From The Principal

In recent weeks reports of footballers and entertainers behaving in illegal and antisocial ways have been prominent in the media. Some of the coverage has been balanced but some have been quite pointed obviously seeking to allocate blame beyond the individuals involved. I listened to a number of callers to talkback radio who looked to blame the young men’s parents. They suggested that, in some way, the parenting was inadequate, implying that parents spoil and indulge their sons and never allow them to take responsibility for their mistakes.

Such comments strike me as extremely disrespectful to families who have done their best only to watch their child damage themselves by the choices they make. We all do the best we can in preparing our children for the challenges of life at and beyond school. None of us gets it completely right but I strongly suspect that, when things go wrong, our unequivocal love and support is the reason why things are not worse. As a Catholic school we share the same hopes for our students. We also share your disappointment when things go wrong but understand that blaming others is not helpful and that love, encouragement and support are what is required.

One distinct element of St Bernard’s is the level of involvement in the school by the parent body. Parents assist in the canteen, with sporting teams and performing arts as well as the official parent bodies, Board and subcommittees. Many continue to serve for years after their boys have finished school. We invite all volunteers to attend the annual volunteers dinner on November 3. It is a small way for us to recognise your contribution to the College. I sincerely hope you can join us.

In addition to generous parents we also are fortunate to have talented and generous staff who help to nurture the talents of our students. This week, College Captain, Tom Lynch informed me that, he has nominated Gerard Brown and Michael McIntyre (jointly) on behalf of the College and the Athletics and Cross Country Teams, for the 2010 Spirit Of Moonee Valley Community Awards for Contribution to Sport. Gerard and Michael have been short-listed and are among the three finalists for this category. Under their direction, the College has won the past eight ACC Athletics and five Cross Country Championships. They have also encouraged involvement in the “Maribyrnong 150”, raising funds for charity.

Congratulations to both on the nomination and we wish them well when the winners are announced on October 1. Whilst on the topic of sporting success, congratulations to Liam McBean and Joe Daniher from Year 10 who have been chosen in the AIS Football scholarship squad for 2011.

I wish to remind parents that you must inform reception if a student is required to leave the College for any reason. It is difficult for reception staff if a boy arrives with a text message purporting to be from a parent requesting that he attend a medical appointment or the like. It is similarly problematic if a boy simply leaves school without informing us. Our preference is that you notify us by sms but we understand that it may sometimes be necessary to provide a written note. The alternative is to phone reception or come in yourself.

I am pleased to inform the community of the appointment of Mr Damian McKee to the position of Deputy Principal – Director of The Strand Campus from the start of 2011. Damian is presently working at St Patrick’s College Ballarat and we welcome him to St Bernard’s.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

Upcoming Events

- September 8 at 7:30pm – Year 12 Parent/Son Evening – Pavilion
- September 8 at 7:30pm – Between Fathers and Sons Evening – Board Room
- September 13 at 7pm – Year 9B Santa Monica Presentation Night – O’Brien Hall
- September 13 at 7:30pm – Parents and Friends Meeting – Board Room
- September 14 at 5:30pm – Building Committee – Board Room
- September 16 at 12:40pm – The Strand Students finish
- September 17 – Term 3 Finishes

IMPORTANT

Year 12 Study Options and Trial Exam Timetable

Please refer to the conclusion of this newsletter for information with regards to Year 12 study options and the compulsory September trial exams coming up.

Return of Forms

A reminder for all Year 12 students to return your preference forms for the collection of your VCE Certificate and Clairvaux Annuals to the Accounts Office no later than the first week of Term 4.
Edmund Rice Network News / Justice Issues:

“The Single Biggest Barrier to Ending Poverty”

Australian movie star, Paul Hogan has recently made the news for being stopped from leaving the country until his tax issues are resolved. Whether right or wrong, Hogan has unwittingly highlighted a justice issue for many in the 3rd world. For every US$10 given in aid to developing countries, US$15 slips out through tax dodging according to Christian Aid, a UK faith-based organization working to ending poverty. Tax dodging has been identified by ‘Christian Aid’ as the single biggest barrier to ending poverty in the developing world with a worldwide culture of financial secrecy allowing tax-dodging firms to rob poor countries of more than an estimated US$162 billion each year. The Christian Aid website reveals how tax and trade rules work to boost multinationals’ profits and provides information about its campaign for international tax transparency.

