From The Principal

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. While the term has been a week shorter than usual we have still managed to complete all the normal activities, including Year 7 camps, information nights for all year levels, welcoming and opening Masses, Swimming and Athletics carnivals and, in between a myriad of other activities, managed to include quality teaching and learning. I thank all students, families and our staff for their commitment to ensuring that the term has been a success.

As we turn our attention to the holiday period and Easter celebrations I would like to identify some significant events occurring early in Term 2. Edmund Rice Day is a significant day in the life of the College. It is an opportunity for us to be faithful to our mission of care for those less fortunate. Material will be sent home outlining details of the day and requesting the support of all families. I look forward to your assistance with the fundraising, awareness raising, and celebratory components of Edmund Rice Day.

On Tuesday April 23 the College, together with St Columba’s, will launch a Drug and Alcohol Resource Book for parents. The resource book is specifically targeted at parents of Year 9 and 10 students but families with boys in other year levels are welcome to attend the launch and / or request a copy of the book. Details of the launch are provided elsewhere in this newsletter and I encourage your attendance.

Term 1 has been action packed for the College but also for our Church. The election of Pope Francis has engendered much speculation about impending change in the institutional Church. The selection of the name Francis has been the cause of much of this speculation.

The name, taken after St Francis of Assisi, is seen as highly significant. A young Francis is reported to have heard the voice of God saying to him “Francis rebuild my Church”. He endeavored to do so through a life devoted to prayer and service of those in need, particularly the poor and marginalised of the time.

It would seem that Pope Francis is particularly well placed to lead the Church in a similar direction as a South American with a strong background in Liberation Theology, the central tenet of which is a preferential option for the poor.

I think that most of us would agree that at some level our Church is in need of “rebuilding”. An increased commitment to inclusion of the poor and marginalised and an awareness of their needs is seen by many as integral to this rebuilding. Of course the poor and the marginalised are not always the same people. We keep the Holy Father in our prayers, along with our Church leaders and ourselves as we play our respective parts in this rebuilding.

Easter is a wonderful time to be part of the Church, and part of the Liturgies that commemorate the Easter story. It is a special time for us all to reconnect and unite in our relationship with our God. As Catholics, you could say that the Easter holy week is our ‘Grand Final Week’.

The Easter Triduum provides a significant opportunity to participate, as a family, in the solemnity and celebration that the week brings. The Triduum commences with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday night, moves to the solemnity of the Good Friday ceremony, and then to the joy of the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday.

I hope that for you and your family these celebrations provide the opportunity to be enriched with God’s love. I wish you all a safe and holy Easter holiday.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch
From the Campus Directors

Edmund Rice Day
Friday May 3 is a significant day on our College calendar as we ‘down tools’ to celebrate the feast day (May 5) of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers. Even though we no longer have a Christian Brother on staff at St Bernard’s thankfully we are constantly reminded of the legacy that these men left in the establishment of our great school.

One part of this day is about acknowledging this legacy and remembering the work of Blessed Edmund who lived his life in an attempt to replicate Jesus’ work.

The other part of this significant celebration day is our annual walkathon. Each year the College community raises a significant amount of money that is directly transferred to the Br Beausang Catholic Education Centre in Embul-bul, Kenya. Since Mr John McKenna forged a close relationship with our Kenyan friends in 2006, we have continued to maintain a close relationship with Embulbul. This relationship extends to our annual visit in the July school holidays and this year our third group of boys will continue our pilgrimages to Kenya.

We would like to ensure that all families are aware that Edmund Rice Day is an ‘all in’ day. This means that we expect full attendance from all students. We are also hoping that all families will take on the challenge to raise the $40 per student that we are hoping to collect as a donation on the morning of the walkathon. We emphasise that this is not sponsorship. It is in the form of a donation so that those who are unable to walk can make a contribution and so that the money can be collected efficiently.

Last year the $61,000 that we raised was used to build the Junior school building that enabled the primary school students to move from their corrugated iron and earth floor classrooms to the modern two storey classrooms on the site of the senior school. I’m sure Blessed Edmund would be proud of our work. I’m certain that Jesus is!

