From The Principal

It is a pleasure to inform the St Bernard’s community of the appointment of Mr Paul Shannon as the Deputy Principal – Director of the Clairvaux Campus. Paul is currently Deputy Principal at Mt St Joseph Girls College in Altona having spent many years prior working at Parade College Bundoora. Paul will commence in this role from the start of 2012. Mr Geoff Caulfield will be acting Deputy Principal and Campus Director while Mrs Bernadette Kirkwood will be acting VCE Coordinator during Term 4.

Outgoing Deputy Principal Mr Nick Scully will commence as Principal of St Brendan’s College Yeppoon from the start of Term 4. Nick has made a significant contribution to St Bernard’s during the last seven years. I am particularly grateful and would like to publically acknowledge his support of me during the last three years.

Nick will be farewelled formally at a gathering of staff at the end of term. It will be an opportunity for his colleagues to thank him and wish him well in his new role. I hope that many parents will take the opportunity to catch up with Nick at the coming Parent Teacher evenings and acknowledge the significant role he has had in the quality education received by their sons at St Bernard’s.

The recent ‘Casual for Kenya’ day is testament to the power of our young people, their generosity and their capacity to influence the lives of others for the better. The sum of $5335 collected on the day has been forwarded to Br Beausang School to ensure that the primary school at Embulbul is complete in time for the start of the 2012 school year.

In recent weeks some schools have expressed concern of significant numbers of students absenting themselves from school on the day following junior football finals. It appears that many students, supported by families, see the “mad Monday” gathering as more important than school. I wish to join other Principals in condemning and discouraging this practice. It sends the wrong message to students about the importance of schooling, impacts on the ability of teachers to deliver a sequential curriculum and sets a regrettable model for life beyond school.

As we approach the end of Term 3 our VCE students are preparing for exams. The Term 3 holidays are a time for them to intensify their final preparations for exams. During the first week there are scheduled trial examinations to assist their preparation. During this week the library will be open on Monday to Friday from 9am till 3pm. I hope that many students will take advantage of this to assist with their study.

Our VCAL students complete their final classes at the end of Term 3. While they will join the VCE students for the final Mass, assembly and graduation next term, I would like to acknowledge their contribution to the Year 12 group this year. They are an important element of our commitment to provide holistic education and meet the needs of all boys. I wish them well as they commence apprenticeships, the workforce or pursue further training opportunities.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

IMPORTANT

All year 12 students are reminded to return your letter of preference for the collection of the VCE Certificate and Clairvaux annual. The green form was mailed out to parents on the 22nd August.

Frances Manago (Accounts)

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

EREA Deputies Conference
Two weeks ago Mr Scully and I attended the EREA National Deputy Principal’s conference in Brisbane and during the course of the two days we visited various EREA schools in the Brisbane area. The theme of the conference was ‘One Spirit; Many Voices’. The ‘One Spirit’ element of the conference was certainly obvious when visiting the EREA schools in the region and talking to staff and students about what it is like to be part of the Edmund Rice story; school pride, a sense of student connectedness to their school, and a contribution to social justice were common themes from one school to the next. The sense of connectedness was even more obvious to us on our visit to the flexible learning centres that provide students with a ‘second chance’ to connect with schooling after finding mainstream schooling difficult through their family and social circumstances.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote address from the Congregational leader of the Christian Brothers, Br Phillip Pinto. Br Phillip encouraged us to lead from the most genuine of leadership styles, ‘spiritual leadership’. He also challenged us to recognise the times in our lives that we can ‘lose our spirit’ and at the same time lose contact with Jesus and our mission as leaders.

LOTE Week
We have had a great week of LOTE activities. Thanks to our LOTE staff in providing our students with many experiences ranging from an Italian band playing at lunchtime, Italian films, food in the canteen with a LOTE flavour, Japanese Taiko drumming lessons and displays in the library. LOTE at St Bernard’s provides our boys with much more than just the learning of language.

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.

Campus Assembly
Last week a number of staff members shared their stories with students on the Strand in an assembly. It was riveting stuff! The stories were about what it was like for each staff member when they were growing up, and in particular how difficult it was for them to communicate with the opposite sex. Miss Cronin from our front reception also shared with us her experiences in dealing with ‘creep’ behaviour in men. We shared with the boys some ‘non-negotiable’ rules that they should always abide by when communicating with females, regardless of their age or role in the boys’ lives. I encourage parents to open up the conversation at home and continue with the theme as discussions with homeroom groups have taken place since the assembly.

