From The Principal

Welcome back to Term 4, the shortest and, in some ways, the most intense of the school year. We welcome to the staff Mrs Natalie Raspuic who will be replacing Mr Greg Jorgenson who has taken Long Service Leave during Term 4. I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate the following staff: Mr Craig Osbourne on his marriage to Jessica, Mr Shaun Lancashire and his wife Rosemary on the safe arrival of their son Harry and Ms Rebecca Cracknell on her engagement to Josh.

The recent term break has been a time of intense exam preparation and I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Judy Sultana and Mr Hiro Nakajima who lead the student immersion experience to Japan during the recent holidays. I also thank Mr Brendan Toffli and staff who have worked with the junior Drama students preparing for the upcoming production of ‘Dark Wonderland’. Show information and ticketing details can be seen below in this newsletter and I encourage you to come along and support the boys in what promises to be a fabulous show.

Best wishes to all our Year 12 VCE students who will complete their formal schooling at St Bernard’s on Monday October 24. On their final day, VCE and VCAL students will have Year 12 final school assembly in the morning followed by the graduation mass and dinner in the evening. St Bernard’s is no stranger to tragedy at this time of the year. We have emphasised to all students and families the importance of making good decisions, staying safe and looking out for each other.

Likewise we have emphasised our expectations regarding appropriate celebration. Some schools, including St Bernard’s, have had issues with students behaving poorly in public as a “rite of passage” at the end of their secondary schooling. The end of the year celebrations for the class of 2010 were wonderful, and recognised the role of the College in the boys’ lives for the previous six years and showed a respect for the relationships built with each other, the school community and their teachers. I look forward to the same approach as the class of 2011 finish their time at St Bernard’s.

The long awaited development of the Eco Cabins and new dining facility at Santa Monica is on target for its expected completion date of February 2012. This will allow us to conduct the Year 7 camps there next year. The site will be used for a number of other St Bernard’s groups commencing after Easter and will also be available to families from within the St Bernard’s community when not used by student groups.

On our Essendon Campus the Arts/ Technology centre is expected to commence in December with an expected completion date of January 2013. This will allow the delivery of food technology as part of the curriculum to the Strand students, a key recommendation of the current strategic plan.

It is always great to hear of Old Collegians who excel in their chosen field of endeavour. On behalf of the College I extend congratulations to Dane Swan on his achievement in winning the 2012 Brownlow medal. We hope that Dane, a member of the class of 2001, will have the opportunity to visit the College in the near future to allow us to acknowledge this outstanding achievement. On the subject of elite footballers thanks to the College library staff for providing the opportunity for the College community to have breakfast with ex-AFL superstar Barry Hall last Tuesday. An enthusiastic group of fathers and sons (and a few mums!) were treated to stories of Barry’s remarkable football journey. The promotion of reading and literacy as a worthy masculine undertaking is an important part of our literacy program and I look forward to many such occasions in the future.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

Please remember in your prayers
Sheila Hilbert, mother of past students Patrick ‘64, Tony ‘65, Bryan ‘66, James ’70 and Michael ’75 (dec.) and grandmother of past students Daniel ’95, Andrew ’97 and Luke ’99 who passed away peacefully on October 11 at the age of 94. As a long serving member in the College community she will be truly missed.

May She Rest in Peace

Unit 3 and 4 Exams.
A reminder to parents and students that Unit 3/4 exams are rapidly approaching. A number of students have already had language oral exams and language written exams commence at the college on Monday 24th of October.

The largest of the VCAA exams, English is on Thursday November 3rd. Students are reminder to arrive at all their exams 30 minutes early. They are also reminded of the following: must commit VCAA numbers to memory, clear plastic drinking bottle, no label on bottle, bottle must only contain water, 1.5 litre max. Pencil case must be clear plastic zip lock bag. Students are reminded to ensure calculators are fully functioning (including new batteries). PHOTO I.D. is a must for all exams.

Students are also reminded to leave mobile phones at home.

Lastly and most importantly, be prepared, be well rested, well fed and calm.

