From The College Leadership Team

Brendan Keilar, the hero who was shot in his attempt to rescue the young woman being attacked in the city last week, was a former student of the Christian Brothers. I had the pleasure of teaching him in his VCE years at CBC Warrnambool in 1980-81. He was a true all-rounder - an excellent student, talented sportsman and person of the highest integrity. Too often we see the best taken all too soon. Let us remember Brendan, his wife Alice and their family in our prayers.

Frank FitzGerald

The final weeks of Term are always busy with activities such as the Year 12 Reflection Day, Discere Presentation Night, ACC finals, Year 7 Music Concert, exams and a new time for The Strand Parent Interviews. Our thanks go to the staff who worked hard to organize these events and help them be a successful experience for the students.

Advance notice to all The Strand parents that the term ends for The Strand students on Thursday, June 28 at lunchtime (12:40pm) as Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 2.00pm on Thursday and Friday morning, June 29, 2007.

We commend the many staff and students who will be braving the elements to live in the "The Cage" here at SBC on June 23/22 to highlight the difficulties of those who live at the margins. This will take place in the middle of winter and the participants have undertaken to do this without food for the duration of the experience. This is a high profile activity that we hope will both educate others in the school community as well as raise funds for the charities we are supporting.

We wish to congratulate members of our community on some significant events in recent weeks:
- The safe arrival of the 3rd son Luke Xavier born June 19 to Ross and Angela Klancic
- To Darcy Daniher and Ashley Arrowsmith of Year 12 and James Polkinghorne and Luke Cattapan of Year 12 2006 on their selection in the Vic Metro TAC team.
- Staff members and students of our Music Department who won awards at the recent National Bands competition in Canberra.

This is the final newsletter for what has been another busy term and semester. We hope and pray that the holidays will provide an opportunity for rest and relaxation. Please note that school resumes for students on Tuesday, July 17 - there is a professional development day for staff on July 16.

Frank FitzGerald, John McKenna, Nick Scully, Caroline Sheehan, Bruce Wallace, Brendan Douglas

Please remember in your prayers
Irene beloved 'babcia' of Peter '03 and Andrew '06 Zeigler
May She Rest in Peace

Edmund Rice Network News/ Justice Issues

Expanding the focus of 'Project Kenya'

With the visit of Br. Russell Peters to the College in recent weeks, St. Bernard’s has been given the opportunity to expand our African focus to include a small struggling secondary school in Uganda, called St. Bernard’s, Mannya. Br. Russell is delighted that we feel we can support both Br. Beausang School and St. Bernard’s as he is able to ensure any funds we raise will go straight to this school. Brother spoke to the whole school assembly on June 6 and made a number of key points:
- about 2/3rds of the students in the Mannya area, including St. Bernard’s, are orphans, their parents having died from aids and most cared for by grandparents. Most of these find it impossible to pay school fees.
- At the end of 2006, there was a severe drought which resulted in widespread famine; this pushed many families to discontinue sending children to school
- For boys a desperate search for survival in a time of high unemployment but even worse for girls who are often married off as young as 14 because their families can no longer support them.

The school has no electricity, and furnishings and equipment are less than basic so we made a commitment to Br. Russell, who lives in the community with Br. Collins, that we would include the school in our fundraising efforts. Like Beausang, the primary need is for student sponsorship so the poor can stay at school. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor for a child there, please contact me on jmckenna@sbc.melb.catholic.edu.au

Our College website will be updated soon to include information about St. Bernard’s, Mannya.

Parent & Board News

College Board

The Board have noted the feedback regarding its in principle decision to look at enrolling girls in VCE at St Bernard’s. When feedback to this topic was first invited via our newsletter late in 2006 there was very little response. Given the latest discussion, the Board is keen to reconsider the matter in the light of your more recent responses. An important learning experience for all of us with this, is for families to provide responses when first invited to do so, rather than hold back until the matter has moved forward.

College Foundation

In a new initiative, the Foundation is seeking to launch a program that recognises those individuals who have achieved outstanding success in a variety of fields including service, community, business, the arts and sport. It also aims to have an annual function whereby a small number of old collegians as well as former staff and members of the college community will be inducted into our new Hall of Fame. This category will be reserved for those who have made an outstanding contribution, and will be inducted in an annual dinner where their exceptional work will be acknowledged.

Men’s Association Activities

Thank you to the dads and sons who turned up for the film night on Wednesday, June 14. It was a chilly night in the Auditorium, James Bond saved the day yet again. Our next event is a 10 pin bowling night at Highpoint Bowl in the first weeks of Term 3. Keep your eyes on the Daily Bulletin for further details.

Ladies and Friends Auxiliary

Next meeting will be held on June 27, 2007 at 9:30am, in the Pavilion. Everyone welcome!
Parents and Friends Auxiliary
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:30pm in O'Briens Hall.

