Welcome to all new members of our College community, and welcome back to everyone else. The year has begun well and it was great to see the enthusiastic faces of the Year 7 students on Tuesday. A walk around the College during the day saw classes already well underway.

Friday sees us acknowledge our academic achievers of 2013. The College Congratulates:

- **Dux**: Jordan Quaile
- **Proxime Accessit**: Jacob Templeton

Both were placed in the top 100 in the state and I have been advised that Jacob is the recipient of a 2014 University of the Sunshine Coast Vice-Chancellor’s Merit Scholarship.

Of just 50 eligible candidates in 2013:

- 4 were placed in the top 3.85% of students state-wide
- 8 were placed in the top 8.4% of students state-wide
- 20 were placed in the top 19.9% of students state-wide

We welcome back from leave: Hector Lenton (Year 7 core teacher); and Wayne Roberts (Humanities Teacher).

Finally, we welcome back from a two-year secondment with the University of Tasmania, Lucy Withers (Science and Maths teacher).

We congratulate Jayne Freshney, Daman Peters (Year 7 core teacher); and Wayne Roberts (Humanities Teacher).

Late last year I indicated that we were looking at alternative finishing dates for our Year 10 students. I can confirm that there will be no change to the established pattern, with our Year 10s final day this year being Thursday 27 November.

The College has sourced the services of the Elevate Education group to provide seminars on study skills and time management for our Year 10 to Year 12 students. The first session will take place on 18 February. Later this year, we will seek to have them present to the parents of students in those year levels.

Congratulations to Jake Gleeson, Jake Twamley and Kade Lynd who represented Tasmania in a youth team that travelled to Sydney in January to compete in the National Futsal Championships. They played extremely well and found the tournament a memorable experience.

I welcome feedback about the success of our students in out-of-school activities. Please send these to the College via admin@sbsc.tas.edu.au and I will endeavour to include them in my column. My apologies for the times when an oversight means a delay in this process, but I do try to make this a priority.

I wish everyone a successful year of study and an enjoyable school experience. I know that this is the goal of every member of the College staff.

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**Mr Frank Pisano**  
Principal
The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. — Psalm 112:4

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS
2014 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

The Devonport City Council immunisation team will soon visit the school to start the School Immunisation programme. The following vaccinations are available for Year 7 and Year 9 students and will only be available free of charge this year.

- Year 9: Adult diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Year 9: (boys only) Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Year 7: Adult diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Year 7: Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Year 7: Varicella (1 dose course)

(only available for those if they have not had Chickenpox)

The team will be returning to the school several times throughout the year to complete the programme.

Consent forms will soon be distributed to students in the relevant year groups. Please return your consent form (completed in blue/black pen) to the College office no later than Wednesday, 19th February 2014.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding immunisation, please contact the Devonport City Council Health Department on 6424 0576 directly, not through the school office.

Three or more is very poor. Get control of your asthma.

If you're using you're blue reliever puffer three times or more a week, your Asthma is out of control. Most people with out-of-control asthma don't have to put up with it. Gone are the days when people with asthma had to rely on reliever medication all the time. Now we have medication that will prevent asthma flaring up in the first place.

Contact the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania have a free chat about controlling your asthma and also receive your FREE brochure ‘Ten things to ask and tell your doctor’ on 1800 278 462.

Mention which school you heard this message from when you phone and we will send you out a FREE spacer!

DEVONPORT BASKETBALL
HIGH SCHOOL ROSTERS 2014

Devonport Basketball Primary and High School rosters in 2014 will be school based teams.

High School - Grade 7 & 8 and Grade 9, 10 & 11.

Games will be played on Wednesday nights for High School and Friday nights for Primary School both commencing at 3.45 pm.

High School roster commences on Wednesday 19th February and Primary School on Friday 21st February.

Players are required to register on line at www.devonportwarriors.com.au by Thursday 13th February 2014.

If you require assistance with the online registration or have any queries regarding rosters please contact the DBC Office on 6424 2440 between 10 – 2 daily.

ULVERSTONE JUNIOR BASKETBALL ROSTER 2014

The UBA Local Roster will be commencing on Friday 21st of February, there will be a Senior roster and a Junior "A" and "B" Division section for both the Boys and the Girls. All games will be played on a Friday night.

Children turning 8 that have completed Aussie Hoops or Tri-ball are welcome to join in the “B” Division roster. Aussie Hoops program will be coming soon.