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews
Next term there are two evenings set aside for families to make contact with their son’s subject and homeroom teachers:
Thursday April 18 from 2.00pm – 8.00pm (classes finish for Year 7 – 9 at 12.40pm; Year 10 & 11 at 1.30pm)
Wednesday April 24 from 4.00pm – 8.00pm (classes finish normal time)

Homework Help
All Year 7 – 9 students are welcome to attend our homework help scheduled on the following afternoons:
English on Tuesdays in room 431 from 3.05 – 4.05pm.
Mathematics on Wednesdays in room 431/432 from 3.05pm to 4.05pm. 431/432.
Students from Year 7 – 12 are welcome to attend Science homework help on Thursday afternoons from 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the following venues:
Junior Science in the Discere classrooms.
Senior Biology in the Careers Room.
Senior Chemistry in the Discere Classrooms.
Senior Physics in Room 634.
Assistance with homework or assignments is provided.

Winter Uniform
A reminder that all students are expected to wear their full winter uniform from the beginning of term two. Students may wear long pants or shorts. The school blazer must be worn as the outer garment to and from school. The winter shirt must be worn. This shirt has a top button and enables the boys to wear their tie well. The monogrammed summer shirt is not to be worn. Please make sure the boys wear grey socks regardless of whether they are wearing shorts or long pants. All Year 12s are to wear the official Year 12 tie, available from the Uniform Shop.

Immunisations
Staff from the Public Health Department of Moonee Valley City Council will be at the College from 9.30am this Monday (March 25) to administer vaccinations to Year 7, 9 and 10 students.

• Early Leavers
  • If you require your son to leave early from school please follow the correct procedure:
  • Please provide a signed note in your son’s diary outlining the reason for leaving early and the time that he will be expected to depart and return (if applicable) to school.
  • The student is to present this to their homeroom teacher OR Year Level Coordinator for signing. This step will provide the relevant staff member with the information.
  • The student then takes this note to front reception and requests a leave pass from front reception staff.
  • Please ensure that you sign out your son when picking him up from school. It is unacceptable to have the student sign himself out.
  • We ask that parents do not respond to texts from their son requesting that they be picked up from school. The correct process involves front reception contacting parents.

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

Food Technology at St Bernard’s College
After many years of planning and organizing it fantastic to see the new Food Technology rooms in action (pictured above). All students in Years 7 & 8 will have an opportunity to develop their food handling and cooking skills. Many students have selected to study Food Technology in the elective program. Many thanks to Hayley Allen and her team for the enormous amount of behind the scenes work completed to get the rooms ready for the students.

Pauline Thompson, Director of Learning
Humansities Clairvaux Update Term 1

While studying Legal Studies in their Commerce classes the Year 10s attended the Melbourne Magistrates Court. While they were there they witnessed many different cases and were able to see how court cases and personnel work. The students then reported on their excursion in class and through work completed.

The Year 10 Commerce students are all participating in the ASX Schools Share Market Competition, which started a week ago. The students are trading shares with allocated fake money from the game and need to make appropriate trades in real time, as they can only purchase or sell shares when the actual share market is open for real trading. Students are taking this very seriously and the competition is on!

Year 10 History Students are attending the Holocaust Museum this week. The Year 10s in the new Australian Curriculum are learning about the effect of WW2 specifically the Holocaust.

Bronwyn Gleny

Music News

Students and parents will be hearing more about the new house points system that is starting over the coming weeks. As part of this system, students have over 30 ways in which to earn house points by being involved in the music program. The easiest way for any student to get involved is to participate in either the Shout vocal ensemble (Clairvaux) or the SYNC vocal ensemble (The Strand).

We particularly encourage our current instrumental students to ‘dabble’ in some voice work and participate in these vocal groups. Refining musical efforts via the voice helps to develop greater intra-musical understanding that has the potential to enhance the development of playing an instrument. It is great extra tuition and training, and it is for free.

