We all love a long weekend. In fact, Author Ronald Conway dubbed Australia “The Land of the Long Weekend” in his 1978 book of the same title. With this in mind, I found a recent press release from the office of the Victorian Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews interesting:

Victorians can voice their support for a new campaign urging the Baillieu Government to introduce a public holiday to celebrate the iconic AFL Grand Final. Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews said a public holiday on Grand Final Friday made sense. “A public holiday would allow more Victorians to attend the parade and other festivities before the Grand Final, and would give regional communities an opportunity to host events,” Mr Andrews said. “Making the Friday before the Grand Final a public holiday would benefit families and tourism, and would help capitalise on a major event in our state.

There would seem strong arguments for this suggestion. We are the only country in the world that has a public holiday for a horse race so why not another significant sporting event? Predictably perhaps, employers have argued that the costs to business and productivity are too great, and that they, and the Victorian economy cannot afford another holiday.

Regardless of what happens on the Friday prior to the Grand Final, we can be certain the AFL premiers will spend the next Monday celebrating in what has become known as Mad Monday. The growth of this tradition is relatively recent but it seems to have rapidly become an accepted entitlement. In fact it has grown further to include not just the celebration of a premiership but to include the Monday after every team’s final game for the season. Disturbingly, but perhaps not surprisingly, this has flowed onto junior football. For some reason though, it does not appear to part of the culture of Soccer, or other mainstream sports.

In recent years at St Bernard’s we have had many cases of boys choosing to have the day after their junior football final as a day off school with the support of their parents. The College is absolutely insistent that such a day off for boys not be accepted as reasonable, or inevitable.

Furthermore, we are prepared to challenge any boy or family who believes that celebrating Mad Monday is more important than attendance at school. Education is vitally important and the fewer missed days the better education we can provide. We also believe that part of our task as an educational institution is to prepare boys for the world beyond school. Employers take an extremely dim view of an employee who takes a “sickie”, as do we.

I am asking for the support of all families to insist that your son is at school the day after football finals. I hope not to be placed in a position where we issue penalties for absences or that we come into conflict with families over this.

The Mad Monday is of course only one reason for students being absent from school on days adjacent to holiday breaks. Airfares are often cheaper outside school holidays and we regularly receive notification that students will be missing from school either side of school holiday breaks for family holidays.

Often such advice is accompanied with requests to provide school work and/or additional support to prevent boys falling behind with work. While we are always happy to help where a boy has missed classes due to illness, requests to reduce the impact of a family holiday on a boy’s education create an unreasonable impost on our teaching staff who are unfallingly generous with their time. Please understand that teachers will usually be unable to assist in such situations. I respectfully ask that families consider the impact of such unnecessary absences and avoid them to ensure the sanctity of scheduled school days and the educational offering of the College.

Best Wishes
Tony Paatsch

IT’S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE ONCE UPON A MATTRESS - TICKETS ALMOST SOLD OUT!

Once upon a time, in a small kingdom, there lived Prince Dauntless, a real Mammas’ boy, who was in search of his true love. Dozens of girls were tested, but all were rejected by his mother, the overbearing Queen Aggravain, who dictates the kingdom, and her mute husband, King Sextimus. As the marriage law of the land states “no one may wed until Dauntless shares his marriage bed.” Then along comes Princess Winnifred, a feisty, enthusiastic princess from the swamp lands, who Queen Aggravain dismisses at once, but Dauntless almost instantly, falls in love.

This year, talented students from St Bernard’s and St Columba’s College are staging the musical ‘Once Upon a Mattress! Featuring a crafty minstrel, a meddling queen, an insipid prince, frivolous jesters, dashing knights, and, of course, wizards, this raucous musical comedy is a send up of the classic fairy tale The Princess and the Pea. With a real focus on the comedic side of things this year, the result is a musical where quiriness, craziness and a sense of the ridiculous is embraced.

Performances will take place on the evenings of the 9th, and 10th of August at 7:30pm in the St. Bernard’s College auditorium. Tickets are almost sold out so jump online at http://www.trybooking.com/CZOR to make sure you don’t miss out.

Suzie Bradmore, Head of Performing Arts

Recycled SBC Clothing Clearance Sale

The Uniform Shop is running a recycled College clothing sale in the boardroom on August 20 from 3pm - 6pm. If you are looking for quality second hand uniform items you are encouraged to drop by and pick up a bargain or two. As usual the Uniform Shop will also be open during those times.

