On the weekend the College was able to acknowledge three Board members who retired after six years of service to the College. Kevin Maynard joined the Board in 2007 after serving on the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Board. As the Nominee of the Christian Brothers, he was an ex-officio member. He was elected Board Chair, and stood down from this position in 2012, yet accepted the Board’s nomination as Deputy Chair in his final year. Grant McCormack also joined the Board in 2007, after serving on the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Board. He has served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance sub-committee until his retirement. Under his watch the College has continued to be recognised as having sound financial management practices. Mark Smith, too, joined the Board in 2007, after serving on the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Board. He has held the position of Chair of the Capital Works and Maintenance sub-committee and has presided over the rapid growth of the College’s building program during his stewardship. We are pleased that he will remain on this sub-committee for at least the next year. Last night we welcomed Rod Lyons onto the College Board. Mr Lyons is an employee of Petuna Seafoods, a local business in a growing industry.

Discussions have been taking place in the Learning and Teaching team in relation to the finishing date for Year 10 students in 2014. Traditionally, our Year 10 students have had their last day on the Thursday preceding the Devonport Show Holiday. Heads of Faculties have been considering opting for a later end for Year 10s, having their school year finish at the same time as Year 7 to 9 students. There are practical and symbolic reasons for this possibility being explored. Practically, the additional teaching time can be utilised to deliver the Australian Curriculum. Symbolically, it breaks the, perhaps unconscious, perception that Year 10 is some form of end-point. (This perception is one that educational and financial leaders have indicated does not serve Tasmania well.) Other factors centre around the implications of the impact that this would have on families and the College. We are not in a position to make a final decision as yet as I would like to consult more widely. However, I would like families to bear the possibility of a later finish in 2014 in mind when making travel plans. A decision will be communicated before the end of Term one in 2014.

Yesterday we welcomed a large number of volunteers from the local business community to help conduct Mock Interviews for Year 10 students to provide them with an experience that will assist their skills in the future. My discussions with the volunteers revealed that they, too, found it a rewarding experience. Thanks to the coordination lead by the Futures and Pathways planner, Mrs Tanya Rataj, the day proved to be successful.

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This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the cross-roads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls’

- Jeremiah 6:16
Nearly two weeks after super typhoon Haiyan devastated our near neighbour, the people of the Philippines are still in desperate need for short term and longer term assistance. Sue Weslake and Mary Hansen are coordinating a fundraising activity among staff. Next Wednesday, we would like students to bring any change that they can spare to place in collection jars so that we can contribute to one of the Catholic agencies that are providing direct assistance. All funds raised make it to the Philippines.

Congratulations to Caitlin Radford who will be competing in the Victorian Dressage Festival and the Equestrian Australia National Show Horse and Rider Championships at Werribee in the next two weeks. This follows her success at the Interschools Nationals in Perth. At the recent Equestrian Tasmania 2013 Awards Presentation Caitlin was awarded the Superschool Show Horse Rider of the Year.

Last weekend we were well represented at the High School Basketball Championships held in Burnie. The Senior Boys showed commitment against a very strong pool of competition, while the Junior Boys played off in the final to lose by a very small margin. The Junior Girls team showed great spirit to win the Grand Final. It was good to see the players so well supported by staff and parents who cheered them on, while their coaches gave a significant time commitment over the whole weekend.
Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who have been selected for Aussie Sport Leader in 2014:

- Megan Burton
- Henry Callander
- Sam Curtis
- Tom Dahya
- Bryce DeHaan
- Erin Filler
- Elloize Galpin
- Phoebe Grant
- Madalyn Higgins
- Tyler Jones
- Matilda Lutwyche
- Jacob Marshall
- Maddie McCormack
- Emma Taylor
- Briana Tobin
- Bowen Wagenknecht
- James Watson
- Rebecca Wells
- Phoebe Williams
- Lucy Wootton.

**ASL Training Days**

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November, this group of Year 9 students participated in a training course run by Mr David Munns from the Australian Sports Commissions' Active After-Schools Community Program. The training course will provide the students with the skills and knowledge required to fulfil the role of ASL as well as providing a Level 1 accreditation in sports coaching. We would like the thank David for the wonderful work he does providing opportunities for sport and physical activity within our community.

Any students who are interested in completing the Active After-Schools Community Course can do so by contacting David Munns at David.Munns@ausport.gov.au or Ph: 0437 700 376.

