From The Principal

Last week it was wonderful to welcome new and returning students to the College. In this first newsletter of the year I reiterate the warm welcome that I hope all students and families experienced last week. It was good to see most families in attendance at the respective information nights as we outlined expectations for the year and worked to develop positive relationships between teachers, students and their families.

While the site returned to its normal student based daily ‘busyness’ this week, a great deal of maintenance and building has taken place in the holidays. Excavation and set out of the Visual Arts and Technology centre has commenced. This building is scheduled for completion by the start of the 2013 school year and will provide contemporary art education facilities, food technology teaching areas and a customised Physical Education facility along with toilets to accommodate those using the synthetic sports surfaces.

Following a review of the College library facilities and operation in 2011, a major refurbishment has been undertaken. The physical changes to the library will support increased student access to technology and facilitate a change in the way library staff operate to assist student learning.

The building work at Santa Monica is almost complete with only landscaping and furnishing still to complete. Year 7 camps will be the first group to use the new cabins starting in late February whilst Year 9 students will enjoy the first meal in the new dining room in the coming week. The facilities will be available for hire by members of the community from later this term.

The results achieved by our Year 12 students in 2011 were again pleasing. Our VCE students maintained a median study score of 32 with 13% of study scores greater than 40. Congratulations to College Dux, Bernard Kelly who achieved a study score of 99.4 and the five students who earned a perfect 50 score: Michael Anderson and Elliot Dawson in Further Maths, Samuel Schepis and Matthew Sikora in Visual Communication and Anthony Gagliano in Software Development.

Outcomes for our VCAL students were also pleasing with all students transitioning to the workforce, apprenticeship or tertiary training.

The College laptop program continues to grow with all year seven and ten students receiving their machines this week. I look forward to this program being key to improving student learning and ultimately contributing to improved academic outcomes and increased readiness for lifelong learning.

We welcome the following staff who have commenced at the College this year:

Paul Shannon, (Deputy Principal – Director of the Clairvaux Campus), Marie-Claire Anastasiadis, Brian Moloney, Natalie Ryan, Paul Dodson, Lori Carroll, Jack Beeche. We also welcome back Pauline Thompson, Brendan Douglas, Anna Walker, Julie Milecevic and Tina Davis, along with the Gap Year students who transition from student to staff, Anthony Gagliano, (I.C.T.), Lachlan Brown (Arts), James DelZoppo (Sport) and Kieran Johnson (Santa Monica).

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

Please remember in your prayers
Alma Kowalczewski, Grandmother of Zoli (Year 11), Edward Deutscher, Father of Michael (‘77) and Grandfather of Mark (‘06), David (‘08), (Grant (‘09) and Jeremy (Year 11) and Joyce Angel, Mother of Bernard (‘71), Paul (‘72), Mark (‘75), Chris (‘76) and Phillip (dec) and Grandmother of Joe (‘02), Bernard (‘04), Michael (‘08) Angel, Matthew (2000), David (‘02) Lovelock and Chris Tormey (Year 10)
May They Rest in Peace

From The Clairvaux Campus Director

2012 promises to be a very exciting year in the learning and teaching programs offered at the College, particularly in light of the 1:1 laptop program. Over the past week all Year 10-12 students have received a laptop in order to provide students with the tools to meet the rapid developments of the technological age.

This means that students will have the capacity to access digital resources to promote creative thinking, problem solving, planning, communication and collaboration. Our students will have the opportunity to access ‘Anytime’, ‘Anywhere’, learning, both at school and at home.

The College has had the vision to invest in this significant innovation. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all staff, students and parents who have committed themselves to this development.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the St Bernard’s community for the warm welcome I have received. I have been extremely impressed with the start we have made to the 2012 academic year.

Paul Shannon, Clairvaux Campus Director

Change of Details
A reminder to Parents to use the Parent Portal for any changes to your residential or postal address, phone, mobile or email.
A link to the Parent Portal is on the front page of our website or key in http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au/parents/login.php

Paul Shannon, Clairvaux Campus Director
From The Strand Campus Director

Welcome to another exciting year on The Strand at St Bernard’s College. I hope that everyone has had a restful holiday. There is a lot of excitement around the campus regarding the new year ahead and the introduction of our house system has created quite a bit of interest for the boys and yet another level of connectedness for your son.

Can I please raise the issue of uniform as a reminder to all families? To assist in your understanding of the correct wearing of our uniform please refer to the following website for guidance regarding this: (http://year7sbc.weebly.com/the-uniform.html). We would like to politely remind families that ear or body piercings are not permitted; that hair styles should be of a conservative fashion and that no jewellery is to be worn.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any concerns you have relating to your son’s schooling. My direct line is 92891127. I am looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at our information nights.

