From The College Leadership Team
This week, there were two opportunities for us to pause and reflect on those who have passed away and who hold a special place in our memories. On Saturday morning, we had one of the largest gatherings ever to celebrate mass for past students and staff members who formed part of our community. On Tuesday, the school gathered to remember those who had fallen in battle while serving their country. Ms Sheehan spoke at the assembly of her experiences early this year when she toured shrines and cemeteries on the Western Front. Let us forget.

- Planning is well underway for 2009. We have all but completed our staffing and student subject selections have been finalised. The Year 12 classes for 2009, will in fact, begin in the final week of November and run over the 2 weeks. This early start proved to be very beneficial when trialled last year. We will also have orientation sessions this year for other year levels.
- We are completing formal assessment for all year levels at the moment. While educational debate ranges over what is appropriate assessment, we have found that starting students at Year 7 with formal exams is beneficial in assisting them gain skills, in this method of assessment, so that when they approach VCE exams they are well used to the procedures.
- During the week, we hosted the ACC Years 7 & 8 Debating and Public Speaking competition. The standard of debating was very high and we congratulate all who took part in the day and thank Mr Nunan and the other teachers who assisted with organization and coaching the teams.

Important Coming Events: Academic Awards Presentations
We would ask that you make note of the following events in your diary.

The Academic Awards presentation for Unit 3/4 subjects will be held on Monday, December 15 at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, and it will be combined with the Top Ten evening. This change in scheduling allows us to showcase some of our best academic performers.

The Academic Awards for 2008 Year 10 students and VCE Unit 1/2 subjects will take place at an Academic Assembly on March 4, 2009 at 10:30am (time tbc). More information will be available in 2009.

The Strand Academic Awards assemblies for 2008 will be held on Thursday, December 11 in the Gym, with Year 7 beginning at 7:00pm, Year 8 at 7:45pm and Year 9 at 8:30pm. Students who are scheduled to receive an award will receive a letter in the days prior to this event.

Please remember in your prayers
Mrs. Jeaniee McCoy – Grandmother of Kevin McCoy ’04 Mother of Gerard McCoy ’75 and Hugh McCoy ’76
May She Rest in Peace

Edmund Rice Network News/Justice Issues
Some short reflections on our current financial crisis.....

UN Head seeks Crisis Aid for Poor
United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called for drastic measures to protect developing countries against the global financial crisis. He said central banks and the IMF might have to set up major credit lines to help poorer nations meet emergencies. **BC News, October 25, 2008**

The real tragedy of this financial crisis is that people will die. The harsh reality of the economic fallout isn’t that Joe the plumber can’t buy his business or that people’s retirement funds are being lost or that unemployment is rising; the harsh reality is that people will die. **MarketWatch, October 23, 2008**

"In these times of crisis, when we are tempted to look inward, it is precisely the time when we must move pursuit of the common good to the top of the agenda. Global solidarity is necessary and in the interest of all. Pursuing the common good will require addressing a set of global challenges that hold the key to our common future. I would like to highlight five issues: ensuring global financial stability as an intentional first step toward prosperity for all people; addressing climate change; advancing global health; countering terrorism; and ensuring non-proliferation and disarmament." **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, October 21, 2008**

Our own ‘Project Africa’ supporting the Christian Brothers work in Nairobi and Uganda, continues to grow with more good people signing up to sponsor children in schools for 2009. If you are keen to join this project, just let us know by email (jmckenna@sbc.vic.edu.au) and a form can be sent to you. Their school year in Africa ends in a few weeks and they start again in early January, so now is the time a sponsorship commitment for 2009. Perhaps a great idea as a Christmas present for a child less fortunate from one family to another? Applications for an ‘African Immersion’ experience, in the July holidays next year, are also being taken now. This is a two week experience in July, working at the school and clinic in Nairobi. More information in coming Newsletters but contact Mr. Bruce Wallace at the College on 9289 1101 if interested.

Parent & Board News

Board Vacancies
We have two vacancies on the College Board and invite interested parents to apply to fill these. The Board meets around 9 times a year on the fourth Monday of the month during the school terms. Expressions of interest should be sent to lzammit@sbc.vic.edu.au.

Building Committee
Among the reports were details of our upgrade of the Hilbert Oval and new irrigation facility. Our bore is producing 10 litres a second that with desalination treatment produces beautiful clear water. Eventually, we will build a holding tank at the top corner of the property, to ensure that the whole site will get year around irrigation. Meanwhile, the contractors have levelled the oval and are completing their planting of the couch sprigs. We should see the green tinge grow steadily later in the month and have a first rate facility available for use during Term 1 in 2009.
General News

Booklists and Second Hand Book Sale
Booklists for Years 11 and 12 2009 students, along with a flyer related to the second hand book sale have already been distributed.

