As I return from leave, I am conscious of how busy the beginning of the term has been. I extend my appreciation to Dr Helen Williams who, as Acting Principal, took responsibility for the enterprise that is St Brendan-Shaw College in my absence. With her extensive experience, and love and loyalty to the College, this responsibility was discharged with characteristic professionalism. My appreciation, too, to Mr Gavin Hicks who acted in the role of Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching) during this period.

This week we celebrate Catholic Education week (and the feast of the Assumption of Mary, today). We are one of 37 Catholic schools and Colleges in the State who, this year, are educating 15,933 students, employing 2012 staff members. On Tuesday, we were well represented at a regional Mass by Mrs Gamble’s Year 7 core class, and our College Captains, Kate Elkhair (12 G7) and Jacob Templeton (12 M5). During the Mass, Dr Helen Williams and Mr Anton Bezemer (Head of Griffin House) received awards from the Chair of the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission, for 25 years service to Catholic Education.

The process for selecting the Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching) to commence in January 2014 has concluded, and I am in a position to announce that Mr Gavin Hicks was successful in his application. Mr Hicks is a highly regarded professional within the College community and has successfully held a number of positions of responsibility during his tenure. As Head of House, he was instrumental in the successful transition to Vertical homerooms early last decade, and provided quality pastoral care. More recently, Mr Hicks is responsible for the implementation of the Teacher Performance Feedback and Development Framework, and the School Improvement Framework. He is also the TQA coordinator. He has been a member of the Leadership Team for three years and has proved to be an innovative and independent thinker. He was chosen from a quality field of applicants. I wish to thank the College Board Chair, Mr Alister McCrae, and Mrs Jules Coleman, Deputy Principal (Learning and teaching) at St Patrick’s College Launceston, who joined me on the selection and interview panel.

Congratulations to Angela Peduru Arachchige (7G1) who will represent Tasmania in Tennis at the Bruce Cup in October.

Once again, St Brendan-Shaw College has put together another quality production for family entertainment. I have just returned from the final dress rehearsal and it looks amazing. Tonight is the opening night for ‘Beauty and the Beast’, and performances will follow on both Friday and Saturday evening, with a matinee performance on Saturday, also. A special schools’ performance is progressing today as well. I wish to thank all those who have been involved, and to acknowledge the commitment of time, including long hours, week-ends and holidays, to bring this production to life. I encourage our community to support this selflessness by coming along to enjoy the entertainment.

Confirmation of re-enrolment forms for students currently in years 8 to 11 will be sent home via students today. These are due back, together with subject section forms, on the 30th August. If the subject Selection form has already been returned, please return confirmation of enrolment by the due date. Year 7 students will receive their confirmation of re-enrolment forms in the near future.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

—Matthew 12
Folios
Several senior subjects have folios as part of the external assessment. The latest date that these may be received by the TQA in Hobart is on the attached list. The College sets the due date to teachers at least ten days before to allow time for checking and signing of statutory declarations that the folio is the student’s own work and is referenced correctly. Students have all signed the Academic Integrity and Authenticity policy so should check its contents regularly. Only the TQA can grant an extension. The form required for application for an extension is in the TQA Handbook on www.tqa.tas.gov.au

Dates for Submission of Work for all Students
Students are reminded that dates are given when work is due to be submitted for assignments so that teachers can supply feedback and inform new learning. Teachers will accept late work without penalty if there is a sound reason such as illness but ratings will be affected for tardiness.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal—Learning and Teaching

External Assessment Dates - 2013

Written Examinations 11-22 November 2013
Some courses have, as part of their external assessment requirements, a folio of work, an oral or practical assessment or an interview and/or display. Dates for these assessment activities are listed below.

Folios
Courses with folios and their due dates are listed below. Teachers are required to advise their students of their local arrangements to ensure submission by the due date and time. Students should note that these folio due dates are for external assessment and teachers may set earlier due dates for internal assessment purposes.

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This week is Catholic Education Week. This theme this year is ‘A Time for Giving Thanks’. Catholic Education Week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the significance of Catholic education, to celebrate our faith and to pay tribute to those who help to make our students and all in our school communities flourish.

On the evening of Saturday the 10th of August, we celebrated the imminent arrival of Catholic Education Week by inviting two of our students to read at the vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Devonport. Caitlin Hendrey, Year 11, and Tatiana Gregoriava, Year 7, did a fantastic job of reading and representing the College. They are pictured here with Fr John Girdauskas who was the celebrant at the Mass.

On Tuesday the 12th of August, Mrs Gamble’s Year 7 class attended our region’s Catholic Education Week Mass at Marist Regional College’s Harcombe Centre. Our College Captains, Jacob Templeton and Kate Elkhair, also represented the College at the gathering. The celebration saw every Catholic school from across the region represented and Archbishop Adrian Doyle was the chief celebrant for the Mass. It was a wonderful event and the perfect ‘time for giving thanks’.

