From The Principal

This week most of us have seen vision of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth. Whether one is a monarchist or not, sixty years in any role is a remarkable achievement and worth celebrating. One part of the celebration included our Prime Minister lighting one of hundreds of beacons being lit across the world in countries formerly part of the British Empire, on which it used to be claimed “the sun never set.”

Colonialism was not purely the province of the British, with Dutch, French and Portuguese prominent in the southern hemisphere. In fact in 1606 a Portuguese explorer, Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, landed in Vanuatu - and proclaimed that he had found “Terra Australis de Espiritu Santo”, the “Great Southland of the Holy Spirit” and claimed possession of all the lands between where he stood and the South Pole…presumably including Australia.

It is somewhat incongruous that the Queen’s jubilee celebrations follow Reconciliation Week in Australia and the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision on native title. I read recently that in 1788 the captain of the British first fleet Arthur Phillip reminded the soldiers and convicts that they were guests in the country and that the indigenous people were to be treated with respect. The doctrine of “terra nullius”, born of, and combined with, ignorance, fear and greed, meant that Phillip’s exhortation was honoured much more in the breach than the observance.

There have been significant national events that have seen steps made to redeem past injustices. These have included: the 1967 referendum in which the indigenous people of the continent were recognised as “Australian Citizens”; the acknowledgement by Prime Minister Whitlam of indigenous ownership of some land and the transfer of its leasehold title to the Gurindji people in 1975; and the Mabo decision on native title. I think most of us would recognise the importance of continuing to seek further ways of putting things right.

Here at St Bernard’s we are working towards making closer connections to the local indigenous community and learning the story of our own land and its first people. When we know the story of our own land and the significance of its sacred sites to local Aboriginal people, we will come to know more about ourselves. I hope that the liturgy and events held at the College last week increase our commitment to the community’s understanding of the importance of reconciliation.

It seems that Queen Elizabeth shares this commitment having raised the plight of disadvantaged indigenous Australians as a centrepiece of her welcoming speech at Darling Harbour during her visit in 2000. During the same visit she met with Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Evelyn Scott. Ms Scott said she was heartened both by the speech and her private chat with the Queen.

As an Edmund Rice school and part of the Edmund Rice Network with our focus on social justice it is gratifying to be part of the movement to reconciliation, helping the nation do what we should have done in 1788.

Next week many of our VCE students will sit midyear exams. The reality of exams is that students usually get what they deserve. I am confident that each boy has been well taught and well prepared for these exams so in wishing them well we do so with confidence. I also wish our Year 10 students well as they embark on work placements, an important part of discerning ones ambitions for the world beyond St Bernard’s.

This week the Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Ladies Luncheon. The day was a wonderful celebration and opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new. I congratulate Sharon Dodoro and the Ladies Auxiliary Committee on the luncheon and their ongoing work in support of the College.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

St Bernard’s Vs Parade Football Luncheon - June 20

A luncheon will be held in the College Sports Pavilion from 11:30am (for a noon start) as the precursor to the match between two of the ACC’s most fierce rivals. This is the 3rd year of the Madden-Bedford Shield with St Bernard’s endeavouring to retain the trophy.

The achievements of both Simon Madden, Essendon champion and Norm Smith Medallist and Peter Bedford, South Melbourne champion and Brownlow medallist are well known and it is fitting that this trophy be named after these past student greats of their respective Colleges.

The function itself will include interviews with the captains and coaches of both teams as well as a very special guest speaker. This year’s guest speaker will be none other than Old Boy (’01), Collingwood star and reigning Brownlow Medallist Dane Swan, a man held in the highest esteem in football circles, having achieved everything the game has to offer at an extraordinarily young age.

The cost for the day will be $25 per head which includes a two- course luncheon with drinks at bar prices. Dress will be smart casual. For catering arrangements we would appreciate a reply by Monday 18 June. Bookings or any other queries can be made by contacting me on 9289 1106 or mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au (Also if there are any Old Boys who are interested in a tour

With a 5-0 record, an ACC Grand Final berth secured and a possible Herald Sun Shield semi final spot in the offing there is no better time to get behind the boys, so head down to Murphy Oval and show your support.

Michael Perrett, Director of Development
TOP TIPS

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CyberSafety

Next week is National Cybersecurity Awareness Week. The aim of running a week such as this is to help Australians understand the importance of cybersafety and cybersecurity. During this week families are encouraged to login to cyber sites such as cybersmart kids, Netalert and Stay Smart Online.

TOP TIPS

1. Install and upgrade your security software; set it to scan regularly.
2. Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.
3. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses.
4. Stop and think before you click on links or attachments.
5. Take care when transacting online – check the supplier and use a safe payment method.
6. Only download apps from reputable publishers and read all permission requests.
7. Regularly check your privacy settings on social network sites.
8. Stop and think before you post any photos of financial information online.
9. Talk with your child about staying safe online, including on their smartphone or mobile device.
10. Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened.