Booklists for students entering Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2009 will be given out to students in the next few weeks.

For your information, the date for SECOND HAND BOOK SALE is TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 (6:00pm - 7:00pm) in the College Gymnasium.

If any parents have questions related to booklists or second hand book sale please contact Mr.John Nocci, College Deputy Registrar on 9 289 1103.

Notice To Parents Of Current Years 10 and 11 Students
From Monday, November 24 to Wednesday, December 3, students who will be undertaking Year 12 subjects (Units 3 & 4) in 2009 will be required to attend classes, in all of their selected subjects. Attendance is compulsory.

Formal work in the Unit 3 curriculum will be introduced and developed and some subjects may introduce assessment tasks.

We hope this information will assist you in your planning for end of year family activities and/or for your sons’ holiday employment options.

Carol Iannazzo & Chris Knauf, Year 11 Co-ordinators

Sun & Surf & A Helping Hand
It’s all about the beach.....
If you are interested in becoming a surf life-saver, and a member of one of the most well established surf life-saving clubs in Victoria, check the information about the upcoming Surf Bronze Camp at Jan Juc Surf Life-Saving Club.

You will need to be at least 15 years of age to qualify for a Surf Bronze Medallion.

The camp runs from December 13–21, with accommodation at the Jan Juc clubrooms and full-time supervision.

As well as your Bronze Medallion, you will gain a Certificate 11 in Public Safety, a nationally accredited VET course and the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, a nationally recognised award under the Surf Life-Saving Australia award structure.

The Co-ordinator of the camp is St Bernard’s Old Collegian, Luke Van Meel, who is the Instruction & Examination Manager at Jan Juc SLSC.

St Bernard’s has had many students complete this qualification and who now patrol the beach at Jan Juc and compete in surf carnivals.

The deadline for applications is near, so for further information, contact Luke Van Meel on mobile 0423 262 720 or email lukevanmeel@hotmail.com or find out more about the club on its official website: www.janjucsurfclub.com.au

Carol Iannazzo

Job For Year 12 Student
Any Year 12 student interested in working with a well regarded local surveying firm, as a surveyors assistant, to call David Rosel ASAP 9289 1159.

Music News
As we approach the end of the year, we prepare for the final Year 7 concert for 2008. This concert will be held on the evening of November 27 at 7:30pm in the College Auditorium. All students in Year 7E, F, G, and H will be performing. Student performers are to wear full summer uniform. We will also have performances from the Honours Band, Junior Band and Intermediate Band. Intermediate Band members are to wear all black as per the Band Uniform.

Entry to the concert is $5 per individual and $15 per family. Supper will be provided at intermission and there will be several door prizes awarded on the night. As a further fantastic initiative from the Friends of Music, 8 scholarship nominees will be presented at the concert and a recipient of this scholarship will be announced. The recipient of the Friends of Music Scholarship will be in the form of free music tuition on one instrument for the duration of 2009.

Overdue notifications: Please note that the expression of interest form for participation in the 2009 National Eisteddfod in Canberra is now well overdue.

Notification of cancelling private music lessons at the end of 2008 is likewise overdue. All students in private music lessons will be automatically re-enrolled for music lessons in 2009. Failure to cancel lessons in a timely manner will result in enrolment for Term 1 2009.

School-owned musical instruments - Any student in possession of a school-owned musical instrument are reminded that all school instruments are required to be returned to the music department, no later than the morning of Friday, November 28. We appreciate full co-operation in this matter so that maintenance and inventory can run smoothly.

Mr C Puglisi, Director of Music

Cultural Influences on the Eating Behaviours of Italian & Chinese Adolescents
Students of Italian and Chinese backgrounds (1st, 2nd or 3rd generations) are invited to take part in a study conducted by Maree Ortika, PhD student at Deakin University. Students will have to complete an online survey at 2 separate intervals (2 weeks apart) relating to their cultural beliefs, values and traditions and the kinds of food they eat. Surveys can be completed at school or at home by the time specified by the researcher. All participants will go into the draw to win movie vouchers as a token of appreciation for their involvement. Please ask your son to collect an instruction form from the campus office or email Maree on marino@deakin.edu.au or contact Mr Samanna at the College.

John Samanna, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Please visit our website on a daily basis for important announcements on:

- Student Resources;
- Ministry;
- Coming Events;
- Sporting Results and Reports;
- Class Activities and
- Performing Arts

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