Dates to remember on The Strand
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.
Monday September 19 – 9B Santa Monica Presentation Night.
Tuesday September 20 – 8H Santa Monica Day.
Tuesday September 20 – Spring Concert, 7.30pm.
Thursday September 22 – Last day of term three for students. Students are dismissed at 12.40pm.
Thursday September 22 – PT interviews 2.00pm – 8.00pm.

Year 11 Italian Class wins 2011 Performing Arts Competition
Students from our Year11 Italian class participated in the annual VATI (Victorian Teachers of Italian) / CO.AS.IT Italian Performing Arts Competition, which was held at the Darebin Arts Centre, Preston, on Tuesday 6 September. The boys had to write and perform an original sketch incorporating the idea/line: he who laughs last..laughs best! The title of their sketch was IL MAMMONE, which means Mummy’s Boy.

The boys were awarded 1st prize in the Senior Section, which included $500.00 that will be used to purchase new resources for the LOTE/Italian Faculty. Our congratulations go to the following students on their excellent achievement: David Arena; Albert Zorzanello; Andrew Pagano; Justin De Fazio; Mathew Montesano; Salvatore Nisi; Luke Agostino; Matthew Matarazzo; John De Francesco; Jack Evans (IT support/backstage); Deon Tsakis (Lighting/backstage). Also, a BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful Italian Language Assistant – Lorenzo Pilieci – who worked with the students to develop the winning sketch. Bravissimi tutti!!

January 2012 Classic Italy Tour:
There are still some places available to anyone interested in the 2012 Classic Italy Tour (19 days, $2,600). For further information, please contact me at the College.

Bruno Spiller, Senior Teacher of Italian
Breakfast with Barry
During the first week of Term 4 (date and time still to be confirmed) recently retired AFL superstar Barry Hall will be coming to SBC to talk to students and their families about his career, his new book and life after football. Tickets will be $35 per family which includes a copy of Barry’s book “Pulling No Punches”. Stay tuned for further details.

Foundation Sports Night - Thursday October 13, College Sports Pavilion
The St Bernard’s College Foundation Board cordially invites you to attend our Annual Fundraising Sports Night. All funds raised through ticket sales will go to assist the work of the board which includes the upgrading of College facilities, the purchasing of teaching and learning tools as well as increasing student opportunities. This year’s event celebrates the achievements of 495 game AFL Hall of Fame umpire, current staff member and former SBC student Hayden Kennedy. Accompanied by some of the AFL stars who Hayden both coached and umpired over his illustrious career it is a night not to be missed. Tickets are $50 for a 2 course meal with drinks at bar prices and can be purchased by contacting Michael Perrett on 9289 1106 or at mperrett@sbc.com.au.

Vin Tuck Public Speaking Competition
This year’s St Bernard’s College Public Speaking Competition, the ‘Vin Tuck Trophy’ was held on Tuesday 6 September, with a collection of talented speakers from both campuses participating. The night turned out to be a historic event with the overall Vin Tuck Trophy winner being a junior student for the first time ever in the event’s almost thirty-year history.

Jarrod Grech (left) from Year 9 was the overall Vin Tuck winner. He also won the Strand Best Speaker award for his speech on the dangers of pitbulls and the Strand Impromptu award for his speech on what he has learnt from cartoons. The Clairvaux winner was Jack Trainor who presented a powerful and moving speech about asylum seekers and the Clairvaux Impromptu winner was Nathan Ratnam who presented a well thought out piece on the best way to make friends. The Encouragement awards were won by Luke Saville (The Strand) and Ben Kelly (Clairvaux).

Many thanks to the panel of judges: Dr Dallas Simpson, Ms Alex Cometti, Mr Michael Torpey and Ms Alex Feain

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

Music News
All intermediate and senior bands and ensembles are preparing for the Spring Concert, to be held on the evening of Tuesday September 20. Further to showcasing our music talent, our Spring Concert is an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Year 12 musicians in their final concert. We encourage all to attend what is always a fantastic celebration of music at SBC. The ‘Guitar Raffle’ will be drawn at the Concert and parents and students with raffle books are reminded that raffle stubs and money are now overdue. These can be returned to the music department office or the

College front office.

There are a number of music excursions occurring soon. These are the ACC Rock Band workshop and Battle of the Bands at Whitefriars College and a concert at OLN Primary School. Parents and students can access permission forms for these excursions at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/excursion-notice... It is vital that permission forms are returned by the dates indicated.

