From The Principal

Most will be familiar with the statement “may you live in interesting times”. Some claim it to be derived from a Chinese proverb, but is more likely a western creation first used in the 1930’s. Regardless of its origin, as Catholics in an institutional and community sense, we certainly live in interesting times.

I think that most of us welcome the announcement of a Royal Commission into child sexual abuse and institutional response to that abuse. At the same time we dread hearing further detail of the suffering of survivors of abuse and wonder how such things could have happened. Most of us, either directly or indirectly, through people we know, schools we attended, institutions we have belonged to will have some connection to instances of abuse.

Abuse of any human being is unacceptable from a humanist or religious moral perspective. The abuse of the young is particularly heinous and distressing. Such distress is compounded when accompanied by the apparent failings of those in positions of authority, including those within our Church, who caused harm to those they vowed to serve.

One outcome of the Royal Commission must be to ensure that such abuse never occur again. Charles Dickens’ novel “A Tale of Two Cities” opens with the following:

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair…”

Perhaps “interesting times” and “the worst of times” can be applied to what has gone before. I hope that this Royal Commission will see each of us, our community and our Church emerge into “the best of times” and into “the spring of hope.”

Last Saturday over two hundred people gathered to celebrate the annual Mass for Deceased Old Collegians. It was a wonderful, moving ceremony and the 51st in succession to be celebrated by Old Collegian Father Gerard Dowling. In the same vein of remembering those that have passed, students and staff joined in Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday (12th). The ceremony included prayers for peace, laying of wreaths, The Ode, Last Post and the minute silence. It is important that boys have the chance to remember those who gave their lives in defense of their country. It is also important that they have the opportunity to pray for peace. I am grateful to Ms Alex Cometti for coordinating this event.

Last Sunday the first Open Day was held at the College’s Santa Monica Campus to showcase the facilities and program (pictured). Over the last four years extensive work has been completed on site, resulting in outstanding facilities for the Year 9 program and the capacity to accommodate a range of activities including Year 7 and 8 camps, retreat, renewal and leadership experiences along with a range of other “offsite” staff and student activities.

We are also pleased to announce that the new cabins are available for use by members of the St Bernard’s community at weekend and holiday periods. I would like to acknowledge the work of Campus director Mark Smith with Mic Stapleton, Pete Morgan, Judy Scanlon, Kieran Johnson and Bruce Stebbins for their work in developing and conducting the Open Day and the work of Mr Bruce Wallace in coordinating the development of the site.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

Announcement of Strand Captains for 2013

We were delighted to announce at a special assembly of Year 8, the new Strand Captains for 2013. 4 were chosen but twenty-three young men put their hand up for leadership which is very encouraging. The boys understood that the leadership model at St Bernard’s is one taken from our belief in Jesus as the Son of God, who came to serve his people, and the inspiration of men such as Edmund Rice, who founded the Christian Brothers, and many of the Christian Brothers who, over the years, have given so much for the benefit of others.

Leaders need the support of others. When we choose the ones who would lead us we are then bound to support them in any way that we can.

As our new captains, Harrison Pound (Strand Captain), Liam McWhinney (Arts), Jett Fogarty (Ministry) and Justin Condo (Sports), make their first steps on their leadership journey, may we all support them as much as we can towards making this school we love the best place it can be and a shining example of Catholic Christian community. Congratulations to all who applied and especially to the new captains.

Brendan Douglas, Director of Mission

From the CECV -Student Scholarships 2012 - 13

Applications for student scholarships are now open at www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships. Some of these scholarships require applicants to be in financial need. Parents/Guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance, the Family Tax Benefit or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this requirement. The closing date for applications in 30 January 2013 and the principal must verify the student’s 2012 end-of-year results for the application to be valid.

Steven Elder, Executive Director CECV
From the Campus Directors

Awards Evening
On Thursday December 13 we are planning to celebrate the academic achievements of our Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students at our 2012 Awards evening. The Year 7 & 8 Awards night will be held in the Auditorium at 7.30pm. The Year 9 & 10 Awards evening will be conducted at the same time, in the College Auditorium. Invitations for the night will be sent out to families involved by Friday December 7.