Year 7 Camp Dates:
Monday 27th – 29th February: 7F & 7E
Wednesday 29th February – Friday 2nd March: 7G & 7D
Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th March: 7B
Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th March: 7J
Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th March: 7C
Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st March: 7A
Wednesday 21st March – Friday 23rd March: 7H

Information regarding the camp can be found at: http://year7sbc.weebly.com/year-7-camp.html

Information Evenings
Thank you to all of our new parents who attended the Year 7 Information evening last night. The combined Year 8 & 9 information evening will be held next Wednesday February the 15th beginning at 7.30pm in the Auditorium.

Come along for a brief information session and then meet your son’s homeroom teachers. I promise you all that it will be a fast, informative and enjoyable evening.

Dates to Remember on The Strand
Thursday February 9 – Year 7 Parent Information Evening 7.30pm.
Wednesday February 15 – Opening Mass/Year 8 and 9 Parent Information Evening 7.30pm.
Friday February 17 – ACC Swimming.
Tuesday February 21 - Year 7 – 9 Male Mentor Evening.
Wednesday February 22 – Ash Wednesday/Academic Awards Assembly.
Thursday February 23 – Year 9A, B & F Retreat.

Damian McKee, The Strand Campus Director

Absence Notification
As I am sure you are aware St Bernard’s College notifies parents of your son’s absence at school via SMS. If your son is absent, the following SMS is sent to the primary mobile phone of parents;

St Bernard’s records show XXX is absent FRI 22/7/2011. Pls reply by SMS or PH 92891105 with student name/reason/abs date

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, “0428937348”. Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under “St Bernard’s College” so that when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school. Parents can then reply, preferably using SMS, or by phoning the school. Alternatively simply press the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son’s name, homeroom, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

If your child is absent and a reason has been provided, then you will not receive an SMS. When you have prior knowledge that your son will be absent from school, we would encourage parents to notify the College via SMS as well. Please use the mobile number provided above and include in the message, your son’s name, homeroom, reason for absence and the date he will be absent.

Finally, if you have recently changed mobile phone numbers (or other contact details) please notify the College Reception on 92891105.

Paul Shannon and Damian McKee, Campus Directors

Notice to all Year 12 families 2012
Please find below the link to our powerpoint presentation shown at the Year 12 Parent Information Evening last Thursday.

We thank you for your attendance on the night and for your continued support.

A reminder to update your parent email contact details if there have been changes, as year 12 messages/information will be sent via email throughout the year.

We look forward to working with you in 2012.

Vittoria Alcorace and Suzie Bradmore, Year 12 Coordinators
Students Studying Languages at Other Institutions
All those students who are commencing their enrolments at language schools, including Victorian School of Languages (VSL) and all other external institutions, are required to provide proof of enrolment and enrolment details to the College as a matter of priority. Documentation should be handed to Mrs. Luca.

Geoff Caulfield, VCE Coordinator

Extra English Support on Clairvaux Campus
The following times are available for students to receive extra help from English teachers outside of class time:
Year 12: Monday Period 6 and Tuesday Periods 5 & 6 in the Yr 12 Building.
Years 10 & 11: Monday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in Room 643 (Yr 11 Corridor).

Chris McGee, Clairvaux English Coordinator.

Lost Property
Last year a large number of lost books, stationary, and items of uniform came to front office. Many items were not labeled, and thus not returned. It is important that all belongings, especially valuable items such as uniform and calculators, are clearly marked with students’ names.

Western Front Tour - Expression of Interest
We are currently seeking expressions of interest from students interested in a 2 week tour of Turkey and the Western Front in September 2013. The purpose of the tour will be to visit some of most important battlefields of the Australian campaign during The Great War. Sites include Gallipoli, Hill 60, Menin Gate, Fromelles and Viller-Bretonneux. For further information and a complete itinerary please contact me at bsullivan@sbc.vic.edu.au.

Brooke Sullivan

2012 Italy Study Tour
An initial meeting was held on Tuesday 7 February for those students interested in being part of the 2012 Italy Study Tour, which will take place at the end of Term 3. The total cost of the 17 day tour is $4,700.00 – includes return air-fares; accommodation and all private coach transfers. A $500 refundable deposit is due by 14 February. Further information can be obtained from me.

Bruno Spiller, Senior Teacher of Italian

Music News
The Music Department has hit the ground running this year with preparations already underway for the opening school Mass and various other official events. It would add to our productivity if students could access the resources made available to them via the Music Department Website in regards to this preparation. We strongly encourage parents to support the students in practicing their music prior to rehearsals.

We invite both new and returning students to consider the opportunities available to them via the music program. All information required can be accessed via the ‘Music’ link, under the ‘Other SBC Websites’ section of the College homepage. Of particular note, we encourage any student wishing to enroll for private music lessons to do so ASAP. Likewise, registrations for The Strand Guitar Ensemble and auditions for the College Show Band are currently sought via the website.