Mr Kamil Douglas
Ministry and Religious Education Coordinator

Introducing Daisy and Fudge to SBSC
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 Leadership in Sustainability Congress in Devonport

From 9 to 90 locations in 5 years, "Youth Leading the World" in 2013 is truly a global event Oz GREEN would like to invite students from your school, together with students from other schools in your area to participate in this years’ youth engagement congress which connects change makers across the world working towards sustainable futures. With 90 locations set to run this year, including Devonport, YLTW is an amazing opportunity for young people to participate locally whilst connecting globally with other congresses using innovative workshop techniques and digital media.

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

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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)
**Who are we?**  
We are a group of like-minded parents wanting to support the College, parents and our students.

**What do we do?**  
We provide the voice between you the Parents, and the College  
We are parent help at College events - Pathways, The Amazing Race etc.

**How can we help you?**  
Do you have a topic of interest that you would like presented? So far we have learnt about **Cyber Bullying**, **Facebook**.  
**Planned: Hosting a Party** (tentative Tuesday September 17).

We are hoping to have guest speakers from:  
· Tasmania Police (on legal responsibilities)  
· Mersey Hospital (from a medical perspective)  
These events are purely to support you the parents, and your children.

**How can you help?**  
The next meeting is Tuesday 20th August, 7.30 pm, at the Caritas Office.  
An invitation is extended to all parents & guardians to come along and help advance the future of the School Community.

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**Global Youth Leadership Congress**

Devonport High School  
3-4-5 Sept 2013  
[www.ozgreen.org](http://www.ozgreen.org)

**Register at**  
[www.ozgreen.org](http://www.ozgreen.org)

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**Youth Leading the World**

[www.ozgreen.org](http://www.ozgreen.org)
The Australian Institute of Sport and the 2013 Australian Under 21 Netball team trained in the College gymnasium last week in preparation for their Australian Netball League Matches played over the weekend in Ulverstone.

It was great to see students from the College working as volunteers at the Australian Netball League matches over the weekend. Thank you to the following students who assisted with the event:

- Maddie Williams
- Georgia Hugen
- Natalia Ayesu
- Matilda Lutwyche
- Keilee Lynd
- Olivia Snell
- Ashlee Rose

**Sydney Swifts and Susan Pratley visits the College on Founders Day**

Sydney Swifts and Australian player Susan Pratley conducted a netball clinic at the College on Founders Day. Accompanied by past student, Melanie Brothers who now works for Netball Australia, Susan lead the group through a number of skills and drills and spent time addressing questions from the students at the end of the session.

*Mrs Jo Aherne*

*Netball Coach*
The step-parenting ride of your life

Being in a blended family is a huge learning curve. Writer Malcolm Dix shares seven lessons he’s learned in his journey as a step dad.

1. Find what works best for your new family. Be patient as that process of discovery takes time – often years. Note: As with any parenting, what works is subject to change at any given time as kids mature and their needs and interests change.

2. Develop new traditions and rituals and make sure the older children are a big part of these. It gives them a sense of ownership and belonging. In our house, we use our Friday family meetings (the day my older kids arrive at our house) to catch up on each other’s news, discuss any issues or concerns (and come up with potential solutions) as well as plan the week ahead.

3. Don’t expect to be a modern-day “Brady Bunch”. There will be times your new partner won’t be overly fond of your kids – and vice versa – but that’s life. Let go of unrealistic expectations about playing instant ‘happy families’ and you’re more likely to make it out the other end. Don’t expect or force your kids to accept your new partner (or their new siblings) straight away with open arms, but do make it clear from the outset that your expectation is for mutual respect and appreciation.

4. Never ‘trash talk’ your ex-partner in front of your kids, no matter how angry or frustrated you are. This creates anxiety and makes you look bad. Save those conversations for your partner, trusted friend ... or the dog!

5. Never use your kids to relay messages to your ex-partner. Wherever possible, go direct to the source. A communication book is a good tool to keep both parties up to date with things like school notes, behavioural issues, after school activities, party invitations, expenses, etc.

6. Talk, talk and talk again with your partner (which is not always a natural thing for us guys). Always provide a united front when parenting, particularly around issues of discipline. Don’t undermine each other in front of the kids or things will unravel quickly.

7. Never lose your sense of humour or romance. Never.

So if you find yourself on a similar journey then hold on tight, smile and enjoy the ride. It really is the best ride I’ve ever been on, even if I have felt sick a few times on the odd twist and turn.

Malcolm Dix (aka Ninja Dad) is a Western Australia-based father of four, speaker and writer. Read his weekly Ninja Dad blog at www.malcolmdix.com