This week we celebrated Founder’s day. The day had a dual focus: on the one hand, we celebrated our identity and, at the same time, we emphasised the importance of reaching out to the marginalised. We commenced the day with an uplifting Eucharist celebrated by Fr Tony Kerin. Junior students then completed a walkathon raising money to support the Christian Brother’s Educational projects in Africa while the senior students involved themselves in a range of fun and fundraising activities.

Also on Founder’s Day the College Foundation held its annual Hall of Fame Function. We were joined by almost 200 Old Collegians and inducted Brother Frank Chappell, the Honourable Geoffrey Eames AM QC, Father Kevin McKelson SAC OAM, and Mr Des Smith into the Hall of Fame. Professor Frank Moloney SDB AM BA STD LSS DPhil (Oxon) FAHA was elevated to the status of legend. Being the 70th year of the College, this function was particularly significant. The 70 year history of St Bernard’s, entitled “Murphy’s Lore and other stories” was formally launched by former Principal Frank FitzGerald. The book, edited by Paul Kennedy, is a wonderful record of the St Bernard’s community and I hope many families with present and past students will purchase a copy.

Listening to the speakers at the Hall of Fame induction and book launch I was reflecting that a real feature of this community is care for each other. It shines through in so many of the stories in “Murphy’s Lore”.

Central to the Christian understanding of humanity and our obligation to each other is the notion that humans are created in the image of God. As the Book of Genesis states: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen 1: 27). If we are created in the image of God then there is an obligation on us to treat each other as “Godlike” with the reverence and awe that this requires. I suspect that this is something that comes more easily to us as we gain age and life experience. We certainly know that it is an ongoing challenge to ensure that the young men at the school treat each other respectfully.

The College has detailed policies that articulate clearly acceptable treatment of each other. We are unashamedly insistent on the high level of respect for others set out in these policies. We must ensure that every person in the community is safe.

The “Hands off” rule is clearly articulated to the students and dictates no wrestling, scragging and playfighting; activities that we know often escalate into more serious conflict. Any boy who punches or assaults another can expect to temporarily forfeit his right to be part of this school community, He will not be permitted to return to school until it is certain that others are safe around him. Families need to be sure that their boys are safe in the schoolyard.

Cyber bullying is an insidious relatively recent manifestation of disrespect for others. It makes young people unsafe on a number of levels and, while it often occurs outside school hours, leads to hostility at school. It is important that parents continue to support the school’s acceptable use policy, particularly in relation to cyber bullying.

Drug use is a community problem. While there is no cause to believe it to be a particular problem at St Bernard’s I hope that anyone who is aware of a student using or supplying drugs through the school community, would let us know so we can take action to keep everyone safe.

Each day we have a large number of motor vehicles driving through the College grounds. In many instances they share roadways and parking areas with pedestrian traffic. This is particularly the case at the start and end of the school day. I ask that parents follow all signage and are acutely aware of the care needed in relation to pedestrians. I particularly ask that you extend courtesy to other drivers by not picking up and dropping off students on thoroughfares or marked pedestrian crossings.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

Please remember in your prayers Father John Mullally, recently retired Parish Priest of St Therese’s church, Essendon. May He Rest in Peace

Upcoming Events

May 10 – 7:30pm – Parents and Friends Association Meeting – Board Room
May 11 – 9:00am – NAPLAN Testing Years 7 and 9 – Language
May 11 – 6:00pm – Building Committee – Board Room
May 12 – 9:00am - NAPLAN Testing Years 7 and 9 – Reading
May 13 – 9:00am - NAPLAN Testing Years 7 and 9 – Numeracy
May 13 – 7:30pm - College Concert, Semester 1 – Auditorium
May 17 – 5:00pm – Advisory Forum – Principal’s Office
May 17 – 6:00pm – Finance Committee – Board Room

*Copies of “Murphy’s Lore and Other Stories” are available for purchase from the College for a reduced price $30. Mail orders also accepted for the RRP of $39.95. Please contact the Development Office on 9289 1106 or at development@sbc.vic.edu.au
Edmund Rice Network News / Justice Issues:

Annual Walkathon on Founder’s Day
Last Wednesday, students from Years 7 to 10 (nearly 900 students) completed our annual Walkathon to raise funds for Br. Beausang Catholic Centre at Embulbul, Nairobi. This event has been able to sustain the Kenyan school by providing much needed resources and to keep alive the hope for the construction of a new Primary school one day. Past monies raised by the Walkathon have enabled the school to buy a block of land (with plans now being considered to build upon it) as well as fit the new science rooms out with equipment and upgrade and purchase new computers for the computer labs. Many many thanks to all the parents and extended family and friends who have joined us in this fund raising effort by sponsoring the students. There are still a number of students who have not brought in their promised amount – could this be attended to in the next week so that we are able to publish a final figure for the day. To see more about the day including some photos, go to the ‘Project Kenya’ link on our Web site: www.sbc.vic.edu.au

