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# Under the Sea



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# Principal's Report...

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

With the holidays fast approaching it is timely to make students aware of the **potential risks** they face irrespective of age.

**Stranger Danger** – whilst we are lucky to live in a community where most people know each other I would like to remind all students and in particular our younger children it is not appropriate to accept a “lift” in a motor vehicle or be walked home by any person you do not know. For our older students, *parties* have become fairly common practice – please ensure appropriate supervision is on site and it may be sensible to advise Tasmania Police of your intentions. Finally I urge all students to wear *safety equipment* [life jackets, helmets etc] as the weather allows us all to get involved in outdoor recreational activities.

It would appear that the primary building project, funded through the **Building Education Revolution** initiative is about to get underway. The P/I terrapin is due for removal by the end of the week. The plan is to replace this room with a new double building, construct a covered deck with independent access to each room along the front of the primary block and then complete the flexible learning areas on the southern side. An exiting time certainly awaits us!

Thank you to the families who attended **parent-teacher meetings**. Feedback was most positive and this partnership can only support student learning outcomes. Please remember that should you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact me and a meeting will be arranged so as to address the issue. For students who participated in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 national testing in literacy and numeracy [NAPLAN] information will be available in the first week of Term 3.

Similarly I would like to thank the many community members who have willingly given up their time to participate in our **mock interview programme**. This is an invaluable part of our Grade 10 Pathways Programme and provides wonderful authentic learning opportunities.

Nic Wardlaw and Eliza Spykers have again kindly offered to coordinate the **East Coast choir**. Teachers are currently putting the programme together and rehearsals have been scheduled for Term 3 along with a number of public performances. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for many of our Grade 3 – 6 students to perform with their peers, from other schools, in our cluster. I hope the choir can be a key part of our end of year Presentation Assembly.

**Mr Ennis and Miss Hickey** are about to embark on extended leave for the duration of Term 3. We wish them both well and trust they return in good health in 2010!! A letter will be forwarded to parents advising them of staffing arrangements for Term 3.

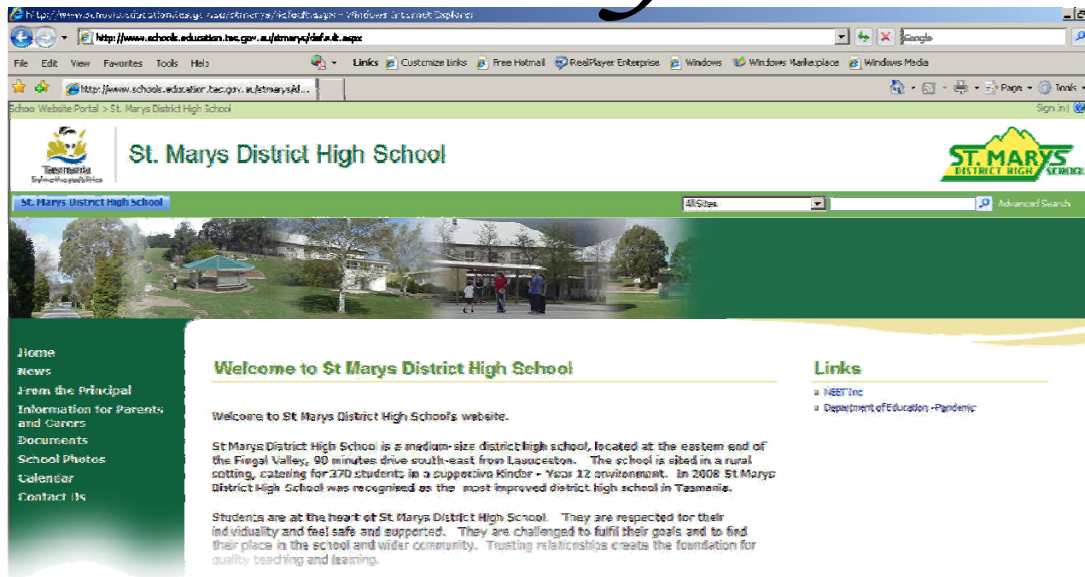
Finally, on behalf of the entire school community may I extend my deepest condolences to Alison, Victoria, Edward and Henry Napier? Alan was a strong supporter of the school and his presence at sleepovers and school excursions to the family property will be sadly missed.