Year 10 Examinations
The timetable for the Year 10 exams will be available from the Year 10 notice board and a copy has already been e-mailed to your son. Most Year 10 Exams will be held in the Gym and will commence with 15 minutes reading time. Please note the dates and times of each exam, as misreading the exam timetable is not accepted as an excuse for missing an exam. All students must attend their scheduled exams in full school uniform. There are no scheduled classes for Year 10 students during exams so students are expected at school only for their timetabled exams.

2013 Head Start Programme
VCE Unit 3 subjects will officially start on Monday November 26 and conclude on Wednesday December 5. Attendance is compulsory during this time and a timetable of classes will be available prior to this date.

YEAR 12 2013 Information night
The Year 12, 2013 Information Night for all parents and Year 12 students will be held on Tuesday November 27, commencing at 7.30pm in the College Auditorium.

2013 Kenyan Immersion Experience
There will be an information evening for families who are interested in finding out about the next Kenyan Immersion Experience. The presentation will be held next Thursday, November 22 at 7.30pm in the College Boardroom.

Paul Shannon, Deputy Principal - Clairvaux       Damian McKee, Deputy Principal - The Strand

Business Directory
For the past fifteen years the College has circulated a Business Directory to all current students, current families, all on our enrolment register and all on our Old Boy Register - approximately 10,000. Response to the Directory has been very enthusiastic and many businesses have reported good results from their advertisements. The Directory includes useful College information for parents and, as such, is a worthwhile reference for the entire year.

The 2013 Directory will be forwarded in late January and if you are interested in having your business associated with the larger St. Bernard’s community please contact the Development Office, 9289 1106, or email to mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au by December 7th. The Directory is open to all friends of the College.

VCAL 2012
The VCAL students finished up their studies at school and TAFE for the year. For the Year 12s, the majority have clear pathways into apprenticeships, employment or further study at TAFE next year. Pictured right are the Year 12 Students with Mr Paatsch who wished them well on their final day of classes.

The Year 11s also finished on a high with the delivery of four picnic table benches to St Martin Des Porres Parish Primary School in Avondale Heights. Students had worked on them throughout the year in the Tech rooms under the guidance and assistance of Mr Glenister and Mr Waghorn. Pictured above are the students with Principal Mark Williams. These boys had also worked at St Martin’s on a regular basis throughout the year maintaining gardens and sports grounds at the school.

Chris Mannix, VCAL

2013 Southern Italy Tour – 31/03/13 - 12/04/1
A 13-day tour of Southern Italy is being organised for the Term 1 Easter Holiday break. Parents and family members are welcome to participate. For further information, please contact Bruno Spiller at bspiller@sbc.vic.edu.au

Congratulations...
to Mate Zahtila who recently represented the College at the All Schools Track & Field Championships taking gold in the Under 18 Javelin event.

ACC Swimming
Training for the 2013 ACC Carnival is underway, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 – 8am at St Bernard’s Pool, with breakfast supplied at school after training, and Sundays 6:15 – 7:45pm at St Bernard’s Pool. If you are a swimmer but have not joined our training squad, you are most welcome to participate. If you have a younger brother who will be starting at St Bernard’s next year and who would like to try out for our inter-school team, invite him to come along to the Sunday evening sessions, which will continue until 16th December.

All participants please note that this is a competition training squad, not learn-to-swim lessons. For further information, contact Mrs Carol Iannazzo at the Clairvaux Campus on 9289 1055.
St Bernard’s College Newsletter
“Achieving Excellence by Learning and Doing”

