Principal news

There have been some staff movements in recent weeks. In the short term, Mrs Maria Windsor has had a short period of unexpected leave and is convalescing well. It was nice to see her visiting her seniors during Swot Vac. She is expecting to return to her classes shortly. I thank Miss Angela Henry and Mr Richard Chapman who have taken additional classes to ensure that Mrs Windsor’s classes have continued to receive quality tuition. I have enjoyed returning to the classroom to take her Year 9 Maths class. Mr Gavin Hicks and Mr Craig Kerr have covered Mr Ian Cruickshank’s classes as he enjoys a period of Long Service leave. His role as Daily Planner has been filled competently by Mr Roger Lane, assisted by Mr David Bennett who oversees excursion applications.

Ms Kate Merry has begun a period of leave until the beginning of next year and Mr Wayne Roberts has increased his teaching to take her classes. Mrs Emma McIver joins Ms Elle Brown on Maternity Leave with Mr Alex Johnson employed to cover Mrs McIver’s classes. Mrs Emma McIver has begun a period of leave until the beginning of next year and Mr Wayne Roberts has increased his teaching to take her classes. Mrs Emma McIver joins Ms Elle Brown on Maternity Leave with Mr Alex Johnson employed to cover Mrs McIver’s classes. Ms Brown’s classes have continued with minimal disruptions and I particularly acknowledge Mrs Hicks who broke a period of Long Service Leave to assist.

In 2015 we will see the retirement of Mr Jim McCullough after many years of loyal service. There will be an opportunity to acknowledge this in more detail later in the year. Also, Ms Bridget Leary will commence 2015 on Maternity leave.

Next week sees my Personal Assistant, Mrs Dawn Banham, return from a period of Long Service Leave. I thank Mrs Merran Doyle who has filled this often unacknowledged yet vital role so competently.

Having been on leave since early this year, Mr Robert Farr has advised of his resignation as Business Manager. In his 27 years of service, Mr Farr has seen the College change and grow, with his role in this being significant. Again, there will be an opportunity to acknowledge Mr Farr’s role more appropriately later in the year.

Finally, the last link to the origins of the College and the family whose generosity allowed the commencement of Catholic education on this site has been broken. Mr Neville Smith who was born on the farm that used to occupy this land and whose mother made the land available to the Church has retired. Neville is much loved by us and although he may no longer be an employee he will always be regarded as a member of the College community.

Mr Frank Pisano

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers.” - Philemon 1:4
Traineeships

The majesty of sport can be found in the joy it brings to individuals and groups. But this majesty extends much further. The goal of sport is the good of humans everywhere. It teaches us lifelong lessons, unites communities and can overcome differences and be a force for social justice and reconciliation.


Art Evening

St Brendan-Shaw College Arts department presents

2014 Arts Evening

Come along to see the talented Arts students showcase works from throughout the year.

Thursday, November 6th | 7pm Start, Gold Coin Donation | The Genesis Centre

Josie Beyerle

Sport & Recreation Traineeship

Findstaff.biz together with our valued client St Brendan—Shaw College is pleased to offer a Certificate III in Sport & Recreation Traineeship. This is a fantastic opportunity for a motivated and enthusiastic person keen to work in a school environment.

Apply online today at [www.findstaff.biz](http://www.findstaff.biz) quoting Reference Number G1409

Information Technology Traineeship

Findstaff.biz together with our valued client St Brendan—Shaw College is pleased to offer a Certificate III Information Digital Media and Technology Traineeship. The successful applicant will provide Information and Communication Technology (ICT) support and follow up assistance to students and staff.

Apply online today at [www.findstaff.biz](http://www.findstaff.biz) quoting Reference Number G1410

Proudly part of

Justice

The majesty of sport can be found in the joy it brings to individuals and groups. But this majesty extends much further. The goal of sport is the good of humans everywhere. It teaches us lifelong lessons, unites communities and can overcome differences and be a force for social justice and reconciliation.


Uniform Shop

Service Hours are:

**NOV - Tuesday/Wednesday** 10am - 4pm

**DEC -**

- Tues 2nd 10am - 4pm
- Wed 3rd 8.30am - 4.30pm (orientation day Yr 7 2015)
- Tues 9th 10am - 4pm
- Wed 10th 10am - 4pm
- **MONDAY** 15th 2pm - 8pm (last day 2014 sales)

Layby now collect 2015.
JAPAN TRIP 2015

Thank you to all who have expressed interest in the SBSC 2015 Japan Trip. If you have not done so already please email your interest to kbramich@sbsc.tas.edu.au for important information regarding deposits and deadlines.

The trip is open to students studying Japanese in Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 in 2015.

State Athletics team

Congratulations to Max, Brooke, Aaron and Ryan who were selected in the State Athletics team to represent Tasmania in the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in Adelaide in December.

UNDER 16 BOYS Max Green - 400m; 800m

UNDER 16 GIRLS Brooke Jones - 100m; 200m

UNDER 18 BOYS Aaron Brown - Hammer and Ryan Powell - 3000m

Year 12

Their last day of classes...

Cows Create Careers Celebration
What happens @ SBSC

Prefects 2015

Yr 12 last day

Alice, a makeup artist from Napoleon visiting our classes

Year 12 students at St Brendan Shaw College $500 AUD was donated to Adye’s Angel Foundation.
The Faculty of Arts would like to extend an invitation to students and parents to attend the:

**FACULTY OF ARTS 2015 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

**ASK US ABOUT:** The courses we offer, how to apply, how to enrol, gap year options, the University College Program and more...

