This week we celebrate the feast day of our patron St Bernard of Clairvaux. We pray that the wisdom and energy Bernard brought to his work may inspire us to do likewise for our students and the community we serve.

From The College Leadership Team

We had a number of events this week to commemorate our patron – Bernard of Clairvaux. On Tuesday, renowned Irish Historian, Dr Daire Keogh spoke to a number of College groups on the topic of "Edmund Rice as a guide to the work of the Christian Brothers in Kenya". Daire drew helpful comparisons between what Edmund achieved in Waterford in 1802 and what the Brothers and their co-workers are doing for the underprivileged in schools such as Embulbul today. August 20, the actual Feast Day, saw the return of Old Collegian, Fr Brian Kelty who celebrated a Eucharist for the College. Fr Brian was ordained a priest in the Ukrainian rite earlier in the year.

Last weekend saw the final performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" our co-production with St Columba’s for 2008. The hardworking and talented cast and crew were rewarded with sell out performances in the final week. We are indebted to all who have helped in any way with the production and once again appreciation and thanks go to Ms Suzie Bradmore and Mr Luke Steward, who were respectively Director and Musical Directors of the show. There were many accolades directed to those involved, not just from people within the schools, but many who had come from the broader community and who were so impressed with all that they saw.

The College Board has approved a project that will see improvement for our ovals and grounds. Work is to begin almost immediately on sinking a bore in the school grounds that will guarantee irrigation all year round. While we may get good quality water, the chances are that it will need to be treated and hence there will be provision for a desalination plant to ensure suitable quality. With the availability of water all year round, we will then proceed with an upgrade of oval 2. This will involve leveling and re-seeding the oval and this will be closed until late in term 1 of 2009. Not only will this be a better use of water resources, the entire project will cost less than what we have been paying for water use over the past 3 years.

The ACC is presenting 'ACCent on Music', a musical showcase involving the music programs of 13 ACC Schools. The Concert will be held at Hamer Hall, The Victorian Arts Centre on Wednesday, September 17 starting 7:00pm. St Bernard’s College will be represented by our two Vocal Groups, Shout! and Squeak! They will join forces to form a 50 piece vocal group with backing musicians. Our Guitar Ensemble will also provide entertainment in the foyer before the concert. We would love a large audience in support of our students. Tickets may be ordered via the order form on the College website under the downloads link.

Edmund Rice Network News/Justice Issues

200th Anniversary

The Christian Brothers marked the 200th anniversary of the first vows of the order’s founder, Blessed Edmund Rice on August 15 with a prayer and sharing within their communities across Oceania. Edmund Rice was forty years of age when he founded the Christian Brothers in 1802 in Waterford, Ireland.

The Wider Edmund Rice Network

The Edmund Rice Network is an association of groups, institutions and people that look to Edmund’s story as their personal inspiration or that have a connection to an Edmund Rice/Christian Brothers' inspired ministry. It is clear that there are many differing experiences of being "involved" - and hence many different responses from time to time. So, how do you know you are in the ERN? by identifying with some part of the above definition.

People who volunteer their time, energy and skills are the life-blood of any movement or organisation. Our Catholic tradition provides for us ideal examples of selfless contributions people can make for the benefit of others, particularly those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the spirit of this tradition, Edmund Rice Oceania has a range of opportunities for people who would like to help us, help others. Some of these possibilities include:
* Longer term volunteers sponsored by the Christian Brothers in Australia (eg. indigenous ministry at Murgon, Queensland, Australia).
* Short and longer term volunteers sponsored by the Christian Brothers overseas (eg. Edmund Rice Secondary School, Arusha, Tanzania).
* Long and short term volunteers sponsored by the Christian Brothers overseas (eg. education, health and community development activities in East Timor).