Music students are also encouraged to consider developing their music theory skills. Classes occur on Thursday afternoons until 4pm, training students in music theory to undertake Australian Music Examination Board Assessments. Preparing for, and undertaking an examination provided by this national assessment organisation ensures a fully rounded education to what is offered practically at SBC. More information on this can be found on the Music Department website at www.sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com

The Friends of Music at SBC undertook a successful Winery Tour and Luncheon Day with 29 parents and friends taking part to help fundraise. Thanks to those who supported it. The next Friends of Music meeting will be on Tuesday April 23 in the Music Department, room 302, starting at 7:30pm.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music

Foundation Dinner

The annual Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner will be held at The Australian Club on Friday 19 April. This year we will be inducting a further four past students into our Hall of Fame. The four are: Michael Arnold ‘61, former Member of Parliament and current Ombudsman for Life Insurance and Superannuation since July 2008; Garry Foulds ‘73, past Essendon FC champion and 300 game player; Br Bill Wilding ‘60, a Christian Brother for over 50 years and Headmaster of St Patrick’s Ballarat; St Patrick’s; Launceston and St Kevin’s Toorak; Stefan Romaniw ‘73, currently holds the position of Executive Director of Community Languages Australia. He served terms as Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) under both governments and is currently Chairman of the Australia Day Committee (Victoria).

You are cordially invited to attend this prestigious event and tickets, $120 per head all inclusive, are available from Michael Perrett, 9289 1106 or mperrett@sbc.vic.edu.au

Michael Perrett

Ace Fun Tennis School Holiday Program

Clinic 1: Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th
Clinic 2: Mon 8th to Wed 10th
Little Joey (4 – 6 years) 9.30am to 11am - Cost 3 days $65 or daily $25
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 12.30pm - Cost 3 days $115 or daily $45
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 3pm - Cost 3 days $185 or daily $65
North Park Tennis Club – Flemington Road, Parkville.
FOR PROGRAM ENQUIRIES CALL 0418 178 328 OR ttpt@optusnet.com.au

Moonee Valley Youth Summit

Last year the first Moonee Valley Youth Summit was a highly successful event with 65 young people in attendance to talk about issues that were important to them. Topics discussed focused on four main issues - drugs and alcohol, mental health and wellbeing, cyber safety and bullying and peer relationships. This year it is hoped that the summit will see a wider range of people and schools represented from throughout Moonee Valley.

Details of the event as as follows:

Date: Friday 3 May
Time: 9:15am-3:15pm (registration from 8:45am)
Venue: Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

The Moonee Valley Youth Voice Committee is looking to recruit students to help organise the event. If you know of any students that may be interested in participating please contact the committee through Youth Services at youth@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call 9243 8888.
1. CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to ‘Experience La Trobe’. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. When: Melbourne (Bundoora), Fri 5 April; This is a free event with lunch/entertainment provided. Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

2. APPRENTICE BUTCHER OPPORTUNITY
Local Strathmore butcher looking to start an apprentice. Matthew is a past student and SBC father. He can be contacted on 0425 791 648.

3. FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY –
Labour Market News – At a recent Deakin conference, career practitioners were told the following:
• 37% of employees in Australia now work part-time, but of these, 40% want more work: they have been forced into part-time work
• Currently 35% of males are working part-time. Part-time work is common in sales, communications and personal services
• More work roles now require a university degree, such as in information technology, banking and nursing
• Job security has become an illusion, with outsourcing and the use of technology creating more job insecurity
• Youth unemployment (15-25years) is now at 12.9%
• The ‘winners’ in terms of jobs are in areas such as health care, mining, aged care and education
• Professions requiring registration are doing better in terms of jobs (eg someone with a Health Science degree will find it harder to get work than, say, a physiotherapist or psychologist).

4. ZOO KEEPER OR VET FOR A DAY –
Thinking of a career working with animals? Then, what about a ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program in the coming school holidays? Participate in a range of hands-on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. On offer:
• Werribee open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program; Ages: 13-18yrs; Cost: $103 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
• Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program; Ages: 15-18 yrs; Cost: $125 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/heaplesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

5. YOU WANT TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?
Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some independent colleges. This is a range of suggestions only.
• RMIT offers a Bachelor of Arts (Photography) at its City campus, and also a ‘major’ in photography in its fine arts degree; Deakin offers a ‘major’ in photography in its arts, film and TV, film and digital media and its media and communications degrees, La Trobe offer a ‘major’ in photojournalism in its arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers photography in its visual and fine art degrees.
• A Diploma of Photoimaging is available at a number of TAFEs including Holmesglen, NMIT, RMIT, while photography is offered in a number of TAFE visual arts diplomas (eg NMIT, Swinburne, VU).
Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the Photographic Imaging College in Hawthorn and the Photography Studies College at Southbank.