World Fair Trade Day - May 8
World Fair Trade Day is celebrated on the second Saturday in May each year. In Australia it is celebrated as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay prices, Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives. Cadbury Dairy Milk milk chocolate is the most recent Fairtrade Certified product to hit shelves across in Australia and New Zealand, joining products such as coffee, tea, bananas and cotton that now carry the fairtrade label. Information about the “Big Swap” campaign which encourages people to switch to fairtrade products along with a buying guide for such products is available from the Fair Trade Association website.

General News

Unit 3 V.C.A.A. Mid-Year Exams and GAT timetable
Tuesday June 8: Biology 9am - 10.45am  Physics 11:45am - 1.30pm  Accounting 2:45 pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday June 9: Psychology 9.am - 10.45am  Chemistry 11:45am - 1.30pm
Thursday June 10: General Achievement Test (GAT) 10am – 1:15pm
Student are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes before the starting time. Exams on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held in the boardroom. The Gat will be held in the gym and O’Brien Hall.

NAPLAN Testing for Year 7 & 9.
Testing for students in Years 7 and Year 9 under the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place on the mornings of May 11, 12 and 13. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by VCAA on behalf of MCEETYA (Ministerial Council on Education). The results of the test provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a students’ performance in Literacy and Numeracy. The information is used to support teaching and learning programs here at St Bernard’s. We would ask that you make every effort to ensure your son is present for these tests and avoid any appointments or other interruptions to the morning of May 11-13. Later in the year, you will receive your son’s personal report which will outline skills in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

Timed Assessment Tasks for Years 8 and 9 begin soon. Students complete assessment tasks in a timed manner – similar to exams. For Year 8 students these begin on 12th May and end on the 21st May. For Year 9 students they begin on the 14th May and end on the 21st May. We would ask that you make every effort to ensure your son is present for these TAT and avoid any appointments or other interruptions.

Year 7 2012 Enrolment Applications
Parents are reminded that online enrolment applications for Year 7 2012 close at 3:30pm on Friday May 21. Any applications received after this date will be classed as a late application and the College will not be able to guarantee positions for that year. Please note that the grey application form, a copy of your son’s baptism certificate and $100.00 non-refundable application fee is also required by the above deadline date.

Year 7 Parents – Parent Participation Scheme
As you are aware under the Parent Participation Scheme each family is asked to contribute 15 hours of their time annually. If any parent would like to contribute a couple of hours of office duties as part of your parent participation scheme, please contact Pauline Zammit – pzammit@sbc.vic.edu.au for further details.

Year 7 Social Night
A big thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 7 Social Night, in particular those parents who brought their sons along to perform. Also thank you to Carmelo Puglisi and his team for organising a very enjoyable musical concert.
Guest speaker at next ‘Parents and Friends’ Meeting
A general invitation is extended to any parent at the College to join the Parents and Friends meeting on Monday May 10 in the College Boardroom. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. David Rosel who will speak about his role in Careers Education here at SBC, the various Pathways available to students at SBC and Tertiary and Employment trends with our recent school leavers. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm on the night.

St Bernard’s Ladies & Friends Auxiliary Annual Ladies Luncheon
This years luncheon will be held on June 9 from 11am to 3pm at Ascot House, Ascot Vale. It is always an enjoyable day and there is also the chance to take home some great raffle prizes. Information and ticket order forms will be sent out with the May accounts to each family. Please pay and reply promptly as there is a limit on numbers. We look forward to your company on the day.

Lisa Edwards, Auxiliary President

Founders Day Activities
A big part of Founders Day is to raise money for our friends in Br. Beausong school in Kenya. The Year 7 to 10 students were involved in walkathon to raise funds while the Student Council ran activities with the help of senior staff, creating a warm, enjoyable atmosphere for everyone who was there. Arm wrestling, side show activities, a battle of the bands, sausage sizzle and fairy floss were just some of the activities that the students put on. A climbing wall was set up on the Strand basketball courts for boys to try. The staff at Radrock hire were very impressed, particularly with the way the boys participated and their manners. A big thank you to all who assisted in the running of the day. It was a great effort from all staff and in particular the student leaders.

Year 8 Class Captains
Last Wednesday the College presented the Class Captains of Year 8 with their badges. The boys spoke to Year 8 about the qualities of a good leader and drew a connection to Christ and the way he demonstrated those leadership qualities. Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend.

