Tomorrow the College will celebrate Founders Day which gives us an opportunity to recall the reasons why St Brendan-Shaw College began as a school first as St Brendan’s College in 1960.

We celebrate the lives of two important people. Blessed Edmund Rice was a married, wealthy man in Waterford Ireland when his wife died and his daughter became severely disabled. While looking out the window, he saw young boys aimlessly kicking a ball with nothing to do because they could not afford to go to school. He gathered some friends and eventually they became the Christian Brothers, the religious order which founded St Brendan’s College with the remit to educate the poor Catholics.

The other special person was St Mary of the Cross. Today, August 8 is her Feast Day. Mary MacKillop left her Melbourne home and went with a group of young women to Penola in South Australia, a remote country town. She had decided to do something about looking after the poor and those in the country without any chance of going to school. This was during a time when young women were not allowed outside the home without supervision. Now Mary is Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross, and the group of women were the first Sisters of St Joseph, the congregation which founded Shaw College to educate the poor in a Catholic tradition.

Pictured is the Mother Mary MacKillop Memorial School 1836 at Penola, in South Australia.

Both were amazing people. They saw something they could do and they did it. One of my favourite sayings of Mary MacKillop is “never see a need without doing something about it.”

My apologies to Lucy Wootton for reporting last week that it was her sister who made the State Under 15 Hockey Team. Congratulations Lucy! Angus Yeates has also been selected in the Boys State Under 15 Hockey Team. Well done! Another star we have heard about recently is Brodey Lovett. He did very well in the Australasian Sprint Kart C and D Grade titles in Victoria.

Dr Helen Williams
Principal (Acting)
St Brendan-Shaw College proudly presents

Disney

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Thursday 15th Aug 7:30pm
Friday 16th Aug 7:30pm
Saturday 17th Aug 2:00pm & 7:30pm
Tickets available now from the Devonport Entertainment & Convention Centre.
Book online or in person.
Ph. 64202900.

The brainy and beautiful Belle yearns to escape her provincial life...and her brute of a suitor, Gaston. However, Belle gets more adventurous than she wanted when she becomes a captive in the Beast’s enchanted castle! Featuring popular musical numbers including Be Our Guest, Human Again and Beauty and The Beast. Dancing flatware, menacing wolves, and singing furniture will fill the stage with thrills in this beloved fairy tale about very different people finding strength in one another and learning how to love.
On August 5, three classes visited a significant site for the first inhabitants of this land, the Tasmanian Aborigines. Students had a tour of the Tiagarra Museum and a bush walk to identify what is in the landscape, both plants and animals.

At Tiagarra, we had a well-respected Tasmanian Aboriginal to guide us through the museum and walk. Emma Lee has a degree in archaeology from the Australian National University and is currently doing her PhD through the University of Tasmania.

David Gower came for the afternoon session and had great stories to tell through the museum exhibits. The museum gave us many examples of food and the role of men and women in gathering and hunting for the plants, animals and shell fish. Tools, spears and shelters were also on display.

Students found out how Aborigines left a light footprint behind them in their lifestyle, using only locally found materials for food, clothing and shelter. They learned about the importance of fire and how it was carried from place to place. Lastly through Emma’s expertise, students discovered how to identify the animals that had been grazing on the landscape and how long ago they had been there by looking at the scats left behind! Many students tasted edible native plants for the first time but were warned that many native plants are highly poisonous so not to try them randomly.

A huge thank you to Emma and David for their expertise and sharing of knowledge so that students at St Brendan-Shaw College could get an insight and appreciation of the history of the Tasmanian Aborigines in this area.

Mrs Margaret Shearer
Aboriginal Student Support Teacher
Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

If you are in grade 9 in 2013 up to 25 years of age you can now sign up for the first ever Australian Catholic Youth Festival! The CYM state-wide group is now open for registration, but spaces are limited and early bird rego closes 1st September.

Grab your info and application form from the back of the Church or at www.cymtas.org.au/youthfestival.

Student Details

Just a reminder to all parents to please make sure that all Student Medical and Contact details are up to date.

Australian Brain Bee Challenge Results

Earlier in the year, the entire Year 10 Science Extended class prepared for and were all entered into the Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC), an on-line competition based on learning about neuroscience; the brain, aspects of memory, brain disorders and interesting new techniques to help with brain injury. Nikki Burton, Lindsay Ashdown and Ryan Powell all made it through to the individual section of the state final, held at the Menzies Institute in Hobart on Tuesday August 6th, with Indea Lamprey also qualifying for the team’s event.

We left for Hobart the night before, and after a long road trip finally arrived. The night was spent having dinner at Pizza Hut, and then a lot of last minute studying. The next morning we were all up bright and early and headed off to the Menzies Institute for a day of tough questions, latest information on neuroscience research and some hands on activities. We met up with ex-student Ben Dodds who was there for his day’s Medicine lectures. Even though we didn’t come away with any titles the day was an amazing experience. We would like to thank Mrs Hicks and Mr Bennett for accompanying us and the science department for giving us such a wonderful opportunity.

The Brain Bee Team

Taster Days are back in 2013!

Pharmacy, Nursing and Medicine Taster Days are on again in 2013 and applications are now open!

Taster Day offers high school and college students the chance to ‘taste’ a health science degree and gather more information on the career opportunities that health science careers can offer them. Teaching staff and current university students will host the day, giving attendees plenty of opportunities to ask questions and find out as much information about the courses on offer.

