In this weekend’s press the College will be advertising the senior leadership position of Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching. After two contracts Dr Helen Williams has chosen not to apply for a third at the end of the year. I would like to take this limited opportunity to briefly acknowledge the significant work that Dr Williams has done in managing the delivery of the curriculum over the past ten years. This period saw the introduction of Essential Learnings, the Tasmanian Curriculum, and finally, the Australian Curriculum. Change is always contentious, and educational change perhaps more so. However, Dr Williams managed change with professionalism and a strong focus on the Catholic ethos of the College. I will be able to comment more fully later this year.

Last night saw the College Board’s AGM. The executive positions of Chair and Deputy Chair, as well as the position of treasurer were elected and these will go to the College’s Governing Council for ratification. I hope to be able to communicate their decision in next week’s newsletter. I can share, however, that three long-serving members of the College Board have completed their terms of office. Again, space limits the capacity to fully acknowledge the three gentlemen in the manner they deserve, and I will be able to do so more fully later this year. However, former Board Chair, and this years’ Deputy Chair, Mr Kevin Maynard, retires after many years offering his gifts to Catholic education, not only at this College, but also at Sacred Heart, Ulverstone, as well as St Joseph’s School in Roseberry. Mr Grant McCormack has been treasurer of the College Board, and Chair of the Finance sub-committee for as many years as I can recall, and also has served on the Our Lady of Lourdes School Board. Similarly, Mr Mark Smith has provided service to both our Board as well as OLOL’s Board, and has been Chair of the College’s Capital Works and Maintenance Committee for longer than I can remember. We are blessed to have Mark continue to serve on this committee. As a consequence, we have vacancies for Parent Nominees to the College Board. I would like to share that the Board is an effective instrument of the College’s Governance, and Board members find it a rewarding experience, with the capacity to contribute to the long-term goals of the College at a strategic level. If you would consider that you, or someone you know, has a gift that could be used by joining the Board, please contact my PA, Mrs Dawn Banham for a nomination form. We would also still like to hear from anyone who would like to serve on the College’s Capital Works and Maintenance or Finance committees.

Tuesday night saw a fruitful meeting of the College’s P&F Association. An interim executive has been chosen for the next 3 months and I would like to thank the acting Chair, Mr Rod Lyons, acting Deputy Chair, Mr Steve Appleby, and acting Secretary, Mrs Sarah Hugen for accepting these roles. More details from the meeting will be published in a P&F section of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Amee Freeman (12 D4) on her selection in the U18 Tasmanian Women’s Hockey Team, competing in the National Championships in Canberra in the next two weeks.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with the hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 15:13
“The experience of detention has been disastrous for many families. Children have limited access to schooling and little contact with a normal community. Many mental health experts have confirmed that prolonged detention is a major cause of mental illness, especially for the young and vulnerable. Desperate people, uncertain of their future and already traumatised by their experiences, are driven to depression, self-harm and even suicide. Children who witness these events often suffer serious psychological harm, in addition to the trauma that they have suffered already. Parents are not able to make a career and are deprived of their God-given right to work to nurture and support their families.”

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.

Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care:
Last week our Year 7 students completed a Bullying Survey. While the results overall were positive and generally showed students were feeling safe and comfortable here at the College, there is always room for improvement.

One of the areas where students could improve is the way they speak to each other. Name calling and teasing came up noticeably in the results. While it is difficult for teachers to monitor this when it occurs out in the playground, we always encourage students to speak to us if they are feeling uncomfortable with what is being said. If your son or daughter is expressing they have an issue with name calling or teasing, please encourage them to speak to their House Head or myself, or feel free to give us a call here at the College.

At the end of the survey the students were invited to put their names down if they wanted anything followed up. A small number of students did this and, by the time you read this, all of these issues will have been dealt with.

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care

Deputy Principal—Learning & Teaching:

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 7-10
The opportunity to meet with teachers is on Thursday 25 July from 3:30pm until 5:45pm. Instructions on how to book an interview on-line will be included with reports sent home at the end of next week. Parents of Year 7 students do not need to make multiple bookings for an interview with a core teacher.