General News
Notice to all The Strand Parents:
- Semester 1 reports will be given to The Strand students on Monday, June 25.
- Students already have the booking sheet for Parent/Teacher interviews.
- Parent/Teacher interviews are on Thursday, June 28 from 2:00pm-8:00pm and Friday, June 29 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.
- Classes finish for the semester for The Strand students on Thursday, June 28 at 12:40pm.
- School begins for Term 3 on Tuesday, July 17.

Notice to all Year 8 Parents:
You should have received in the mail, an invitation for dads and sons to attend an Introductory/Information night on the ‘Between Fathers and Sons’ program. This first session is in O'Brien Hall on Wednesday, July 25, 2007.

Year 10 looking towards VCE
Year 11, 2008 Subject Selection will occur in week 3 of Term 3. An information session for students will be held on Monday, July 30. On Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 the parent information session will be held in the Auditorium (students are encouraged to attend with parents). In addition, we expect that all information regarding subject selection will be available on the school website by Friday, July 27. Subject selection is completed via the website on a secure web page.

An article in Student Sport – June 19-25, 2007
by Erin Byrnes

Super St. Bernard’s
ST BERNARD’S lifted the ACC Year 9 hockey championship trophy last week, after easily accounting for De La Salle in the grand final 4-0.

St Bernard’s got on top early with some aggressive play, and were never really threatened after that.

De La Salle controlled the ball for much of the second half, but were unable to break through the solid St Bernard’s defence, consistently losing the ball at the halfway line.

The two were the dominant teams of the competition, with St Bernard’s undefeated and De La Salle losing only to the eventual premiers.

In the other playoffs, in an exciting tussle, Mazenod defeated Whitefriars 4-3 for third place, while Salesian beat Parade 4-1 for fifth.

In an impressive spread of success, six schools have so far won premierships across three sports, with Year 7, 8 and senior grand finals still to be played this week.

In the senior section, Whitefriars have the chance to snare three premierships in two sports.

The hockey team take on CBC St Kilda in the grand final, while both basketball sides will line up in their respective grand finals.

ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents Program
Do you wish you could understand your child or teenager? Do you wish they could understand you?

Moonee Valley City Council is running a free five week course to help you learn how to communicate and enhance your relationship with your adolescent children. The five week course will help parents understand the challenges of being a young person, and will focus on the challenges of parenting a young person. The course focuses on parents of 10-14 year olds.

When: Wednesday nights, 15 August – 12 September
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Where: Flemington Community Centre, 25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

For more information, or to register please phone Liz Alexander on 9243 8714.

Bye Bye Birdie - 2007 Musical
Tickets on sale now!

Evening Shows: August 9th, 10th, 11th and 16th, 17th and 18th
Ticket order forms are available at St. Bernard’s College front office or contact St Columba’s College on 9331 9121 or download a ticket order form from St Columba’s Website: www.columba.vic.edu.au

DAV Debating
The A Grade debating team remains undefeated after the fourth of five debates for 2007. Chris Keppel, Tim FitzGerald, Nathan Damiatis and Justin Neagle have been keen debaters since Year 9 and their skills have improved each year.

The boys are particularly good at ‘secret topic’ debates and have been able to convince the adjudicator that the Australian Cricket team should not tour Zimbabwe and that the Australian Government should make an apology to Indigenous Australians. The boys have been able to prepare coherent, convincing arguments with one hour’s notice and present these arguments with clarity and conviction.

We wish them all the best for the next debate on July 23.

Hockey Results
Metro West 3 SBC 4 v RMIT 0
Goals: Garth 3; Angleton

Metro West 4 SBC 4 v Latrobe Uni 2
Goals: Jory 2; Cahir; Smith

U17PN SBC 2 v Essendon 0
Goals: Cahir; Moreira

U17N SBC 13 v Brunswick 0
Goals: E. Skidmore 1, J. Moors 1, L. Bevanda 5, A. Salanowski 2, T. Freeman 3 and E. Smith 1.

U15PA SBC 3 v Geelong 3
Goals: Simon Spinozzi 1, Jack Gay 1, Tim McSweeney 1

U15N SBC 1 v Loyola 0
Goals: L. Doran

U13PN SBC 10 v Powerhouse 0
Goals: Wade 4; Hemala 4; Farrant; Sabato

U13N SBC 7 v Hawthorn 0
Goals: Ben Borelli 1; Elliot Morton 1; Josh Purcell 1; Cameron Vella 2; Callum Webster 2

UNIFORM SHOP
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be opened in the first week of Term 3. If you require any items please place your order before the end of Term 2. Uniform Shop will reopen on July 23, 2007.