Welcome back to all families for the 2014 school year. It was wonderful to welcome our 1415 students back last week. In particular the 245 Year 7 students, who, along with 19 boys at other year levels, join our learning community.

We also welcome new staff to the College: teachers Daniel Baldwin, Taryn Bates, Donna Bourke, Stuart Crawford, Isabella Easton, Steven Murphy, Dan Palmer and Jack Stewart. Isa Harding returns as a teacher after many years of working in Educational Support. Isabella Romanin and Darcy Nolan return as Sports ‘gappy’ and Santa Monica ‘gappy’ respectively and we welcome our other gap year students; Johnny Nguyen in I.T. along with Ben Kelly and Michael Marinelli who will share the Arts Role.

There is always a palpable sense of excitement and expectation as staff and students gather for the start of the school year. Classes have commenced smoothly and I thank all those responsible for having the College ready to ensure a seamless start to the year. My prayer for all students, staff and families is that your aspirations for 2014 are fulfilled.

The learning community of St Bernard’s benefits from and celebrates the individual and collective achievements of all members. When students enrol there is a clear and unambiguous expectation that they will represent the College in extra curricular activity according to their talents. This expectation applies in all aspects of the life of the College including music, the Arts and sport.

As part of the community each boy benefits from our collective achievements and is expected to contribute according to his talent and capacity. While we will always discuss, negotiate and try to accommodate individual situations, we expect all boys to be available and committed to representing the College. I will be emphasising this in parent gatherings in coming weeks and I am confident that all our families understand the commitment and responsibility that comes with being part of this great College.

The College is blessed with an extremely strong and supportive community. One body that provides tangible support to the College is the St Bernard’s College Foundation. The Foundation provides bursaries to recognise, encourage and reward student excellence and to support families suffering financial hardship. Bursaries are available to encourage musical excellence and are advertised through the Music Department each year. Students who represent the College in ACC sport and who are selected in Victorian or National representative teams during the year are also eligible for a bursary. Application forms are available from Mrs. Pauline Zammit. Academic performance is rewarded through bursaries to the Dux and three Proxime Accessit (runners up) of each year level.

Families experiencing financial hardship who wish to request support may contact the College Credit Controller, Carol Alexander.

Development and maintenance of our facilities is ongoing. Significant works during the holiday period have included:
- Refurbishment of toilet facilities in the Margaret Carey Building
- Development of the Organisational Centre and Student Attendance Centre
- Expansion of the Notebook Centre
- Replacement of the Library Carpet
- Replacement of stairwell railings in Building 6
- Refitting of trial “flipped” classrooms
- Replacement of Fascia and barges on Building 1
- Extensive modification of garden areas
- Landscaping and construction of parking areas on the back adjacent the Murphy oval is expected to commence in the coming weeks. Planning continues for the development of the Senior Science Centre expected to commence late this year.

There are a number of gatherings in coming weeks. I look forward to meeting many of you at these gatherings and working with you and your sons during 2014.

Best wishes
Tony Paatsch

Please remember in your prayers
Mrs Vincenza (Zina) Mantello, grandmother of Alessio 8A, Joshua 11F, Daniel Cuda ‘13 and mother of Frances Cuda (Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary 2012–2013) and Mr Keith Douglas Nelson, grandfather of Angus Catoggio 9F who both passed away recently.

May They Rest in Peace

To the St Bernard’s College and Community,
Thank you for your support over the years with the organization of gifts for the annual Footscray Matthew Talbot Soup Van Christmas Party. The gifts are very well received and have obviously been prepared with a great deal of thought and consideration by the boys and the parents who have taken the time to purchase them. Your support is greatly appreciated and very much welcomed.

Once again the soup van Christmas party was a great success, with about 350 guests all socializing over a meal and enjoying the music and dancing. The gifts distrusted by santa at the end of the day are always the highlight!

Joanne Torr, President, Matthew Talbot Soup Van - Footscray
As this is our first newsletter of the year we would like to take the opportunity to welcome all families to another exciting year at St Bernard’s College. We hope that everyone has had a restful holiday. Welcome to the many Year 7 families to St Bernard’s and in particular to the families of the students listed below who are beginning their time at the College in Year 8 – 12.

