National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in our country’s recognition of Indigenous peoples. May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum. On this date in 1967, over 90 per cent of Australians voted to change the constitution. One change was to wholly remove Section 127. It had read: *In reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives shall not be counted.* The reason for its inclusion at Federation had been to limit the allocation of Seats in Parliament, and funds, to States with large indigenous populations. On 3 June, 1992, the High Court delivered the landmark *Mabo Decision*, paving the way for land rights for indigenous people.

At the College assembly this week, I spoke to our Community about Reconciliation week, using Paul Kelly’s iconic ballad: *From Little Things, Big Things Grow*, which tells the story of Vincent Lingiari’s courage in standing up for his people’s rights, and which would have encouraged the Land Rights’ movement. However, I endeavoured to make Reconciliation Week a “teachable moment”, and to use it as another catalyst in having our student’s develop skills in challenging “differentism” (my term), and to be more welcoming of diversity. Without direct reference to it, I drew upon my reflections of news reports that tell the unique life stories of victims of violent acts. I often wonder if the perpetrators would have carried through with such despicable acts if they knew these stories beforehand. Every individual in our community has a unique “story”, most of them unknown by others. I challenged our students to recognise this fact, and to not participate in, or accept, behaviour that would be destructive of a person’s sense of self-worth. We should not be commenting negatively about a person’s physical characteristics, or their behaviour. I hope that our community recognises that, behind every behaviour is a story, and behind every story is a person whose dignity is to be honoured.

Tomorrow, Lucy Costello (10 D3) and Joe Fisher (10 G3) will represent the College at a forum for youth, facilitated by UTAS. Each school was invited to nominate one student, and from this pool, a limited number would be invited to participate. I could not separate our two candidates, so nominated them both. I was so pleased to see them both invited. They travel to Launceston, and I will ask them to prepare a report for next week’s newsletter.

Next week’s contribution will be from our student Principal’s for a day. Please see the Deputy Principals tongue in cheek report.

*Mr Frank Pisano*
Principal

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
-Matthew 11:28
“Children say the same thing. The majority of young people would prefer more time with their parents over the benefits of the money their parents earn. This desire is particularly strong where one or both parents work irregular and demanding hours. One of the most common family activities young people desire is ‘just being together.”

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.
Thursday 23rd May… Senior Students Parent-Teacher Evening. Year 10 students participate in RYDA.

Friday 24th May… Year 7 Reflection Days continue.

Monday 27th May… the Year 7s continue their football season.

Tuesday 28th May… College Assembly recognising the NSATIS basketball teams and calling on students to get involved in Prefect groups. Students participate in Reconciliation event in Launceston.

Wednesday 29th May… Year 7 Reflection Days continue. Students participate in the Science Competition. Lunchtime Fast 5s netball competition begins.
Nineteen students travelled to Launceston on Tuesday to be present at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal people at the ABC Studios in Launceston. The plaque has the same meaning as that installed in the College last year and commissioned by Archbishop Adrian. The ABC plaque was designed by the renowned Tasmanian Aboriginal artist and Elder Judith-Rose Thomas who is a regular visitor to our College.

Mrs Fiona Reynolds, the State Director of ABC Tasmania, organised the event to coincide with National Reconciliation Week. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Launceston, Elders and members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as well as our students attended the special celebration.

We were privileged to hear two Elders give Welcome to Country, first in the Tasmanian Aboriginal language and spoken by Vicki Matson-Green. Patsy Cameron translated into English and part of the Welcome included the Creation story of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people. It was a great experience and honour to witness.

The plaque consists of petroglyphs carved by the ancestors of Tasmanian Aborigines at Mt Cameron West, South Hobart and the Western Tiers. Judith-Rose explained that “the symbols joined together make a spiritual connection to our ancestors linking the past with the present. The linking also depicts strength and unity so we can work together to help in “Closing the gap” for reconciliation.”

Patsy Cameron commented that yesterday’s event was just great and that the Aboriginal cultural experience will be memorable for the students. “What a great bunch of students! Aren't we just so fortunate to witness positive outcomes such as this?”

After the ceremony we were invited to look around the ABC Studios where we watched the news being read live. The news reader had to keep precise timing. Students also went to the Queen Victoria Museum to view some early European Paintings of Aborigines and some significant shell necklaces. We had two informative guides that explained the paintings and as a bonus showed us an exhibition of the famous Tasmanian wilderness photographers.