St Bernard’s and St Columba’s Year 11 Production - We Have Issues
Congratulations to all cast members involved in the Year 11 Production this year, Edward Arthur, Gabrielle Ciampa, Christien Dariol, Joshua Dwyer, Benjamin Hargreaves, Michael Marinelli and Luke Rocca who have all been fantastic throughout the rehearsal process of We Have Issues and were truly amazing in the show on Friday, November 2nd. The show was originally written for my own personal enjoyment, with no immediate intention of developing it further. I could never have imagined that within a year I would be able to look on with pride as such a talented young group of actors truly brought it to life. I’d like to extend my gratitude to all at who have helped to make the show what it is; Justin Nott (’06), Benjamin Kelly (Year 11), Edward Stojkovich, Jeff Mitsud, Judd Vella, Paul Pupillo, George Camilleri, Lyn Pollock, John Samanna, Catherine Ohslen and Luke Steward. Special thanks must go to David Sutton and Suzie Bradmore for their overwhelming support throughout this entire process. We were able to raise $962 through ticket sales and donations from the night. All of these proceeds will be donated to hand picked charity, Headspace. As this charity deals with troubled youths it seemed an obvious choice for a show that dealt with similar themes and messages. Because of the themes and ideas that the show evoked, the performance piece supported student counsellor’s promotion of Mental Health Week through a short excerpt performed for students during a school lunch.

Lachlan Brown, College Arts Intern

The counselling staff within the College are noticing increased numbers of students dealing with high levels of anxiety as they experience adolescence in an evermore complex world. To have a recent past student on his own initiative write and develop a performance working with current students and with a mental health and wellbeing focus was wonderful really. As well as being a terrific production enjoyed by all who attended the performance, we were able to use We Have Issues to promote a wellbeing message during mental health week and will be using it when next years Year 12s gather to promote the same message. What is that message? Firstly, that life is happier and more harmonious when we have balance that includes physical activity, social time, enough sleep, quiet reflective time and good food, as well as organisation and commitment around one’s study. Secondly, even if we work hard at achieving the above, life will inevitably involve times when we will struggle and that it is important to seek support at those times. Well done Lachlan and to all those who performed in and assisted with We Have Issues.

David Sutton & John Samanna, College Counsellors

Music News
The Music Department continues to work towards the year 7 concert for 7E, F, G and J. This concert will be held in the College Auditorium on Thursday November 29 at 7:30pm. This is a compulsory event for students in these classes. The Year Seven Honours Band, Junior Band, Intermediate Band and the SYNC Vocal Group will also perform. The SBC Friends of Music continue to offer their music scholarship to the value of music lessons in Year 8 which will be awarded on the night to a current Year 7.

Older students involved in the bands program are reminded that deposits are now overdue for the proposed Sydney Music Tour in 2013. We ask that these are returned ASAP to facilitate planning.

The Friends of Music have recently decided upon another ‘winery tour and luncheon’ day to the Yarra Valley on Sunday March 17 2013. Details and registration will be available soon on the Music Department Website. They would also like to remind all who have outstanding raffle tickets for the Rotary International Raffle that all sold and unsold tickets are now overdue and to be returned ASAP.

Suzie Bradmore, Director of Performing Arts.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music
PRE-SEASON TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(FOR U15, U16, U17, U18 & U19 FOOTBALLERS)

The St Bernard’s football club has great pleasure inviting you to be a part of the 2012/13 Football Academy Pre Season training program.

The Football Academy Pre Season training program is a football club initiative designed to provide a tailored training and football development program for young men wanting to develop their personal fitness and football skills in preparation for playing senior football.

The Football Academy Pre Season training program will provide a semi-professional training environment for ANY young man who is keen to be challenged physically, who is keen to develop his football skills and who enjoys being part of a larger group in an inclusive and supportive environment.

STARTS  Monday, 19 November 2012 – Wednesday, 19 December 2012

RE-COMMENCES IN 2013  Monday, 28 January 2013 – Friday, 28 February 2012

TRAINING DAYS  Monday and Friday

TIME  4.30 pm to 6.20 pm

WHERE  St. Bernard’s Oval #2

COST  $76.50

FOOTBALL ACADEMY CO-ORDINATOR:  Shane Denahy.  (shaned@denahyelectrics.com.au)

REGISTRATION  Can be made on-line –  http://www.stbernardsfc.com.au  (go to Football Academy link on home page) Upon registration, you will receive a team singlet.

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**BASKETBALL CAMP DATES:**
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