**News From Our Principal**

Last Saturday, the Ball proved to be a wonderful night for all who participated. The students looked magnificent and conducted themselves with dignity and maturity. Graeme Brookes welcomed the arrivals with class and it was so pleasing to experience a formal evening of progressive dances (which they all performed much better than I thanks to the fine tutoring that they had received from Kelly Hicks). We shared fine fare, prepared by Sue Weslake, Mary Hansen, the Year 9/10 catering & hospitality class and food class who also provided service. The professional photographs will provide an enduring record for them to keep.

Mrs Jane Dutton has needed to take extended leave due to illness. In her absence Mr Gerry Peters has been appointed Acting Head of Dillon House. Mrs Ceri Davies has taken responsibility for Mrs Dutton’s classes.

The College Board has a vacancy on one of its sub-committees: the Capital Works and Maintenance Committee. This group, Chaired by Mr Mark Smith, provides advice on the maintenance of the College buildings, as well as new building projects. We are seeking nominations from parents who have some expertise in the building profession to join this group. The committee meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month during school terms. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact Mrs Dawn Banham at the College. These nominations will be taken to the next CW&M committee meeting on 11 June 2013.

On Tuesday, Mrs Josie Beyerle took a group of her Dance students to the Rooke St Mall as part of the Know Your Odds campaign in an effort to raise awareness of the impact created by gambling. The students participated as a Flash Mob. It was an exhilarating experience for all involved. I snuck down to watch and overheard several comments from unsuspecting spectators that it had brightened up their day.

I received this from an ex-staff member of the College – Mr John Hughes, who volunteers his time to assist in raising funds for research into Motor Neurone Disorder: On behalf of the Association I would like to thank, most sincerely, the seven students: Tegan Byard, George Jones; Luke Boulton; Marcus Johnston; Sarah Howard; India Quinn; and Anne Collier, who willingly gave up their free time “selling” MND ‘Buttons’ on Wednesday 8th May at the Woolworth arcade. In the students own words: “it was a great to participate in, we enjoyed it”. It was a very successful day and they collected $366.80 in an hour, a remarkable effort. Many people commented on their politeness, manners and their general behaviour which was a credit to themselves, their families and the College. My very grateful thanks also go to Josie Beyerle who did an excellent job in motivating and organising the students and Sarah Howard who assisted very capably.

I received the following from the coordinator of debating: I would like to congratulate your students on their participation and success in the Parliamentary Plate Competition held last weekend. They were runners-up in a very close debate to Scotch Oakburn College and they did their school proud. They also came a creditable second in the “B” roster, having finished on top of the ladder but losing narrowly in the final.

Northern teachers and students who participate in debating really appreciate the involvement and commitment of the three young ladies and one young gentleman who have travelled up to Launceston, weekly, throughout first term and the first two weeks of second term, as it is a mammoth effort but they love their debating and are totally committed. Credit must also go to their teacher, Rachelle Littler, who has driven them up, each week, rain, hail or shine.

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Studies estimate that four out of five workers are unhappy with their hours and want more time for family, rest, socialising and personal pursuits. It is no surprise that six out of ten workers say their spouse and family are their greatest source of happiness. Three out of ten say good health, networks of friends or religious life are the most important. Only one in ten puts money, work fulfilment or a nice place to live at the top of their list.”

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.

UNIFORM
Just a reminder for parents and students alike that jackets or hoodies cannot be worn as part of the College uniform. We do appreciate that we have had some cold and wet days but a small number of students have believed it is okay to leave their jumper and/or blazer at home and wear something else in their place. This is not okay and we would ask parents to remind their children that blazers should be worn to and from school. School jumpers can also be worn for warmth, as can items which are not visible (e.g. a t-shirt underneath the shirt which can not be seen when the tie is done up). If students are having issues with warmth they can talk to myself to discuss options.

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
This week: In the classroom

At St Brendan-Shaw College we strive to:

Do our best - which means we focus on our work, we come organised and we have a go at all tasks.

Be safe - which means we sit on our chairs correctly and walk sensibly in the classroom.

Welcome diversity - which means we listen to each other’s views, keep an open mind and we welcome new students.
This week at St Brendan-Shaw College...

**Thursday 16th May**... Thai cooking demonstration given to students in the Food area.

**Friday 17th May**... the Ball committee set up for the College Ball. Year 7s start their football season. Students participate in the Parliamentary Shield debating competition in Launceston.

**Saturday 18th May**... the College Ball is held in the Genesis Centre. Students participate in MUNA, representing Israel.

**Tuesday 21st May**... UTAS Futures takes place for Year 11 and 12 students. Flash Mob in the Devonport Mall.

**Wednesday 22nd May**... Year 8s continue with their Family Life education based around respectful relationships. Year 7 Reflection Days begin.
Joe Fisher and Declan Filler spent the weekend at MUNA in Deloraine. Schools from all over Tasmania send teams of two students to represent countries in the United Nations. Fifteen global issues are discussed from the perspective of each country.

Joe and Declan represented Israel and had fun in acting out Israel’s isolated position, not only geographically where Israel is surrounded by enemy countries, but also Israel is a country isolated by its Jewish religion. The majority of countries in the UN are Muslim. Joe also maintained an Israeli accent throughout each resolution.