Renee Buhagiar, Uniform Shop
From the Campus Directors

NICK Foundation
The Parents and Friends Association are proud to support the second NICK Foundation evening on Monday 26 August. This year Mr David Parkin and Carlton footballer Ed Curnow will be our special guests in what will sure to be an informative and entertaining night. The theme of the evening will be Life Balance with an emphasis on making healthy choices; maintaining a life with diverse interests and the promotion of positive relationships.

The evening will be open to parents, guardians and students. Entrance is $10 per adult with students free. We look forward to seeing you all in our College Auditorium for a 7.30pm start.

Feast Day Of St Mary Of The Cross
Thursday was the feast day of St Mary of the Cross who, along with Mary, is the Patron Saint of Australia. St Mary was and continues to be a true inspiration to all Australians in both her life of action, and her words that continue to inspire us in all walks of life.

St Mary of the Cross was a woman of great courage who not only set up educational opportunities for many rural families but she also stood up to the wrongdoings within the church at a time that resulted in her persecution and ridicule. She was a shining light and continues to be as we remember her legacy and wisdom. Some of her most famous quotes were:

"Remember we are but travellers here." (1866)
"We must teach more by example than by word." (1867)
"Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891)
"Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things"
"We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them." (1882)
"Let God’s Spirit guide you in your choice." (1898)

Mary’s motto in life is the now very famous quote of ‘Never see a need without doing something about it’. It is a quote that we remind our boys of their role in helping others who are less fortunate than us. From her story I am sure that we can all offer an example of a life lived according to the values that motivate our College community.

St Bernard’s Day
On Friday 23 August our school community will gather to celebrate the feast day of St Bernard (in lieu of 20 August). We will use the day to celebrate the 50th year of our great school occupying the current site in West Essendon.

Like Edmund Rice day, this day is a major celebration day and we expect all students to participate in the day fully. The format of the day will be:

8:40am: Home Room
8:55am: St Bernard’s Day Archival Lesson
10:00am: Celebration Mass
11:30am: Blessing of VATC building,
12:00pm: Official Opening of the VATC building and Lunch
12:00pm-2:30pm: Student Activities
2:30pm: Home Room and dismissal

Music News
Conductor/Musician in Residence
Music classes and co-curricular music groups have had an inspirational week working with renown educator, conductor and musician Monte Mumford (pictured above). Not only has Monte achieved some great results musically, he has given both staff and students tools and advice in how to maintain our recent achievements. His influence will most certainly drive improved structures for our music program into the future.

Private Instrumental Music Lessons
Parents with students who are enrolled in private instrumental music lessons are reminded that ceasing music lessons requires one full term’s advice in writing. Late notification may be accepted 4 weeks prior to the conclusion of any given term in special circumstances. Lesson cancellations are best lodged via the online form at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/lesson-cancellation.html

Music Bursaries
Since 2011/12 St Bernard’s College has offered 10 bursaries of $500 each to music students who contribute to the life of the college through music. These will be offered again in 2014. Bursary applications are now being accepted, with applications closing at the end of term 3. Details concerning music bursaries and other music prizes can be viewed at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/music-prizes-and-bursaries.html The online application form can be found at http://sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/bursary-application.html

Friends of Music
The St Bernard’s College Friends of Music continue to seek small donations suitable for raffle prizes at concerts. We particularly seek the support of SBC parents who may own a business or are in a work situation that may be able to offer a voucher, item or service. This not only helps the music program but offers exposure for donors at our concerts when their donated prize is offered. Those willing to offer support are encourage to contact the Friends of Music fundraising co-ordinator, Arthur Busuttil at archiebus@optusnet.com.au.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music
Old Collegians Annual Dinner - August 23

No such thing as a free feed? Well there is for all Old Collegians who attend this years Annual Dinner on August 23. All Old Boys attending will receive a fabulous 2 course meal (drinks at bar prices) paid for by the St Bernard’s Old Collegians Association so get a group of your old classmates together and join us for what promises to be a fabulous event.

On the night we will also be honouring the College Captains and Vice Captains from 1980 through to 1999 who, I’m sure, will have many fond memories and tall tales to share.

If you are interested in attending please see the booking slip attached to this newsletter, as this is a strictly ticketed event with no walk ups available on the evening.

Lost Diggers of Fromelles - An evening with Mr Lambis Englezos AM
Tuesday 13th August from 6pm to 7pm, St Bernard’s College Boardroom

Lambis is an amateur historian and school teacher from Melbourne, who is responsible for discovering mass war graves for some 250 lost Australian soldiers from the disastrous WW1 Battle of Fromelles, in France on July 19, 1916. We invite you to share this amazing night with the participants of the Gallipoli and Western Front Study Tour 2013. Whether you have a general interest in our WW1 history or have a burning question to ask Lambis about his discoveries it is a night not to be missed.