Bernadette Kirkwood, VCE Coordinator
General News

From The Strand Campus Director

Dark Wonderland
Next week our Junior Production will be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 7.30pm. More information regarding tickets etc. is available in this newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the great work of our staff and also the commitment our boys from The Strand have made to make this production the great show that it will be. So congratulations to Mr Brendan Tollit (Director), Ms Brooke Sullivan and Ms Suzie Bradmore (Producers), Ms Jane Fleming, Mr Jeff Mifsud, Mr Luke Steward and Mr Scott Driscoll for the countless hours of rehearsal and planning. Congratulations to the following boys for their involvement as well;

Yr 7: Liam McWhinney, Chris Graham, Robert Adorno
Yr 8: Liam Grogan, Luca D’Eveille
Yr 9: Jacob Sibbald, Michael Haber, Thomas Solarino, Matt Grogan.

Summer Uniform
A reminder to parents that the boys will be allowed to wear their summer uniform from Wednesday November 2, the day after Melbourne Cup day.

New student
We welcome Nicholas Cameron to Year 8E. Nicholas and his family have moved back to Melbourne having spent the last few years in Queensland.

Year 9 2012 Subject Selection
A reminder to all parents that the Year 9 2012 subject selection process will begin on Thursday November 3. Students will participate in a process during the day and parents are encouraged to attend the subject selection evening in the Auditorium from 7.30pm on the same day.

Timed Assessment Tasks
A reminder to all that Year 7, 8 & 9 students will undertake their TATs from Monday October 24 to Friday November 4. Below is an overview of the exam timetable:

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Year 8 Parents - Dates for the Calendar!
Thursday November 3rd, 2011.
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Auditorium
It is advisable that parents try to attend this evening with their Year 8 son.

Mr Mark Reedy (Curriculum leader) will speak about Year 9 Electives/Subject Selection.
It is envisaged from that evening, students will have one week in which to finalise their subject selections online.

Mr Mark Smith (Santa Monica campus) will speak about the Year 9 Santa Monica Program.
You will learn a lot about the activities offered and the expectations and preparation required of students participating in the program next year. To assist the Year 8 coordinators in the preparation of Year 9 class lists, we ask that Year 8 families think about the term their son should NOT attend the Santa Monica Camp in 2012. A letter will come home shortly to ask for your decision.

Investig8 Presentation Day
Thursday November 17th, 2011
Session 1  9:00am – 10:35am
Session 2  11:00am -12:40pm
Each Day 9, Year 8 have been trying to complete a project of their own; their iLEAP (individual LEarning Adventure Project).
On Nov 17th, Year 8 will showcase their hard work to staff, students and parents. A letter will be sent home with further details from Ms Shelley Beecham, which will outline the most appropriate session to view.

Calculators
All Year 8 students received a handout last Wednesday with regards to the purchase of calculators for Year 9. If you haven’t yet seen that note please ask your son as it is to be returned to Abacus Calculators and Resources by December 9.
SBC EVENTS

Art Exhibition and Film Premiere Night  Tuesday October 18
The Visual Arts Department and students of St Bernard’s extend an invitation to the parents, students and staff to the celebration the creative talents of the graduating Studio art, Visual Communication, Design and Media students. Works of excellence from all levels will also be represented.

Awards will be presented for outstanding art works on the opening night.

The opening starts at 6.30 finishing at 8.30 in the gallery (O’Brien hall.) Films will be screened from 7.30 in the auditorium. Refreshments provided.

The Gallery will be open to the public from 3:00 to 4:00 pm Wednesday and Thursday.

Dark Wonderland
For the last three months, thirty students from St. Bernard’s and St. Columba’s have worked in collaboration on the 2011 junior production, *Dark Wonderland*.

Set ten years after the original tale by Lewis Carroll, *Dark Wonderland* is a bleak and funny sequel of sorts. Opening in an asylum where Alice has been committed, the play explores themes of broken alliances, solid friendships and sheer madness – an experience not for the faint-hearted!

The students have been busily rehearsing and refining the performance to ensure that your time in ‘wonderland’ will not be forgotten!

The students will perform three evening performances at 7.30pm in the St Bernard’s College auditorium on: **Thursday 20th October, Friday 21st October, Saturday 22nd October**

For ticket bookings, please call 9289 1049. Ticket prices are a steal at $14 (adult) and $10 (student/concession). Be quick to avoid disappointment!