INFORMATION NIGHT 2014
Current students in Years 8 -11 and their families are invited to take the opportunity to discuss subject selections for next year with teachers from 7:30pm until 8:30pm on Monday July 29 in the Brendan Block.

Current Year 10 students
From 7:00pm until 7:30pm, information will be given in the Genesis Centre on Vocational Education (VET) courses, the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), Tertiary Entrance Scores (TE scores) and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Current Year 12 students
There is a UTAS Information Session for current Year 12 students about UTAS courses for 2014 from 7:30pm in B3 on Monday 29 July for about twenty minutes and will then be available for questions or assistance in enrolling for next year (enrolment opens 1 August).

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal—Learning and Teaching
**SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT**

*This week: Assemblies and other College gatherings*

At St Brendan-Shaw College we strive to:

**Do our best** - which means we wear our blazers, sit with our homeroom and follow the protocols outlined.

**Be safe** - which means we enter and leave in an orderly fashion and follow the directions of teachers.

**Welcome diversity** - which means we show appreciation for all who participate in the assembly and listen to all items.

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**This week at St Brendan-Shaw College...**

**Thursday 20th June...** the first of the World Challenge Teams flies out of the state towards Cambodia and Laos. Year 10, 11 and 12 exams continue.

**Friday 21st June...** the Year 7 football team hosts Sheffield and manages to win their first game for the season.

**Monday 24th June...** the College Learning and Teaching Team meet. The team, under the leadership of Mrs Helen Williams, meet once a fortnight to discuss, amongst other things, curriculum issues and learning and teaching within the College.

**Tuesday 25th June...** Year 10s finish their exams. Ticket sales ramp up for the MacKillop fundraiser on Thursday evening.

**Wednesday 26th June...** final day of Year 11 and 12 exams begin. The College Board have their Annual General Meeting.
Fifteen students joined Adam Pulford, this year’s Australian UN Youth Representative, this morning to create a vision for the future. Adam has as his mission this year to reach over forty thousand young people around Australia. He believes that young people have the power to create change in their community.

Students were able to sit and think of things that were important to them. They were asked, “If you heard it on the news, what would make you angry? If it makes you angry then you care about it.”

The chosen topics were then written on the board and fifteen different issues were highlighted. The group then voted on their top three topics and these became three small group discussions. The topics students were most interested in were education, racism and government. The groups were asked to come up with what their topic would look like if it was an ideal world. In two sentences, the students had to sum up their discussion.

We thank Anthony King, the Department of Premier and Cabinet for overseeing this venture. Many thanks too to Adam Pulford for leading an exciting, interesting, energetic, inspirational and empowering session! We wish him well as he represents Australian Youth at this year’s UN in New York in October.

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Legal Studies Teacher
14 June 2013

Dear Parents

Year 9 Pathways needs your help.

We are looking for parents or friends of the College who may be able to help us give our Year 9s a great experience during their first Pathways week in August.

In particular, we are looking for about 15-20 adult volunteers who would be available for about 3 hours in the morning of Thursday 22nd August. During this time the students will be participating in an Amazing Race style activity in Devonport where they will be split into small groups. Because of the nature of the activity we would like an adult to be with each group. The activity will involve an amount of walking.

There may also be an opportunity to help out in separate activities on either Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st August. On these two days our students are travelling to Hollybank Forest Reserve to participate in the high wires course there. We would be able to take 3 – 4 adult volunteers on these days for full-day activities. However, you would need to be prepared to participate in the high wires course yourself!

So if you would like to get to know some Year 9s a bit better and help our Year 9s build better bonds with the community, we would love to have your help.