Regards,

*Brian Shephard*



# Introducing School Website



Our school now has a new website that is up and running, some of you may have already had the opportunity to use it during the recent floods and school closure.

Features we have added include:

- Announcements (located at the bottom of the HOME Page)
- Calendar—where we will aim to list upcoming events and attach notices to these dates where possible.
- Photos of facilities, information handbooks, subject brochures.

We hope to include more content as we continue to develop the site and will soon be adding historical publications such as old magazines.

If you have any suggestions for the site, please let us know.

<http://www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/stmarys/default.aspx>

## ST JOHN AMBULANCE CPR COURSES

St John Ambulance CPR courses with Roxy Cowie will be held on:

**Monday 21st September**

**At St Marys District High School**

*People who have not attended previous CPR courses are required to enrol in the 2.5 hour session, while regular participants only need to attend one of the other sessions.*

**Cost for this course is \$40.00  
and certificates are valid for 12 months.**

**Bookings and Payment must be made  
directly with St John Ambulance.**

**Please contact St John Ambulance on  
1300 360 455  
to book and pay for your preferred session.**

### Session Times:

- 11.00 - 1.30pm (for people who have not attended previous CPR courses)
- 2.30 - 4.00pm
- 5.00 - 7.00pm



## ***Rosny College Orientation***

On July the 17<sup>th</sup>, Sally Johnson got out of bed at 5am!!

Why you ask?

She was heading to pick up four grade 10 students from the coast to take them to the Rosny College Orientation Day in Hobart.

Sophie Bourke, Kaitlyn Quinn, Rebecca Mitchell and Shannon Ross-kelly all piled into the car, one after the other and turned the heater on full blast as it was -5 degrees outside!

The CD pile was raided and the best of the Nineties was pulled out (much to Sally's dismay) and it was a non stop sing-a-long to the next McDonalds...!

After breakfast at Macca's they travelled the rest of the way to Hobart. Being St Marys, we had to make an entrance by being fifteen minutes late. The college students were not on campus so all of the high schools were thrown in together.

The students picked three subjects to study throughout the day.

It was a fantastic day. The students got to meet the teachers and other students from around the state.

Thanks Sally, for sacrificing your beauty sleep and giving us this educational, entertaining and very helpful opportunity.

Written by Shannon Rosskelly



## ***Launceston College Orientation***



On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 25 grade 10 students went to Launceston College for an orientation day organized by the college.

Each student got to pick 4 subjects that interested them. There was Life and Physical Science, Photography, Maths, English and many more.

The College had friendly students on site to help us around the stair filled buildings; at midday we all met in the Hall to collect information on future classes and got to talk to possible future teachers.

The cafeteria at the college was full of hot and cold food and drinks and it was great to hear the college band play while we ate. All round it was a great day and helped us with decisions and choices for next year.



# PORTRAITURE EXHIBITION

Below are the Portraits by Ellis Johns and Zoe Greenfield that were sent to the Portrait Exhibition held on Wednesday 6th July at the Newstead College .

Zoe won the packers prize which was judged by the artists present at the exhibition. She received a voucher for artist supplies at Philcam in Launceston and Jodie Campbell asked to purchase her picture.



Portrait by Zoe Greenfield



Zoe with Jodie Campbell



Ellis with Jodie Campbell



Portrait by Ellis Johns

## THE FISHING TRIP

There was a young man and his name was Brody, he was his mother's pride  
His father's eldest son, he stood just under 6ft high.

Brody loved his fishing and went just about every day but one afternoon Brody had an accident.

In '09, Brody and his mates went on a fishing trip and had an awful flip.  
Brody and his mates were about 3 miles off shore,  
They only had a 10ft dinghy and one oar!  
A hole sprung up from the deck,  
Andrew grabbed a bucket and started throwing water over the side.

Peter's face was in horror; Andrew started screaming "shark!"  
We all looked at each other.  
It was if the world stood still for a minute.  
We saw the fin circling the dinghy.  
Brody was shaking.  
The wind started howling even louder,  
The gusts were coming in at 90kmh.  
The dinghy was like a sheet flapping in the wind.

