Principal news

It is exciting to see Westcourt coming together. It will be an inviting learning space. Some adjustments will be required to the location of Homerooms in 2015 as Westcourt will not be used for this purpose.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents, past and present, who have contributed to the College’s Building Fund. Your generosity has enabled the College to fund the building project (with the aid of a Capital Projects Committee Grant) without taking out any additional loans. This means that cost saving in relation to interest payments can be made that all parents benefit from. I encourage contributions to the Building Fund to continue as these Tax deductible donations allow the continued development of our facilities while minimising costs.

The College’s efforts at cost efficiency are a priority. The move to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones has significantly reduced costs.

On Monday I was able to attend the Forum on the NBN rollout held with Minister Turnbull in Devonport. No assurances were given, however it is my hope that schools will receive “Fibre to the Premises”, with service guarantees and costs that enable us to maximise learning and reduce costs. At present, costs of over $4000 per month are charged to provide internet access.

As has been reported in the general media, Catholic Education employees have rejected a proposed Agreement put to them at a secret ballot. The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office and the Independent Education Union will proceed with further negotiation in order to seek a new Agreement.

I am about to open the Art display of our Senior Secondary students’ efforts in 2014 – there is so much talent on display. This comes on top of the Arts Night held earlier, and I look forward to Ms Watchman’s Drama performances next week.

Congratulations to:

- The Senior Boys Div 2 Basketball team who won the recent Schools Basketball championships held recently. A report appears elsewhere in the publication.
- Zoe Lowry who has been selected in the Tasmanian U15 girls cricket team and will soon be competing at the national championships in Sydney.

Mr Frank Pisano—Principal

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem - Luke 9:51
Justice

How can the Church not be interested in sport?

Pope Francis has spoken of how this interest has grown:

The bond between the Church and the world of sport is a beautiful reality that has strengthened over time, for the Ecclesial community sees in sports a powerful instrument for the integral growth of the human person. Engaging in sports, in fact, rouses us to go beyond ourselves and our own interests in a healthy way; it trains the spirit in sacrifice and, if it is organised well, it fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations, friendship, and respect for rules.

From the Australian Catholic Bishop’s Social Justice Statement 2014-2015: A Crown for Australia: Striving for

Uniform Shop

Shop Hours are:

Nov - Tuesday/Wednesday 10am - 4pm
Dec - Tues 2nd 10am - 4pm
Wed 3rd 8.30am 4.30pm (orientation day Year 7 2015)
Tues 9th 10am - 4pm
Wed 10th 10am - 4pm
Monday 15th 2pm - 8pm (last day 2014 sales)

Layby now collect 2015.

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Netball Movie Fundraiser

The Hunger Games MockingJay Part 1.
(Classificator TBA)

Thursday
20th November
6.30pm
CMAX Cinemas Devonport
$16 per ticket includes prizes
Tickets available from PE office

Remembrance Day

Tom Maher-Wilesmith and Zac Cox with Zac’s grandfather Vernon Cox at the Devonport Cenotaph for Remembrance day.
The NW High School Basketball Championships hosted by the Ulverstone Basketball Association earlier this term on Saturday October 25th and Sunday October 26th at the following venues; Devonport Recreation Centre, Ulverstone Recreation Centre and East Devonport Recreation Centre. St Brendan-Shaw College entered a total of eleven teams in the tournament, catering for 85 of our students.

The tournament provided a wonderful opportunity for a diverse range of students to enjoy the benefits of participating in a team environment and competing against other teams from across the North West Coast. Of the eleven teams that entered the tournament three made it to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final Results for SBSC teams are as follows:

Senior Girls Div1: Marist def SBSC
Senior Boys Div1: Burnie High School def SBSC
Senior Boys Div2: SBSC3 def Latrobe High School

The SBSC3 Senior Boys Division 2 team which consisted of Seth Bramich, Luc Elstone, Joseph Lynd, Aaron Lyons, Giacomo Millucci, Adam Ridgway, Jakob Smith and Dominic Smith were able to win all four of their games taking out an extremely tight fought Grand final over Latrobe High School. Well done to all the boys involved as well as their coach, Mrs. Penny Smith and Manager, Mrs. Marsha Lynd. Division one teams are eligible, if they finish top three, to participate in the Tasmanian High School Basketball Championships which are held at the Kingborough Basketball Stadium on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November. All SBSC Division 1 teams qualified for this event. We wish them good luck and a smooth preparation for this tournament. There were a significant number of people who contributed to the success of the weekend and without their efforts our participation would not be viable. The coaches and managers:

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On behalf of the College I extend a sincere thanks to all and look forward to your continued support in the future. I know the players are extremely grateful for the time that was enthusiastically given and your efforts and expertise are a tremendous asset to the College. Also significant contributions were made by a range of other people who fulfilled bench duty required for each game, this and was shared by many parents throughout the tournament. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the efforts of Mr Braden van Buuren (Gym Trainee) who put in countless hours assisting me and organising equipment and registrations – Thanks Braden!

Mr Adam Aherne
Basketball Coordinator
Year 7 Connections Day

The day started off in the Genesis centre. We split up into our core classes and had to walk in straight lines all the way down to the basketball courts, the winner not having to run to the scoreboard and back. Sadly, 7B lost, so we were first off on our run followed by the other losers. Led by Mr Lenton, we played games with the other classes until the recess bell went.

When we returned after recess, we grabbed ourselves a partner and rushed around the school following QR Code clues with our trusty iPads. Sadly, we ran out of time to complete it so the chance of winning the chocolate was lost for my partner and I. We split up into random groups and headed into separate classrooms. People in mine started panicking that these were the core classes for next year. Lucky for them, they weren't.

Lunch arrived quickly and we rushed off to grab a snack off the barbie provided by the House Councillors.

After our delicious lunch, we split up in our house groups lead by our house head. We played games to get to know each other better and earned chocolate in the meantime. The boys started inventing new things in common with each other just to get a treat. Other groups did other activities such as cooking Mars bar slices.

The day finally came to an end and we said our farewells for the time being to our newly found friends. It was a fun day and was a great experience meeting new and interesting people.

Maggie O'Leary
Year 7

Year 9/10 Drama Class

Rehearsals for a show entitled BOUNCE, based on the pastoral care theme of the six elements of resilience.
Art Excursion

Year 9 and 10

Devonport Art Gallery

Senior Secondary art exhibition 2014

Leap into the future

Viewing of the exhibition from 12-14 November by appointment (03) 64 247 622
Every parent wants their children to grow up with a healthy and open attitude to their sexuality. You can support this by being able to identify, understand and respond to your children’s sexual behaviours.

Displays of any form of sexual behaviour in a child or young person can be highly confronting for a parent.

It’s important to understand that some level of sexual behaviour — which includes everything from questions about sexuality and relationships to touching and fondling — is quite normal, even from quite young ages. Most sexual behaviours are simply expressions of a natural interest in sexuality.

However, that doesn’t mean that all of these behaviours are normal or healthy.

Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) has put together a clear guide to managing sexual behaviours in children and young people.

There are three steps involved in management of these behaviours:

1. **Identify**: Many factors can affect the behaviours exhibited by a particular child, so it’s important to consider the child’s context, including their social and family situation and the culture in which they have been brought up.

2. **Understand**: The same applies to a sexual behaviour as any other behaviour in a child or young person: it is a reflection of their needs or wants. Often, when language and social skills are still nascent, ‘acting out’ is the only way a child can express themselves.

Understanding a sexual behaviour means trying to get behind what is driving that behaviour. Is it an unsatisfied curiosity, boredom, challenging relationships? Could it be something more serious, such as an indication of abuse or neglect?

3. **Respond**: All sexual behaviours exhibited by a child or young person deserve some sort of action and support — ignoring is not a response.

‘Normal’ (green) behaviours provide an opening to talk, to explain and to provide support if needed. ‘Beyond normal’ (orange) behaviours will often need more intervention, including ongoing monitoring. This could include supervision during times of risk, making stricter rules or removing the child from a potentially harmful situation.

‘Harmful’ (red) behaviours require an immediate and proactive response that protects the child and any others who may be in danger.

A pre-emptive response to sexual behavioural problems is education. It can take place at any age, and can be one-on-one with a parent or in a classroom situation.