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**Uniform**

A reminder to all families regarding uniform. To assist in your understanding of the correct wearing of our uniform please refer to the following website for guidance regarding this: http://year7sbc.weebly.com/uniform.html

We would like to remind families that ear or body piercings are not permitted; that hairstyles should be of a conservative fashion, without colour or head shaving, and that no jewellery is to be worn.

This year the following expectations regarding the wearing of PE / Sport uniform will apply:

Year 7 and 8 students may wear PE / Sport uniform to and from school on days when they have Sport and/or PE classes.

Year 9, 10 11 and 12 students may only wear sport / PE uniform to and from school on their designated Sport day. On days that they have scheduled PE classes and PE electives, each student must wear their correct uniform and change before and after PE classes in their homeroom.

These changes are as a result of a large number of boys incorrectly wearing various parts of their sport uniform to and from school. The presentation of our uniform in public is very important to our reputation as a school that has high expectations of our students. We appreciate that this may cause some minor inconvenience however we are sure that families understand the reasons for this change.

Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any concerns you have relating to your son’s uniform.

**Attendance**

A parent can report their son’s absence via SMS 0428937348 or by calling the student attendance centre on 92891128.

If you know that your son will be absent from school in the future please call the student attendance centre directly. The centre will be open from 8.15am on school days.

If you know that your son will be absent for an extended period of time please make contact with your son’s homeroom teacher and Year Level Coordinator to discuss the absence.

If your son is absent at the time that his homeroom roll is marked (between 8.46am – 8.55am) we will notify you regarding your son’s absence via SMS. The following SMS is sent to the primary mobile phone of parents;

*St Bernard’s records show John Citizen is absent FRI 2/7/2014. Pls reply by SMS or PH 92891128 with student name/reason/abs date*

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, “0428937348”. Please store this number in your mobile phone under “St Bernard’s College” so that when the message arrives, you are aware the message has come from the school. Parents can then reply, preferably using SMS, or by phoning the student attendance centre. Alternatively simply press the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son’s name, homeroom, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.
If your son is absent and a reason has been provided in advance, you will not receive an SMS.

If you require your son to leave school during the day he will be required to organise a leave pass from the student attendance centre prior to the commencement of homeroom. Your son must be provided with a signed note from you for the pass to be issued.

If your son arrives late to school, after homeroom, he is to report to the student attendance centre for a late pass. This pass will be issued and he will then present the pass to the subject teacher.

If you require your son to leave school during the day for an unexpected reason you can make contact with front reception to arrange for your son to leave class.

Front reception will arrange for him to leave class. Your son then reports to the student attendance centre for a leave pass. The student attendance staff member will then verify this absence with front reception before issuing the leave pass.

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Sick Bay Protocols
Our sick bay will remain at front reception. This service deals with illness and injury that may arise during the day. The College has neither the staff nor the facilities to cope with the ongoing treatment of student throughout the day. Please consider the following points:

Parents are asked not to send a student to school if the student is feeling unwell or has a communicable disease symptom.

If a student reports to sick bay requiring medical treatment and/or long periods of rest, we will contact you and ask that your son be picked up from school.

In case of an emergency, an ambulance will be called as a first response. In school initiated ambulance callouts, the College school accident insurance cost covers any cost incurred. When parents and emergency contacts are unable to be contacted and treatment is necessary, the sick bay attendant will make the decision whether to call an ambulance.

Year 7 Camp Dates:
- 7E -- 5th Feb to 7th Feb (completed)
- 7G -- 17th Feb to 19th Feb
- 7A & 7H -- 26th Feb to 28th Feb
- 7D -- 10th Feb to 12th Feb
- 7F -- 12th Feb to 14th Feb
- 7B -- 19th Feb to 21st Feb
- 7J & 7C -- 24th Feb to 26th Feb

Information regarding the camp can be found at: http://year7sbc.weebly.com/year-7-camp.html

Information Evenings
Year 9 – Thursday, 27 February to be held in the College Auditorium beginning at 7.30pm.

