From The Principal

The whole school community, gathered together this week to celebrate the annual St Bernard’s Day Mass, lead wonderfully by Fr Tony Kerin. Mrs Margaret Carey, “Legend” and member of the College Foundation Hall of Fame, was guest of honour and was joined by fellow member of the Hall of Fame, Br Frank Chappell as well as a number of other Christian brothers. At the end of the Mass College Captain Andrew Zammit presented to the community the new Charter for Edmund Rice Education Australia. This charter with the four touchstones: Gospel Spirituality, Liberating Education, Inclusive Community and Justice and Solidarity will be presented to the community in detail throughout the remainder of the year.

The students were exemplary in their engagement with the liturgy and during communion remained quiet and reflective. High quality music provided by our student musicians assisted. The opportunity to gather as one united community for Eucharist is a fitting way to celebrate our identity and honour our patron, St Bernard.

The History of the College, from 1940 – 1990, records that in 1940 Br Cregan named the new College, St Bernard’s “without giving any reason”. In its almost 72 year history the College has achieved much which might retrospectively make the choice of this name prescient.

St Bernard of Clairvaux was a Frenchman, who lived from 1090 until 1153. In his youth he was an accomplished student with a great taste for literature. He came to be recognised as the most eloquent and learned man of his time and had a profound impact on the Church, leading to him being accorded the extremely rare title of “Doctor of the Church”.

Bernard founded the Cistercian order and opened a monastery at Clairvaux. This proved so popular it was soon overcrowded and new monasteries were started elsewhere: three hundred and forty-three in total across Europe by the end of his life. Bernard’s power to attract, inspire and lead people was remarkable. Those joining him as monks included his father and all his brothers, (his sister also became a nun!)

Churchmen and politicians came to value Bernard’s wisdom and he was instrumental in diplomacy and peacemaking across Europe. When asked by the Pope to preach a second crusade Bernard obliged. The crusade failed in its attempt to reclaim the Holy Land and it seems that he learnt much from the failure. Amongst his greatest works is his ‘Book of Consideration’. One of the core assertions of this text is of the importance of meditation, or consideration, which ought always precede action.

St Bernard’s College, Essendon circa 2011, bears the name of St Bernard of Clairvaux comfortably and proudly. Our aspiration for high levels of literacy and scholarship for our students, our faith leadership and our engagement with and loyalty to Church while still seeking to influence its direction are clearly discernible as traits shared by the College and its patron.

St Bernard was a “learner and a doer”: educated, literate, discerning, loyal and reflective. These are all capacities we encourage our students to aspire to. The College also brings together people who share their faith and a vision for a better world, as did the monastery at Clairvaux. In time it may prove that the College comes to appreciate and celebrate our patron Bernard, more in the same way that we appreciate and celebrate Edmund Rice.

Tony Paatsch

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)

**Valete Dinner**
Monday, 24 October 2011
8:00pm – 11:30pm – Celebrity Room, Moonee Valley Racecourse
Gate 1, McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds

Each family will be allocated a maximum of 6 tickets. The cost will be $95 per person to be paid at the Accounts office. Please note that Year 12 students are required to purchase a ticket.

Payment required by Friday, 16 September 2011.
General News

From The Strand Campus Director

Brodie's Law
A few weeks ago in the newsletter I raised the possibility of students involved in bullying other members of a school community could face up to a 10 year custodial sentence if the state government were to amend the Crimes Act to criminally prosecute workplace bullies. I note in last weekend’s Sunday Age that education ministers asked Attorney General Robert Clark to clarify ‘Brodie’s Law’ in relation to whether principals, teachers and students would be protected under this amendment. The Attorney-General said Brodie's Law does apply in schools, which means that anyone who bullies another person within a school community could be brought before a criminal court unless under 10 years of age.

At next week's campus assembly I intend to make this amendment to the law very clear to all students on The Strand. I encourage all parents to discuss this important issue with their son.

Italian Incursion Day
Thanks to Mr Selva, Mrs Vassallo and Mrs Lusi for their work in providing our Year 9 Italian students with a great day of Italian culture.

Santa Monica
Congratulations to Michael Climent (9D), Chris Galle (9H) and Jack Stephens (9H) who finished 3rd in the Dante Awards State Final. The Dante awards involve students reciting poetry in Italian.

Author Visits
This week I visited the Santa Monica campus as our 9B class began their first week of their four-week experience. I am happy to report that our new cabins and dining room are well on track to be available for our Year 7 2012 camps in February.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Santa Monica staff. Following each class completing their experience I always receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents about their son’s time spent at ‘Santa’. Thanks to Mark Smith, Peter Morgan, Mic Stapleton, Jordan Nichols and Judy Scanlon for all the time they put into making this experience a ‘stepping stone into manhood.’

Dates to remember on The Strand
Friday September 9 – Year 8 activity day at Luna Park.
Tuesday September 13 – Strand class captains leadership day.
Friday September 16 – Year 9 Sovereign Hill excursion for 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G.
Monday September 19 – Off Campus week for Year 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G.
Tuesday September 20 – 8H Santa Monica Day.
Thursday September 22 – Last day of Term 3 for students.