In the newsletter a fortnight ago, we advised that the Friends of Music were planning a Music Trivia Night in the College Pavilion on Friday October 21. Unfortunately we are in the position of postponing this event. Thank you to those who registered and we encourage all to re-register for the event once a new date can be established.

Finally, the Friends of Music auctioned a framed & signed Essendon guernsey on ebay recently as part of their fundraising activities. Congratulations to Mr Michael Borg, Father of Kyle Borg of 7J who was the successful bidder on this item.
Message of thanks from the Edmund Rice Foundation
I very gratefully acknowledge receipt of the cheque for $44,730 for the completion of construction of the Br Beausang Primary School. This was a most welcome contribution to enable this project to be completed.

The generosity of the boys through the Walkathon enables the Foundation to support the Brothers’ development projects for the poor. The spirit of reaching out to the less privileged is strongly present. St Bernard’s quite clearly embraces its Christian responsibility in this area. It is living out the Charter of an Edmund Rice school.

On behalf of the recipients of your generosity let me thank all those at St Bernard’s for this contribution to the work for the struggling of the world.

Bill Wilding cfc, ERF Board Chair College

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 continue to collect these vouchers and bring them into the sports office.

Congratulations...

to our Under 15 volleyballers who performed at amazingly high levels at the recent Latrobe Valley Junior Tournament. St Bernard’s swept the pool with the Year 8 team defeating the Year 7 Blue team in the grand final with the the 7 Gold team coming in third.

St Bernard’s Old Collegians Cricket Club Junior Cricket Season Training Schedule

U/12’s - Tuesdays from 13th September, 2011, 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm
U/16’s & U/14’s - Thursdays from 1st September, 2011, 4.30pm till 6.00pm

For further details please contact Junior Co-ordinator Duncan Hefter on 0438365245

Craig Osborne, Director of Sport

Essendon Little Athletics Centre
ARE YOU AGED 5-15 YEARS OLD? DO YOU LIKE TO RUN, JUMP & THROW? IF SO COME AND JOIN THE ESSENDON LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE.

Registration Day
9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday 17th September 2011
Moonee Valley Athletics Track
Corio Street, Moonee Ponds

The 2011/2012 track and field season begins Saturday 24th September 2011 at 8am

Costs involved:
Registration Fees:
$100.00 each for the first two children,
$90.00 each for 3rd & 4th child and $80.00 each other child
Weekly fee: $2.00
Team T'Shirt

Proof of age eg. Birth certificate needs to be sighted at the time of registering.

For further information contact:
Gwen Timmins on 9375 1489 (AH)
e-mail: essendon@lavic.com.au
Website: www.elac.com.au
1. **DID YOUR STUDENTS MISS OUR OPEN DAY?** An information session, faculty expo and tour of our Footscray Park campus will be made available on Saturday 10 September from 10am – 11.30am in building L. Students can register by phoning 1300 VIC UNI or by emailing student.recruitment@vu.edu.au

2. **APPLYING FOR THE VCA** – Videos about courses and the selection process for B. Fine Arts are on the VCA website under “Course Overview” for each course. Eg the one on Film and TV is at: [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfaftv/course_overview](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfaftv/course_overview). Applicants for this and other B. Fine Arts specialisations will find the videos useful (make sure you meet the Supplementary Application Form deadlines – see page 474 of the VTAC Guide).

3. **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY NEWS …**
   - **GAMES DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM** – Victoria Uni offers a school holiday program in games development for Year 10-12s who may be considering a career in games development or the broader digital media industry. Get the chance to learn some key industry standards and use some 3D computer graphics software packages. Info: 9919 1932 or email ci_shortcourses@vu.edu.au.

4. **KEEPER FOR A DAY** – Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary have a ‘Keeper for a Day’ holiday program for students wanting to work with animals; See: [www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Camps-Holidays](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Camps-Holidays)

5. **FORENSIC SCIENCE** – The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine has a careers afternoon for Year 10-12s. **When:** 12.30pm, Fri 30 Sept; **Where:** Institute Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank; **Registration:** [www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Careers-Day-Registration-Form.pdf](http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Careers-Day-Registration-Form.pdf)

6. **WORK EXPERIENCE 2012** – Year 9s have already been told about opportunities for next year. Students are more than welcome to make individual appointments to explore options. Industries that need careful planning include design, engineering, architecture, science, health, media, sport, science, working with animals, theatre and museums. If any student likes the idea of trying out any of these fields, he should make an appointment with me ASAP. Dates for work experience and other details can be found on Student Resources / Careers / Work Experience Info Kit.

7. **VTAC** – YEAR 12s. Students have until 30 September to apply for courses.

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