**Cradle Coast:** 20 November 2014 – 4:30pm till 6:30pm
**Location:** Cradle Coast campus – Building D downstairs Foyer

Please note, this is a flexible information session. We encourage you to attend at the time that suits you during the course of the two hours, and should you be unable to make the session, feel free to contact us with any questions at arts.faculty@utas.edu.au or on 6226 7814.

---

**A once in a lifetime opportunity to be at Gallipoli next Anzac Day**

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the Australia in the Great War Facebook and just clicking to enter.

**Competition closes 11 November 2014** so hurry to enter.

Anzac day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience.

[www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar](http://www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar)

**Competition Closes 11 November 2014**
The secret to raising happy, confident kids

Despite what you may think, the fundamental job of the parent has not changed since the dawn of time. And it’s never too early to start.

It’s amazing how resourceful kids can be when they are given the chance to resolve their own problems. **Character**, which is essential for success, is forged under hardship and is needed if kids are to live a sturdy life. Kids need to be exposed to disappointment, failure and conflict if character strengths such as grit and perseverance are to be forged.

**INDEPENDENCE TAKES MANY FORMS**

Independence has many guises and can be developed in many ways, though in the end it is adults who are the gatekeepers for their children’s independence.

On a basic level developing independence is about developing children’s **autonomy**. Without realising it, many parents make choices on their children’s behalf. Kids build self-confidence when they do things for themselves, and make their own decisions.

Independence is built when children spend time in **unpredictable circumstances** and environments such as the bush, and also have the opportunity to navigate their neighbourhoods on their own. There may be some risk involved but that is where the learning lies. Eliminate the risk and you eliminate the learning.

Allowing kids to **follow their own impulses** even if they are different to your own is the key to gaining independence. This may mean that your children choose healthy interests and pursuits that you are unfamiliar with, or even swim against the tide of your wishes.

Allowing kids to take **responsibility** and own their own problems builds confidence and competence. Start by expecting kids to help at home. Look for ways to develop self-help skills and don’t take their problems on as your problems.

**MANAGE VISUALLY**

When your end game is redundancy and your priority is independence building then managing your kids in a visual way becomes your most obvious strategy. Management by mouth, in contrast, is a dependency strategy. So talk less, use signs, lists and rosters backed up by consequences to develop independence and responsibility in your children.

**CREATE JUNIOR VERSIONS OF INDEPENDENCE**

It can be scary and also difficult developing independence in one big step. So smart parents intuitively develop junior versions of independence by breaking up big activities into digestible bits. Want your three-year-old to make the bed? Then start by arranging the bed and the pillows (a junior version of making the bed) and let them work their way up from there. Similarly, if you want your five-year-old to walk to school on his own but it’s currently beyond him, then accompany him most of the way and let him walk the last 200 metres on his own. That’s a junior version of walking to school.

In all the noise and commotion about raising kids today it’s easy to forget that the job description for parents hasn’t changed since the dawn of time. Love them, bond with them, teach them and spend time with them. But also work like mad to develop their real independence so they become capable of handling what life will throw their way.

Then you’ll know your job as a parent is done! It doesn’t mean you won’t stop worrying about them ... that’s a story for another time. But it does mean you’ve finished the main task of parenting, that is, to make yourself redundant at the earliest possible age.
St Brendan-Shaw College

Positions Vacant

Aussie Sport Leaders 2015

Vacancies exist for Aussie Sport Leaders in 2015 to take on a leadership role within the school through physical activities. These vacancies are for current Year 9 students going into Year 10 for 2015.

Aussie Sport Leaders assist with activities such as the Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ (Year 7s), Year 5 Orientation Day, Year 7 Camp, and Sports Carnivals at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart and St. Patrick’s Primary Schools. Aussie Sport Leaders are also responsible for the distribution and collection of Yard Gear at lunchtimes. Students who are Aussie Sport Leaders have the opportunity to develop relationships with the younger members of our school community and to act as positive role models, contributing towards a positive school environment.

If you are interested in a position as Aussie Sport Leader for 2015, you will need to obtain an application from Miss Sushames in the HPE Office. If you decide to apply you need to complete the application, which should be printed and submitted to Miss Sushames no later than Monday 10th November.

Please note the selection process has changed. It now includes both theoretical and practical components.

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

1. Their completion of the ASL Application Form.
2. History of participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g. SATIS carnivals, College production, etc.), commitment to and demonstration of leadership skills within the College community.
3. Teacher Endorsement (Teaching staff will then have an opportunity to provide an endorsement of students they believe will fulfil the role).
4. Practical Component (A group of 30 students will be preliminarily selected to take part in the Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ day’, where Year 9 students will help run activities. The final group of ASLs will be selected by the Head of Sport (and PE staff) based on their leadership and participation at this event). The Head of Sport will make a final recommendation to the Principal.

Successful applicants will undertake two days training on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of December with Mr David Muuns from the Australian Sports Commission’s Active After-Schools Community (AASC) program.

Please note: The position of ASL is not based upon ability or leadership skills within another sporting team (although this can be used as an example of competence on the application form), but on the student’s ability to perform the role of Aussie Sport Leader.

Miss Renee Sushames
Head of Sport