SBC Public Speaking Competition
The annual SBC Public Speaking Competition (the Vin Tuck Trophy) will take place on Tuesday September 6th in the Board Room at 7:00pm.
The competition is open to all Strand and Clairvaux students. Posters advertising the event and application forms will soon be available.

Christine McGee (Clairvaux) and Katherine Barresi (The Strand) English Coordinators

VCAL News
As a part of VCAL’s Personal Development program, James Pantalone from Year 12 undertook some event management, organising a Senior Level 2 [Apply First Aid] Course for all interested students in Years 10-12 recently. The day was a success with the following 13 students participating: Edward Allen, Kevin Cosgriff, Daniel Carey, Patrick Comerford, Nathan Conti, James Delzoppo, Mitchell Duggan, Shahiri Fernando, Anthony Gagliano, Jack Howard, Daniel Mostovac, Luke Palazzolo and James Pantalone

Well done to James on a fantastic effort!

January 2012 Classic Italy Tour:
There is an opportunity for members of the St. Bernard’s community to be part of an 18-day tour of Italy (5/01/12 – 23/01/12). The tour is open to anybody interested in visiting such wonderful places as Venice, The Dolomites, Trento, Torino, Cinque Terre, Siena, Pisa, Florence & Rome. Cost is only $2,600 pp (does not include airfare). Please contact me at the College, for further details.

Bruno Spiller, Senior Teacher of Italian
Year 10 Student Interchange Programme
A great opportunity has arisen for two of our Year 10 students to take part in a student exchange with other schools in the Edmund Rice Network. Our students would spend a few days at St Patrick’s College in Strathfield, NSW and be hosted by two families from that school community. Then in November two of our families will host two students from St Edward’s College in Gosford, NSW.

This opportunity is ideally suited to students with a strong interest in developing their leadership potential. Expressions of interest from students and families should be directed to Mr. Chris Knauf, Year 10 Coordinator, Student Leadership Coordinator. 9289 1088 or cknauf@sbc.vic.edu.au.

Music News
The music program is in preparations for the up-coming Spring Concert on the evening of Tuesday September 20. Further to showcasing our music talent, the concert is also an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Year 12 musicians in their final concert at the College. We encourage all to attend what is always a fantastic celebration of music at SBC.

On the horizon are a couple of big ACC events in the form of the ACC Big Band workshop day at Parade College and the ACC Rock Band workshop and Battle of the Bands at Whitefriars College. Parents and students can access permission forms for these excursions at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/excursion-notices.html. It is vital that permission forms are returned by the dates indicated.

The Friends of Music have a number of initiatives in action at the moment. Parents and students with ‘Guitar Raffle’ books are advised to conclude selling tickets and return money and ticket butts by the end of August. These can be returned to the music department office or the College front office.

On the evening of Friday October 21st, the Friends of Music have planned a Music Trivia Night in the College Pavilion. Information and registration for this event can be found at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/sbc-music-trivia-night.html. We encourage people to organise tables of 10 and register ASAP as table numbers are limited. Smaller groups are welcome and will be matched up to create full tables.

Finally, the Friends of Music are auctioning a signed Essendon Guernsey in yet another fundraising initiative. SBC community members are encouraged to view the online auction on ebay at http://cgi.ebay.com.au/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=320748481938#ht_500wt_1132. Though the auction is open to the public, it is hoped that an SBC community member wins the auction to claim this outstanding item of football memorabilia.

Coles Sports for Schools Program
St Bernard’s College are participating in the Coles Sports for School Program. This program gives schools the opportunity to accumulate vouchers and at the end of the program the College will be reimbursed with sporting equipment.

So please start collecting these vouchers and bring them into the sports office.

Congratulations...
to Daniel Allison and Anthony Williams of Year 10 who received awards at the Volleyball Victoria Blue and White state presentation dinner at the Powerhouse in Albert Park last Saturday night. In the under 17 East Development Men’s team, Daniel received the Player’s choice award whilst Anthony was awarded MVP from his coaches. In further accolades for the College, Old Collegian’s Michael Cirillo ’09 and Tom Swallow ’10 were awarded Victorian MVP and Under 19 Mens MVP respectively. Well done to them and all involved in another successful year of St Bernard’s Volleyball.

Hiking Boots For Sale
Two pairs of 2nd hand hiking boots are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. The size 9.5 and 12 boots have only been used for 3 days and previously cost $300 but can be snapped up for $100. First in, first served.

Renee Buhagiar, Uniform Shop
1. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – GUARANTEED PATHWAYS TO GRADUATE DEGREES – New requirements for guaranteed pathways being introduced. See: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au

2. SO YOU WANT TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY? Many students who study psychology at university are unaware of what becoming a psychologist actually involves. Step-by-step progression towards becoming a psychologist means proceeding from an undergraduate degree to fourth year (honours) and post graduate study. Places are limited, so only the best candidates will be selected to complete post graduate qualifications. Graduates not wanting this path could consider counselling, human resources, marketing, child welfare, community work and education. Check out the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) website as well at: www.apac.psychology.org.au. All recognised courses are listed.