The Music Department Website also contains comprehensive information about the Friends of Music at the College. All parents are welcome to the first fundraising activity organised by this group for the year, a winery tour and luncheon on Sunday March 25. Information for this can be accessed directly at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/winery-tour-and-luncheon.html. Events like this raise significant funds for our music program. Parents and community members are encouraged to get onboard.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music

Congratulations...
to Jake Panozzo who has been selected as captain of the ACC swim team this year.
Jake has competed in the interschool carnival since Year 7 and has regularly won or been placed, usually having a heavy program. He has been the winner of his age level multiple times over the years, and has also been a multiple winner of the Brother Collopy Shield for the Open 200 IM Handicap and has won the Brother Walsh Senior Invitation 100M Freestyle Shield.
Jake will again be carrying a heavy schedule at this years swim carnival, which is set to take place on Friday February 17th at MSAC beginning at 7pm. We encourage all staff, students and parents to get down if they have the chance and help support the team!

Craig Osborne, Director of Sport

Careers News
Careers Appointments - Year 12s
Students are strongly encouraged to make appointments to discuss 2013 pathways now! We always find that those who start the process of exploring ideas early in Year 12, are much more likely to make a positive start to life after St. Bernard’s!
Parents very welcome to attend appointments.

Work Experience Update – Year 10s
The process of work experience planning began mid 2011. Whilst I have seen just under half of the boys for appointments (voluntary) this is significantly down on previous years. Whilst it is some months away, the boys should understand that the sooner they explore their options, the better the chance they have of securing a meaningful and rewarding placement. The standard date is 25-29 June. Further details are available on student resources/careers/work experience information kit.
St. Bernard’s College Canteen Price List  January 2012

**Breakfast Menu** from 8.15am to 8.35 am
Cheese & Bacon rolls $1.00 with cheese $1.50
Croissants $1.70 with cheese $2.00
Yoghurt $2.50 ☺  Fruit 50c ☺ Fruit Salad $2.50
Up and Go $1.50 ☺  Up & Go Energize $1.50

**DRINKS**
Cans: Diet coke, Coke Zero, Diet Vanilla Coke, Sprite Zero $2.00
Bottles: Coke Zero, Vanilla Coke zero $3.00 ☺
Pump Water $2.00 ☺  Mt Franklin Water $1.50 ☺
Powerade: Red, Blue, Gold, Lime, Blackcurrant $3.00
Goulburn Valley milk 600ml $2.50  600ml choc, coffee, straw, Banana $2.50
Nippy’s milk choc, straw, coffee $2.00
G.V. to GO Juice Orange, Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant, $2.00
Iced Tea: Peach/Mango, Lemon/lime, Green Lemon, and Green Mango $3.00

**HOT FOOD**
Pizza $3.50
Steamed dim sim 80c Hot Dog $3.00
Pasties $3.50 Veg Pastie $3.50
Sausage roll $3.50
Sausage roll in roll $3.70
Chicken Burgers $3.50

**ROLLS**
Assorted Rolls $3.00 ☺  Assorted Wraps $3.00 ☺
SPECIAL ANY ROLL/ WRAP WITH A BOTTLE OF MT FRANKLIN $4.00
Toasted Sandwiches $2  Toasted Turkish Bread Roll $3

**SNACKS**
All Cakes & Muffins $2.50. Piranha 80c ☺ Popcorn $1.00
Grainwaves $1.00
Plus a small selection of Lollies 80c to $2.50, Cough Lozenges $2.00
Frozen orange juice cups 60 cents, icy poles and ice creams at recommended retail prices

**DAILY SPECIALS**
**MONDAY**  Chilli Chicken Strip Roll with lettuce $3.50, Sushi $4.50{2}
**TUESDAY**  Fried Rice $2.50 and Falafels $3.50
**WEDNESDAY** Sushi twin pack $4.50  Lamb Souvlaki $3.50
**THURSDAY**  Chicken Chilli Strip Roll with Lettuce $3.50
**FRIDAY**  Hamburger with Cheese, Chicken burger, lettuce & Mayonaise $3.50, Sushi twin pack $4.50
St Bernard’s Junior Football Club Registration

Sunday 19\textsuperscript{th} Feb 11:00am – 1:00pm and Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} Feb 4:30pm – 6:00pm at the St Bernard’s College Oval.

NEW players need to bring a COPY of their birth certificate.

Fees – 1 child $200; additional children $120 each (please note payment made after 24\textsuperscript{th} Feb will increase to $220 and $140 respectively).

EFT is the preferred payment method. BSB 083 346 Acc 625970242 please insert your surname so we know who the payment is from and bring your internet banking receipt on the day.

All welcome,

Paul Dervan
Secretary
St Bernards Old Collegians Junior Football Club
m. 0418 141 272