From The Principal

The community of St Bernard’s has been pivotal in supporting the development of the Brother Beausang School in Embulbul, Kenya. We have played a significant role in building the school itself and in providing ongoing funding to support its operations, including the provision of meals for students. In the last two years we have also had groups of staff and students visit Embulbul to work with the local community and see first hand the results of our financial support.

Most other schools belonging to the Edmund Rice Education Australia network support similarly disadvantaged communities either in Australia or overseas. It is part of our collective commitment to the poor and marginalised which is a legacy of the Christian Brothers. The Edmund Rice Foundation Australia is the conduit whereby this money is sent to recipients and accounted for, a function that co exists with its own fundraising philanthropic work.

EREA schools across Australia have been approached by the Foundation requesting that our families be asked to make a contribution to the Foundation as part of their annual school fees. Before agreeing to this request the St Bernard’s College Board sought and received assurances that all contributions would go directly to support Br Beausang.

Accordingly, with each family’s fee notice in 2013 will be a request for a contribution of $120 (about 2% of our school fee) to the Foundation. The sense that we educate our own boy while concurrently assisting another in a third world setting is one that sits comfortably with the values of the College and I am comfortable in asking families to consider this.

This week our VCE students commence their VCE exams. For most students the combination of exam results and coursework grades will impact on where and what they study in the next few years. In this sense the VCE exams may be considered ‘defining’ in one’s life journey.

Success in examinations is only one, albeit important, measure of the success of a young person’s formal education. There are many people whose academic success was limited, but they are nevertheless living fulfilled successful lives and making a positive contribution to their community. I suspect that such people share the characteristic of always striving to do their best. I hope that our boys demonstrate this characteristic in their exams and their lives beyond St Bernard’s. I also hope they are comforted by the knowledge that one almost always achieves what one deserves as far as exam results go.

As many families would be aware, a minority of our graduating class were disciplined as a result of their involvement in a “pub crawl” in the final week of classes. The College’s position, clearly outlined to all families, was to insist that there be no large-scale public gatherings of this type. While the reputation of the College has the potential to be compromised by such an event, the driving force behind this insistence is the safety of boys. We believe that it is important to challenge the culture that supports a “pub crawl” as an appropriate, essential, inevitable part of the end of secondary schooling.

I thank the families who have provided support for this position and look forward to working with the class of 2013 to ensure that we celebrate graduation together at Graduation Mass and Valete Dinner.

Last year we celebrated the 50th successive year of the Mass for Deceased Old Collegians, remarkably all celebrated by Fr Gerard Dowling. The 51st Mass will be held next Saturday, November 10 in the Pavilion from 9:30am. I hope that many will have the opportunity to join us.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

From the CECV - Nurturing the whole student

At the moment, Catholic schools are funded at 20 per cent less than government schools, including school fees, this funding gap is 10 per cent.

Every effort is made to ensure that your child’s learning needs are met so they can reach their full potential and achieve their best.

Our school seeks to foster a sense of community. Our teachers and staff work with you to develop the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically, socially and culturally.

Students in Catholic schools are encouraged to engage with their communities, serve others and embrace social justice.

Our school needs government funding to help build a strong community that contributes to a better society.

For more information about school funding, please visit www.ceomelb.catholic.edu.au/funding.

Steven Elder, Executive Director CECV

Mass for Deceased Old Boys - November 10

On Saturday 10th of November, the Annual Mass for Deceased Old Boys will held at the College Pavilion from 9:30AM. Celebrated by past student Father Gerard Dowling this is always a wonderful celebration of the lives and contributions of Old Collegians who have passed on. All welcome.

Annual Volunteers Dinner - November 14, 7pm 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 Canteen Manager, Carolyn Holland at CHolland@sbc.vic.edu.au
Exam & TAT Preparation at St. Bernard’s

The learning journey that is Term 4 will give all students across all year levels the opportunity to experience a formal Examination or Timed Assessment Task (TAT) in most subjects. The aim of such an exercise is to give students the chance to critique and hopefully improve their own study techniques and work ethic in preparation for Year 12 Examinations in the years to come.

The thought of sitting an exam or TAT can be daunting for some students and the secret to a successful examination period is to simply be prepared! A well-prepared student often equals a confident student who is able to complete their exams or TATS with little feelings of nervousness or unease.

Students will be completing classwork in the lead up to the exams or tats, hence they will need to prioritise and carefully balance their time to ensure they are completing current work while allowing sufficient time for revision of work previously completed.

Step one is for students to ensure they have a complete set of class notes, including work they may have missed due to absence. Once a full set of notes is obtained, students must ensure that they understand the work that has been completed. Step two, students must ensure they are clear on what will be examined; subject teachers’ will be addressing this with their classes in the upcoming weeks.

Step three is for the student to ensure that they understand the work that will be examined. It is the students’ responsibility to address any gaps in their knowledge as soon as possible by referring to their text, relevant handouts and perhaps most importantly asking their teacher.

Hints and tips on examination technique can be found in a variety of places, however, students are encouraged to speak with their teachers for hints on how they can best study for that specific subject.

Timed Assessment Tasks

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Investig8 ILeAP

All parents of Year 8 students are welcome to attend our annual ILeAP presentation day on Thursday November 15. 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H and 8J work will be available from 9.30am – 10.30am in the library, boardroom and Year 8 homerooms. 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D work will be available from 11.30am – 12.30pm in the boardroom and Year 8 homerooms.

