From The College Leadership Team

❖ This week we see most of the formal assessment behind us. We look forward to students receiving the results of their work and the opportunity to reflect on how they have gone about their studies this year. The Year 12 students appear to have found the exams to their liking. This year, we are looking to revamp the presentation of academic awards as follows:
  o December 11 in the Gym - Academic Awards
    (See following page for full details)
  o December 15 in the Pavilion at 7:30pm
    Presentation of Unit 3 and 4 Subject Awards
    Top 10 2008.
  o March 2009 in the Gym – Whole School Assembly
    Academic Awards for Years 10 and 11 2008
    Years 10-12 2008 Duces
    Golden Jubilee Award 2008

❖ Currently those studying Unit 3 and 4 courses in 2009 are involved in an intensive orientation of their subjects. This will run over the current week and next week. Staff and students found this introduction exceptionally helpful when undertaken for the first time in 2007, for the 2008 school year.

❖ Last week, we conducted the final round of ACC sport for 2008. Once again the coaches, managers and students are to be commended on their efforts. The result of the aggregate championship over all schools in the ACC saw SBC placed as follows:
  o Senior – 1st Place
  o Year 10 – 1st lace
  o Year 9 – 5th Place
  o Year 8 – 1st Place
  o Year 7 – 4th Place
These results along with wins in the Athletics, Cross Country and high placing in the Swimming is a great over all result and one we can be very proud of. Thanks to our sports co-ordinating staff of Craig Osborne and Nick Fitzpatrick for the important role they have played in this.

❖ We congratulate the following students, who will be representing Victoria at this weeks Pacific School Games in Canberra. In Athletics: Mitchell Mackenzie; Lachlan Rayner; Anthony Muscara; Beau Romans Van Schaik and in Hockey: Matt McCann.

Edmund Rice Network News/Justice Issues

What happens to Australia’s rejected Asylum Seekers? Over the past six years, the Edmund Rice Centre has conducted a systematic study into Australia’s treatment of rejected asylum seekers. Reports of death, disappearance, imprisonment and torture, of fear-filled lives spent in hiding, privation and despair have filtered back to Australia about some people Australia has removed after disallowing their claims for protection on refugee or humanitarian grounds.

Following significant disquiet expressed by a range of organisations at a 2000 Senate Inquiry, the Edmund Rice Centre’s Phil Glendenning, along with Sr Carmel Leavely, Mrs Margaret Hetherton and Dr Tony Morris from the Australian Catholic University commenced an investigation into the fate of asylum seekers deported from Australia. The results have been disturbing with evidence of false documentation and asylum seekers left in unsafe environments, often outside the law of the country they are returned to.

The information uncovered by this research has led to the publication of several reports; submissions and testimony given to Federal parliamentary enquiries; public meetings; investigations by Federal police into allegations of illegal actions by immigration officials; extensive media coverage; and most recently the production of a documentary film. This last week saw the national screening on SBS television of the documentary film ‘A WELL FOUNDED FEAR’ which portrays some of the human realities behind this research work. I commend this film to you along with the published reports which can be found on the website www.erc.org.au. On that website is detailed how you can support that important work by those dedicated people at the Edmund Rice Centre.

Parent & Board News

Board News

This year the Board farewells two members who have provided exceptional service: Peter McMahon has been on the Board for 13 years and Chairman for the past 11 years. Peter also chaired the Building Committee during that time. Amongst the many things we are grateful for, is Peter’s extensive input into all the building projects over the past 13 years. His experience as an architect and supervisor was invaluable. Peter also brought considerable wisdom and experience to his role as Chair. He encouraged the free flow of views at the board level while also seeing that decisions were made at the right time and in the best interest of the College. His support of the Principal and senior staff was greatly valued. SBC owes a huge debt to this life long supporter of our College.

Anna Keppel has been on the Board for 6 years and provided invaluable insight as a parent and senior school administrator in her own right. Anna had a particular interest in ensuring the that the College had adequate resources for staff and student well being. We thank her for this invaluable contribution.

We greatly appreciate the nominations we have received for the 2009 Board. These are currently being processed and those who have applied will be contacted early in the new year about their applications.

Tim Phypers with Ms Angele Azzopardi, Maltese Consulate General of Victoria at the Maltese Historical Association’s Bursaries Presentation where Tim was invited to present his video entitled “Opportunity” which was part of his SBC VCE Art and Media Presentation in October. Well Done Tim!
General News
The Strand Notices
The Strand students and parents are reminded that classes finish for the year on Friday, December 5 at midday. Buses will depart soon after that. Students are asked to go straight home without visiting any fast food outlets or other schools, and change out of uniform before holidays commence.

As well, a reminder that the Academic Awards assembly for The Strand is on Thursday evening of December 11

  Year 7 at 7:00pm
  Year 8 at 7:45pm
  Year 9 at 8:30pm

All Strand students whether receiving an award or not are invited to attend in full school uniform. Award winners will be notified by mail beforehand.

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

Time & Space...a Programme for Boys and their Dads or Mentors
In the last newsletter families of Year 9 students would have received information about this exciting mentoring programme being run in 2009. The programme is being offered to students of year 10 in 2009 and their dad or mentor. Please remember to respond to this invitation by mailing in your details with payment to Mr Samanna before Friday, December 12, 2008. Please ring Mr Samanna if you have any queries on 9289 1112.

Library
A reminder to all student that you need to return any library books that you have borrowed, before Friday, December 5, 2008.

Jesus Christ Superstar DVD is available for $42.50 and payments should be made to the front office.

Booklists and Second Hand Book Sale
Booklists for students entering Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 2009 have already been distributed.

A flyer advertising the second hand book sale has also been issued.

Second Hand Book Sale is Tuesday, December 9 (6:00pm - 7:00pm) in the College Gymnasium.

Booklists need to be returned to the College office or Academic and General by Wednesday, December 10, 2009.

If any parents have questions related to booklists or second hand book sale please contact Mr. John Nocci, College Deputy Registrar on 9289 1103.

Business Directory
Each year the College distributes a Business Directory to all of our past and present students. This amounts to a circulation in excess of 9000. In addition, the Directory is available on the College website. All associated with the St. Bernard’s Community are eligible to place an entry. If you would like further information on being listed in the Directory, please contact Michael Perrett, at the Development Office by phone on 9289 1106 or email: mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au.

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
www.sbc.melb.catholic.edu.au

St. Bernard’s College
December 2008 Calendar

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