From The College Leadership Team

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Tony Paatsch [right] as the new Principal of St Bernard’s. As the letter that was sent to you from EREA indicated, Mr Paatsch has a long and distinguished career with boy’s education and has made a significant contribution to Edmund Rice education, in his current role as Deputy Principal at St Joseph’s Geelong. We look forward to introducing Mr Paatsch to St Bernard’s over the remainder of the year.

While there have been a number of items in the media about the end of the school year for Year 12 students, we have nothing but the highest praise for our class of 2008 as they have moved through the transition from formal classes to exam preparation with dignity and a wonderful sense of celebration. The final assembly was a great way for the school community to thank and offer best wishes for this fine group of young men. This week, we celebrated our Year 12 Eucharist and tonight is the Valete Dinner with the boys and their families.

A highlight of the Final Assembly was the introduction of nominess for the Sports and Arts Awards. Once again, we heard of the exceptional contribution by a large number of students to these important aspects of our school life. Congratulations go to all those nominated and especially to the award winners: John Rayner [Sports] and Sam Dario & Tim Cronin [Joint winners of the Arts Award].

In the past week, we have had a superb insight into Arts at the College with the Art and Media show last week, and the Spring Concert on Tuesday. Student contributions were of the highest order. It was especially pleasing to see how much progress there has been in the promotion of singing with outstanding performances by both the SHOUT and SQUEAK vocal ensembles.

Important coming events:

Annual Volunteers Lunch on October 29 from 11:30am in the Pavilion
This is an opportunity for SBC to say thank you to the many helpers who assist the College in the canteen, library, reading, uniform shop etc. We hope you can join us. If you wish to attend please call Sharon or Mandy ASAP on 9289 1136.

Edmund Rice Network News/Justice Issues

Last Saturday, around 80 members of the Edmund Rice Network from all around Australia as well as New Zealand gathered at St. Bernard’s to learn more about what is happening in the network in Oceania. Presentations by David Tacey, Glennys Dellamarta, Bridget Arthur and Anne Dixon were inspiring as they helped us understand more about particular aspects of Australian spirituality as well as work on the front line with people at the margins. The day was facilitated by Br. Peter Harney and Mary Murphy and the gathering concluded with dinner in the College Pavilion later that evening, where members of the network broke bread together and were entertained by members of the Eddie Rice Amberley Retreat team.

Stand Up Against Poverty Last Week

Last weekend was the ‘Stand Up Against Poverty’ event. A whopping 43.7 million people participated in Stand Up events in 2007, setting a new Guinness World Record with 107,000 Australians joining millions across the globe when they showed that they refuse to stay silent or seated in the face of poverty. But why STAND UP?

In 2000, leaders of 189 countries signed up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a global plan to halve poverty by 2015. The STAND UP campaign strives to remind governments and policy makers of their promise. The promise to end poverty, inequality and hunger. The promise to stop children dying from preventable diseases. The promise to ensure basic education for all children, particularly girls. The promise to stop women dying during pregnancy and childbirth. The promise to provide water and sanitation and to protect the environment. Together participants around the world STAND UP to remind governments to honour their commitments on more and better aid, debt cancellation, trade justice, climate action, gender equality and public accountability.

Please remember in your prayers
John Perham 49, Joseph Vitone 99 and Andrew Marchetti (95-97)
May They Rest in Peace

Parent & Board News

Parents & Friends Association
The next meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be the Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Board Room. ALL WELCOME!!

Ladies & Friends Auxiliary
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 9:30am in the Pavilion.

Deceased Old Boys Mass on November 8 at 9:30am in the Pavilion
Frank Fitzgerald, John McKenna, Nick Scully, Caroline Sheehan, Bruce Wallace, Brendan Douglas

Top: Past Student Chris Mullins [gold medal Beijing para Olympics] presents the Arts Award to Sam Dario and Tim Cronin.
Below Left: John Rayner winner of the Sports Award.
Below Right: The Spring Concert was a wonderful showcase of SBC Music.
**General News**

**The Strand Notices**

**Timed Assessments**
On Monday, October 27 students on The Strand begin Timed Assessment Tasks.

This will continue over the next two weeks. All students have received support materials in class and parents are encouraged to support their sons at this time, by going over the requirements of each task. Extra copies of the TAT study sheets are available on the College website in ‘student resources’.

*Caroline Sheehan, Director of Learning*

**Correction Day**
Friday, November 7 is a correction day and there will be no classes for The Strand students on that day.

**Year 8 Looking Towards Year 9, 2009:**

**Electives and Santa Monica**
The process of Year 9, 2009 Elective Subject Selection will begin in week 4 of Term 4. An information session for students will be held on Monday, October 27.

On Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30pm, a **Parent Information session** will be held in the Auditorium (students are encouraged to attend with parents). This information session will deal with the process of elective selection and also provide information on the Santa Monica program. In addition, we expect that all information regarding elective selection will be available on the school website by Friday, October 24. Subject selection is completed via the website on a secure web page.

**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*

**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*

**Music News**
Congratulations to the students who performed at the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening. We look forward to 2009 with anticipation of other great performances. Our first major concert in 2009 will be a bands concert with special guest ensemble, the Napier Concert Orchestra.

A great effort too by the VCE Music Students who performed at Fidel’s Café. The new performance dynamic of performing in front of diners added to the task of playing well. It provided a great opportunity to settle the nerves prior to VCE music performance exams, many of which have now been undertaken.

**Music Lessons:** Students and parents are reminded that the cancellation of music lessons must be received no later than 4 weeks prior to the end of any given term. Therefore, we ask that students wishing to no longer undertake lessons in 2009 provide written notification by a parent/guardian no later than November 10 2008. Such information is necessary to ensure we provide the right number of tutors for the first week of the 2009 school year.

**Canberra 2009:** It is hoped that ensembles from SBC can represent the school at the National Eisteddfod in May 2009. Expression of interest forms are now overdue.

**Volleyball Club Presentation and Film Night**
Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00pm in the College Auditorium.

The following participants should attend:
- All Rep Squad Members
- Junior Volleyball League Participants

Important details concerning National championships will be decided on the night, so A PARENT MUST ATTEND.

**First Win For ‘Grechie’**
In possibly the smallest field to contest the College Dash in its eleven year history, Patrick Grech of Year 9 took out the race to notch up his first win in the event. However, the victory came after a tumble on the first bend that left him in last place. It was a gutsy effort to get up and continue, but this is something that we have come to expect from Patrick.

Second across the line was Matthew Matarazzo who is back with a vengeance after missing most of the cross country season due to illness. The race for third was a terrific tussle in the second half of the race with Vince Bonasera just holding on to outlast Guy Stephens and Thomas Marinelli.

**Collection of VCE Certificates**
All Year 12 students need to hand in, as soon as possible, their form indicating which option they are choosing to collect their VCE Certificates and Clairvaux Annuals in 2009.

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

which occur at St. Bernard’s College
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