3. FAMILY TAX BENEFIT A. If you are in receipt of family tax benefit A and your year 12 son is considering applying for a degree at University of Melbourne, call careers ASAP!

4. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN MINING? If you are in Year 10 or 11 and interested in science or engineering and want to find out about a career in the minerals industry then you are invited to join a 4-day fully residential and supervised UNSW Minerals Summer School hosted by the School of Engineering, University of NSW. Find out about careers, investigate courses, participate in lectures and workshops, visit mines and mine rehabilitation sites and more. You should be planning to study subjects like chemistry, physics, maths and biology and want to find out more about the minerals industry. When: Mon 9 – Thurs 12 January, 2012; Cost: $200. Application form at: www.mining.unsw.edu.au.

5. FINE ART AT RMIT – RMIT has restructured the Fine Art course, which is now offered as four separate streams and allocated new course codes: Expanded Studio Practice 33411 (CSP), 33413 (IFP); Print Imaging Practice 33481 (CSP); 33483 (IFP); Object based Practice 33491 (CSP), 33493 (IFP); Sculpture, Sound and Spatial Practice 33501 (CSP), 33503 (IFP).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY – Offered at Parkville campus. Pharmaceutical science is the science of medicines. The course covers a chemical and biological science base used in researching and developing reliable, accessible and effective medicinal products for patients. The course has three unique specialty areas: formulation science, medicinal chemistry, and, new for 2012, drug discovery biology. This new area is suited to students keen on biology and chemistry, and especially those wanting to work in the drug discovery field. The biotechnology aspects of drug design and evaluation will be explored. Students will learn how to discover and evaluate new drugable targets and will study the biological effects of new drug therapies. www.pharm.monash.edu.au/courses or go on one of the fortnightly tours (call 9903 9635). Some related courses to consider are: pharmacy at Monash, pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences at RMIT, pharmacy at La Trobe (Bendigo).

7. WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY? Find out at an info. evening from occupational therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, paediatrics, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. When: 6.15-8pm, Wed 7 Sept; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Book (26 Aug): 9496 5105, OCCUPATIONATHERAPY@austin.org.au.
9. **LAST WEEKS FOR SUBJECT SELECTION APPOINTMENTS.** Students and parents are reminded that if you would like a careers/subject selection appointment, to contact me urgently.

10. **THE VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS (VCA)** at Southbank is part of the University of Melbourne and is offering the new **Bachelor of Fine Arts** in 2012. It will teach Contemporary Music, Dance, Film and TV, Music Theatre, Production, Theatre Practice and Visual Art. By studying at the VCA you join a community of artists of all sorts – contemporary visual artists and writers, choreographers, musicians, designers, performers, actors, filmmakers, dancers and many more. What will you study?

• **Contemporary Music** – a performance stream with one-on-one teaching; interactive composition (eg for films); extensive performance opportunities

• **Dance** – contemporary dance; choreography, and the chance to make new work

• **Film and TV** – involves screenwriting, producing, directing, crewing, editing. Students make a film to be screened at ACMI

• **Music Theatre** – involves acting, dancing, singing; there will be a focus on making new work

• **Production** – involves lighting, wardrobe, set design, costume, stage management, and hands-on industry experience

• **Theatre Practice** – involves intensive actor training, skills training, public performances

• **Visual Art** – major in drawing, sculpture, painting, print-making; includes exhibitions

**Electives are available,** including at the University’s Parkville campus. For example, a language can be studied. Parkville students can also choose electives at the VCA (breadth subjects). They will not need to audition as they will take beginners classes.

• Those planning to apply for the VCA are advised to see [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfa](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfa). For a **Flow Chart** explaining the **application process** for domestic students, go to the specialisation of interest, click ‘Domestic’, then go to the ‘How to Apply’ tab.

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**Note:** A separate **Bachelor of Music** is available at the Parkville campus. This runs in the classical tradition. Music applicants need to think about the type of music program that would best suit, either contemporary at the VCA or the traditional at Parkville.

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HOMICIDE

An Investigator's Insight

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

An insight will be provided by our guest speaker:

John Silvester – alias Sly of the Underworld

Wednesday 7th September 2011

and

Thursday 8th September 2011

Venue: St Bernards College (Theatrette)
41 Rosehill Road, Essendon
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets $25 per person including light refreshments

Seating is limited so book early!

Proceeds go to the Victoria Police Blue 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.

Investigator’s Insight ticket request

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Number of tickets required @ $25 each............................... = Total $................
Date: (please tick)
☐ Wednesday 7th September or ☐ Thursday 8th September

Please make cheques (no cash) payable to Team Homicide Cycling and send to Elly Anderson at 53a Peate Avenue, Glen Iris, Vic 3146
Enquiries to Nigel Howard on 0407 565 154