Principal news

I wish every Father blessings this Sunday. I know that many do not seek acknowledgement. Parents do what they do out of love – and this love has no conditions attached to it. However, Fathers’ Day (and Mothers’ Day) is an opportunity to reflect this love back to its source. I choose to view Fathers’ Day as an opportunity to reflect upon how I fill my most important role – being Dad. The attached Parenting Ideas article may provide helpful.

The Athletics Carnival has proceeded successfully in beautiful conditions. I thank parents who support these important events in the life of this school.

We have several staff absent for medical reasons and their classes allocated to temporary relief staff. Mrs Aherne returns in a limited capacity next week and Mr Hamish Chapman will remain to take some classes and duties of hers, as well as fill in for other leave, including Mrs McDonald who is taking the last two weeks of Term as Long Service Leave. Mrs Smialek will return when she is able and her classes have been taken by Mrs Davies. Ms Brown commences Maternity Leave on 12 September and Miss Henry will return to cover her junior classes, while Mrs Hicks will suspend some of her Long Service Leave to take the Senior classes. You may have noticed an advertisement for a languages teacher which was placed to cover Mr McCullough’s retirement. We will recognise Mr McCullough’s long and loyal service appropriately as the year draws to a close. Finally, we will be advertising for a replacement for Mrs McIver who will commence Maternity Leave next month. Mr McDonald is also on medical leave, however, he has managed his workload so that it can be managed by existing accounting staff. I commend Ms Clarke and Mrs Rockliffe for their selflessness in picking up additional workloads.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal

"If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also." - Luke 6:29
**Talent Quest**

The annual SBSC Talent Quest is on next Thursday the 11th of September.

Beginning at 7pm. Entry is $5 or $20 for a family.

Drinks and snacks available for purchase on the night.

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**Justice**

“Pope Francis has renewed the call to address global poverty when meeting with diplomats of countries around the world:

*How many poor people there still are in the world! And what great suffering they have to endure! ... My wish is that the dialogue between us should help build bridges connecting all people, in such a way that everyone can see in the other not any enemy, not a rival, but a brother or sister to be welcomed and embraced! ...”*

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

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**UTAS**

We would like to extend an invitation to teachers, parents and students to attend the

**UTAS College Program 2015**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

Thursday 11th September 2014
4:30pm – 6:00pm
Building D Room 202, Cradle Coast Campus

Please note this is a flexible information session, attendance is not required for the full 90 minutes. We encourage you to attend at a time that suits you. For further information about the UTAS College Program and High Achiever Program please visit [www.utas.edu.au/cupp/ucp](http://www.utas.edu.au/cupp/ucp)
Below you can find a link to the new SATIS website, which has just been created.


The website includes calendar dates, roster, ladders, results, photos, rules and regulations for all SATIS carnivals and summer and winter sports rosters.

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**Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools**

**Latest News**

- Head of the River April 11, 2014
- Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival March 5, 2014
- Hello world! January 23, 2014

**Sports**

- AFL
- Netball
- Athletics
- Rowing
- Badminton
- Soccer

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**Uniform Shop**

Shop Hours are:
Tuesday/Wednesday 10am - 4pm.

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St Brendan-Shaw College had four teams play in the Schoolgirls Netball Grandfinals on Saturday.

The Senior Division 1 grand final was played between Reece High School 1 and St Brendan Shaw College 2, with RHS 1 winning comfortably 69 – 49. Senior Division 3 saw St Brendan Shaw College 3 victors over St Brendan Shaw College 4 40 – 12. In Junior Division 1, Reece High School 3 played off against St Brendan Shaw College 5. These two teams have been close competition all the way through the season and today was no different with a well fought out game and the lead changing several times. A great team effort in the last quarter by Reece High School 3, saw them victorious with a winning margin of 5 goals (41 – 36).

St. Brendan-Shaw College students featured prominently in the presentation of the Telstra Store Best and Fairest Awards and the So Silver Incentive Awards for the season.

Congratulations to the following players:
Senior 1 Best & Fairest Brianna Tobin of SBSC 1, Runner-up Elloize Galpin of SBSC 1
Senior 3 Best & Fairest Kiara Bellinger of SBSC 3, Runner-up Lillie Connelly of SBSC 4
Junior 1 Best & Fairest Runner-up Sophie Banham of SBSC 5

So Silver Incentive Awards were awarded for extra volunteer work to:- Lauryn Fallon, Olivia Snell, Georgia Thompson, and Aleisha Brown

Thank you to all of the coaches and parents who enabled the College to enter six teams into the Winter Roster in 2014. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by the College and the players. A reminder that nominations for the Spring Roster are due on Friday 5th September.

Jo-Anne Aherne

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Devon Netball Association will be bringing GOLD to Tasmania as

Madi Robinson

&

Renae Hallinan

provide you the opportunity to be trained by the best!