While we are presenting a sensitive interpretation suitable for secondary students, please be advised that *Dark Wonderland* has some mature themes that might not be appropriate for very young children.

Annual Volunteers Dinner - November 9, 6:30pm at the College 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, sporting groups etc. We hope you can join us. If you wish to attend please contact Carolyn or Mary on 9289 1136 or email CHolland@sbc.vic.edu.au

Year 12 Information for Parents

**Final Assembly and Awards**
Monday, 24 October 2011

*Parents are welcome to attend Final Assembly in the Gym at 9:15am.*
*Please contact Ms Felicity Cronin by email only at fcronin@sbc.vic.edu.au for tickets.*

**Graduation Mass**
Monday, 24 October 2011
6:00pm – St Monica’s Church
* (No Tickets Required)

**Valette Dinner**
Monday, 24 October 2011
8:00pm – 11:30pm – Celebrity Room,
Moonee Valley Racecourse
Gate 1, McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds
Wearing of Caps/Hats for Sport and HPE Classes
Being Term Four, all students on the Strand Campus are expected to be wearing their school caps/hats during all outdoor activities in HPE and Sport classes.

Peter Kelly, HPE Coordinator - The Strand

IMPORTANT
There are still a large number of current Year 12 students who have not handed in their preference sheet for the collection of their VCE Certificate and Clairvaux Annual. Can this be handed into the Accounts Office as soon as possible to ensure that you receive these? If you require another sheet, this can be obtained from the Accounts Office.

Music News
We start term 4 music information with recent acknowledgements resulting from the Spring Concert in the final week of term 3. Of greatest significance, we congratulate Nguyen Pham of Year 12 for receiving the Colin Chapman Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Musician of the Year. This is a significant award, recognising true excellence in musicianship. Secondly, The ‘Guitar Raffle’ has concluded. We congratulate the Rossi, Bowler and Kelly families who were the successful ticket-holders, sharing in over $700 worth of guitars and amplifiers. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for supporting this fundraising initiative.

In coming weeks, the Music Department will see VCE students undertake performance examinations. As a consequence, many students have taken or are in the process of taking advantage of a number performance opportunities in preparation. The first of these was the Semester 2 Soiree, held on Thursday October 13 in the College Auditorium. This was a free concert, giving students the chance to play solo or in small configurations. Further to this, a VCE music assessment group headed to Roslyn Court Receptions on October 14 to perform for a National Breast Cancer Foundation fundraising event. All VCE music students will perform on Sunday October 16 for a lunchtime concert at The Perseverance Hotel in Fitzroy. We wish students involved well for these performances and their examinations.

A younger group of musicians will present a concert at Our Lady of the Nativity Primary School on Wednesday October 19. Students in SYNC vocal group, Blues Band and the Intermediate Concert Band will perform. Friends of Music: Members of this group are reminded about the change of meeting date for Term 4. It is now Monday November 7 2011 at 7:30pm in the Music Department, Room 302.

ACC Swimming - It’s time to dive in again...
Training for the 2012 ACC Swimming Carnival will commence on Sunday evenings at St Bernard’s Pool from 16th October. The sessions will be from 6:15pm – 7:45pm.
Morning training at St Bernard’s Pool will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on Thursday 3rd November. These sessions will be from 6:30am – 8am. Breakfast is provided at school after training. Year 6 students do not attend these sessions.
All previous squad members are requested to attend the first Sunday session and new swimmers are invited to attend. Individual time trials will be held at the first session this Sunday to provide swimmers with a base point for assessment of improvement over the season.
Year 6 swimmers who will be attending St Bernard’s next year are welcome to attend training. (Please note these are not Learn to Swim lessons. They are for competition training.)
All swimmers should come prepared, with goggles, appropriate swimwear (not board-shorts) and a water bottle. Parents are requested to collect their children promptly after Sunday night training as coaching staff need to vacate the property and lock gates.
For further information, e-mail ciannazzo@sbc.vic.edu.au See you at the pool...

Congratulations to...
James Portelli in 9C who played in the Under 15 Australian Hockey Championship over the holidays. Victoria Hockey selected him to play for the Northern Territory team and although they had no wins he was voted the best and fairest for the NT team. Well done James!

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