Music News
The Keys to Success project has reached its climax with the delivery of a Kawai RX2 grand piano over the term break. Many thanks to the Parent groups, Old Collegian bodies & private donors who have made this possible. We are now looking to extend our student involvement in piano performance. Students who play piano or who learn both at school or externally are encouraged to see Mr Puglisi if they are interested in performance opportunities.

The Music Department is now focused on a number of concerts in Term 2. The first of these is the Semester 1 College Concert which will feature the Senior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band and Big Band. It will also feature a guest Taiko Group and the Sunshine Community Brass Band. Proceeds from this concert will go towards the current LOTE/Music project to purchase Japanese Taiko drums for the College and to start a Taiko drumming group. We encourage a big crowd with being tickets will be sold at the door. This Concert will be held in the College Auditorium on Thursday May 13 2010, starting 7.30pm.

The Semester 1 Soiree is also fast approaching, scheduled for Tuesday June 1st 2010 in the College Auditorium. The Soiree is a small, less formal concert that offers the opportunity for students to perform as soloists or in small, self-directed groups. This opportunity is open to all musicians of the college, not just to those involved with music at school. Students may register to perform at this event by contacting Mr Puglisi before May 24.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music

The Wiz
Rehearsals for this year’s production of The Wiz are well underway. The Wiz is a modern interpretation of the classic, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and features student’s from St. Bernard’s College in collaboration with St. Columba’s College. The show runs from the 5th until the 14th of August with tickets going on sale in Term 3 so look out for more information to come. With only three months to go until opening night, The Wiz is shaping up to be another spectacular musical! Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far however we are still looking for assistance from talented parents so if you’re keen to come and give us a hand in any area of the musical, let Brooke Baker or Luke Steward know. We hope to see you there!

Italy Ski Experience - January 2011
A father/son (or other members of the family) fully guided ski tour of the Dolomites has been planned for January 2011 - 12/01/11 - 22/01/11: Cost: $2,400 pp - includes 10 days skiing/board ing lift passes, accommodation (dinner, bed & breakfast), transfers from Trento to Dolomites & return. Please contact Mr. Bruno Spiller, Snowsports Team Manager, at the College for further information.

Congratulations to…
- Joseph Yigit (10H) on his selection in the state U16 team to represent Victoria at the School Sport Australia Volleyball Tournament to be held in Canberra.
- Golfers Todd Sinnott, Scott Sinnott and Joel Ward on winning the Victorian schools final held at Metropolitan Golf Course. The boys will play in the national final in Sydney late November.
Well done on these outstanding achievements.
Senior First XV111 Football Results
The senior XV111 football competition is played every Wednesday. So far this year, we have won 2 games and lost one by a point to Whitefriars in Donvale. This Wednesday we play our first Herald Shield game V De La Salle, followed by Catholic College, Sale a week later in Pakenham. We then finish with 2 games at home versus St Bedes and Parade.

Round 1 - Whitefriars 10.6.66 defeated St Bernard’s 9.11.65
Goals: Wall 3, Gay 2, Borzillo, Judica, McNamara, L. Sullivan
Best players: Jones, Schroder, McSweeney, Farrell, Madden, Wall, Borzillo
Café Calmer Player of the match: Sam Jones

Round 2 - St Joseph’s Geelong 7.9.51 lost to St Bernard’s 8.15.63
Best players: Wall, Farrell, T. Sullivan, Sargent, Judica, Schroder, Overman, Schultze
Café Calmer Player of the match: Tom Sullivan

Round 3 - St Bernard’s 20.17.137 defeated Mazenod 7.7.49
Goals: L.Sullivan 3, Madden 2, Judica 2, Lynch 2, Wall 2, Larsen, Angus, Firth, Borzillo, Cooper, Gay, Riley, Jones, Moynan
Best players: Cooper, Moynan, Farrell, T.Sullivan, Sargeant, Overman, Jones, Wall, Judica
Café Calmer Player of the week: Rhys Moynan

Careers News
1. TWO CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE AND SCIENCE SEMINARS -
Hear practitioner presentations about their profession, education pathways and get university information. When: 9.30am-1.30pm, Sun 23 May; Where: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park; Cost: $35 (student), $25 (one parent); Reg’n: vic.sma.org.au; Info: Tamara, ph 9674 8707, tamara@vic.sma.org.au. OR…. A careers evening will be held with short talks by practitioners, handouts and question time. When: 6.30-7pm (reg’n), 7.30-9pm (talks), Fri 28 May; Where: Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre, Melbourne Rectangular Stadium, Olympic Blvd; Cost:$25 per student; Enquiries: Alane Hillbrich, 9420 4312, opsmc@opsmc.com.au.

