News From Our Acting Principal

The end of Term 1 and the beginning of the Easter season is upon us and I am sure many of us are thinking that it only seems like a couple of weeks ago we were ti-dying up after Christmas. And while Christmas and the week that follows mark the beginning of a new calendar year, Easter marks the beginning of new life. Easter tells us that no matter how bad situations get, there is always a way through, a chance at new life. And this is what hope is about. To be Christian is to be an East-er people, and to be an Easter people is to be people of hope. In a world which is plagued by indifference and mediocrity and despair, we are called to bring hope – to our children, to our students, to each other. Hot cross buns, chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies don’t tell the story of hope to our children – we do. And as a Catho-lic school, we will not be ashamed to continue to tell that story.

Our journey through Holy Week was highlighted today by a school gathering where we had the chance to pray and reflect on what this week is about. I thank Mr Douglas and the senior Ministry class for providing us with that opportunity in such a special way.

Over the weekend the College was well represented in a number of events, includ-
• Laura Wood winning the State Final of the Lions Youth of the Year. She will now compete in the National Final in Tamworth in May.
• Lillie Connelly, George Riley, Lucie Riley and Emma Taylor taking out the In-
terschool Horse Trials Composite Teams Competition in Launceston. More details about these can be found in this week’s news-
letter.

Lauchlin Hansen has been selected to be a part of the 2014 Tasdance Education Performance Project. This is a dance project that will see him tour the state as a member of the Tasdance ensemble.

Anzac Day will be recognized next Friday and a number of our Prefects will lay wreaths on behalf of the College at various services around the region. I take this opportunity to thank those students and their families for allowing the College to be part of the services, despite the day falling in the school holidays this year.

We often get requests by community groups to advertise events in the College newsletter that are of interest to our students and parents. We like to do this as the College sees itself as part of the wider North West community. However, should the advertisement be approved, it may not always appear due to space restrictions.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
- Psalm 118
News From Our Acting Principal Continued...

Tomorrow the College staff will participate in a Spirituality Day where we will learn more about the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund Rice was the founder of the Christian Brothers and, as many would know, it was the Christian Brothers who started St Brendan’s on the current College site in 1960. Discovering the charism of our founders is about discovering what the special characteristics of their mission and values were. This is important as we, as staff, simply act as stewards of the College, caring for the College for future generations and passing on that same mission and those same values of Blessed Edmund Rice and St Mary MacKillop.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Easter season.

Lord of life,
We pray for all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness;
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear;
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace,
Lord of resurrection life,
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power.
Christ the Lord is risen today
Alleluia!

Mr Richard Chapman
Acting Principal

World Challenge Expedition 2015

The College is anticipating providing the opportunity for a group of students (this year’s Year 9 and 10) to take part in a month-long World Challenge Expedition in November/December 2015. The expedition gives students life changing experiences, including challenges, community project work and cultural immersion. Estimated cost is $6600. We are asking that parents of interested students email an expression of interest to either Miss Renee Sushames rsushames@sbsc.tas.edu.au or Mrs Emma McIver emciver@sbsc.tas.edu.au by Friday May 9, 2014.

All students currently in Year 9 and 10 will be involved in the World Challenge Launch presentation early in Term Two. This presentation will give students more information about the destination and what it is like to take part in a World Challenge Expedition.
The College will be closed tomorrow, Thursday 17th April for Staff Professional Development. It will reopen on Monday, 28th April at 8:30am.
United Nations Youth State Conference 2014

From Friday the 4th of April till Monday the 7th, fifty students in grades 10-12 from around Tasmania participated in an event called State Conference. This is an annual event aimed at engaging youth in global issues, and is facilitated by UN Youth Australia, a volunteer organisation run entirely by people under the age of 25.

State Conference was held in Hobart, and it was there that, over the course of the four days, the participants (also referred to as ‘delegates’) debated, participated in a forum, learnt about the United Nations (UN), and undertook a variety of other activities that broadened their knowledge of international relations and problem solving. Two students from SBSC attended this conference; Laura Wood and myself.

For State Conference, each delegate received a country that they had to represent in mock UN debates. The debates were about resolutions, which are the international version of federal laws. All of the resolutions debated addressed issues facing the global community, ranging from things such as the rules of warfare, to implementing a standard international school curriculum. As every delegate had to represent their respective country’s view, there was much debate on both sides for each issue- for example, when the delegate for the United Arab Emirates opposed the idea of education for all, based on the idea that females should not receive any education. Laura represented the Democratic Republic of Congo, and I represented India. In all, five different resolutions were debated.

