In the week-end press you may have seen a number of teaching positions advertised at the College. This is to allow staff to take varying amounts of accrued Long Service Leave. I would also like to take this opportunity to share the joy of good news that Mrs Rochelle Taylor will become a mother later this year and will be taking a period of Maternity Leave. Her position was also advertised.

Last week I shared that Mrs Jane Dutton was absent due to illness. She has had to extend this for longer than was originally expected, and contingencies will be put in place as early as possible next term. (An indication of the regard in which Mrs Dutton is held by students in her house (Dillon) were the chance of; Lets do it for Dutton that rang out throughout the Athletics Carnival. This also gives an insight into the wonderful personal qualities of our students.)

Congratulations to:

- Rhiannon Orme (10M2) and Rory Matthews (10G3) who continue our tradition of having students selected to be part of TasDance. Like those who have gone before, these are very talented youth who will be great ambassadors of our College and our region;
- Laura Briant (11L2) who has been selected to represent Tasmania in the Pizzey Cup Schools Tennis competition in Adelaide from 4th to 12th May, next term.

I wish all staff and students a well-deserved rest. I thank you for striving to do your best, be safe, and welcome diversity. I have seen much evidence of this, with the efforts of this week being a good example. I look forward to your return next term ready for another burst of quality learning.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

The College Office will be open each day in the end of term holidays except for Anzac Day Thursday 25th April and the following day Friday 26th April.
Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN Tests
These tests will be held on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. All students are expected to sit the tests. If absent due to illness, Friday of that week may be used for catch-up tests. Students need to have a 2B pencil, an eraser and a simple calculator. Ipads and phones will not be permitted in the classroom.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal—Learning & Teaching

UNIFORM
This year, due to the four terms, we have changed the times students are expected to wear summer and winter uniform. To keep it simple, the following applies:

WINTER UNIFORM - Term 2 and 3
SUMMER UNIFORM - Term 1 and 4

Keep in mind that students are welcome to wear winter uniform at anytime of the year.

It is now expected that blazers are worn to and from school.

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care

“Australia devotes enormous energy and innovation to increasing productivity and being able to provide a dazzling array of consumer goods. As a nation we agonise over budget surpluses, the balance of trade and international credit ratings. By comparison, how much time and energy do we devote to supporting families in their core responsibilities of love and care?”

From the Australian Catholic Bishop’s Social Justice Statement 2012-2013: The Gift of Family in Difficult Times - The social and economic challenges facing families today.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support
This week: Homeroom

At St Brendan-Shaw College we strive to:

Do our best - which means we are on time, contribute to the Homeroom and are respectful towards the other members (staff and students) in it.

Be safe - which means we make sure we have been marked off on the attendance.

Welcome diversity - which means we get to know our Homeroom members, we greet each other positively and we support each other.
Thursday April 18th is our first school Social for the year. As parents, here is a checklist you might want to go through if you are signing your own child or another parent’s child into the Social:

Do I know where my child will be in the time leading up to the Social? If they are not with me, are they with a responsible adult who I know? – Most issues at our previous Socials have centred around students who have gathered as a group before the Social without a responsible adult present.

Am I and is my child fully aware that normal school rules apply at our school socials? – That means we treat each member of our College Community who is at the Social with dignity and respect. Students who fail to do so will have their parents called to come and collect them.

Do I know what my child will be wearing to the Social? – The College reserves the right to exclude any student from the Social who arrives in inappropriate dress or who changes into inappropriate dress during the evening. If in doubt, ask beforehand to avoid embarrassing situations during the evening.

Have I organised how my child will be getting to and from the Social? – The Social begins at 7:00pm and ends at 9:30pm. Students should be picked up from the Genesis Centre at 9:30pm.

Am I and is my child aware of other things about the Social? – Water and lollies are available for sale at the Social. Upon arrival, any bag must be placed in the allocated space. Security will be present during the evening. Students need to stay in the Genesis Centre between 7:00pm and 9:30pm.

As stated in the letter on attached to this newsletter, no student will be allowed into the Social without a parent signing them in. If a student is being signed in by a friend’s parent, it is expected that the friend’s parent has permission to do this from the other parents.