Essendon Station
We ask for the support of parents in helping ensure that students do not linger around Essendon station after school. Buses transport students to Shamrock Street, Glenbervie Station and Moonee Ponds. If a boy needs to catch a city bound train he should catch the bus to Glenbervie Station or to Moonee Ponds. We acknowledge that some boys will need to walk under the station from Shamrock Street to Mt Alexander Road or to catch a bus in Russell Street which is located on the East side of the station. If a student intends to catch a bus in Russell Street we ask that he request a permission pass from one of the Deputy Principals.

Male Mentor Games Night
Our very popular games night for Year 7 – 9 and their father/mentor/guardian will be held on Tuesday, 11 February beginning at 6.00pm. It should be a fun night. Information regarding the evening has been mailed out to all families. Please refer to the Year 7 homepage if you have not received the letter.

Medical Action Plans
The College is legally required to have a Medical Management Plan signed by your GP or treating specialist for students who have Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Asthma, Epilepsy or other significant allergies or medical conditions.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school regarding a student’s medical condition. Please ensure that you are providing the following:

- Up to date medical and contact information on the parent portal.
- Provide an appropriate management plan for your son.
- Appropriately labeled and current auto immune injector (Epinen), or relevant medication for storage in sick bay.
- Medication is replaced before the date of expiry.
- Advise the College of any changes or updates to medical conditions for our records.

As a staff, we are trained in the use of auto immune injectors and are well equipped to deal with such reactions and provide treatment of other medical conditions.

Health Warning
There has been a case of head lice reported from a Year 7 parent. According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, once children have commenced treatment for head lice they can be readmitted to school.
From the Finance Office
HOLDERS of current i.e. 28th January, 2014 Healthcare/Pensioner Cards - please note EMA applications forms must be lodged at the school by the 28th February, 2014. Eligible families will receive a further 10% off the fee charge.

Finance Office

Year 12 Career Appointments
Since year 11 classes finished in November 2013, already over sixty year 12s have taken the opportunity to make a careers appointment.

Why so early? Because starting the process of actively exploring tertiary and work options early, will almost inevitably mean your son has a much greater chance of securing a positive pathway for 2015.

So – please do not hesitate to contact me on 9289 1159 or at drosel@sbc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment so we can start the conversation!

David Rosel, Career Practitioner

Music News
The Music Department is already in full swing with intentions of a productive year. We offer a very extensive range of music activities for our students. Our list of instrumental ensembles include Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Show Band, Big Band, Percussion Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and 2 Guitar Ensembles. Students interested in joining one or more of these groups are welcome to contact me with their expression of interest at cpuglisi@sbc.vic.edu.au.

For the non-instrumentalist, the College provides 2 very engaging vocal groups to be a part of – SYNC (vocal group for years 7 – 9) and Shout! (vocal group for years 10 – 12). SYNC rehearses Wednesday after school until 4pm. Shout! rehearses Monday after school until 4pm. These groups are open to all students of the college. Those interested are encouraged to contact the director of these groups, Mr Jack Stewart at jstewart@sbc.vic.edu.au.

Information on all of these opportunities and more – including enrolment for private music lessons and Australian Music Examinations Board Theory Examination classes can be found at www.sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com, or indirectly via the link at the bottom of the SBC Webpage.

The St Bernard’s College Friends of Music have already met for Term 1, and have planned some support and fundraising to assist music program. As per previous years, they are organising a Winery Tour and Luncheon Fundraiser to be held on Sunday March 30. We welcome any of our adult community members to take part in this day. For more information, or to register seats on the bus, please go to www.sbcmusicdepartment.weebly.com/winery-tour-and-luncheon.html

Furthermore, the Friends of Music are considering the viability of running a car boot sale in the school’s main car park on a Sunday in October (date yet to be determined) and seek expressions of interest to gauge its viability. Those who would be interested in participating as a vendor at a car boot sale are asked to email a very short expression of interest to the Friends of Music Fundraising Coordinator, Mr Arthur Busuttil at archiebus@optusnet.com.au.

Finally, the Friends of Music seek small donations that can be used as raffle prizes at concerts and for fundraising. Any small or inexpensive items would be gratefully received. Again, please contact Arthur as per the above, or on 0402 644 272.