**State Representation**

Congratulations to Katelyn Ivory who has been selected in the Tasmanian Under 17 Softball Team to play in Blacktown, NSW. This is Katelyn's third year representing Tasmania and she has also been chosen as vice captain. We wish Katelyn every success in the upcoming competition.
The NW High School Basketball Championships hosted by the Burnie Basketball Association were held last weekend (Saturday November 16th and Sunday November 17th). Three teams from the College qualified for this competition by finishing either first or second at the North West High Schools Championship. The teams that qualified were the 7/8 Girls, 7/8 Boys and the 9/10 Boys.

All teams competed well. The 9/10 Boys battled hard all weekend in some bruising encounters but were unable to come away with a victory finishing 6th. The 7/8 Boys made it to the Grand Final undefeated and were up against a very talented Marist outfit that they came second to at the North West Championships. The boys put up a magnificent performance. While hesitant to mention individuals, Kobe Banham put up a dominant display throughout the game, almost leading the team to an unexpected victory. The 7/8 Girls won their Championship going through the tournament undefeated. The depth of talent within the team allowed them to wear down their opposition throughout games with all players making significant contributions. Not having to rely on a few players allowed them to prevail in their Grand Final against Sacred Heart College.

To participate in these tournaments is dependent on significant support of both staff and volunteers for all teams. Our College is very fortunate to have the support of a number of people who fulfil the roles of coaches, managers and bench staff.

The coaches: Mr Steven Ryan (staff member) 7/8 Girls, Mr Nic Porter (former student) 7/8 Boys and Mr Phil Thomas (volunteer) 9/10 Boys, all offered a wealth of experience and skill in their roles. Phil Thomas, current SEABL North West Thunder Coach, who kindly offered to coach, due to Mr Marcus Bellchambers being unavailable to continue to coach due to other commitments, has had a long and outstanding career as a basketball coach. I also would like to mention the 7/8 Girls Assistant Coaches, Phoebe Buchwald and Marli Oliver (students), who Basketball Tasmania prevented from playing. To have people of this calibre working with our students the College is extremely grateful. Your ability to accept this decision and contribute to the team was testament to your character – well done girls!

The managers: Mr Trudi Jones (parent) 7/8 Girls, Ms Bridget Leary (Staff member) and Mr Gary Hugen (Parent) 7/8 Boys as well as Mrs Cheryl Sheehan (staff member and parent). Your effort and expertise to support the coaches and players plays a critical role. There were many parents who fulfilled various other roles, whether bench duty, transporting students or merely attending matches. Your contributions, no matter how small, all make a difference and are appreciated.

We have a strong basketball culture at the College with a large number of students involved in the High School Championships, College Championships and SATIS Competitions. We were awarded second place to Marist Regional College as the Top Basketball High School from High School Championships. I am confident we will be able to challenge for top position next year. On behalf of the College I extend a sincere thanks to all and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Mr Adam Aherne
Basketball Coordinator

Back: Erin Hingston, Keilee Lynd, Georgia Davenport, Steven Ryan (coach), Breame Cole, Phoebe Buchwald, Marli Oliver
Front: Brooke Jones, Kiara Bellinger, Amy Joseph, Zoe Sharman-Wilson, Nicky Best

Back: Nic Porter (coach), Jaren Hugen, Oliver Wilkinson, Kobe Banham, Adam Ridgeway
Front: Willem Gray, Giacomo Millucci, Harrison Barker, Jarrod Scott, Lachlan Jones
Mi Chhouy needs your help

This time four months ago, World Challenge – Team 1 were in the midst of the highlight of our month long expedition - the week we spent with 240 kids with HIV and AIDS at NHCC (New Hope for Cambodian Children) orphanage.

Two weeks ago, I became aware that one of the kids, Mi Chhouy (7 years of age) had become gravely ill. He was diagnosed with an infection, which led to fluid in his lungs and liver failure. He was rushed from Phnom Penh to Thailand by ambulance and is currently in Bangkok in intensive care on dialysis.

Treatment and medication is a staggering US $3000 a day – a cost that John and Kathy Tucker, the directors of NHCC, are struggling to afford (their orphanage relies solely on donations).

Any monetary support would be greatly appreciated in giving Mi Chhouy a chance – the focus, getting him back to NHCC to laugh, learn and have fun with his brothers and sisters. There are donation tins at the Caritas office and the Canteen at the College. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Emma McIver at the College or by email at emciver@sbsc.tas.edu.au. Thank you for your support!

Rhiannon Orme
Student

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How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally — talk with them.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is true to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact, they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that cling up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a bit cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t boat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?” to “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together... or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it. But in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

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