2. CONSIDERED A CAREER IN SURVEYING?
Since the Egyptians built pyramids, surveyors have been working out where things go and determining where boundaries belong. We need surveyors to build roads and cities, define property, find and mine resources and measure changes in the earth. Problem: Not enough surveyors to meet the demand. Australian surveyors are among the best in the world. Work opportunities from Antarctica to Dubai. Using the latest technology, you could be measuring polar ice caps, building skyscrapers, or developing new land for housing. See: www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au. Study surveying at RMIT (B. Applied Science (Surveying)), or the B. Applied Science (Geomatics)), both 4-year degree courses, or the TAFE Dip. of Surveying or Adv. Dip. of Spatial Information Services.

3. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI?
“Passport on Melbourne” is a seminar series for Year 10-12’s to take a look at the many flexible study options available to them. Obtain info, on specific courses and employment, hear about the Melbourne Experience and ways to enrich your degree. Engineering – 4 May, Commerce – 13 May, Biomedicine – 19 May, VCA and Music – 25 May, Information and Communication Technology – 27 May, Law – 8 June, Environments – 10 June, Arts – 16 June, Science – 22 June. All: 7pm-8.30pm; Register/Information: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne or 8344 6543.

4. WHAT TO BE A PARAMEDIC?
This has become a popular option for many students and is available at the following universities: Australian Catholic University (Ballarat campus) has the double degree of Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine. Last year’s ATAR was 80.35. La Trobe (Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton) have the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Paramedic Practice. The ATAR for the Bendigo campus was 77.85 (years 2, 3 & 4 of the course are run at Bendigo). Monash (Peninsula) has the Bachelor of Emergency Health (Paramedic) and also a double degree combining paramedics with nursing. The ATAR for the double degree last year was 92.70. Victoria University (St Albans) has the Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic). Last year’s ATAR was 80.65. It would be wise to consider studying nursing, either as part of a double degree or as a single degree in addition to paramedics, as this gives a wider choice of career options.

5. UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE+ HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT) – Applications have opened for this test. If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for Medicine, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy / Commerce or Pharmacy at Monash University or for Oral Health (Therapy or Hygiene) at Melbourne University you must sit the UMAT as part of the application process. Several interstate universities require the UMAT as well. Registration deadline: 5pm AEST Friday 4 June 2010; Test date: Wednesday 28 July 2010. See: http://umat.acer.edu.au for details.

6. INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING?
Melbourne University’s Engineering School is holding two lectures for first year engineering students to which interested Year 12 students are invited. When: 5.30-6.30pm, 11 May and 25 May; Where: Copland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building; Info: Stephanie Mollica, 8344 6703. Registration: www.surveymonkey.com/s/melbourne-engineering-perspectives.

7. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT EXPO
An opportunity for students to meet with local employers. This is not a tertiary open day. It should be of benefit to those students not interested in studying next year and looking at employment options. Moonee Valley employment Expo. Clocktower, 4-8 PM, Thursday 27 May.

8. GAMES DESIGN COMP (Swinburne University) – create the ultimate arcade game. 1st prize $2,500. Pick up entry form from careers resource centre.

9. ACCOUNTING / BUSINESS CADETSHIPS
Chartered Accountants are hosting a ‘Meet the Business Leader’ evening on Thursday 20 May. This will provide an excellent opportunity to meet industry leaders and learn more about accounting and business cadetships. For year 10-12 students. Register charteredaccountants.com.au/students

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

The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at the Royal Children’s Hospital is recruiting volunteers to participate in research looking at social skills in healthy young people. This information will help us to understand the needs of young people who have had a brain injury.

What does participation involve?

- Students will participate in neuropsychological assessment, which involves paper and pencil activities designed to examine social skills
- Parents/guardians will be asked to complete questionnaires about their child’s everyday activities
- After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child’s performance

We would be delighted to hear from families of:

- Students between 11 and 13 years of age
- Students who do not have a history of brain injury or developmental problems

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like to obtain further information please contact Ms Kirrily Rogers at the Department of Psychology (Children’s Hospital) on 9345-6590 or kirrily.rogers@mcri.edu.au by:

14th of May 2010
Commemorative Events 2010

March 19, 2010    St Joseph’s College Melbourne
                 Evening Race Meeting,
                 Moonee Valley Racecourse

May 14, 2010     Spirit of North Dinner,
                 Treacy Centre

July 23, 2010    Liturgy & Cocktail Party for current & past staff,
                 North Melbourne Campus

July 25, 2010    Back to North Melbourne Morning,
                 North Melbourne Campus

November 26, 2010 Farewell North Melbourne Dinner,
                  Melrose Reception Centre

December 8, 2010 Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of St Joseph’s College Melbourne,
                   St Mary’s Church, West Melbourne
                   Supper at North Melbourne Campus

Further information available at www.sjcmelb.catholic.edu.au
or phone the College on 9269 6999