Edmund Rice International will be encouraging members of the Edmund Rice Network and Edmund Rice Schools around the globe to join in solidarity with each other, with millions of others and with the world’s poor by participating in the Stand-Up Against Poverty Campaign action planned for September 17th-19th.

Edmund Rice Foundation Annual Report for 2009: some quotes

“...we strive as Brothers to ‘be the change you wish to see’ (Gandhi). It is by being a compassionate and liberating presence that we wish to model the kind of society of which we dream” – Br. Richard Walsh

“...the Province of Africa has just endorsed a community based model for all our projects. We seek to lead local communities towards greater self-determination and liberation. It is an exciting journey of empowerment through training and education that will produce strong leaders and ownership of the projects” Br. Gerard Ellul.

‘Our audited results for 2009 show a remarkable growth in disbursements to over $1.5 million. This enables community projects in the developing world to work towards shifting the burdens of poverty, poor health and lack of access to education for the most vulnerable.’

“Give to the poor in handfuls....Edmund Rice

FAMILY Matters- A helping hand for families, by families

Family Matters is a new initiative being undertaken by the St Bernard’s community in cooperation with the community of St Columba’s. The lives of students and their families within our school communities often intertwine. Working together, we hope to be able offer a helping hand, when it is needed. Our aim, in offering help, is to provide some level of normality when life is all but normal. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to ask for help. We need to break down this difficulty in asking for help and be there as a family for each other, because that is what our Christian community is and should be about. We need everybody’s help to make sure that our families know we are only a phone call away.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

We are asking families who think they can offer assistance in a number of areas to join a bank of helpers who can be called on when needed. The areas of help are listed below. If you feel you can offer assistance please fill out a form that is available from either Reception or the Canteen. Names will then be placed on a database, and when required you will be contacted by a member of the Family Matters Group.

- Meals
- Home Maintenance / Garden
- Household / Ironing
- Transport (Adults only)
- Baby sitting
- shopping

If you have any questions please contact Dennis Hobson, Faith Development Coordinator, on 92981063 or 0423730212.

End of Term Arrangements - Strand Campus

Parents of Strand students are reminded that classes finish for Term 3 on Thursday, September 16 at 12.40pm to allow for the Strand Parent Teacher Student interviews to begin at 2pm. Buses will depart soon after dismissal. Interviews will continue on Friday, 17th so no Strand classes will be held on that day as well. Classes begin for Term 4 on Monday, October 4.

Parents will be encouraged to arrange for Teacher interviews ‘on line’ rather than the past system of indicating your preferences on paper. Students will not be bringing home a sheet for you to sign. More will be explained about the new process before the interview days.

Mr John McKenna, Strand Campus Director

Canteen Help Required

Due to changes in family and work situations we now desperately need more help on most Thursdays. If you are available please call Sharon or Mandy on 92891136
Mr Hayden Kennedy, Coordinator.

SBC Umpiring Academy

The SBC Umpiring Academy has concluded for 2010. This year, there were 23 students enrolled in the program, open to any SBC student interested in umpiring with the Essendon District Football League. This is the program’s fourth year and once again it has been a huge success. Each student umpired between 8 and 13 games at under 10, 12 and 14 level (which at around $50 per game is quite a good money earner) with some students umpiring finals and grand finals.

On behalf of all the students who participated in the program, I would like to thank Matthew Burns and Penny Godsell along with their helpers Briana Martin-Basthannnyk, Daniel Trimarchi and Ivor Godsell from the Essendon District Football League who coached our students each Wednesday after school. I would also like to thank all the mentors at the EDFL who were able to assist in the nurturing of these young students in their efforts to become competent umpires.

Over the 4 years since its inception, we have coached approximately 80 students through the Academy, with many still umpiring in the Essendon District Football League. We look forward to the day when one of our own graduates to the big time, even perhaps “that one day in September”.