In accordance with this year’s theme of State Conference, “Peace in Our Time”, the delegates undertook activities that looked at different political approaches to international problem solving, and even had a go themselves at this problem solving, through a simulated scenario of conflict between the USSR and USA during the Cold War.

The delegates also attended a forum, which was highly interesting, not in the least because of the four panelists such as Georgia Allen, who played a major role in getting the recent bill on legalizing abortion in Tasmania passed, and David Manne, who is a refugee and immigration lawyer.

As well as these educational aspects of the conference, there was also a lot of time to socialize and get to know the other delegates, through activities such as a facilitator vs. delegate soccer game, a trivia night, and a disco.

Overall, it was a highly enjoyable and educational experience, and both Laura and I recommend participating in next year’s conference to all students who will be in grades 10-12 next year. No previous experience in debating, or knowledge of international relations is required- only a willingness to get involved! UN Youth Australia also hosts other events throughout the year, and more information can be found on their website, [www.unyouth.org.au](http://www.unyouth.org.au)

Joy Pfleger
Student

Latrobe School Holiday Program

Latrobe Council facilitates a collaborative school holiday program (with the exception of the summer period) in conjunction with the Kentish Council with whom Latrobe Council has a resource sharing arrangement and local providers throughout these municipalities.

The ethos of such partnerships is to encourage partner providers to host “come and try” experiences and potentially enhance their long term sustainability.


Also included on this page are details of Shamrock Vacation Care services for primary school aged children.

Additional, the Parks and Wildlife Service are also hosting a number of free activities locally for all ages. Full details of the above are on the website.
On the weekend of 12th & 13th April, The Tasmanian Schools Rowing Championship Regatta was held at Lake Barrington and as with the Head of the River, we were all very fortunate with the perfect weather for rowing.

Once again the intrepid and very dedicated St Brendan–Shaw College team of eleven girls and one boy took on all of the other rowing schools in Tasmania and performed brilliantly.

Saturday was dedicated to heats and one series of semi-finals (Under 14 Single Sculls) and Sunday was devoted to all other semi finals and the finals to determine State Champions.

In the final analysis, the exceptional performances came from Madeline Greenhill and Gabriella Gretton who won the A final of the Girls U15 Double Sculls and were therefore the State Champions.

Ashleigh Brookes came second in the A final of the Girls Under 14 Single Sculls out of a field of 86 rowers, making her the second fastest Under 14 Single Sculler in the State.

Notable performances in the Heats on Saturday included:

- Jack Streeter who with an Ulverstone High School colleague, came 3rd in the Boys U16 Double Sculls. Jack also rowed in the Boys U16 Single Sculls, later that morning.
- Kate Hayward – 4th Girls U16 Single Sculls
- Eloise Galpin – 2nd Girls U16 Single Sculls
- Madeline Greenhill & Gabriella Gretton – 1st Girls U15 Double Sculls and straight into the finals
- Ashleigh Brookes – 1st Girls U14 Single Sculls
- Charlotte Brinkman – 1st Girls U14 Single Sculls
Ella Marshall – 2nd Girls U14 Single Scull and qualified for the Petit Final
Ashleigh Brookes & Ella Marshall – 1st Girls U14 Double Sculls
Charlotte Brinkman & Savanah Webb – 5th Girls U14 Double Sculls
Dana Badcock, Ella Marshall, Charlotte Brinkman & Ashleigh Brookes with Coxswain Ellie Rose – 2nd Girls U14 Quad
Madeline Greenhill – 1st Girls U15 Single Sculls
Gabriella Gretton – 2nd Girls U15 Single Sculls
Kate Hayward and Eloise Galpin – 2nd Girls U16 Double Sculls
Meg Streeter – 5th Girls Open Single Sculls
Kate Hayward, Madeline Greenhill, Eloise Galpin, Georgina Rayner (Sheffield) – 3rd Girls U16 Quad

In the only semi final on Saturday Ashleigh Brookes came first in her U14 Single Scull race. Notable performances in the Finals on Sunday included:

- Semi Final – Eloise Galpin – 3rd U16 Single Sculls
- Semi Final – Madeline Greenhill – 2nd U15 Single Scull
- A Final – Madeline Greenhill & Gabriella Gretton – 1st U15 Double Sculls
- A Final – Ashleigh Brookes – 2nd U14 Single Sculls
- A Final – Kate Hayward & seven rowers from other north west schools in a composite 8 – 3rd U16 Eights
- A Final – Gabriella Gretton & Emma Jago (Marist) – 1st Para Girls U16 Double Sculls

These races are not exhaustive. Most St Brendan–Shaw College rowers performed in three or four races on Saturday and two or three races on Sunday, a magnificent effort by all team members.