Brody's mum had reported them missing,  
Two days ago.  
The local cops had been looking for them ever since they flipped.  
A local fisherman said he had seen flares going off.  
Just as the search team were about to go, a crew member screamed  
"Stop"  
They found Brody alive.  
Peter and Andrew were lost forever.

By Brody Gamble.

*Some fine work. Brody re-shaped a story about himself into verse, taking particular note of line length to promote emphasis of meaning.*





## Natural Resource Activities 2009

Date / Time	Event	Where	Contact
Sun Aug 16 9.00-12.00	Binalong Bay Foreshore Weeding	Binalong Bay Car Park	Alison Hugo/0488 677 727
Sun Aug 30 9.30-12.00	Restore Skyline Tier	Skyline Tier Beaumaris	Todd Dudley / 63761049
Sun Sept 06 9.00-12.00	Friends of Bay of Fires working bee	Binalong Bay Car Park	Wayne Linton / 63768324
Sun Sept 13-10.00-1.00	Sea Spurge Training Session	Bicheno	Polly Buchhorn / 0447 312 448
Sat Oct 03 9.00-4.00	Bushland Management workshop	Scamander	Alison Hugo / 0488 677 727
Sun Oct 4 2.00-4.00	St Mary's Rivulet gorse working bee	St Mary's Rivulet	Frank Giles / 0419 372 192
Sun Oct 25 9.30-12.00	Restore Skyline Tier	Skyline Tier Beaumaris	Todd Dudley / 63761049
<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>			
Monthly First Sunday 9-12	Friends of Bay of Fires Working Bee	Binalong Bay	Wayne Linton / 63768324
Monthly Tuesday 9-12	Georges Bay Water Monitoring Group	Georges Bay	Alison Hugo / 0488 677 727
Every Wednesday 9-12	Wombat Landscaping Group	St Mary's Rivulet	Robina Balzer / 63722022
Every Wed/Thurs 9-12	Restore Skyline Tier	Skyline Tier Beaumaris	Todd Dudley / 63761049
Monthly	TASMARC Shoreline monitoring	Four Mile Creek	Mike Walsh / 0400773396
Monthly	TASMARC Shoreline monitoring	Binalong Bay Beach	St Helens High / 63 767100
Quarterly	Understorey Network Field Trips	Break O'Day Region	Alison Hugo / 0488 677 727

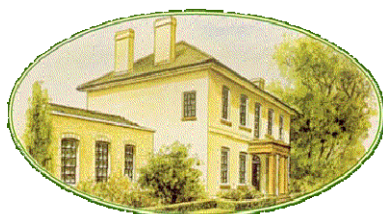
WANT TO AUDITION FOR THE WORLD'S BIGGEST STAGE?

## Start playing Aviva Tennis Hot Shots now!

With our modified balls and courts we guarantee it will be easy and fun.

**Aviva Tennis Hot Shots Camp – Ages 5 to 12 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 – 8.45am to 12.15 pm**

Register at the St Helens School Courts on Monday from 8.30 am. Cost \$35.  
Fun games on the Monday. Tuesday: Aviva Tennis Hot Shots Challenge. 12pm sausage sizzle and presentations. Enquiries phone Harry 0409 036 245



### Franklin House School Holiday Program

#### What did children do in the 1800s?

No television, no movies or computer games. What did children do to have fun and play in the 1800s?

Come and spend a morning at Franklin House, where you will have the opportunity to step back in time and experience a range of activities including outdoor games such as horse-shoe throwing and playing quoits, and inside activities such as making corn dollies or kites.

This session is organised for children from 6 – 10 years of age. They will be supervised by experienced teachers. Children will need to bring their morning tea.

**When:** Tuesday 15th September

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**Where:** Franklin House  
413 Hobart Road,  
Youngtown, Launceston

**Cost:** \$10.00 per child

Bookings are essential.