Our Senate has kicked off this week with an appeal to fellow students for respect in their communication with each other in the cyber world. Their plea to students was a reminder that they have had enough of reading crude and abusive posts. Their slogan ‘No one wants a keyboard warrior’!

Studying vs Homework : 3 Things You Should Know by Mackenzie Cooper often used synonymously. Especially in upper level education, they both mean essentially the same thing -- learning and preparing for school, outside of class time. But there are some important differences in what they mean and how they should be approached.

• Homework is material assigned by a reinforcing knowledge and integrating key skills. Homework is a supplement to class material. Homework is a way for the student to begin learning at his own pace.

• Homework often involves a lot of repetition, a common opinion of formal education systems. As one of my high school teachers used to say as he went over a key concept of the class for the tenth time that term, “repetition is good”. Homework typically repeats what you learnt in school to help reinforce concepts. Repetitive exercises are often the best way to learn new vocabulary words or to utilize a new mathematical idea.

• Studying refers to time students set aside to go over key concepts from class and make sure their knowledge is complete. It is going over class material to ensure complete understanding. Studying is about learning on your own time, without the specific guidance of a teacher. Some teachers will provide students with study guides, but sometimes it is important that you also create your own study guides. The initiative involved in taking control of your own study patterns will help you become independent learners, preparing you for tertiary study and beyond.

4 more tips to come in the next issue of newsletter


From the Campus Directors

Following Pentecost Sunday the church commenced a ‘Year of Grace’ through which we are called as Catholics to start afresh our relationship with Jesus, and challenging ourselves within this relationship.

There is a great link between the ‘Year of Grace’, how we relate to each other at St Bernard’s College; and the events surrounding Reconciliation Week. Last Wednesday our entire school community gathered for a liturgy in the gymnasium. This was a great occasion and a time when we were challenged to refresh the idea in our minds regarding reconciling with our Indigenous people. The celebration was a reminder to us that every person we meet and every decision we make is an opportunity to repair harm with people that we relate to in our everyday life.

These values are crucial to the building of a community that is understanding and caring of others. It starts in the classroom with how we relate to each other and extends far beyond the school fence.

Reconciliation Week

A big week in Mission last week as St. Bernard’s celebrated Reconciliation Week. The theme of Reconciliation Week in 2012 was ‘recognition’. To help our boys understand that better a number of activities took place during the week.

Apart from Morning prayer that focused on the importance of reconciliation in the Catholic tradition, morning homeroom featured Youtube clips with messages from Nelson Mandela, the YOU ME UNITY campaign and finally the apology to the stolen generations by Kevin Rudd.

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“Achieving Excellence by Learning and Doing”

On Thursday, Miss Alex Cometti, worked on bringing a replica of the Aboriginal Tent embassy from Canberra to life. *(pictured left)* Her information cards that highlighted the history of the embassy, including the key players particularly in that turbulent time of our history, were really well done.

The Year 7 Retreat program for 7A and 8 were up and running. The boys were engaged and enthusiastically participating in all the activities run by Mustard who are the facilitators of the programs. More details can be found on the Year 7 website.

Photos for all the events can be found on the website under activities and mission.

*Brendan Douglas, Director of Mission*

**Music News**

Our Semester 1 College Concert was held on May 29 and featured guest artists Robert Simone ('06) and his professional Big Band. It was evident that Robert is held in high regard from those in the industry for the work he does and it was great to have our current students experience this. Congratulations to all students who participated.

The Year 7 Concert for 7A,B,C,D and H will be held on Thursday June 21 in the College Auditorium 7:30pm. We welcome all family members to attend. The College’s Friends of Music Committee will offer supper and door prizes. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of $5 per individual and $15 per family.

At this time Year 7 students should be entertaining the prospect of further music lessons and involvement in the bands program. Students may undertake music lessons for as little as $360 per semester (excluding instrument purchase and hire). Continuing to play an instrument is important for Year 7 students who may wish to enrol in the Music Enhancement subject in 2013 as part of their Year 8 studies. For more info go to [http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/year-8-music.html](http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/year-8-music.html)

Details on enrolling for private music lessons can be found by selecting the “music” link under the ‘quick links – other SBC sites’ area on the right side of the College homepage or directly at [http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/enrolment-information.html](http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/enrolment-information.html). I encourage parents of years 7A,B,C,D and H to take the time to look at the website and utilise the on-line enrolment system at [http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/on-line-enrolment.html](http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/on-line-enrolment.html). Parents keen for their son to continue with private music lessons are asked to submit applications before the end of Term 2 so as to facilitate a timely start in Term 3.

**Senior Concert Band & Show Band**

Students of these ensembles are asked to submit an expression of interest in regards to attending the New Zealand Music Tour in 2013 via the survey on the Music Department Website. It is asked that students do this by the beginning of Term 3.

**Uniform Shop News**

4 pairs of second hand hiking boots are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. First in, first served.

