From The College Leadership Team
This week, we had the opening of the 2009 musical "Jesus Christ Superstar". This co-production with St Columba's matches the very high standards we have come to appreciate and is the result of countless hours of hard work from our dedicated staff and students under the direction of Suzie Bradmore. It is hoped that you were able to attend the show and enjoy this wonderful spectacle.

On the evening of August 5, we held the Annual SBC Foundation Dinner. Speaking at the dinner were the Daniher Dynasty – Terry, Neil and Anthony, and we are indebted to Anthony Daniher for facilitating the night. Also, a thank you is extended to our compare on the night, SEN Radio host Tony Schibeci.

The Foundation is about to begin its 6th year and can look back with pride on the fact that it has reached its first goal of raising $500,000 in donations, to provide six scholarships for needy families here at SBC. The Foundation is anxious however to match this amount over the next five years and to raise a total of $1 million, that in turn will see 12 scholarships available in the College. All families, not just old scholars are encouraged to consider a donation [tax deductible] to this worthy cause. Please contact Michael Perrett 9289 1106 if you require further information.

We wish to remind you of some important events in coming weeks:
August 19 - Daire Keogh, a renowned Irish historian will speak on the issue of "Edmund Rice's Work in Kenya" to be held in the College Auditorium at 3:30pm. Parents/students especially welcome.
August 20 - St Bernard's Day Mass celebrated by recently ordained, former student Fr Brian Kelty at 10:35am in the Gym. Families welcome to Join us.
August 22 - Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in corrections, ski camp with Year 10 and follow up to the Production.

For some time, we have been working to have a sculpture commissioned to reflect the "spirit" of SBC. We had asked artist Pauline Clayton to work with our community to help develop this work. At the final assembly last week, Pauline presented her final ideas to the students and had working drawings on the theme of The Good Samaritan. The work was very fitting and we now await the production of the final sculpture. All being well, we will see this installed in the College grounds early in 2009.

As you may have noticed, we have begun renovation work on the new Reception Building. Our main reception desk, uniform shop and accounts area are still operational, but must be entered via the stairs opposite the canteen. We look forward to the new Reception being operational early in Term 1 2009.

Edmund Rice Network News/Justice Issues
Fr Robert Schreiter, a world renowned expert on peace building and reconciliation led a powerful discussion on peace building at Caritas Australia’s World Youth Day (WYD) activities from Customs House in Sydney. Claire Harris, an Arts/Law student from Notre Dame University attended this presentation and takes time to reflect on Fr Robert’s words in light of her own recent visit with Caritas Australia to Uganda, the northern part of the country affected by over 20 years of brutal and bloody conflict. The school we support with Project Africa, St. Bernard’s in Mannya, is in the southern Uganda sowing the seeds of peace between different tribes, different families and different circumstances people find themselves in. Claire’s reflection and Fr. Robert’s thoughts are on the Caritas Australia website and are a powerful testimony to the difference good people can make in a seemingly impossible situation. See ozspirit@ozspirit.com

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.
If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

Lao Tzu (570–490 BC)

In 1788, in his mid-twenties, the young Edmund Rice would appear to ‘have it made’. He is a competent businessman, enjoying one commercial success after another. He is deeply in love and has recently married a young woman, Mary Elliott. The happy couple have set up a house in Ballybricken and are expecting their first child. Life is going happily, smoothly and according to plan. They have much to look forward to.

Without warning, tragedy strikes. Mary dies. The doctors can’t save her and the child is born prematurely and suffers a life long disability. Edmund’s whole world comes crashing down. At twenty-six he is a widower. Grief-stricken and desolate he carries on from day to day. Later, he would describe the experience as ‘the dregs of misery and misfortune’. And yet somehow his faith is not extinguished. As Edmund remembers Mary, he remembers God’s great love for him. In the pain of her absence, he eventually chooses to trust. He writes including a quote from the Old Testament ‘Book of Job’....