If you would like more information or to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of others in the spirit of Edmund Rice, please consider contacting our volunteer coordinator, Martin Kelly, phone on 61 73621 9673 Email: mkelly@edmundrice.org

Please remember in your prayers
Josephine Carrozza, mother of Laurie 12A
Grazia Farfalla, grandmother of Ross 11B, Steven '06, Anthony '94, Nicolás '93, Carmine '90 Farfalla and Mark Pricoli '97

May They Rest in Peace

Above: Dr Daire Keogh meets with members of the Student Leadership
Parent & Board News

‘Selection of a new Principal for SBC’ Process

Edmund Rice Education Australia have invited thirty parents (five from each Year Level) randomly, to participate in the consultation process, to assist the Selection Panel in forming a profile of the College and the attributes most desirable for the new Principal.

It is believed that this group of parents will provide a parental perspective that will be sufficiently representative. However should any other St. Bernard’s College parent wish to provide input, they are welcome to do so, by emailing Br Kevin Buckley - Kevin.Buckley@erea.edu.au before Friday, August 29, 2008.

Parents & Friends Association

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Board Room.

Parents & Friends Association are requesting the support of all parents and or guardians to ensure that their son(s) attend school in correct uniform as per the “Uniform Policy”.

Unfortunately, it has been noticed that an increasing number of students across all year levels are arriving at school not in correct uniform and looking very untidy.

Your co-operation in supporting the school “Uniform Policy” would be greatly appreciated.

Lucy Palazzolo, President, Parents & Friends Association

Ladies & Friends Auxiliary

September’s meeting has been brought forward by a week due to Mothers of Old Boys luncheon. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 9:30am in the Pavilion.

General News

Re-enrolment: Years 8–12 for 2009

Please note that the re-enrolment process commenced on August 11, 2008.

Your co-operation in the prompt return of the re-enrolment form, when received, together with payment would be greatly appreciated by the College. The sooner re-enrolment has been confirmed, the sooner the College can plan for 2009.

A late fee of $20 will apply if the re-enrolment form is not returned to the College by September 5, 2008.

Year 10 Agere 2009 Information Night will be held on Tuesday, August 26 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Agere classroom area. This is in the Year 12 Building (next to the Swim Centre) on the storey below the Year 12 Homerooms. Parking on the basketball courts closest to Rosehill Rd. will be the most convenient option for those attending. Access to the Agere area will be clearly signposted from those courts.

We will get underway at 7:00pm sharp, and explain how the different elements of the program provide a strong Year 10 parallel, and prepare the students for all of the normal options open to everyone else at Year 11 and 12. It will also give participants a great chance to correct any confusion or misunderstanding they might have about some parts of the program. All Agere staff will be present. The process involved in this evening, provides a solid background for any subsequent application interview requested by parents and students.”

Peter Wilson, Steve Giannakis and Anthony Alessio)

Notice To Parents Of Current Years 10 & 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

Music News

We focus back on music preparations after a fantastic ‘Superstar’ season with a number of pending events drawing closer.

Thursday, September 11 – Semester 2 Soiree: This intimate concert offers students the opportunity to perform as soloist or in small, self-directed ensembles. All students are welcome to register their intention to perform, even if learning or involved with music outside SBC. Registration due to Mr Puglisi by September 1.

Friends of Music – A reminder that the next Friends of Music meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:30pm in the SBC Music Department. All are welcome.

Mr C Puglisi, Director of Music

Careers Newsletter

Look out for this new supplement that will be attached to the fortnightly newsletter. See back of calendar dates.

Note that this will still appear on the SBC career’s web page.

David Rosel, Careers Advisor on 9289 1159 or drosel@sbc.melb.catholic.edu.au

Parquetry Floor For Sale

There are approximately 170 sq. metres of parquetry floor tiles for sale to the person offering the best price. The tiles would need to be moved by the buyer by end of August 2008. If interested please contact Bruce Wallace on 0403 249 215 to view the product and submit a price.

For Sale

2 pairs of Columbia Gortex hiking boots sizes 10½ and 12. Only ever worn at Santa Monica. Paid $220 will sell for $70 each pair, please contact the Uniform Shop on 9289 1176.

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

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