**Date:**
Friday 19th September

**Venue:**
TBC

(on registration)

**Age Groups:**
U/13 – 4.5.30pm
U/15 – 5.30-7pm
U/17 – 7.15pm

**Cost:**
$30 p/participant

**Session Format:**
1.5 hrs duration
Includes – Defense & Attack specialist, match play, Q&A and much more...

Register NOW at
admin@devonnetball.com.au
The last stop of our Japan trip was Koyasan. Koyasan is located in the Wakayama prefecture and is 900m above sea level. Koyasan is located in such an isolated area because the great Buddhist monk Kobo Daishi Kukai wanted to establish a monastery deep in the mountains. This would allow for him to be far away from worldly distractions.

To get to Koyasan the group had to travel by cable car to the town as it is high in the mountains. Whilst we were there, the group stayed in a traditional Buddhist temple. The group stayed at the Rengejoin Temple which had vegetarian meals and paper walls. This location gave the group another look at one of the Japanese styles of living. It took a little time for the group to get used to the traditional communal bathrooms. The students had time to reflect on this in meditation at 5pm (before dinner) and 5am (before breakfast).

Whilst in Koyasan the Japanese students visited Diato (Great Pagoda). Here we were told about the sacred pine tree which drops lucky three pronged needles from its branches. The pine tree drops these three pronged needles as it is the place where Kobo Daishi’s sankosho (a double ended, three pronged Buddhist ceremonial tool) landed after being thrown from China to Japan.

In the day of exploring Koyasan we visited Okunoin (Japanese cemetery). Here we saw Gorinto (five-tiered stupas). The five tiers and Sanskrit letters inscribed on them represent the five elements taught in Buddhism. From the bottom up the tiers represent earth, water, fire, wind and space. These elements are represented because these five elements form the body of the Cosmic Buddha Mahavairochana, and also our own bodies and the physical world. These are not destroyed at death, therefore, and integration with Mahavairochana is possible.

To find out more about the Japan trip go on instagram and search #japaz13
Community

**‘SOCK DANCE’**

**AT THE**

**LATROBE BASKETBALL STADIUM**

**FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**

7 - 9 PM, GRADES 1 - 7

**PRICE:** $5.00 (Includes entry, drink & pkt chips)

**FULL ADULT SUPERVISION**

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**WIN GREAT PRIZES!!!**
In 2015 the national Sail Training Ship Young Endeavour will set sail for an extraordnary voyage around the world!

With crews of 24 youth and 12 Navy staff, the ship will sail the Roaring Forties, across the Atlantic Ocean, through the Mediterranean Sea and the English Channel, and into the North Sea, returning via the Cape of Good Hope and the Indian Ocean.

Over 200 youth, including Young Endeavour Alumni, will have the opportunity to join one of nine crews as Young Endeavour circumnavigates the world for the first time in over 20 years.

The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC launched a national ballot for berths available in Young Endeavour for the World Voyage.

Sir Peter Cosgrove, who is the Patron of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, met Young Endeavour Alumni and Royal Australian Navy staff crew at the announcement of the 12-month world voyage in Sydney this week.

I think this scheme is a wonderful reflection of our national identity and values - having a go, giving it your all, being courageous in what you are attempting, making friends, being proud of what you are achieving, and enjoying and bettering yourself along the way, the Governor-General said.

Today, I encourage Australians aged 18-30 to apply for this exciting adventure. This is a tremendous opportunity to invest your time into an unforgettable journey; a journey not only around the world, but also of self-discovery. I know our young people will be up to this challenge, because I am continually amazed at the capability, capacity, enthusiasm and above all, the get-up-and-go of young Australians.

The World Voyage will include ports of call in the United Kingdom, where Young Endeavourwas built as the Bicentenary gift to the Government and people of Australia, as well as several of the ports first visited during the ships maiden voyage in 1987.

The ship will also represent Australia in the Sail Training International’s Tall Ships Races - promoting international friendship, and furthering education and development for young people of all nationalities.


Apply now for this once in a lifetime opportunity to join a circumnavigation of the world aboard STS Young Endeavour.

Sydney - Brazil - Spain - Turkey - England - Norway - Denmark - Germany - Holland - South Africa - Fremantle
Parenting Ideas Insights

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.

There’s no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960’s and 70’s who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family’s head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn’t deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don’t enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:

1. Find something in common with your kids
   Dads need something in common with their children. They relate better when they have a shared interest or shared passion with their kids. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common. A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

2. Spend time with your sons
   A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That’s when boys turn off their dads.

3. Don’t whimp out on discipline
   Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children’s behaviour.

4. Treat your daughters well
   There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5. Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent
   Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the ‘old ram, young ram syndrome’. He’s right. It’s a type of rite of passage that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors to in his son’s life.

6. Support your partner
   Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirmative mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

7. Change as your child changes
   Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They’re kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - many can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.


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