NOMINATION NIGHT: Wednesday 12th February, 4–6pm at the Ulverstone Stadium or email hjautumn@bigpond.com to register your name. Game Fees will be $45 to be paid on Nomination night or first game, the roster will go through until 27th June. Annual Registration to be paid on-line at www.uba.sportingpulse.net

Any Enquiries please phone: Helen Joseph (Girls) 0429625544 or Penny Smith (Boys) 0417 820 413.
Keeping your kids safe online – For Parents
You can’t keep your eye on them 24/7, but there are some steps you can take to ensure your kids are safe online when you’re not around.

1. Talk with your kids about their digital lives. Create conversations and stay involved.
2. Ask your children how they use technology and try it for yourself – try playing a game or uploading a video together.
3. Explain the rules of responsible device ownership.
4. Protect personal information – teach your children how to turn on privacy settings.
5. Encourage children to ‘think before they click’, to think about content and the consequences of posting it.
6. Be an offline supporter. Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime.
7. Teach kids to treat others the same way they’d like to be treated online and be zero-tolerant to rude or mean online behaviour.
8. Make the most of parental controls on devices.
9. Let your children know you’re always there for them – assure them that their internet privileges won’t be taken away if they are exposed to content that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned.
10. Don’t just talk about the right thing to do; be a role model with your own digital habits.

Staying safe online – For Students
Celebrations and social media go hand-in-hand these days! There will be heaps of opportunities to post selfies with besties and Instagram all your memories. While you should have fun, remember that anything you put on social media is there for all to see.

Telstra’s asking you to keep these tips in mind:
1) Protect your personal information. Turn up privacy settings, use strong passwords, change them regularly and don’t share them
2) Think before you click – think about content and the consequences of posting it
3) Remember, your phone doesn’t rule your life! Have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime
4) Treat others as you’d like to be treated online
5) Talk to an adult you trust if you or someone you know is being cyberbullied or you see something online that upsets you.
6) Make your online presence a positive one; if you don’t like what people are saying, don’t engage
7) Make sure your security software is up-to-date
8) Download apps from reputable sources and turn on automatic updates
9) Don’t click on suspicious links in emails, posts, texts or tweets, just delete them
10) Respect copyright. Acknowledge videos, words or music you use when posting.

Above all, have a fun! For more information about keeping the family safe online visit: telstra.com.au/cyber-safety.

Get your own cyber safety kit:
The Cyber Safety kits, available free from Telstra’s website, aim to teach children and parents, teens and grandparents (both the cyber savvy and new learners) how to avoid common pitfalls online, including identity fraud, shopping scams and cyberbullying.
COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER
Community Road Safety Partnerships (CRSP) are a way for local people to work together to make positive changes in road safety.

CRSP groups operate across Tasmania, supported by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources and local Councils. To find out more about CRSP activities in your municipality contact Rachel Coulson, at rachel.coulson@dier.tas.gov.au or on 0418 354 594.

SCHOOL’S BACK
After what only seems like a small lifetime, the summer holidays are over and school’s back for 2014.

The beginning of the school year sees an increase in traffic and activity in and around our schools. Children (not to mention their parents) are excited about getting back to school and the adventures in store for the coming year. Kids have got a lot on their mind, probably the least of which is crossing the road carefully!

Here are some tips to keep your children safe on the way to and from school –

Walking or Riding to school
If you’re walking or riding with the kids to school, take a safe route. Use the school crossings and make sure any other trips across the road are kept to a minimum and done in highly visible safe locations. Many schools have safe routes mapped through the community – check with your school to see if they can recommend a route for you.

Catching the bus
The school bus service is a safe and convenient service for children to make their way to and from school. Make sure your kids know to:
😊 wait for the bus well back from the side of the road
😊 be sensible on the bus and not to distract the driver
😊 to always wait until the bus leaves and there are no cars coming before crossing the road

If you drop the kids off, or pick them up from the bus please park on the same side of the road as the bus stop. This simple action dramatically increases the safety of your children.

Help to make this a happy school year – make sure your children are road safety aware.

DRIVERS BEWARE
DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES
We all know that you must drive below 40k p/h in School Zones, but...

Simply slowing down isn’t enough!
Please be a cautious and conscientious driver. It only takes a split second for something unexpected to happen
😊 keep watch for pedestrians
😊 take your time and remain calm
😊 don’t let yourself become distracted by things inside or outside the car

DRIVING NEAR SCHOOL BUSES
When the lights are flashing on a school bus you must slow down to, or below, 40k p/h – IT’S THE LAW.

KEEP KIDS SAFE – DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY IN SCHOOL ZONES & AROUND SCHOOL BUSES

Community Road Safety Partnership Program

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