From The Principal

Each year our Year 12 graduates report that their time spent at Santa Monica in Year 9 is among the most significant and positive memory they have of the College. With the beauty and tranquility of the campus, along with the chance to share time and adventures with friends, this is not surprising. Just over 3 years ago we commenced a redevelopment and refurbishment of the site. I am delighted to report that this is complete and we are now able to accommodate a second school group on site.

All Year 7 and many Year 8 and 12 students have already used the new facilities. In addition to school use we are able to once again take bookings from families connected to the College for weekend and holiday periods. In the past the configuration of the site meant that it was really only possible for one family group to use the site. The relatively primitive accommodation, (particularly the bathroom and toilet facilities!), made it attractive only to families prepared to “rough it”.

The addition of 5 self contained eco-cabins to the site make it easy and comfortable for a number of families to be on site with each cabin sleeping 8 and having its own bathroom, kitchenette, meals and lounge/living area. While not 5 star accommodation, the eco-cabins are modern, clean and comfortable. Shared kitchen facilities are close by in the refurbished dining room. Those seeking to “rough it” in the older accommodation can do so in more comfort than before with new bathroom facilities attached to the cabins adjacent the undercover area. Larger family groups have the option of booking the whole site. Families wishing to book Santa Monica for weekend or holiday periods should email Mark Smith at msmith@sbc.vic.edu.au. The campus is a wonderful resource for our students and the St Bernard’s community. I encourage you to consider taking the opportunity to enjoy something of the Santa Monica experience.

Thank you to those families who provided feedback on the performance of our preferred booklist supplier. Following a period of discernment and discussion with a number of companies and other secondary colleges we have taken the decision to change our preferred supplier. From the 2013 school year the College will be working with Landmark Book Supplies to fill booklists. We are confident that the company, which has an Essendon outlet, will meet the needs of parents and the College.

In recent weeks we have had a number of approaches from students on the Clairvaux Campus requesting permission to run a “formal”. The boys are fine young men with the best of intentions and in some cases have discussed the matter with their families prior to seeking approval. We have not granted approval and I have tried to outline the reasons to the students.

In simple terms, the College has little to gain and a lot to lose from such an event. A student run event exclusively for St Bernard’s students confers an unintended degree of confidence in the families of invited partners that it is a school sanctioned and supervised event. Whilst unlikely, should anything go wrong the good name of the College would be affected. If such an event was not exclusively for St Bernard’s students then it makes little sense to have it facilitated through the College. I have pointed out to boys that we are an educational institution, not an events facilitator, and that we encourage students to focus their time and energy on their studies. Historically a “social” was part of the educational offering designed to teach boys how to socially interact appropriately with girls. We do not believe that this is necessary.

Whilst anyone is welcome to hold any social event they wish, it must not be anything that could be misconstrued as a College event. I have thanked the boys for their understanding and accepted their word that such an event will not take place. I thank families in anticipation for supporting the College position regarding this matter.

We received the sad news this week of the tragic death of Michael Bajada (Year 12, 2009) in a car accident. Please remember Michael and his family in your prayers at this sad time. Please also remember in your prayers Joshua Pelletti, a Year 11 student from CBC, St Kilda who was seriously injured in an accident last weekend.

Best Wishes

Tony Paatsch

College Foundation Sports Night - Friday June 1, 6:30pm (for 7pm start)

You, along with family and friends, are cordially invited to an audience with “Slammin” Sam Kekovich, at the College Pavilion on Friday June 1. Come along to see the former North Melbourne great, Lamb Ambassador and star of ESPN’s “Pardon the Interruption Australia”, take an irreverent look at all things sport. Cost is $50 per head which includes a 2-course meal with drinks at bar prices and dress is neat casual.

There will also be some fantastic auction and raffle items on offer including:
A Luncheon for 4 with Sam Kekovich
A South Melbourne/Sydney Swans jumper signed by triple Brownlow Medalist Bob Skilton
A Geelong jumper signed by the legendary Bobby Davis
An Essendon Football Club signed football
Table for 4 at the Moonee Valley Racing Club Committee Luncheon
Box for 14 at Etihad Stadium for the Round 18 clash between North Melbourne and Melbourne on July 28 at 2:10pm

Come along and support the College Foundation in its efforts to raise funds for the upgrading of College facilities, the purchasing of teaching and learning tools as well as the increasing of student opportunities.

