From The College Leadership Team

The end of the academic year sees us congratulating those students who have done exceptionally well with their studies over the year. In particular, we congratulate the following who received their awards at recent presentation nights:

2008 College Dux — David Ireland [enter 99.7] and the remainder of the 2008 Top 10:
- Ryan Capron [99.6]
- William McCorkell [99.3]
- Joel Greaney [99.15]
- Andrew Hruszowski [98.85]
- Damian Cribbin [98.1]
- Mark Sberna [98.05]
- Sam Dariol [97.7]
- John Rayner [97.7]
- Paul Gianisiracusa [97.1]

We also acknowledge those students who achieved study scores/scaled study scores of 50:
- Damian Cribbin [Economics]
- Michael Zammit [Maths Methods]
- Ryan Capron [Specialist Maths — scaled]
- David Ireland [Specialist Maths — scaled]
- Joel Greaney [Specialist Maths — scaled]
- David Ireland [Phys Ed]
- Damian Cribbin [Phys Ed]
- Andrew Hruszowski [Art]
- Year 9 Dux Bernard Kelly
- Edmund Rice Award Laytn Smith
- Year 8 Dux Xavier De Bruyn
- Edmund Rice Award Brenten Larsen
- Year 7 Dux Michael Katiforis
- Edmund Rice Award Adrian Lo Monaco

Students in Years 10 and 11 will have their main awards announced at the opening Whole School Assembly in 2009.

We farewell a number of staff who are leaving us and who have made a significant contribution to our College: Alison Roberts, Dianne Winbanks, Nick Fitzpatrick, Matthew Goodridge-Kelly, Adam Grima, Melanie Hunter, Scott Lucas, David McLeod, Adrian McSweeney, Tom O’Connor, Ken Smith, Ben Sutcliffe and Zufang Zhang. We thank them for all that they have done for SBC and wish them well in their new endeavours.

We congratulate the following students who represented Victoria at the recent Pacific School Games in Canberra. All of them emerged as medallists:

**Athletics:**
- Anthony Muscara [Gold]
- Mitchell MacKenzie [Silver]
- Beau Romans Van Schaik [Silver]

**Hockey:**
- Matt McCann [Bronze]

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

To Each and Everyone One of You......

After 13 years, it is time to move on and so I wish to take this chance to thank all members of the St Bernard’s community for your many kindnesses and courtesies over that time. We have been served admirably by a wonderful teaching staff, who have in turn worked collegially with a dedicated team of school officers. The Board and its committees have worked tirelessly to provide the school with first rate facilities and programs. Parents and families have been unstinting in their support and participation in the life of our College and the Old Collegians continue to grow as a resource for continued growth into the future. How could you go wrong with such a support team!

At a number of functions over recent weeks, there have been many kind words spoken, and I am at once humbled and encouraged by these reflections. For my part, I have always seen it as a great privilege to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful school.

My hope is that as I move to another role doing consultancy/project work, I may have the opportunity to assist you or your organisation in the future - please do not hesitate to contact me [0409 863 632 or fitzfm@netspace.net.au] if you think I can be of service.

In closing, I believe that all we can do is leave things a little better for us being there. If that is the case as I leave this special place then I could ask for no more.

You will always be in my thoughts and prayers....

Frank FitzGerald

Please remember in your prayers

Don McConville, father of past students David ‘77 and Greg ‘82 and grandfather of Liam 9E and Justin 9E.

Anne Stephenson, mother of Matthew 11C

May They Rest in Peace

Parent & Board News

Ladies & Friends Auxiliary

At the Ladies and Friends Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee was nominated and elected as follows:

- **President:** Anna Farfalla
- **Vice President:** Wilma Ambrosi
- **Treasurer:** Corinne Caruana
- **Secretary:** Nadia Nidels
- **Minute Secretary:** Chris McCaffrey
- **Advisory Forum Rep:** Teresa Darmody

The first meeting for 2009 will be held on February 3, 2009 in the Pavilion at 9:30am. Everyone's welcome!!

Parents & Friends Auxiliary

At the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee was nominated and elected as follows:

- **President:** Lucy Palazolo
- **Vice President:** Marie Vocale
- **Secretary:** Anna Pupilo
- **Treasurer:** Diane Olsen
- **Advisory Forum Rep:** Clare O'Loughlin

The first meeting for 2009 will be held on February 9, 2009 in the Board Room at 7:30pm. Everyone's welcome!!

General News

School resumes for all students next year on **Friday, January 30, 2009**.