I would like to thank Taylor Ritchie also, who, although injured for the second half of the season, gave up her whole weekend to come and support her crew mates at the Regatta.

A most sincere thank you must go to all of the Ulverstone & Mersey Rowing Clubs coaches who did so much to prepare the rowers for the entire season, including this Regatta. The great success of the Tasmanian Schools Championships Regatta is testimony to their wonderful dedication and expertise. A special thanks at this Regatta must go to: Greg Marshall, Merv, Tippett and Graham Scattergood from the Mersey Rowing Club who did so much for the Girls U14 and U15 rowers. Likewise to Andrew Streeter, Kerry Gretton & Michael Wilson from Ulverstone Rowing Club for their coaching assistance. It has to be mentioned as an additional testimony to the Mersey coaches including Casey Scattergood that Mersey Rowing Club managed five State Championships against all the big school clubs at this Regatta. Indeed in the A Final of the Girls U14 Single Sculls 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th places were gained by Mersey Club rowers from St Brendan’s, Sheffield School and Devonport High School.

Well done to all of the team. A fabulous result and with new St Brendan–Shaw College rowers next season we can look forward to even better results.

Graeme Brookes (Rowing Co-ordinator 2014)
On Sunday the 13th of April, the equestrian team consisting of Lucie Riley, George Riley, Emma Taylor and Lillie Connelly, headed off to Launceston to compete in the 2014 Interschools eventing championships. At the end of the day all members had placed in the top 10, including two 1sts, one 3rd and one 10th placing.

After these excellent results the team ended up taking out the senior team champions, beating 9 other teams including schools such as Grammar, Scotch, Marist and St Pats.

By Lucie Riley and Emma Taylor

Students

Soccer players……are you interested?

An opportunity to travel overseas to play NETBALL (girls) and SOCCER (boys)

The College is investigating the possibility of providing students who are currently in Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 the opportunity to travel overseas to participate in a netball and soccer (boys) tournament and to experience the culture of the host country in April 2015. The estimated cost is $4000. Further information regarding the selection process of participants and the destination will be provided once the level of interest is determined. Parents of any interested students are asked to express their interest via email to Mrs Jo Aherne jaherne@sbsc.tas.edu.au by 25 April 2014.

Miss Renee Sushames
Head of Sport

SPORTS UPDATE

Term 1 has been a very busy term with our College Swimming Carnival, NSATIS/SATIS Swimming, NSATIS Basketball, NSATIS Tennis, SATIS Rowing, North West Cricket Championships, Inter-Schools Equestrian, High School Surfing Championships and the commencement of the High School Soccer, Netball and Football rosters.

Unfortunately, our College Athletics Carnival had to be postponed last week due to poor weather. A new date has been set in Term 3 for Tuesday 2nd of September and we hope for some better weather next time around.

Tonight we will celebrate some fantastic sporting achievements and recognise the commitment students have made to sport at our SATIS Summer Sports Dinner. The dinner will be held at Indulgence Cafe, Devonport from 6:00pm – 7:00pm followed by a movie at Cmax Cinema to start at 7:30pm and finish approx. 9:40pm. Award presentations will take place from 6:00pm and parents/guests of invited students are welcome to attend.

The first rounds of High School Soccer and Netball are underway with Football starting first week back in Term 2. We are actively seeking accredited umpires to assist with umpiring High School Soccer games. Under 14 boys games are played on a Wednesday starting at 4:00pm and finishing at approx. 5:15pm. Accredited umpires are paid for their time. If you are interested in assisting please contact me at the College on 6424 7622 or via e-mail at rsushames@sbsc.tas.edu.au.

Also, if there are any Year 7 or 8 girls that are interested in playing Schoolgirls Netball could you please contact Mrs Jo-Anne Aherne at jaherne@sbsc.tas.edu.au.
**Latrobe Basketball Association Inc.**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS**

with

**Latrobe Senior Men’s Import**

**Marquis Navarre**

**Wednesday 30th April**
9am – 12pm – U/12 & U/14 Girls
12pm - 3pm - U/16 & U/18 Girls

**Thursday 1st May**
9am - 12pm – U/12 & U/14 Boys
12pm - 3pm - U/16 & U/18 Boys

**Friday 2nd May**
1pm – 2pm – U/10 Boys
2.30pm – 3.30pm – U/10 Girls

The cost will be – U/10 - $10
U/12 - U/18 - $25

Registration is essential please e-mail: latrobe.secretary@gmail.com or phone: 0407 278 977

Children will need to bring a ball with their name on it and a drink.