With only 200 Tickets available be sure to get in early to reserve your seat! For all bookings and enquiries please contact Michael Perrett by Tuesday May 29 on 9289 1106 or at mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au
### National Reconciliation Week

One of our touchstones that authentically links St Bernard’s College to the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice is being an ‘Inclusive Community’. This means that we welcome and foster the right relationships and commit ourselves to the common good. Next week is National Reconciliation Week.

It is timely when we consider that last weekend the AFL celebrated the talents and contributions of the indigenous footballers to the great game of Australian Rules. Last weekend was a celebration. Next week is a little different. An American lawyer once wrote, “History repeats itself, and that’s one of the things that’s wrong with history”. I write this from the perspective that our indigenous population continues to live in conditions that lead to high infant mortality rates and low life expectancy in adults. This is an injustice. How can we break the cycle of injustice? This is a difficult question to answer, however we can begin that journey by firstly acknowledging the history of the Indigenous people and then work on ways of ensuring that these injustices do not repeat.

Next week coincides with two important dates in Indigenous Australia’s recent history. May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. It enabled Indigenous people to be included in the census, and gave federal parliament the power to make laws in relation to Indigenous people. June 3 marks the anniversary of the High Court’s judgment in the 1992 Mabo case. The decision recognised the Native Title rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original inhabitants of the continent and overturned the myth of terra nullius – the belief that the continent was an empty, un-owned land before the arrival of Europeans in 1788.

It is the perfect time for all Australians to think about how to help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is also a time where we can reflect about what we are doing to advance the process of reconciliation. So next week is about understanding of the facts of Indigenous Australia, including history and its continuing effects. This understanding is fundamental for respectful engagement and mutual acceptance.

Paul Shannon and Damian McKee, Campus Directors

### From The Strand Campus Director

**The Strand Timed Assessment Tasks**

Please be aware that our TAT period for Year 8 & 9 students begins next Thursday May 31 with:

- **Year 8**: Music/Drama (P 1 & 2), Humanities (P3 & 4)
- **Year 9**: Technology 9E, F and H only (P5 & 6)

**Friday June 1**

- **Year 8**: RE (P1 & 2), Science (P5 & 6)
- **Year 9**: RE (P1 & 2), Maths (P3 & 4), Humanities (P5 & 6)

### Grandparents Day

Last Friday we welcomed the Grandparents and other significant adults of Year 7 students for a mass and morning tea.

What a great day! The opportunity to visit the school and be guided around the grounds and classrooms by their grandson must have been a thrill for the grandparents. These opportunities for our families continue to provide links between families and the College.

Photos of the day are available at the following web link: [http://year7sbc.weebly.com/grandparents-day1.html](http://year7sbc.weebly.com/grandparents-day1.html)

Damian McKee, The Strand Campus Director

### Year 8 Santa Monica Experience

Students from Year 8 have recently been experiencing the glorious surrounds of Santa Monica in the form of an overnight camping experience. Homeroom groups have enjoyed a number of varied activities including finding out about fossil specimens at Point Addis, creating and coming up with ghosts stories around a camp fire, contour mapping the terrain and drawing landscapes along the creek. It’s been tremendous for students to get away from the College and encounter learning experiences outside of the classroom as they get a taste of what’s in store for them in Year 9. Please see the photos throughout this newsletter to get an idea of exactly what the boys have been getting up to.

Jane Fleming

### Mock Interview - Looking for Volunteers

On Thursday 14th June all our Year 10s will be Mock Interviewed. If you would like to be an ‘Interviewer’ please call me on 9289 1151 or email [fmuscara@sbc.vic.edu.au](mailto:fmuscara@sbc.vic.edu.au). No experience is necessary.

Fran Muscara

### Lost Property

We have a bundle of lost property ranging from school uniforms to random bits of clothing (left behind from the Walk-A-Thon), i.e. Hats, boots and even socks! We will be keeping these items until the end of May, and then donating them to charity and the Uniform Shop. If you are looking for any lost clothing items, please contact Front Reception.

