News From Our Principal

If you haven’t already “Liked” our Facebook page, I would encourage you to do so and receive news updates about the wide variety of activities that our community is involved in. A visit to the page will allow you to see a clip of our Flashmob dancers who, again, were highly commended and received a cash prize for the College. Last week saw our Year 10s participate in Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA), and yesterday our Year 9 girls spent a day with the Enlighten Education presenter. It is good to hear the positive feedback from the students about the value of these initiatives that we facilitate, and to hear the positive comments from the presenters who always comment on the cooperation and welcome that they receive from our students.

We will shortly be asking parents for a preferred email to receive an embedded newsletter without having to download a separate PDF file. A hard copy will still be sent home. After a period we will ask parents to nominate if they still wish to receive a hardcopy. We are still working on the mechanics of how this will work, and how to allow anyone to subscribe to it from our website.

Last week-end I was blessed to spend two days on retreat with other Tasmanian members of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools in Australia (AHISA). The retreat was facilitated by Sam Clear, a past student of St Patrick’s in Launceston. Sam undertook a journey around the world in 2006/2007, walking and praying for unity of all Christians. His was so much more than a travelogue of adventures. His experiences of trusting in God and being open to God’s guidance, even when it seems counterintuitive were refreshing.

I am about to travel to Hobart to participate in the St Vinnies sleepout tonight. I am somewhat comforted by weather forecasts that indicate no rain and cloud cover to keep minimum temperatures just under 10 degrees Celsius. I thank everyone who has supported the student’s by donating, and encourage anyone who would still like to make a contribution to do so by visiting the CEO Vinnies Sleepout website at www.ceosleepout.org.au, clicking on the “Donate” button, selecting the “CEO” and “Tasmania” options and locating my name. You can remain anonymous, but I would like to send a reply email to you if you do identify yourself.

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from the Director of Catholic Education Tasmania in relation to the possibility of Industrial Action related to negotiations around a new Catholic Education Agreement.

In closing, I am inspired by Sam Clear to pray that you are blessed in all that you do and that we seek what unites us.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

The night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- Psalm 139:12

Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content. —Helen Keller
“When we think of the continuing injustice in the world, we are chastened by the words of Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ:

If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world ... In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore we cannot properly receive the Bread of life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.”

From the Australian Catholic Bishop’s Social Justice Statement 2013-2014: Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty.

**SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT**

This week: in Chapel

At St Brendan-Shaw College we strive to:

**Do our best** - by being respectful, turning off our technology and contributing where we can.

**Be safe** - by leaving in an orderly fashion and checking in with our Homeroom teacher.

**Welcome diversity** - by being welcoming, greeting each other and respecting each other’s beliefs and points of view.

**ENLIGHTENED EDUCATION**

ENLIGHTENED EDUCATION was a big success!!! This program helps teenage girls decode the mixed messages they receive and help them develop self-esteem and confidence!

facebook

**Andrea Williams posted on St Brendan-Shaw College’s timeline**

“Well done on organising the Grade 9 Girls Only Day yesterday. My daughter and her friends have not stopped raving about it. The presenter sounded like a very positive role model with some great advice that the girls can take on board. Fantastic initiative 🎉”
Earlier this month on Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th Basketball Tasmania hosted both The College Championships and a High School Tournament at the Devonport Basketball Stadium and East Devonport Recreation Centre. Our College entered a total of six teams in the tournaments.

In the College Championships we entered both a boys and girls team in Division Two. Both teams performed well and had a successful and enjoyable time. The Girls although entered in the Division Two competition versed a number of Division 1 teams winning one and being competitive in the other against the eventual Division 1 winner Hellyer College. The College Girls automatically qualified through to the Division 2 Grand Final winning convincingly against Newstead College. In hindsight they should have been entered in Division 1. The boys who were a relatively inexperienced team, outside of the seasoned Casey Little and Connor Hind. However, they competed well throughout the tournament. Henry Scott’s effort to wear his shorts inside out for game 1 was one of the more humorous events. It was a fantastic weekend and fitting for some of our year 12’s who have represented the College in numerous Championships and rosters throughout their time at the College. Such individuals as Casey Little, Connor Hind, Rhys Ford, Mas Robertson, Georgia Joseph and Jasmine Squibb have all been involved in the College’s basketball teams and some for up to 6 years; well done and thank-you!

In the High School Invitational Tournament we entered four teams in 7/8 and 9/10 divisions for both boys and girls. After the pool games and crossover games all four teams were represented in the Grand finals late Sunday afternoon.

All teams competed extremely well and represented the College admirably. Both the 7/8 Boys and the 9/10 boys were eventual victors in their respective Grand Finals against St Patrick’s College (Launceston) teams. The 9/10 Girls being eventual runner-up against Parklands High School and the 7/8 Girls runners up against Wynyard High School.

Such a successful weekend is not possible but for the support and commitment of the coaches and Managers for each of the teams. As coordinator I am fortunate to be able to rely upon these people with the full confidence of the expertise they bring to the roles. I on behalf of the College and particularly the players involved I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Coach</th>
<th>Manager</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7/8 Girls</td>
<td>Mr Tony Webb</td>
<td>Mrs Narelle Kerrison</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/8 Boys</td>
<td>Mr Stuart Jones</td>
<td>Mr Antonio Tenaglia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/10 Girls</td>
<td>Mrs Tobin</td>
<td>Mrs Ross</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/10 Boys</td>
<td>Mr Nic Porter</td>
<td>Mrs Maxien Clements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>College Girls</td>
<td>Mr Paul Melver</td>
<td>Mrs Emma McIver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>College Boys</td>
<td>Mr Daniel Little</td>
<td>Mrs Barbara Hind</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

I would also like to mention the numerous parents who fulfilled the roles of bench duty throughout the tournaments, your efforts are also critical and much appreciated.