Thursday 11th April… Pep Rally takes place in the lead up to the Athletics Carnival.

Friday 12th April… Year 10s participate in Dramarama for National Youth Week. Dillon House fundraiser for Edmund Rice Camps.

Saturday 13th April… the College competes in the All Schools rowing regatta.

Monday 15th April… Year 7s and Year 9 boys have their second round of immunisations. St Brendan-Shaw College wins the NSATIS boys basketball.

Tuesday 16th April… first day of the College Athletics Carnival.

Wednesday 17th April… second day of College Athletics Carnival.

Thursday 18th April… first School Social for the year.
Under the expertise of Mr Ben Milbourne's Masterchef skills, seventeen students prepared exciting dishes for their families to sample. In the kitchen, it was pure harmony as Mr Milbourne's two passions of food and teaching came together on Friday evening. The students worked well and prepared great food for their families to sample.

Once the exotic Indian, Thai and Italian foods were cooked and the desserts ready, the students joined their parents in the dining room. A total of sixty two family members were waited upon by six excellent waiters.

Mr Pisano kindly came to visit the students in the preparation time and then came back after another appointment to be present during in the sampling time. Thank you Mr Pisano for your commitment to the families and students of the College.

Thank you to Mrs Weslake and her Catering Class who looked after us so professionally and made everyone feel welcome.

A very special thank you to all the family members who came along and made the evening such a success. We appreciate your support and interest in the College life of your sons and daughters.

Lastly a very big thank you to Mr Ben Milbourne for giving the students a wonderful experience of cooking with a Masterchef star!

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Student Support Teacher
YEAR 8 REFLECTION DAY

The Reflection Days for Year 8 began on Thursday the 4th of April and concluded this Monday the 15th of April. The days took place at the Ulverstone Surf Life Saving Club and each of the six Year 8 Religious Studies classes had a separate day at the venue.

The themes running through the Reflection Days were:

- The gift of ‘creation’ – the wonderful world we have and everything in it.
- Humanity’s responsibility as stewards of creation.
- Appreciating the diversity of creation – both in nature and in human beings (after all, we are all blessed with different gifts and talents)!

The students are invited into moments of quiet and thoughtful reflection throughout the day and also provide the students with the opportunity to get to know each other better outside of the classroom environment through team building activities.

Highlights included the ‘stick’ game, launching egg crafts, meditation and watching Buddy Franklin’s 2010 AFL Goal of the Year. The Year 8 students represented the College superbly and are to be commended for their active participation in the days.

Mr Kamil Douglas
Ministry & Religious Education Coordinator

BOYS NSATIS BASKETBALL FINAL

Last Monday the Boys NSATIS basketball final was played here at SBSC with the boys taking on Launceston Church Grammar. After what can only be described as a poor opening quarter where only 10 point were scored, the boys clicked into gear and played good team basketball. Having opened up a 12 point lead by half time, and with all players contributing, the championship was within grasp. With a 17 point final term, back to back NSATIS premierships were secured.

Congratulations go to all the boys who played in the team throughout the season, it was a team effort. Well Done. SBSC 53 def LCGS 22

The Girls are currently in Launceston playing LCGS in the Girls Grand Final. So hopefully there will be good news to report next term.

Mr Steven Ryan
Head of Health and Physical Education
The Entertainment Book
Devonport Girl Guides has the 2013/2014 Entertainment Book available. Cost is still $60.00
New vouchers include The Elimatta, CMax Cinemas, plus the chance to win a return trip to Lizard Island.
To order a book, please email devguides@hotmail.com

Don’t Forget to Book!!