Georgia Bozikis, Reception

### St Bernard’s Ladies Auxiliary Annual Ladies Luncheon

St Bernard’s Ladies Auxiliary Annual Ladies Luncheon is to be held on Wednesday 6 June at Ascot House, Ascot Vale. Invitations and Order Forms are available online at the Ladies Auxiliary website [http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au/groups/ladies/ladies.php](http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au/groups/ladies/ladies.php)

Sharon Dodoro, President St Bernard’s Ladies Auxiliary
Music News

Our Semester 1 College Concert will be held in the Auditorium on May 29 starting at 7:30pm. This concert will feature guest artists Robert Simone (SBC 2006) and his professional Big Band, along with an array of College bands and ensembles.

Other events include:
• Hosting the ACC Vocal and Percussion Workshops, May 14.
• Semester 1 Soiree will be held in the Auditorium, 7:30pm May 15.
• VCE Performance Night, June 19.
• Year 7 Concert for 7A,B,C,D and H, Thursday June 21, College Auditorium 7:30pm.

We encourage all College community members – staff, students, parents, family and friends to attend where possible to support the musical efforts of our students.

A reminder to all that the Music Department has a website which can be accessed via the College homepage. This website is regularly updated and should be a point of continuous reference for parents and students involved in the program. Of particular note, students involved in any band can access practice music via the site and most band pages have a list of confirmed rehearsal dates and times for the current term.

The St Bernard’s College Friends of Music (FOM) have initiated a number of fundraising activities with the aim of supporting 40 of our best musicians to represent the College at the Rhapsody Rotorua festival in New Zealand during 2013. One of these initiatives is a trivia night to be held on Friday October 12th at the College Pavilion. This trivia night will be hosted by comedian Rusty Berther from the Scared weird Little Guys. Please put this event on your calendar and come along. Registrations will be open soon via the Music Department website.

A roster is currently being developed for FOM members and other helpers to assist at our concerts. We seek helpers for supper preparation, tickets sales and backstage help. Assisting in any of these capacities requires no prior knowledge and new helpers will be rostered on with parents who are familiar to the role. If you feel you can assist, please contact Renee Buhagiar at rbuhagiar@sbc.vic.edu.au.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music

Production News

This year I was lucky enough to be selected as the only Year 7 to get into the SBC production of ‘Jekyll and Hyde’. When I was chosen to be part of the musical, I was hit with a mixture of emotions - happiness, fear, adrenalin, nervousness, curiosity and most of all excitement. But now that the Musical is in full-swing and I have gotten to know everyone in the cast, there is no doubt that I am loving each and every moment of it.

My saddest moment will be when the curtains fall on closing night, but I am so grateful for the opportunity, and I know that I will leave the show with new friends, a new talent and one amazing experience to share with all.

Henry Fleming 7F

Kokoda Trivia Night

The Kokoda Trivia night was held last Friday night with a capacity crowd on hand to enjoy the fun and frivolity. Year 11’s Luke Rocca was the star of the show as the “host with the most” as the audience lapped up his flair and wit, even if many of the people on hand weren’t always getting the questions he was reading right! Several punters walked away with raffle and auction items which included a holiday getaway, football jumpers, framed memorabilia, vouchers and jewellery. The winning table on the night included St Bernard’s own Chanette Glynn and Tim Rice along with ex-College staff member Tim Grant, as they beat their opposition into submission, amazing all on hand with their vast knowledge of both useful and useless trivia. Most importantly however valuable funds were raised for the Dave Carell School in Papua New Guinea which will go towards making the lives of the less fortunate young people in the region immeasurably better through education. Thanks to all who attended the event and to those that helped make the night such an overwhelming success.

Helen Roberts

Congratulations...

to the following students who have been selected into the ACC Team of the Year for Term 1 sports:
[Redacted for brevity]

This is a tremendous effort by the boys in being recognised by the ACC for excelling in their chosen sports.

Congratulations should also to Chris D’Costa who has been selected as a member of the State schoolboys Hockey team in the Under 16 Division and Trent O’Dea (again!) for his selection in the Under 19 State schoolboys Volleyball team.

Well done to all boys!