Following the tournament many of the players have communicated the enjoyment and fun they had and we can now look forward to the North West High School Championships which will be held on Saturday 25 October and Sunday 26 October 2014 (venue TBA)

Mr Adam Aherne
Basketball Coordinator


Back from left: Antonio Tenaglia (manager) Patrick Males, Harrison Williams, Coby Cook, Lucas Kent, Byron Murfet, Lachlan Jones, Stuart Jones (coach). Front from left: Ben Tenaglia, Jarrod Scott, Taylor Boyd.

Back from left: Paul McIver (coach) Ashleigh Corbin, Chelsea Gleson, Johanne Aaquist, Taylah Orders, Emma McIver (manager). Front from left: Jasmine Squibb, Jacqui Mercer, Georgia Joseph.
We are getting closer to our first Year 9 Pathways block which will take place from August 18th to 21st. Our planning is falling into place and we have a great guest speaker for the first day. Here are some other things you might want to think about...

**MONEY**
We have asked all of our Year 9s to save $50 for the Pathways experience this year. From the time this was announced, this worked out to be $2 a week.

The first Pathways block is 10 weeks away so by now students have hopefully saved $30.

Information about payments will be forwarded closer to the first Pathways block.

**PASSPORTS**
We have also given each of our Year 9s a passport which they have to get signatures in—15 by the first Pathways block and 25 by the second.

These can be obtained for contributing to College life in all sorts of ways—participation in College carnivals, going to the school Socials, picking up rubbish, even moving chairs at the end of assembly! We would hope that most of our students are half-way to collecting the required 15 signatures by the first Pathways block.

Lost your Passport? See Mr Ryan for a new one!

**VOLUNTEERS**
Attached to this newsletter is a letter inviting parents to volunteer some time to help our Year 9 Pathways program become a success. Take some time to read it and we would encourage people to help out where they can.
Mainland Tertiary Institutions Visit

The following institutions are attending the Mainland tertiary institutions visit to Don College on July 1st. All interested Senior Secondary Students are welcome to attend. The afternoon will begin in the Multi Purpose Centre at 1:30pm with an information session discussing applications, changes of preferences, etc., then the expo will follow. Could all interested students please contact the Caritas Centre to register to attend. The expo will feature the following institutions and will be a fantastic opportunity for students.

- Australian Catholic University
- University of Adelaide
- Australian National University
- Bond University
- Deakin University
- Defence Force Recruiting
- International College of Hotel Management
- Longerenong Agricultural College
- Monash University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Tasmania
- Victoria University
- Blue Mountains Hotel Management School

For any further information please speak with Mrs Tanya Rataj.

Uniform Shop

OPEN ON TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
10AM — 4PM

Private Tutoring

You got problems in Maths or English? Just give us a call

04 345 9469

Robert Jones
Sarah Harris
(Student teacher)
$15 / hour

TASMANIAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
(DEVONPORT)

Are opening up new classes for TERM 2 2014 for ALL AGES

Magic – Theatre Skills – Music – Film, Audio/Lighting Production
Vocal Groups – Intro Class for 3-7years – Musical Theatre –

Looking towards working towards a 10th Anniversary Production next year.

Limited Private Lessons for Basic Beginner Piano, Modern Singing, Clarinet, Saxophone & Music Theory also available.

Email your expression of interest through to deb@performingcentre.com

To receive the class choice list available to view.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS will be available for all ages soon.

Deb Morcom – B.Ed; BPA (Music); ADPA (Theatre)
Artistic Director
Ph: 6424 7768 / 0417 133 223.
FACE BOOK PAGE: Tasmanian Performing Arts Centre.
Memorandum

Date: 17 June 2014
To: Parents and Friends of the School Community
From: Dr Trish Hindmarsh, Director
Subject: Industrial Action

Following a breakdown in enterprise bargaining negotiations between Tasmanian Catholic education employing authorities and the Independent Education Union (IEU), the IEU sought protected industrial action for its members from the Fair Work Commission (FWC).

In accordance with the Fair Work Act 2009, we received due notice late Thursday of last week that protected industrial action may now be taken in Catholic schools throughout the State. A ballot conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission and authorised by the FWC resulted in members of the IEU deciding in favour of taking the following protected actions:

- An unlimited number of four (4) hour stoppages of work;
- An unlimited number of twenty-four hour stoppages of work;
- Distributing information to parents about the action and bargaining; and
- Wearing campaign material and / or badges.

Some or all of these actions are expected to take place in many of our schools over the next month or so and, perhaps, beyond that time.

Parents, guardians and carers can rest assured that their school will continue to be open for business as usual, and that every care will be taken to ensure that children are well supervised and engaged in meaningful activities, even if all their usual classes are not possible because of reduced staffing. It is our intention to have our schools as fully functioning and focussed on learning programs as possible.

The Principal and senior school / college leaders will be on duty and actively taking leadership of staff in providing for students’ needs during this period of industrial action.

A number of staff (IEU Members only) may not be in attendance during the hours of any work stoppage/s, and it important that their right to engage in what is legitimate and protected industrial action is respected by all members of the school community.

Thankyou in anticipation of your understanding and cooperation in making the best of what are challenging circumstances.

Dr Trish Hindmarsh
Director