This years participants who were awarded a Grand Final are:

Field: James Anthony (Under 12 Division 7), Tom Monaghan (Under 12 Division 8), Sean Heffter (Under 12 Division 3) and Jack Firth (Under 10 Division 3)

Boundary: James Dwyer (Under 12 Division 6), Josh Espisito (Under 12 Division 7), Matt Marrari (Under 10 Division 7), Tom Wenlock (Under 10 Division 7), Josh Harrington (Under 12 Division 2), Darcy Heenan (Under 12 Division 4), Tim Ryan (Under 10 Division 4), William Harris (Under 12 Division 5) and Ben Cook (Under 10 Division 5)

Mr Hayden Kennedy, Coordinator.

VATI Performing Arts Competition

Students from the Year 11 Italian class participated in the annual VATI (Vic Teachers of Italian) Performing Arts Competition on Tuesday, 30 August at the Darebin Arts Centre in Preston. Their sketch, entitled Una Sbornia Mondiale (A World Cup Hangover) was awarded 2nd Prize of $250.00 for the College. Congratulations to Anthony Crabb, Guy Stephens, Vincent Scarpino, Matthew Panzarino, Matthew Gurrisi, Basilio Zoccali, Fabian Veri, Anthony Gagliano and Andrew Rotondo on this outstanding achievement.

Mr Bruno Spiller, Senior Italian Teacher, Clairvaux Campus

Homicide Night: An Investigator’s Insight.

“What happens behind the scenes as police build their cases to bring criminals to trial”

Detective Senior Sergeant Ron Idles of the Homicide Squad will once again present this year at the College Auditorium on Thursday September 9 at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are $25 and include light refreshments. Places are limited so book early with all proceeds going to the Blue Police Ribbon Foundation, which perpetuates the memory of members of the Victoria Police killed in the line of duty through the support of worthwhile community projects within Victoria.

For bookings or further details please see Hayden Kennedy (Clairvaux) or John McCann (Strand).

Japan Trip Trivia Night

In an effort to raise funds for the upcoming educational student trip to Japan a trivia night will be held at the College Pavilion on Friday October 22 at 7pm. Tickets are $15 per person or $100 for a table of and can be purchased by contacting either Judy Sultana (jsultana@sbc.vic.edu.au) or Anna Walker (awalker@sbc.vic.edu.au). This is a BYO event but refreshments will also be available at the bar. So if you’re looking to win the major prize or purely in it for the glory, all whilst supporting a great cause, make sure you get along to what promises to be a wonderful night.

Foundation Sportsman’s Night

The St Bernard’s Foundation will be holding a Sportsman’s Night on Monday October 11 at the College Pavilion from 7pm. Star of the night will be the incomparable Merv Hughes to talk all things cricket with an eye to the upcoming Ashes series. Tickets will be $50 each, available from September 13. For all bookings or enquiries please contact Michael Perrett on 9289 1106 or at mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au after this date.

Calling St Christopher’s Primary School Class of ’79

A reunion is being organized for the cohort of students who started in Grade Prep in 1973 and finished in Grade Six in 1979 at St Christopher’s Primary School, Airport West. It is being held at the school on Friday October 8 from 7pm (drinks and finger food provided at $10 per head). Lots of ex students and staff will be there (Mr Doherty and Miss Fitzgerald just to name a few). There will be a display of memorabilia and a tour through the school conducted by the current Principal so come along, reminisce and have some fun. For more information or to register your attendance please call Marika Payne (nee Simpson) on 0417 395 931 or email mpayne81@bigpond.net.au. Looking forward to seeing you there.
Spirit of ANZAC tour – your opportunity to be part of history!

My name is Charlene Landvogt, a history/humanities teacher on The Strand campus. Recently I was selected to participate in the Spirit of ANZAC tour for teachers. In the term 3 holidays I will be travelling to Europe as a member of a group of six Victorian teachers in order to gain a better understanding Australia’s involvement in World War 1 and 2. I will be traveling to major historic sites including Gallipoli, the Western Front and London.

As part of this tour I am required to complete a project upon my return from the tour and this is where I am requesting your help. In 2011 I would like to begin creating an online database at the College, where year 9 Australian History students can research the history of soldiers from the Essendon area who served in World War 1. Students would use this information to create a profile of the soldier which would be uploaded onto a web database that could be accessed by St. Bernard's College students and the broader community.