Also any of the old style St Bernard’s tracksuits, which students are no longer allowed to wear, can be dropped into the shop. These tops will be passed on to the Old Collegian’s Football Club which will put them to good use.

*Renee Buhagiar, Uniform Shop*

**1st XVIII Grand Final Bound!**

The St Bernard’s College 1st XVIII Football Team are into the ACC Grand Final for the second time as they sit undefeated atop the table. The boys have had a terrific season so far, kicking off with a 55-point annihilation of St Bede’s. Not getting ahead of themselves, they backed up their brilliant start the following week, knocking off St Joey’s in Geelong, arguably the hardest trip in the ACC fixture. Further wins against Whitfriars, De La Salle and Mazenod have now put St Bernard’s in a fantastic position, albeit with a huge target on their backs as the in form team to beat. Superbly lead by Coaches Simon Atkins and David McBean, the boys have exceeded all expectations set upon them pre-season, however, the job is not yet complete.

Although St Bernard’s are guaranteed a place in the Grand Final with only 1 game remaining, the opposition is yet to be determined. A final round match (to be played after the exam break) between St Bede’s and St Joseph’s Geelong will decide who earns the right to take the boys on in the big one.

Our final game before the grand final will be played at St Bernard’s College - Murphy Oval on June 20 at 2pm. In what is always the biggest clash of the home and away fixture, St Bernard’s will take on traditional rival Parade in the 3rd Annual Madden-Bedford Shield contest. With a huge crowd expected, it promises to be a good test for the boys in how to handle the pressure they will most certainly face in the big one!

**Congratulations...**

to the following boys that are representing Victoria by being selected for State Teams by Volleyball Victoria. The Tournament will be held from July 1st – July 7th at the State Volleyball Centre in Melbourne.

U19: Trent O’Dea, Pat Kirley, Zach Bye and Alex Ielo. Further congratulations to Trent for being named Captain and to Alex for being named Vice Captain.

U17: Luke Fletcher

Old Boys: U23: Michael Cirillo and Tom Swallow

Good luck in July!

*James Delzoppo, Sports Department*

**Pictured (L-R) - Alex Ielo, Trent O’Dea, Zach Bye & Pat Kirley**
Reminders
For year 12s in particular, now is the time to get out of the school and see what the institutes have to offer you. Get in early before the open day season hits in August!

- VU OPEN DAY - Sun 24 June, 10am-4pm.
- LA TROBE EXPERIENCE DAY Tue 3 July
- DEAKIN DISCOVER DAY – 10 July

Details on line and on careers board!

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE JD SHOWCASE – This Showcase is designed for school leavers interested in pursuing law at university (sample classes; participate in a dispute resolution case). When: 9.30am-4.30pm. Wed 4 July; Cost: $65; Registration: www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools.

2. FIND OUT ABOUT RMIT COURSES – Not sure what courses involve? Then, these will help: medical laboratory visits, sessions on art and design, computing, animation and IT, aerospace, mechanical and manufacturing engineering, electrical and computer engineering, advertising, marketing and public relations, community justice day, health and medical sciences and nuclear medicine lab visits. Information/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays (Yrs 10-12).

3. WHAT ABOUT A CAREER INVOLVING WATER CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT? Concerned about the environment? About water supply into the future? About feeding the ever-increasing world population? Then, have you thought of studying agriculture? The Bach. of Agricultural Science is NOT about being a farmer…it is about being a professional scientist in a service industry. The B. Agricultural Science at La Trobe University moves from a 4-year to a 3-year degree in 2013 (2011/12 ATAR: 54.40). It can be studied on it’s own, or as a double degree with a B. Business (2011/2012 ATAR: 72.85) or a B. International Development (2011/2012 ATAR: 73.15). There is a big shortage in the field, with as many as five jobs available for every graduate in areas like land management, agribusiness, grain business and with seed companies. Around 3,000 jobs in agriculture are advertised each quarter. It is about yields, food security, water scarcity, energy scarcity and land scarcity. The only prerequisite subject for the single degree is Units 3 & 4 English (any).

4. ZOO KEPER FOR A DAY – Opportunities at Healesville and Werribee zoos over term 2 holidays. Bookings: (03) 9285 9406

MONASH ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOPS – Workshops for Year 12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Aimed at assisting you develop your university entrance portfolio and introducing you to various disciplines; explore tertiary options. When: 10am-5pm, 3-5 July; Where: ADA studios, Caulfield Campus; See: www.artdes.monash.edu/study/workshops.

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP – CGBC is an event run by the Monash Faculty of Information Technology for Year 9-12s to experience everything connected to computer games. If you are interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games this event is for you. When: Sat 7 – Fri 13 July; Where: Clayton; Register: www.it.monash.edu/cgbc.

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**12th August 2012, 70th Anniversary of Operation Pedestal, Malta Convoys, Commemoration, Shrine of Remembrance and Shelter of Peace, commencing at 1130am.**

Enquiries, 9336 3121
Bookings are now open for our 
90th Anniversary Parish Dinner Dance 
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