Contact Hilary Keeley  
at Franklin House  
on 6344 7824



## Launceston College

Parent Information Evening

**Tuesday  
22nd September**

Scamander  
Beach Resort

6.30pm



## Vacation Care at Bicheno for September School Holidays

**Bookings are now open for this  
fun filled program for  
5 to 12 year olds  
8.00am - 5.30pm  
(from Thurs 10th - Wed 16th Sept)  
for enquiries contact  
Northern Children's Network  
on 6341 1555  
or email [enquiries@ncn.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ncn.org.au)**

★★ Bookings need  
to be received by  
August 17th★★

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## SCHOOL CANTEEN HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help out in the School Canteen on a volunteer basis please contact either Cate Deak or Barry LeFevre on 6372 3900.

We really need your help - particularly between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

## ST. HELENS SEA SCOUTS

### FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**AT THE SEA SCOUT HALL ST. HELENS  
POINT ROAD**

**COMMENCING AT 12 NOON**

There will be a Sausage Sizzle, Garage Sale, White Elephant Stall, Car Wash and demonstrations of activities by the Sea Scouts. Movies and photographs of past activities will be shown. It is expected that this function will finish no later than 4pm.

The Sea Scouts are extremely anxious to recruit new members. The age group is 10 ½ to 14 ½. Membership is open to both girls and boys. Young people are especially welcome on the day.

**COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!!!!!!**

Sea Scouts learn lots of skills. Some of them are:- sailing, rowing, canoeing, bush-cooking, bush-craft, camp-craft, land-care, first aid and even astronomy! You will learn about team-work, responsibility and leadership.

**DONATIONS** of saleable goods are extremely welcome, however, if you would prefer to **SELL** your items, we shall endeavour to do this for you. A commission of 20% will apply!

All items for the garage sale and white elephant stall must be delivered to the **SEA SCOUT HALL BETWEEN 10AM. AND 11AM. ON THE SATURDAY MORNING.** If you have **LARGER ITEMS** please ring the numbers listed below to arrange for pick up. This will need to be done some days before the Fundraiser.

Clearly mark the price on each item. You will be required to sign the "For Sale Book" and provide your name, phone number, description of item[s] and price. **All unsold items will need to be collected by 5pm. that day.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
ANNETTE 6376 2256 OR FIONA 6376 1328. EMAIL:  
[amse@bigpond.com](mailto:amse@bigpond.com)**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!**





# CLASS OF 94 REUNION

*It's been 15 years since we all went our separate ways,  
so let's get together and catch up on old times.*

**DATE:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

**WHERE:** Commercial Hotel Beer Garden,  
Cnr George & Cimitiere Streets, Launceston

**TIME:** From 6 pm  
Tables reserved for those wanting to order meals,  
or come along anytime for a drink.

*Never before have so many done so little for so long....*

RSVP: Not essential but would be appreciated  
kimale78@yahoo.com.au or 0408 002 805

## Oral Health Services

The St Marys Dental Van is open every week on Mondays and Tuesdays. You can organise appointments for your children by calling the staff at the dental van on Mondays and Tuesday on 63722488

If your child is unable to attend an appointment it would be appreciated if you could call the staff at the dental van before the appointment so that it can be rescheduled. This will enable the staff to use this time to see another child.

Parents and guardians should note that dental staff can not arrange for children to be called from class for appointments.

There are some days throughout the remainder of the year when the van will not be open and where possible an alternative opening day has been made available. These days are listed below:

Closed	Alternative opening days
Monday 21/9/2009	
Monday 28/9/09	
Tuesday 29/9/09	
Monday 19/10/09	
Tuesday 20/10/09	
Monday 26/10/09	
Tuesday 27/10/09	
Monday 2/11/09	Wednesday 4/11/09
Tuesday 3/11/09	Thursday 5/11/09

For any Dental Emergencies when the dental van is closed please call the St Helens Dental Clinic, St Helens on 63765208 or the Northern Dental Centre, Launceston on 63364100.

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug ↳ Cultural Performance.
31 Aug	1 Sept	2 Sept	3 Sept ↳ Dance Day - St Helens ↳ ENE Cricket Trials	4 Sept ↳ <b>END TERM 2</b>
<b>School Holidays 7th - 18th Sept</b>				
21 Sept ↳ <b>BEGIN TERM 3</b>	22 Sept	23 Sept	24 Sept	25 Sept