If you’re interested, please fill out the slip below and return it to the College. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tanya Rataj  
Careers and Pathways Coordinator

(Please return to Mrs Rataj)

I would be willing to volunteer to help on the following days (please tick):

☐ Tuesday 20th August (Hollybank)
☐ Wednesday 21st August (Hollybank)
☐ Thursday 22nd August (Amazing Race - Devonport)

Name: _______________________________ Contact phone number: _______________________________

Connection to the school: (e.g. My son, Fred, is in Year 8): ____________________________________________
We are closed over the Holidays. Enjoy the break!!

Monday July 29, 2013
Brendan Block
7:30—8.30pm

Current students in Years 8 -11 and their families are invited to take the opportunity to discuss subject selections for next year with teachers from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

We are very fortunate this year to be having a special presentation from UTAS at 7:30pm. The purpose of this session is to provide tips and information on the application process for attending the University of Tasmania. This session would be most beneficial to those students who are in Year 12.

UTAS Open Day is an important step to opening up a world of exciting opportunities for you and finding out about courses UTAS has on offer, and where it can lead.

WHEN: Sunday 25 August, 10am - 3pm
WHERE: Hobart, Launceston and Cradle Coast campuses

For further information call 13U TAS
Or visit www.utas.edu.au/openday
Or see Mrs Rataj
**Games Afternoon >>>**
**WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY**
**1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM**
Join the fun of a variety of games such as Ludo, Monopoly, Chess, Smashers and much more all at no cost.
**Venue:** Wilmot Online Access Centre, Main Rd, Wilmot
**Booking essential to:** 492 1270

**Zumba >>>**
**FRIDAY, 19 JULY AT 10.30 AM**
Zumba will focus on hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-off, learn to fitness program that will blow you away. The program features interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined with Latin melodies.
**Venue:** Xcel Fitness Shearwater, 23 Burgess Way, Shearwater
**Cost:** $8 pp
**Booking essential to:** 492 8438

**Fishing and Water Open Day >>>**
**SATURDAY, 20 JULY**
**11.00 AM - 2.00 PM**
Learn what’s happening in the great outdoors and get involved. The free Open Day will feature displays and presentations by Marine and Freshwater Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife Service, Hydro Tasmania, Inland Fisheries and tackle shops and many more.
**Venue:** Australian Alexander Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe
**Enquiries to:** Peter on 6426 2099

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**July 2013 School Holiday Adventures**
**for 8 - 16 years**

**Important Information**
All prices are GST inclusive, where applicable.
Age limitations may apply for some activities and are noted in the listing.
All materials and equipment are included unless stated otherwise.
Images used are a depiction of possibilities and may not be the actual works produced through participation.

**Bookings direct with the respective activity provider are essential as indicated.**
Horse Riding >>>
THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
VARIOUS TIMES
Experience the thrill of riding on horseback through the countryside. Sessions for beginners through to experienced riders.
Venue: 496 Lower Benahal Road, Lower Benahal
Cost: from $55 - $59 pp depending on duration of ride
Bookings essential to Sarina on 6491 2770 or www.bluestrahridest.com

Decorated Chocolate Cake Competition >>>
SATURDAY, 6 JULY
DELIVER BETWEEN 3.00 PM and 4.30 PM
Completed entries to be delivered to the Australian Annas Hall of Fame, Bells Parade, Latrobe.
For more information, contact Tamson on 0439 030 795 or tamson@creativeweight.net.au

Cement Australia Lights on Fire >>>
The official opening of Cement Winterfest, Latrobe.
SATURDAY, 6 JULY
FROM 6.00 PM
Make a lantern and join the walking lantern parade departing from Station Square, Gilbert St, Latrobe at 6:15 pm and from near the Latrobe Mersey River Caravan Park at 6:35 pm.
Lanterns publicly displayed within Bells Parade at conclusion of the walk while you get pumped with DJ Harry, are warmed by the mesmerising fire pits, sip a mug of hot chocolate or indulge in a chocolate coated marshmallow and be entertained by the fire show.
Join us for the launch of the chocolate poetry book - “Beyond the Chocolate Box”.
Venue: Bells Parade, Latrobe
Dress warmly - free entertainment.