It was not only a weekend of learning but also a weekend to meet new people and enjoy plotting with other countries. Israel’s sixty fifth anniversary has just been celebrated and so Israel interrupted proceedings to thank the UN for creating the state of Israel in 1948 and then Declan and Joe sang Happy Birthday to Israel in their own language. Allies of Israel were then invited to share in the birthday cake!

Congratulations to Joe and Declan for such a great performance and representing our College with excellence.

Mrs Margaret Shearer
MUNA Coordinator for SBSC

Last Saturday the College entered three teams (U/14 and U/16 Boys and an U/16 Girls team) in the high school six - a - side soccer competition.

After completing the opening rounds of the competition, all three St Brendan Shaw teams emerged as the winners of their respective groups and now head to the final to be played at Valley Road.

The date of the final is yet to be set, but will appear in the newsletter when it is known, so all are welcome to come along and support our teams!

Miss Renee Sushames
Head of Sport
Defence Force Recruiting Tasmania is pleased to announce the dates of the Australian Defence Force Academy Roadshow for 2013.

DFR Tas would like to extend a warm invitation to invite all students and interested parties in Tasmania to attend an ADFA information session. Presenters will include Commodore Bruce Kafer (Commandant - ADFA), and Professor John Arnold (Deputy Rector - UNSW Canberra) who will be able to offer guidance to interested students, and real time experience to potential ADFA candidates.

Details of the sessions in Hobart and Launceston are as follows:

**HOBART**
DATE: 23 July 2013
TIME: 1300 - 1400
LOCATION: Anglesea Barracks, DFR Building
DRESS: Dress for the session is smart casual or equivalent

**LAUNCESTON**
DATE: 24 July 2013
TIME: 1300 - 1400
LOCATION: TO BE CONFIRMED
DRESS: Dress for the session is smart casual or equivalent

Please RSVP to Gail French no later than COB Monday 22 July 2013.
Gail French
Careers Promotion Coordinator - Tasmania
DEFENCEFORCE RECRUITING
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Defence Force Recruiting will be presenting a Defence Careers Road Show, visiting St Brendan-Shaw College on Tuesday 4th June. The Road Show will provide information on careers within The Forces and provide students with the opportunity to ask questions and speak with ADF staff. Any interested students from Years 10-12 are welcome to attend. Please see Mrs Rataj for registration and further information.

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**DEVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

*Development Squad Trainings*

Devon Netball Association hold Development Training each Monday night from 5.00 – 6.30pm for the following age groups:

- 11 & Under
- 13 & Under
- 15 & Under
- 17 & Under

If you are interested in developing your fitness and netball skills further, then this could be for you.

ALL players are welcome - not just those who wish to represent Devon. Representative teams will be chosen from this group of players in the future.

If you would like to be involved, please email the office with your details, including name, school, age and phone number or come along Monday to try it out.

Email: admin@devonnetball.com.au
Phone: 64272786 (Wed/Thurs 9.00 – 4.30)

TRAINING FEE: $20.00 per player for whole year.
What is the National Youth Science Forum?
The NYSF offers students currently in Year 11 a unique opportunity to test drive careers in science, engineering and related disciplines. For twelve days in January you will go to Canberra or Perth and live on campus as a university student.

The NYSF program consists of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities. These range from laboratory visits to sports evenings and from a bush dance to group dynamics. You’ll meet a range of scientists and researchers, visit them at work and do the kinds of things they do everyday.

How do you get there?
The NYSF works closely with Rotary Clubs around Australia to select participants to attend in January. Selection is not based solely on academic results. NYSF participants should have interests outside of school.

The application process involves several stages. Applicants must fill in and submit an application form online by 31st May 2013. The contact details and website are below

If you are interested and would like to apply please see Mrs Hicks

National Youth Science Forum
Physics, Building 38, Science Road
The Australian National University Canberra ACT 0200

T 02 6125 2777 | F 02 6125 8015 | E nysf@nysf.edu.au

Mrs Kelly Hicks
Head of Science

Discernment Retreat
Men’s Discernment Retreat for Priesthood will be held form 5:30pm Friday 14June 2013 until 4:30pm Sunday 16 June 2013. This retreat is an invitation to young men to come together in a weekend of prayer life and reflection to discern God’s call for their lives.

The deadline for registrations is: 31 May 2013. To register either complete the registration form available from your parish and forward by mail to GPO Box 62, Hobart Tas 7001 or by fax to (03) 6208 6099 or email to michael.hangan@aohtas.org.au or complete the online registration at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Mens_Discernment_Retreat

This weekend is coordinated by Catholic Youth Ministry and the Director of Vocations and held at Orana Guide Camp, Roches Beach Road, Roches Beach. The cost for the weekend covers accommodation, all meals and speaker costs for $40.00.

For further information please call the Catholic Youth Ministry Office on (03) 6208 6270 or email michael.hangan@aohtas.org.au
8 May 2013

Dear Parent

RE: Internet safety parent presentation July 3, 7pm at Nazareth Centre

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, St Brendan-Shaw College is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

SBSC is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. Our program of internet safety initiatives includes:

- Student User Agreement form
- Specific and explicit teaching of correct email and internet etiquette
- Sexting presentation

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on July 3, 2013 with a session during the afternoon in periods 5/6 for students and in the evening, at 7pm, for parents.

To register your attendance, please contact the College as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Regards

[Signed]
Miss Sally Aitken
SBSC Transition Coordinator