FREE FLU VACCINATION CLINIC
There is a Free ‘Flu Vaccination Clinic’ for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

- **Where:** At #34 Aboriginal Health Service office, 34 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone.
- **When:** Wednesday 1 May from 1pm to 4pm
- **Who** you need to contact: Call 6425 0850, before 19 April, to book your vaccination.
- **What** they need to know when you call:
  - your Doctor’s name (or GP Practice name)
  - Names and dates of birth of all individuals wanting vaccination
  - your address
  - your phone number

School Holidays @ The Zone & Gallery

**Arty Farty Arvo @ The Zone**
Wed April 24 1-4pm
FREE  Ph: 6423 4099

**Pizza, movie & games arvo!**
Thurs May 2 1-4pm
FREE  Ph: 6423 4099

**DEVONPORT REGIONAL GALLERY**

**Self-story portraits with Anne Morrison**
Wed April 24 11am – 1pm
$10  Ph: 6424 8295
8-14yrs

Enjoy the Break!!
Horse Riding >>>

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Various Venues
Enjoy the thrill of riding on horseback through the countryside.
Sessions for beginners through to experienced riders.
Venue: Various, location needs to be arranged in advance.
Cost: $20 per hour, group discounts available.
Bookings essential.

Mountain Biking >>>

SUNDAY, 22 APRIL 10 - 10 YEAR OLDS
SUNDAY, 21 MARCH 11 - 16 YEAR OLDS
9.30 AM - 11 AM
Take your riding to the next level with the Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club. Get more confidence, flow and speed to simply have more fun with your bike. Includes bike setup, safety, game, and training. Free to members, $10 for non-members.
Requirements: Experience must be a basic skill in a working order. Helmet and gloves compulsory. Know coaches recommended.
Venue: Cradle Mountain Road, Tamar Trails.
Cost: $5 per person non-members (includes MTBA insurance), $10 Cradle Mountain Bike Club Members (bring your license).
Bookings essential: 0418 833 388.

Paper Craft >>>

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL
10.30 AM - 12 NOON or AFTERNOON 1.30 PM - 3.30 PM
Create a beautiful origami flower using paper of different colors.
Requirements: No experience required.
Venue: Port Sorell School Hall, Port Sorell.
Cost: $5 per person - limited numbers.
Bookings essential.

Golf Clinic >>>

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL
4.00 PM - 5.00 PM
Introduction to golfing with golf professional Lauren Spencer. Clubs provided.
Venue: Port Sorell Golf Club, Stenhouse Boulevard, Port Sorell.
Cost: $2 per person
Limited numbers, bookings essential: 0418 832 111 or email r.s.powers@bigpond.com.

Why Don’t You >>>

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL
12.30 - 15.30
Food for all ages including children. Suitable for all ages.
Venue: Australian Assisted Hall of Fame, Bell’s Parade, Latrobe.
Cost: $5 per person
Bookings essential: 0418 832 111 or email r.s.powers@bigpond.com.

Dichroic Jewellery Making >>>

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL and THURSDAY, 2 MAY
10.00 AM - 12 NOON
Make your own glass casting collection. All materials provided.
Suitable for all ages over 12.
Venue: Australian Assisted Hall of Fame, Bell’s Parade, Latrobe.
Cost: $10 per person
Bookings essential: 0418 832 111 or email r.s.powers@bigpond.com.

Dinner and a Show >>>

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL
6.30 PM - 9.30 PM
Dinner and a show at the Latrobe Memorial Hall. Details to be announced.
Venue: Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe.
Cost: $20 per person
Bookings essential: 0418 832 111 or email r.s.powers@bigpond.com.

It’s a Duck, It’s a Beaver >>>

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL
5.00 PM - 7.00 PM
Learn about the world of wildlife. Activities for the whole family.
Venue: Australian Assisted Hall of Fame, Bell’s Parade, Latrobe.
Cost: $5 per person
Bookings essential: 0418 832 111 or email r.s.powers@bigpond.com.
Are you looking for secondary education that prepares your child for the future in a strong Pastoral Care Environment?

You’re invited to St Brendan-Shaw College to see how contemporary education can benefit your child.

2014 Year 7 Information Evening
For Prospective Students and their Parents
Wednesday May 8, 2013
Genesis Centre—James Street
7 pm
• Meet the staff
• Tour the College facilities
• Pick up an enrolment pack

St Brendan-Shaw College
by Faith and Deed

A Catholic coeducational year 7 to 12 college in Devonport, Tasmania