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe >>>
SUNDAY, 7 JULY
10.30 AM UNTIL 4.00 PM
From a Treasure Hunt to Chocolate Mason Mynah and Nisked Brownie Hunt - a day of chocolate delights.
Venue - In and around the town of Latrobe. Jump on and off the free shuttle buses.

Table Tennis >>>
MONDAY, 8 JULY
MONDAY, 15 JULY
3.00 PM until 8.00 PM
Try your hand at table tennis.
Venue: Port Sorell Memorial Hall, 43 Meredith and Darling Streets, Port Sorell
Cost: $5 per person. Everything provided.
Book with John on 0407 561 283 or call into Shearwater Sports and Toys, Quinlan Crescent, Shearwater

Floral Art Workshop >>>
TUESDAY, 9 JULY
10.30 AM - 12 NOON
Create a floral oasis box arrangement
Cost: $17 per person
Bookings essential - phone Pam on 0411 062 764 or floristarytrose@gmail.com

Cardbox Breaks Construction >>>
TUESDAY, 9 JULY
1.00 PM - 3.00 PM
Make a cardboard box construction. Adult supervision is required for persons aged under 10.
Venue: Wilmot Online Access Centre, Main Rd, Wilmot
Cost: Free
Bookings essential to 6492 1270

Ceramic Collage >>>
WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY
MORNING 10.00 AM - 12 NOON or AFTERNOON 1.00 PM - 3.00 PM
Paint and decorate a collage on canvas.
Venue: Kykle’s Card Craft, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
Cost: $20 per person
Bookings essential to 6426 1222

Body Vive >>>
WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY at 10.30 AM
Improve your cardio, fitness, strength and flexibility.
Body Vive is a full body work out that leaves you feeling thoroughly invigorated, rejuvenated and energised.
Venue: Xcel Fitness Shearwater, 23 Burgess Way, Shearwater
Cost: $8 per person
Bookings essential to Li on 6428 8438

Become a Garden Guru >>>
WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY
1.00 PM - 4.00 PM
Learn about the different aspects of gardening and help the Sheffield Community Garden plant new crops for the winter.
Venue: Sheffield Community Garden, 1 Henry Street, Sheffield
No bookings required, just turn up on the day.

Toy Making Workshop (3-9 years) >>>
FRIDAY, 12 JULY
MONDAY, 15 JULY
WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY
10.00 AM - 12 NOON
Make and decorate a simple toy using the tools at the Shed and expertise of the Shedders.
Venue: Port Sorell Men’s Shed, car Wilmot and Rice Streets, Port Sorell
Cost: $5 per person
Bookings essential to David on 0428 6542 or 0428 832 160

Golf Competition >>>
SUNDAY, 14 JULY
SATURDAY, 21 JULY
FROM 2.00 PM
Try your hand at golf with your peers over 3-9 holes, depending on ability of participants. Club hire provided in cost.
Venue: Port Sorell Golf Club, Shearwater Bvd, Shearwater
Cost: $5 per person
Limited numbers, bookings essential to Darren on 6428 6553

Pottery Workshop >>>
WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY
10.30 AM - 12 NOON
Slab build and decorate your own creation for firing. Requires collection a couple of days later.
Cost: $17 per person
Bookings essential - phone Pam on 0411 062 764 or floristarytrose@gmail.com

Card Making >>>
TUESDAY, 16 JULY
1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM
Make a variety of hand crafted cards.
Venue: Wilmot Online Access Centre, Main Rd, Wilmot
Cost $4.00 to make 3 cards or $1.00 per card
Bookings essential to 6492 1270

Scrapbook Card Craft
WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY
MORNING 10.00 AM - 12 NOON or AFTERNOON 1.00 PM - 3.00 PM
Create four cards suitable for any occasion.
Venue: Kykle’s Card Craft, 46 Gilbert Street, Latrobe
Cost: $15 per person
Bookings essential to 6426 1222