Thank you to the ABC for our invitation to their significant acknowledgement of Tasmanian First People in their Reconciliation Action Plan.

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Student Support Teacher
The recent Jessica Mauboy Concert had many students from our College attending and performing. Through the first part of concert, Elora and Anais Woods and Daniela Pizzirani-Rand performed a number of items with great support from the audience.

When Jessica Mauboy came to the stage there was enthusiastic participation from the youth and many of the youngest in the audience rushed to enjoy the concert and dancing from the best place in the venue – at the very front of the stage.

Mrs littler who attended the concert said “It was a great night of brilliant dancing, fun and energy but it was also touching with the obvious connection with the audience and the boys whom she came to support.”

Everyone from College who attended the night had fun singing along to favourites. There were many highlights, not least seeing some excellent acts from fellow students from SBSC. Well done to Elora and Anais Woods, and Daniela Pizzirani-Rand.

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Student Support Teacher

If you are in Grade 9 up to 25 years of age, it's time to get excited as we make history with the first ever Australian Catholic Youth Festival THIS DECEMBER in Melbourne. Thousands of Young Australians will gather for three days of encounter, sharing faith, engaging speakers, powerful prayer and celebrating the vitality of our Australian Church! If you are at all interested you need to be at the launch and information session on Saturday 8th June, 2.30pm - 5.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead. Launch includes all your info; special guest Sam Clear; fun; prayer and your chance to WIN FREE REGISTRATION!
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.
WIN THIS PRIZE
V8 SUPERCARS SIGNED TOPS TO WIN
FRAMED IN HUON PINE

SIGNED BY: CRAIG LOWINDES, JAMIE WHINCUP (RED BULL RACING)
MARK WINTERBOTTOM, WILL DAVIDSON, ALEX DAVIDSON, DAVID REYNOLDS (FORD PERFORMANCE RACING)

COLLECTORS ITEMS UP FOR GRABS!
ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE 2013 NORTHERN TERRITORY FOOTBALL/CULTURAL TRIP. Tickets: $2 each or 3 for $5
Available from Caritas Centre or any boys participating in the trip

Drawn on Friday 23rd August

Devon Netball Association
FOUNDATION COACHING COURSE
Tuesday May 28th and June 4th, 2013
6.30 – 8.30 pm
at the Netball Centre, Spreyton

The Australian Sports Commission recommends all Coaches of Netballers hold a minimum accreditation of Foundation Coaching.

The Foundation Coaching course is geared at the beginner coach and includes the Foundation Coaching General Principles course. The course covers basic coaching principles, the teaching and coaching of Netball and modified Netball skills, and is a great course to attend if you are interested in becoming a coach.

The Foundation Coaching course incorporates:
- Role of the Coach
- Risk Management
- Junior Player Development
- Program Planning
- Safe Teaching of Netball Skills
- Participants receive a Foundation Coaching Manual and skills DVD

The Beginning Coaching General Principles online course has been developed to assist coaches to learn the basic skills of coaching. It is especially aimed at people coaching children and beginner coaches. The online course is currently available free of charge to Australian coaches due to the subsidy provided by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), as an initiative to encourage beginner coaches to undertake training.

Website: http://www.asport.gov.au/participating/coaches/education/onlinecoach

The Beginning Coaching General Principles course may be done online and reduces the time you have to attend the course.

Please complete the online course before attending and come to the sessions prepared for practical work.

The cost is $37 for members (Devon Netball Association will pay $40 towards the cost).
Cost for non-members is $77.00

Please note that we do not have etapps facilities.
Nominations to the netball office email: admin@devonnetball.com.au or phone: 64272786 by Thursday May 16th.

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UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the UMAT website.

The purpose of UMAT is to assess the general skills and abilities developed over the course of your education and life experience that are considered by the universities to be important to the study and practice of medicine and the health sciences. To operate most effectively in these career areas graduates will need to be flexible; to have good thinking skills (critical and analytical); to be able to respond quickly to new situations and problems, and to have a well developed ability to understand and respond to patients' needs and individual situations. For these reasons UMAT has been developed as a test that is not based on learned academic curriculum or study of particular subjects, but as a test of your response to stimulus that will not necessarily be familiar.

UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test.

Registrations Close: 5.00pm AEST 7 June 2013
UMAT Test: 31 July 2013
For further information please visit http://www.umat.acer.edu.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

Miss Sally Aitken
SBSC Transition Coordinator