When?
Pharmacy Taster Day
4 September 2013 for Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 students
Nursing Taster Day
6 September 2013 for Years 11 & 12 students
22 October 2013 for Years 9 & 10 students

For more information on the health science taster days or to register to attend, please visit www.utas.edu.au/health-science/taster-day
Year 12 Retreat and Year 11 Camp

Last week, on Wednesday 31st of July, our Year 12 students embarked upon their Year 12 Retreat at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone. The Retreat was run over 3 days and 2 nights, and concluded after lunch on Friday the 2nd of August. The Retreat provides an opportunity for the students to escape the busyness of their study, work and sporting commitments to take the chance to slow down and reflect upon their lives. Students participate in numerous and various activities that explore the journey they have walked so far and the road that lies ahead. Receiving their affirmation envelopes, designing their personal creeds, losing to Mr Douglas at Clayton Airlines and taking one final chance to spend time with their friends before tackling their final exams and marching off into the future, are all highlights of their time away.

The Retreat is not only a highlight of their final year of secondary school but of their entire time at St Brendan-Shaw College (it is eagerly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyed by the staff as well)!

Our Year 11 students departed on their Camp – also known as Tir na nOg on the same morning for their overnight stay at Riverbend Youth Centre in Smithton! The focus of this camp is on leadership as they are now SS students and, therefore, are role models for the younger students. Now, as I can’t be in two places at once, Mr Ross Hubble and Miss Anita Doherty did an excellent job in leading the students through the camp. From all reports, despite the cold, it was an experience enjoyed by all!

Thank you to everyone who made these events possible.

Mr Kamil Douglas
Ministry and Religious Education Coordinator

Vocational Education & Training

VET Hospitality

Students in Years 11 and 12 in 2014 who wish to select VET Hospitality as a subject, an Open Day will be held at the Cradle Coast Trade Training Centre, Marist Regional College, Burnie between 10.00 am – 7.00 pm. Students will be able to look around the facility and speak to staff.

For further information on this or any VET Course please see Mrs Saltmarsh at the Admin Office.

Mrs Diane Saltmarsh
VET Coordinator
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**ULVERSTONE WORKSHOP**
FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST
5.00/5.30PM

**DEVONPORT WORKSHOP**
SATURDAY 24th AUGUST
11.00AM

$20 per person
More details phone: 0409 242 521 (minimum & max numbers apply)

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**Tapping Inner Strengths Program** is for Parents and Carers raising teens who are at risk of leaving home early or who may have already left home.

Starts:
Wed 21st August
10 - 1pm
(for 6 weeks)
At: Colony47
432 Elizabeth St,
North Hobart
North Hobart

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+ Would you like to understand your teenager more?
+ We look at practical strategies, information and provide support in a shared learning environment.
+ Topics include connecting and communicating with your teen, problem solving and conflict resolution.

The program is FREE, 3 hours per week for 6 weeks.

Call 6214 1481 or email reconnect@colony47.com.au for further information and bookings.
UTAS Application Assistance

UTAS applications opened on 1st August. We are very fortunate to be receiving one on one help from UTAS this year for any Year 12 student wanting assistance with their UTAS application. On Wednesday 28th August from 11:50am - 1pm we will have a UTAS representative at the school to assist. For any further information please see Mrs Rataj.

Details on how to apply are outlined at [www.utas.edu.au/apply](http://www.utas.edu.au/apply) and applications for study in 2014 open on Thursday 1 August 2013.

For information about the UTAS Scholarship Program visit: [www.scholarships.utas.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.utas.edu.au)

And to find out about the range of student accommodation options visit: [www.futurestudents.utas.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.futurestudents.utas.edu.au/accommodation)
National Accreditation for Human Performance Netball Students

Students from the Human Performance Netball class were invited to officiate at the 15 Year and Under National Netball Championships from 28th July to 2nd August at the Silverdome, in Launceston. The students have been completing practical and theoretical components of Coaching and Officiating Accredited Courses throughout the year as a part of the subject. The girls listed below gained accreditation at a State Bench Official level and four girls received National Bench Official accreditation which will enable them to be involved in Australian Netball League, ANZ Championship and international Test Matches.

Congratulations to the following girls:

Kate Hayward       Phoebe Williams       Matilda Lutwyche       Natalia Ayesu
Tullee Duggan      Shea Steven          Callie Smith          Maddie Higgins
Ashleigh Corbin    Ashlee Rose          Zoe Bourke            Phoebe Grant
Grace Tenaglia     Briana Tobin         Emma Lefevre          Eloise Galpin
Danieka Howe       Lauren Nalder

Sydney Swifts and Australian Netballer SUSAN PRATLEY helps celebrate Founders Day.

Susan Pratley has reached the pinnacle in her sport and is currently recognized as one of the top goal shooters in Australia. She is the vice-captain of the Sydney Swifts and has had many leadership roles within her domestic and Australian teams and is a great ambassador for her sport. Susan is currently visiting Tasmania accompanied by a past student of the College, Melanie Brothers, conducting netball clinics throughout the State. Students from the Human Performance Netball class and any netball player from Year 10, 11 and 12 who is interested will take part in a clinic on Founders Day from 9.45 – 11.30am.

Ulverstone hosts Australian Netball League Games this weekend.

Saturday 10th August 2013
4pm   AIS v NSW Waratahs
6pm   TAS Spirit v QLD Fusion

Sunday 11th August 2013
10am  QLD Fusion v NSW Waratahs
12pm  TAS Spirit v AIS

Ulverstone Basketball Stadium ‘Schweppes Arena’