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**MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2014**

**DEVONPORT:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Passion 3.00pm
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7.00pm

**PORT SOREL:** St Joseph’s Mass Centre

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 8.30am

**LATROBE:** St Patrick’s Church

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11.00am
Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 10.00am

**SHEFFIELD:** Holy Cross Church

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11.00am
Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 11.30am

**ULVERSTONE:** Sacred Heart Church

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm
(Adoration till 8pm followed by Evening Prayer of the Church)
Good Friday: Commemoration of the Passion 3.00pm
Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 10.00am

**PENGUIN:** St Mary’s Church

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11.00am
Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 8.30am

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**UMAT**

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test

Registrations open Early December 2013
Registrations close 5:00pm AEST 6 June 2014
Six UMAT 30 July 2014
Results released Late September 2014

UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the UMAT website.

The purpose of UMAT is to assess the general skills and abilities developed over the course of your education and life experience that are considered by the universities to be important to the study and practice of medicine and the health sciences. To operate most effectively in these career areas graduates will need to be flexible; to have good thinking skills (critical and analytical); to be able to respond quickly to new situations and problems; and to have a well-developed ability to understand and respond to patients’ needs and individual situations. For these reasons UMAT has been developed as a test that is not based on learned academic curriculum or study of particular subjects, but as a test of your response to stimulus that will not necessarily be familiar.

UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test.

Registrations Close: 5:00pm AEST 6 June 2014
UMAT Test: 30 July 2014
For further information please visit http://www.umat.acer.edu.au/

Tanya Rataj
Careers and Pathways Coordinator
When defining the word ‘quest’ the explanation given is, ‘a long or arduous search for something’ and in terms of the Lions Youth of the Year quest, that something is leadership. Conducted by the Lions Service clubs throughout Australia, the quest is a competition for grades 10-12, yet the focus is on encouraging students to improve and develop as young citizens. Skills such as public speaking, leadership and confidence are all tested between students.

The program consists of students approaching their local Lions club to compete in the quest. It involves students filling out a form, similar to a Curriculum Vitae (CV) that highlights their past achievements in the areas of leadership, sportsmanship, citizenship, community involvement and school results. Students are then asked about their CV in an interview with three local judges. They are also questioned on various issues within society.

Subsequent to the interview, participants are provided with a meal by Lions in a social environment. This is followed by a speaking section which is open to Lions members, family and friends. The speaking is comprised of participants presenting a five minute speech on their choice of topic and two impromptu questions. Judges then select a public speaking winner and an overall winner.

This year, St. Brendan-Shaw College was represented by three students in the quest. Sarah Howard (12, L5) and Tarsha Jago (10, D2) participated in the Devonport Lions Club round and myself (12, M4), participated in the Ulverstone Lions Club round. Sarah and Tarsha performed quite well. Sarah’s prepared speech was on social networking within society, differing from Tarsha’s who spoke on Gay marriage. Unfortunately, they were up against some tough competition from Devonport High and thus, did not manage to progress to the next round.

I was lucky enough to progress from Ulverstone onto the regional final held in Burnie where four other competitors from the region were also competing. I spoke on my journey of religion in regards to compulsory religious education at St. Brendan-Shaw College and how it has really made me aware of the influence of religions in society. It was there that I managed to win the public speaking award and was titled one of the two winners to progress to the state final. The other regional winner was Madalan Page of Don College.

The State final was held in Kings Meadows last Sunday where Madalan and I versed two other entrants from the Launceston region who attended Scotch Oakburn College. We all went through the interview process for the third time which continued to give us experience for future job interviews. The public speaking impromptu questions were: “Do you believe Sharks should be culled?” and “Which values are lacking within society?” Everyone managed to answer these questions well and present their prepared speeches, of which mine was on valuing Indigenous Australians.

At the end of the State Final, the judges announced that I had received the public speaking award and was deemed the overall winner. I was quite honoured to have received both awards and am excited to represent the state at the National Lions Convention on the 1st May in Tamworth. It is there I will meet the other winners from the country and compete for the national title. I wish to congratulate both Sarah and Tarsha for their involvement with the quest. I’d also like to thank Mrs Littler for her supervision and Mrs Shearer for her assistance with my speech. I hope next year more students will take up the challenge as it really is a great way to improve all aspects of your life.

By Laura Wood

The Uniform Shop will be closed over the Holidays reopening Tuesday 6th May at 10am
The staff of St Brendan-Shaw College wish all of our families a very happy, holy and safe Easter.

Today's Holy Week prayer was led by Mr Kamil Douglas and the Senior Ministry class pictured above. The College had the opportunity to reflect upon the death and resurrection of Jesus.