“I was fortunate to have known and loved someone who was so perfect for me... The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, so blst be his name for ever and ever.”

Please remember in your prayers
Dorothy (Dok) O’Callaghan wife to Roy
Mother to Gerry ’66 and Michael O’Callaghan ’74 and
Grandmother of Luke ’95, James ’97 O’Callaghan and
Thomas Gleeson ’98
Paul Kumklee Jong grandfather of Michael Jong ’7E
May They Rest in Peace

Frank Fitzgerald, John McKenna, Nick Scully,
Caroline Sheehan, Bruce Wallace, Brendan Douglas
Parent & Board News

Parents & Friends Association
The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Board Room.

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 will begin commencing 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.

Careers Newsletter
Look out for this new supplement that will be attached to the fortnightly newsletter. See back of calendar for first edition.

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

Subject Selection
Subject selection for Year 9 students going into Year 10, 2009 will commence with a student information session on the morning of Monday 11th August. The parent information session is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, August 12 in the Auditorium. Information will be available on the school website.

Ms Caroline Sheehan, Director of Learning

Athletics
After a long wait, the Athletic squad finally got to celebrate their sixth victory in a row at the Athletic Presentation Night, which was held in the Pavilion two weeks ago. Thank you to all the parents and squad members who attended, it was a great turnout and a fantastic way to send off our Year 12 athletes. A special thanks to 1999 school captain Luke Wade who was our guest presenter for the night. Luke was the only person, prior to Johnny Rayner this year, who had won both the Br Murphy and Br Cregan Perpetual Shields, so it was very fitting that he presented the awards to Johnny.

farewell to our Year 12 athletes and thank you for your contribution to athletics at St Bernard’s over the past six years.

Speak Out launched at SBC – Inspired!!
"Speak Out" is a new initiative at SBC. A debating competition organised for and by SBC students, officially got underway last week, with the first debates of Round One. It is a knockout competition and the successful teams have been two Year 7 teams (Eddowlin Lao, Ray Diaz, Mitchell Gibbs, Ben Kelly, Adrian Lo Monaco and Edward Durance) and a Year 12 team (Blair Tyler, Adam Carnevale and Ben Gofron). Each winner receives a canteen voucher. This round continues after the school production of Jesus Christ: Superstar.

Congratulations to all students who have already debated and good luck to those who will debate in coming weeks. Thanks to adjudicators, and to staff for their help and patience with the organization.

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 10½J and 12. Only ever worn at Santa Monica. Paid $220 will sell for $70 each pair, please contact the Uniform Shop on 9289 1176.

Helping Kids with Cancer
Friday, August 15 and Saturday August 16
Tony's Pies is raising funds for Challenge, a not-for-profit organisation that supports children with cancer and their families.

Challenge helps over 1000 families whose children have cancer. Each year 180 Victorian children are diagnosed with cancer or another life threatening blood disorder, and a further 1000 children are undergoing treatment. For a child and their family this means a dramatic change in life. Physical and social changes associated with cancer places enormous pressure on all family members. The goal at Challenge is to provide daily support to these families from the point of diagnosis, throughout treatment and beyond. Challenge receives no government funding and all the money raised in conjunction with the Biggest Aussie Pie Night™ will be used to support little Aussie battlers living with cancer.

As part of our community, we invite you to purchase any pie or quiche during August 15-16 and 25% of each purchase will be donated to Challenge. Donation tins will also be placed on the counter at Tony’s Pies. Join our team and rise to the challenge: Tony’s Pies, 309 Buckley St, Essendon. Pre-order purchases available 9337 1034.

Athletics DVD 2008
For those students or parents interested in obtaining a copy of the Athletics DVD for this year, please return this slip to me in an envelope, via The Strand Campus office and I will get the DVD to you as soon as possible.

Gerard Brown
The cost of the DVD will be $5.

Family Name: .................................................................

Number of copies : ................. Total Cost : ...............