6. DID YOU KNOW? Victoria is the second largest employing state, with a quarter of the nation’s employment (almost 2.9 million). The largest employing industries are health care and social assistance (336,700), retail trade (317,200) and manufacturing (302,700), which combined have around one third of state employment. The Victorian workforce is relatively highly skilled with 30% of workers holding a bachelor degree or higher qualification, compared with 27% nationally. The proportion of Victorian workers who are aged 45 years and older is the same as the national average (38%) (From the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report, Australian Jobs 2012).

7. DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – The annual ‘Age’ VCE and careers expo 2013 is coming up soon. There will be around 190 institutions to provide future study advice to prospective students. Also featured are seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and employment advice. When: 10am-3pm, Thurs 2/Fri 3 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 4/Sun 5 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse, Station St; Cost: $10; $25 per family (covers all 4 days).

8. WORK EXPERIENCE DEADLINE – Year 10 students (with the exception on Agere) have till 27 May to return completed forms.

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St Bernard's Ladies Auxiliary

invite you to the

2013 Annual Ladies Luncheon

Ascot House Receptions
Fenton Street, Ascot Vale

Wednesday 5 June 2013
11:00am to 3:00pm

Pre-Luncheon DRINKS & hors d'oeuvres
A Three course menu complimented with wine
Coffee and Tea
Cost: $70 per person

RSVP: Wednesday 22 May 2013
ENQUIRIES: Liz Hancock 0418 396 510
ST BERNARD’S COLLEGE
Ladies Auxiliary Annual Luncheon 2013

BOOKING ORDER FORM

Please complete Option 1 or if you are a group Option 2

• How to Pay?  
  Cash or Cheque for $70 per head payable to ‘St Bernard’s Ladies Auxiliary’ (Please submit this form completed with FULL payment)

• Where to Pay?  
  College Office, 41 Rosehill Road, Essendon (in a sealed envelope)

• When to Pay?  
  Closing date – Wednesday 22 May 2013

• All Enquiries to:  
  Liz Hancock – 0418 396 510

  Any Dietary requirements please advise us when booking

OPTION 1 – INDIVIDUAL BOOKING

Yes, I would like to attend and be placed on a table by the organising committee.

Comment: (eg. I know Mary Bloggs )  ................................................................................................................

Name:  .............................................................................................................  Contact Number:  ......................................

Student’s Name and Year:  ..............................................................................................................................

Total Money Enclosed: $.................................

Dietary Requirements:  .................................................................................................................................

OPTION 2 – GROUP BOOKINGS (BOOK EARLY AS SEATS SELL QUICKLY)

(For a Group Booking please notify Liz Hancock ASAP)

Yes, we would like to attend and be placed together on a table by the organising committee.

Name:  .............................................................................................................  Contact Number:  ......................................

Student’s Name and Year:  ..............................................................................................................................

Number of Tickets Required:  ................................. Total Money Enclosed: $.................................

Dietary Requirements:  .................................................................................................................................

NOTE: Table to be paid in full by 22 May 2013 or other people will be allocated to fill tables (No more than 12 people per table)

Table Members:
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FORM TO BE RETURNED WITH FULL PAYMENT BY 22 MAY 2013 PLEASE
St Bernard’s Hockey Club 2013

Give it a Go session & Information Night.

St Bernard’s Hockey Club is looking for players.

‘Come & give hockey a go’

Tuesday 26 March from 12.45 - 1.15pm on the hockey pitch.
It’s fun, free & might just be what you’re looking for.

Information Night

Wednesday 27th March 2013
7:30pm – 8:30pm
SBHC Hockey Clubrooms (under SBC Pool)

• Information for new & existing players / families.
• Player registration & facility to pay fees available on the night.
• Uniform orders & sales

We offer –

• Participation in the Hockey Victoria outdoor competitions
• Training and home games at St Bernard’s College
• Male and female players welcome
• Junior and Senior teams/age groups available
• Coaching, fitness & skills training
• A fun & friendly club atmosphere for all the family

For more information & to register your interest contact:
secretary@sbchc.com.au