RSVP by August 10th to bsullivan@sbc.vic.edu.au

St Bernard’s College Newsletter
“Achieving Excellence by Learning and Doing”

Complimenti...

To Justin Bonello, Robert Adorno and Matteo Donalisio who made it to the finals of the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition (top 5% in the State). Matteo Donalisio finished 3rd in the State for his section in the poetry recitation which only adds to this outstanding achievement.

Congratulations...

To Daniel Allison, Alex Ielo, Anthony Williams, Adam DeBono, Mitchell O’Dea, Josh Stilpic, Ben Hedley, Jameson Trainor, Ryan Lofaro, Aaron Laurita, Hugh McLaughlin, Michael Smith, Tanner Hewett, Sam Finlayson, Armando Lauricella, Nick Volpe, Matt Arena, Mackenzie Lowe, Callum Trainor, Noah Biffin, James Berry, Jordan McLaughlan, Sean Quinn, Elijah Rasic, Conor McCormack, James Bonasera, Julian Venturo, Michael Bonvino, Karl Fletcher, Harry Coghill, Andrew Sernio, William Ronis, Julian Solarino, Henry Fleming, Alex Galle, Jack Fuhrer, Paul Rocca, Nic Palomares, Daniel Raso, Alexi Tskakis, Cameron Jones, Harry Cumming, Declan Basil and Lukas Matic who represented the College at the Victorian Volleyball Championships recently. The various teams placed between 5th and 7th with the U16 Honours team winning Silver, playing against Mazenod.

...to Year 8’s Will Rielly and Ben Huggard (pictured above) who represented the College at the SEZ Schoolboys Championships for Clay Target Shooting held at Frankston Gun Club on August 1. Only one St Bernard’s student had previously competed in the tournament before compared to schools such as Lilydale High who enter over 50 kids each year. In their two shoots of 10 targets throughout the day, Will scored 2/10 and 4/10 respectively. Ben on the other hand had some luck, scoring 10/10 and 8/10. The final score of 18/20 secured Ben both the Junior Division Championship and the opportunity to represent St Bernard’s at the State Championships held on the 2nd of September at Bendigo Gun Club. Having never trained for the discipline or competed in a tournament, Ben and Will were both thrilled with their results.

...to the following boys selected for the ACC team of the Year for Term 2:
ACC 1st XVIII Football - Joel Costello (Back Pocket), Daniel Allison (Half Back Flank) Sam Woods (Rover)
ACC 1st XI Soccer - Marko Buljan (Midfield), Michael Katiforis (Midfield)

St Bernard’s Old Collegians Cricket Club

St Bernard’s Cricket Club would like to invite all boys who are interested in playing cricket, to come and play at St Bernard’s, especially those at Under 10, 12,14 and 16 grades. At St Bernard’s Cricket Club, we encourage all children to have FUN and ENJOY playing cricket, while developing the skills to see them progress into great cricketers. Our senior 1st XI plays in the highest grade in the Melbourne Metropolitan wide Victorian Turf Cricket Association, and is predominantly made up of cricketers who have learnt the game through our junior system. All cricket equipment is supplied; players need to wear white clothing and either runners or cricket runners. As a part of the registration fee, all players will be provided with a white club shirt and junior club cap. All enquiries can be directed to SBOCCC Junior Coordinator Duncan Hefter on 0438 365245 or at duncan.hefter@konecranes.com.

We will also be running a Milo have a go junior cricket program for 5 – 8 year olds on a Friday night starting in mid November. Further details will be the next newsletter.

St Bernard’s Cricket Club is always welcoming to new senior club players for all of our 4 senior sides. Please contact me on 0407 010 789 or Jason.bourke@amcor.com

Parent Seminar: Daughters and Dads

This seminar focuses on the transition for girls as they enter secondary school and their teenage years. Dads will appreciate the opportunity to share their experiences in raising daughters and consider the values and parenting behaviours that represent males as positive role models.