Mother-Son Evening

Last Thursday night approximately 100 mothers and their sons gathered in the gymnasium for our inaugural Year 8 Mother-Son Evening (pictured above). The night enabled mothers and sons to engage in conversation about the challenges that lay ahead for our young men as they negotiate the ‘bridge to manhood’.

Bill Jennings from ‘Tim and Space’ facilitated the evening and we thank Bill for providing u with the opportunity to share this experience with our families. We would also like to acknowledge the seventeen mothers of Yr 10 – 12 students who facilitated the group discussions. Particular thanks to Sharon Dodoro for gathering these wonderful women. Sincere thanks also to our student council members; Luke Rocca and Patrick Comerford for their participation on the panel.

Summer Uniform

A reminder to parents that the boys will be allowed to wear their summer uniform from Wednesday November 7, the day after Melbourne Cup day.

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

2012 VCE Results and ATAR Service

Information for students and parent regarding the accessing of VCE results on December 17, 2012 is contained in the link below. It contains important details of what is available, internet, mail delivery and SMS access to final Unit 3&4 VCE results.

http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/correspondence/bulletins/2012/October/notices.aspx#1

We wish all our students the very best as they dedicate themselves in their final preparations for these exams.

Geoff Caulfield, VCE Coordinator

Implementation of the Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum for English, History, Mathematics and Science will be implemented in 2013. At St Bernard’s, units have been trialed in these phase 1 subjects. The shift to the new curriculum has brought about changes in the subject content, teaching and learning strategies and an increased in time allocated to English, Maths, Science and Humanities in Years 7 -10. The teachers will be assessing and reporting in these subjects based on this new program.

For further information on the Australian Curriculum and a look at the new curriculum your child will be following refer to www.acara.edu.au.

Pauline Thompson, Director of Learning
Santa Monica Open Day
St. Bernard’s Santa Monica Campus, located on the Great Ocean Rd near Lorne, is holding its first Open Day for parents and students on Sunday November 11th, from Midday to 4pm. Significant redevelopments have taken place at the campus over the past two years and we will be officially opening the new buildings. There will also be a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony conducted by David Tournier from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative. Parents and families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Santa Monica. We particularly encourage parents of Year 7 & 8 boys to come and see the campus your sons will be visiting next year – though all members of the St Bernard’s community are welcome. Keep an eye on the College website for further updates.

Mark Smith, Santa Monica Campus Director

Australian Mathematics Competition
The results of the 35th annual Australian Mathematics Competition held on 2nd August have arrived at school. Over 200,000 students from 40 countries entered the competition. St. Bernard’s College entered 129 students in the competition. One student, Alexi Tsakis of Year 7 received a Prudence Award and has been invited to an awards presentation ceremony in early November at Coburg Town Hall. Three students received a Certificate of High Distinction, eighteen obtained a Distinction, sixty-five achieved a Credit and twenty-three received a Proficiency Certificate. All other students who competed will receive a Certificate of Participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report. All students are to be congratulated on their individual performances. The certificates and individual reports will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Brian Moloney, Mathematics Coordinator

Music News
With the VCE students well and truly in examination mode now, I reflect on the wonderful contribution and achievements of the departing Year 12 musicians. During the Spring Concert at the end of term 3 we acknowledge all the departing year 12 musicians for their dedication to the music program at SBC. I encourage students to embrace the gospel value of service when engaging in music, and these young men certainly served their school community through their music. I would like to particularly mention Benjamin Borrelli who was awarded the Colin Chapman Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Musician of the Year (pictured right). Benjamin has served SBC in his performances at countless concerts, masses and assemblies over the years and has had vital roles to play in a number of interstate competitions and tours. I congratulate Ben on this achievement and congratulate all performers who played or sung at the concert. Many audience-goers who have attended concerts over many years suggested it was the best one yet.

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. This is a compulsory event for students in these classes. 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 due by Friday November 9.

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NB Training sessions are in preparation for the Interschool Carnival next February. They are not Learn to Swim classes.

Bernadette Kirkwood

ACC Swimming
Training for the 2013 ACC Carnival commenced at the start of Term 4. Students who would like to join the training squad are welcome to attend training at the SBC pool on Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 – 8am (Breakfast provided at school) and Sundays 6:15 – 7:45pm (No training Sunday 4th November or Cup Day.) Boys in grade 6 who will be attending SBC next year are welcome try out at the Sunday night sessions.

ACC Swimming

2012 Italy Study Tour – a huge success!!
Our 2012 Italy Study Tour has concluded successfully. It was an unforgettable life experience for the 19 St. Bernard’s students from Years 10 & 11, 3 parents and 3 staff (pictured above) who participated during the Term 3 holidays, visiting Rome, Pompei, Siena, Florence, Maranello, Verona, Asiago, Bassano and Milano. A special highlight was the homestay for students with our sister-school, Istituto Mazzotti, in Treviso, where they were able to gain a real insight into contemporary Italian life and culture. Many thanks to Prof. Selva and Prof. Paatsch for their support and presence alongside me on the tour. A reunion will be held shortly for all participants and their families with notification given via email. We look forward to hosting our friends from Treviso next April!!

2013 Southern Italy Tour – 31/03/13 - 12/04/13
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. This tour was successfully staged in 2011. For further information, please contact me at bspiller@sbc.vic.edu.au
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.

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