Students may examine aspects of the soldier’s life including his past, his military history and the battles he fought. The profile might include photos of the soldier, maps of the battle fields he fought on and his diary entries. They may look back at past weather records and document the conditions he faced. Using the photos or resources I would obtain in Europe, they might reconstruct the visual terrain he would have seen, show houses he would have marched past and describe the area where he is laid to rest.

Ultimately, this database would document the profiles of soldiers from our immediate school and local community who served in World War 1. It is my intention to provide our students with links to their local community and help them gain an increased appreciation of the sacrifice many soldiers from our local area made during past wars. I also hope that you, the community of St. Bernard’s College and Essendon, would benefit from this project, as you would discover the history of family members who you might know little about. In essence you, the community, would be commissioning our year 9 students to research a part of your family history.

If you know of a family member who served in World War 1 and would like them researched as part of this project, please forward their name to me.

My contact details are clandvogt@sbc.vic.edu.au or 9289 1122

Yours in appreciation,
Mrs. Charlene Landvogt.

Careers News

1. KEEPER FOR A DAY AT HEALESVILLE – a careers program for Year 9 students and above who are interested in working with animals. When: 21, 22, 28 & 29 Sept; Where: Healesville Sanctuary; Cost: $99 (inc a.m. tea); Bookings: 9285 9406; Info: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/HSKeeper_for_day

2. AQUARIST FOR A DAY – An opportunity for students interested in marine sciences. When: Sept holidays; Where: Melbourne Aquarium; Cost: $70; Book: www.melbourneaquarium.com.au (go to Education, Special Programs).

3. FLIGHT TRAINING DAY – RMIT has a day for prospective students. See facilities and flight simulator, attend sessions on the program. The course has February (through VTAC) and mid-year intakes; it is VET fee-help approved. When: 10am-4pm, Sun 12 Sept; Where: Williams Rd, Point Cook; Photo ID will be required; See: www.rmit.edu.au/about/campuses/pointcook; Info: 9394 9999.

4. FORENSIC SCIENCE CAREERS INFO. SESSION - Gives insights to careers in forensic sciences and information on requirements to get into these careers. Speakers include a forensic pathologist, toxicologist, odontologist, entomologist, mortuary technician, and physician from clinical forensic medicine and representative from the Donor Tissue bank of Victoria. When: 12.30pm-4pm, September 24; Where: Coronial Services Centre, Institute Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank; Reg’n: http://www.vifm.org/careers_info.html.

5. MONASH ENGINEERING INFO EVENING. Any year 12 student considering engineering at Monash, who did not attend the open day earlier this month, should consider this. Thursday 9 September, call 9905 3070 for registration.

Mr David Rosel, Careers Adviser (9289 1159 or drosel@sbc.vic.edu.au)

Electrix Aerobics - Competitive Aerobics Club

Ever wanted to be a part of a club where you not only make lots of friends, but get to compete with them too on both a national and international stage? If this sounds like something you’d be interested in, and providing you’re aged 8 years and up, call or email to register your place now! For bookings or further information please contact us on 0404441198 or at electrixaerobics@gmail.com

‘IF IT CAN BE DREAMT, THEN IT CAN BE DONE’
**YEAR 12 STUDY OPTIONS**

**Monday**
- Study hall in Year 12 classrooms period 6: 2:05 – 2:55 (Year 12 students are not allowed in the library at this time)
- English help: 3pm – 4pm in Year 11 classrooms
- Study hall in room 647 supervised by last year’s top students: 3pm – 5pm.

**Tuesday**
- Study hall in room 647 supervised by last year’s top students: 7:30am – 8:30am.
- Study hall in Year 12 classrooms periods 5 and 6: 1:15 – 2:55 (Year 12 students are not allowed in the library at this time)
- English enrichment classes held in year 12 classrooms in periods 5 and 6.

**Wednesday**
- Informal study rooms available in Year 12 corridor: period 4, 5, 6.

**Thursday**
- Study hall in room 647 supervised by last year’s top students: 3pm – 5pm.
- After school maths help: 3pm – 4pm, Year 11 rooms.

**Friday**
- Informal study rooms available period 6 on the week you finish early.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE OF SUBJECT SPECIFIC HELP PROVIDED BY MANY TEACHERS AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

**SEPTEMBER TRIAL EXAMS TIMETABLE 2010**

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