James Delzoppo, Sports Department
1. SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACCOUNTANT? Becoming an accountant includes completing a major in accounting at university. Several degrees offer accounting ‘majors’ such as a Bachelor of Accounting, a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Commerce (check the majors available in any degree you consider, to see that it has the majors that interest you). Further exams after completion of university study can lead on to registration as a chartered accountant. It is also possible to study for a Diploma in Accounting at a TAFE Institute, however, to become an accountant you would need to complete university-level study. Often two years at TAFE are equivalent to one year at university.

WHAT ATAR WILL I NEED TO ACCESS A COURSE? ATARs always depend on the number of places available in the course, the number of applicants for those places, and the ATARs of those applicants. For the 2011-2012 period, the following are examples:

- Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne: 95.45
- Bachelor of Commerce at Monash University (Clayton): 90.30; Bachelor of Business (Accounting)(Caulfield): 83.50
- Bachelor of Accounting at RMIT: 84.15
- Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin Melb: 75.95

2. DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ANIMALS? Careers working with animals are many and varied, from veterinary surgeon, to farmer, to animal carer and so many more. Melbourne University offers the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine which is completed following an a science degree with the required prerequisites subjects having been undertaken. This is the only course in Victoria offering qualifications to work as a vet. However, in addition to this qualification, other university degrees are available:

- Deakin University offers the Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science and the B. Wildlife and Conservation Biology

REMEMBERS...

- UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT) – Register at www.umat.acer.edu.au by 5pm (AEST) 1 June; test 25 July
- BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY AT MONASH – information; Wed 30 May; Bld 63, Lecture Theatre C1, Clayton.
- FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY – information seminar series at Melbourne; Focus on Arts, IT and engineering, biomedicine, agriculture, commerce; Registration: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/w6c.

* ACCOUNTING CADETSHIPS A number of large accounting firms offer CADETSHIPS. These provide the opportunity to gain practical experience while studying at university. For example, at Ernst & Young cadets work full-time and study part-time for two years, then two years is undertaken full-time at university. On successful completion of the degree, cadets have the opportunity to return to full-time employment with Ernst & Young at a higher level than their graduating peers. Applications for these cadetships open on 21 May at www.eyield.com.au/careers. EY is holding an information session 5.30-7.30pm, on 7 and 13 June where you can find out more; Where: 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne. Several other firms also offer cadetships – some to check out are at KPMG, Deloitte, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, for example.

* NOTE: Monash University offers a SCHOLARSHIP in a Bachelor of Accounting at the Clayton campus. It is a joint industry-university initiative involving industry sponsored scholarships. Selection uses the ATAR, a form to be completed and an interview. The program includes periods of industry-based learning.
• La Trobe University offers the B. Animal and Veterinary Biosciences, the B. Agricultural Science and the B. Wildlife and Conservation Biology
• Melbourne University offers the B. Agriculture
• Monash University offers the B. Veterinary Biosciences

In addition, many university science degrees offer zoology as a major study.
Some TAFE Institutes offer a range of courses such as animal care and management, animal studies, animal technology, companion animal services, horse management and equine studies.

For those interested in animal studies, RSPCA in conjunction with Victoria University is offering the Cert 2 in Animal Studies in a learning environment developed to provide young people wanting to work in animal care to improve skills and knowledge with no disruption to normal school commitments. The course takes 10 weeks with practical sessions and guaranteed work placements, held at RSPCA Burwood East. Applications for the latest course close on 14th May (others to follow). See: http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/cert-ii/

3. BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AND BACHELOR OF MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The Bachelor of Fine Arts is offered at the Southbank campus, 234 St Kilda Rd, while the Bachelor of Music is offered at the Parkville campus. Currently the Bachelor of Fine Arts covers Contemporary Music, Dance, Film and Television, Music Theatre, Production, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts. Find out more information and how to apply at: www.vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/future_students.

4. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY NEWS – OPEN DAY COMING UP SOON! VU Open Day is on Sunday 24 June (earlier than most). Open Day will give you a taste of what VU student life is like, a chance to be taken on a campus tour and provide the opportunity to chat to lecturers and current students. With student bands playing, it should be a fun-filled event. When: 10am-4pm.