Presented by Bill Jennings on 5 September 2013 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Ave Maria College

$10 non-refundable fee is payable in advance when you register at dsandiford@ceomelb.vic.edu.au or telephone Doug Sandiford on 9267-0258
## Reminders

**Open Days**
- **Sun 11 Aug** – ACU (Melbourne); Deakin (Geelong); RMIT
- **Sun 18 Aug** – La Trobe (Bendigo); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank - VCA)
- **Sun 25 Aug** – Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora) VU

**Occupational Therapy information evening**; 5.30-8pm, Thurs 12 Sept; Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; **Register**: email Monica.williams@austin.org.au

**Herald Sun Careers Expo** – 16 – 18 Aug; Melbourne Exhibition Centre; **Info**: www.careerexpo.com.au

## 1. SUBJECT SELECTION APPOINTMENTS

Students and parents are advised to contact me immediately if they would like a careers/subject selection appointment.

## 2. THINKING OF ENGINEERING AS A CAREER?

As the workforce ages and the world shifts to an innovation economy, the demand for engineers increases. A report by Engineers Australia highlights the nature of Australia’s engineering skills shortage (not just Australia). According to the Times Higher Education it is estimated that UK engineering companies will have 2.74 million job opportunities between 2010–2020. The USA also has a great demand. Engineering ranks third amongst the ten best paying sectors. Monash engineering: [www.monash.edu.au/study-engineering](http://www.monash.edu.au/study-engineering).


## 3. NEW SCIENCE DEGREE AT MONASH

A science education complemented by skills in leadership, entrepreneurship and communication will be the focus of the new Bachelor of Science (Global Challenges) in 2014. The course targets those wanting to push the boundaries of possibility, effect change in the world, and use science as a base to establish themselves as leaders in their career. Students will take two internships, at least one internationally, financially supported by the university. There will also be a year-long project where students work with peers and mentors, partnered with an organisation to tackle an issue. **Info**: [www.monash.edu/have-you-got-the-edge](http://www.monash.edu/have-you-got-the-edge).

## 4. EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACU looks for students who understand the importance of working for the common good and a willingness to make a contribution to their communities. ACU wants to recognise them for their contribution and potential and grants them status as Early Achievers. One of the benefits of the program is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. **Applications open**: 13 Aug and **close**: 21 Oct.

**Brochure**: [Early Achievers Program (EAP) brochure (PDF, 474KB)](http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au)

**Info**: 1300 ASK ACU or [futurestudents@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@acu.edu.au)
5. INTERESTED IN A MEDICAL RADIATIONS CAREER? If so, you have the opportunity to find out more about the profession at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Staff will conduct tours of the medical radiations department and provide important career and professional information. University course providers will also attend. See the latest in high-tech modern medicine. Where: St Andrews Place, East Melbourne; When: 10am-2pm, Sun 15 Sept; Information: 9656 1375, RTEducation@petermac.org, www.petermac.org.

6. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS – the Electrical Pre-apprenticeship (Cert 11 in Electrotechnology Prevocational) provides the basic skills making you job ready. NECA (National Electrical and Communications Assoc’n) has teamed up with Milwaukee, offering students who successfully complete their pre-apprenticeship a free Milwaukee Drill Kit (conditions apply). Info: www.370degrees.com.au or call 9388 0566. Also, Tenex is seeking to recruit Electrical Lineworker apprentices and Electrical Fitter apprentices. See: www.agaaustralia.com.au, ph Matt: 04088 124 240.

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ST COLUMBA’S COLLEGE AND ST BERNARD’S COLLEGE PRESENTS

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS
AN ADAPATION OF THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

MUSIC BY MARY RODGERS
LYRICS BY MARSHALL BARER
BOOK BY JAY THOMPSON, DEAN FULLER AND MARSHALL BARER

1ST - 2ND AUGUST 7.30PM
9TH - 10TH AUGUST 7.30PM
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St Bernard's Football Club Community
Raising awareness

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that the St Bernard's Old Collegians Football Club will provide support to the Cathy Freeman Foundation as part of the annual football club Charity Ladies Lunch. Each year the committee nominates a charity to support at a home game as part of the clubs growth towards raising awareness and to strengthen the community culture of the football club. $5 from each ticket sale will be donated to the Cathy Freeman Foundation. This lunch has become a highlight on the club social calendar so book early to avoid disappointment.
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Annual Dinner

Including official acknowledgement of College Captains and Vice Captains through the 80’s and 90’s

ST BERNARD’S COLLEGE PAVILION

Friday August 23rd from 7.00pm
41 Rosehill Rd Essendon
Cost: Free with ticket - Includes 2 course meal with drinks at bar prices
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
RSVP: August 16th 2013

Golf Day

MEDWAY GOLF CLUB

Friday October 25th from Noon
All inclusive cost: $90 per head

Businesses may sponsor a hole for $500 which entitles them to 4 players; signage on their designated hole and material in sponsors kit.

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