Carmelo Puglisi, Director of Music

2014 Italy Study Tour
There has been an amazing response to our 2014 Italy Study Tour. Those students of families who have paid their initial deposit should have already received an email updating them on the Tour and what will be happening. Many thanks to all those families who have shown such strong interest and I look forward to seeing you all at our follow-up information evening, to be held later in Term 1.

2014 Snowsports' Team Camp – Mt. Hotham
A meeting will be held shortly on the Clairvaux Campus for all students interested in participating in our annual Snowsports' Team Camp at Mt. Hotham, which will be held at the end of the first week of Term 3, 2014. The Camp is open to students with prior experience in skiing / snowboarding. The aim of the Camp is to consolidate and enhance skiing / snowboarding skills. Students who attend the meeting will receive details re costs, dates. Students are therefore asked to keep a close eye on the Daily Bulletin for details of our Meeting.

Bruno Spiller, Senior Italian Teacher/ Snowsports Manager

Marinelli secures VU Scholarship
2013 graduate Luke Marinelli is among the first of up to 100 recipients of the new Victoria University scholarship program. He received an ATAR score of 93.3, and has enrolled in VU’s Bachelor of Clinical Sciences to become an osteopath.

"Always at the back of my mind, I really wanted to get that scholarship but didn’t know whether or not I would get over 90. When I was finally offered it, it was BIG!"

Luke will receive $5000 a year and is hoping to use some of the funds for overseas work experience. Besides the financial award, Chancellor's Scholars receive a range of professional and personal development opportunities including mentoring from Australian corporate leaders, internships, student leadership training, and invitations to University-sponsored seminars and other events.
## St. Bernard’s College Canteen Price List

### January 2014

#### Breakfast Menu
from 8.15am to 8.35 am

- **Cheese & Bacon Rolls with cheese**: $2.00
- **Plain Croissant**: $1.80
- **Croissant with cheese**: $2.00

Milk drinks, juices, yoghurt and bottled water are available for purchase

### Drinks

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### Hot Food

- **Pizza**: 3.50
- **Steamed dim sim**: 1.00 each
- **2 dim sims in a roll**: 2.50
- **Pies & Pasties**: 3.50
- **Sausage roll**: 3.50 (in a bread roll $4.50)
- **Cheese & Spinach roll**: 3.50
- **Hot Dogs**: 3.00

### Rolls, Wraps ...

- **Assorted Rolls**: 3.00
- **Assorted Wraps**: 3.00
- **Toasted Sandwich**: 2.00
- **Toasted Focaccia**: 3.00
- **Sushi**: 2.30 or 4.50 twin pack

### Snacks

- **Yoghurt**: 2.50
- **Cakes, donuts & muffins**: 2.50
- **Piranha/popcorn/Grainwaves**: 1.00
- **Fresh Fruit**: 0.80 per piece
- **Fruit Salad**: 2.50
- **Small lolly bags**: 0.80
- **Anacondas**: 1.00
- **Starburst packs**: 2.80
- **Chocolate Bars**: 2.50
- **Cough Lozenges**: 2.00
Registration for 2014 Season

U9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16

Sunday 16th February 2014 11am – 1pm
Friday 21st February 2014 4:30pm – 6:00pm

St Bernard’s College Oval.

NEW players need a COPY of their birth certificate.

2014 Fees 1st Player $280  2nd Player $150  Family $480

REGISTER BEFORE 21st FEBRUARY FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FEES

1st Player $250 – 2nd Player $150 – Family $450

Payment prior to registration is preferred and you can EFT your payment to St.Bernard’s Junior Football Club BSB 083 346 Acc 625970242

Please insert your surname so we know who the payment is from and bring your internet banking receipt on the day.

ALL WELCOME FOR A GREAT SEASON OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Paul Flynn
President
St Bernards Old Collegians Junior Football Club

All enquiries please email junioradmin@stbernardsfc.com.au
St Bernard’s Hockey Club
is looking for players for 2014.
Why not give hockey a go?
It’s a fun team sport & might just be what you’re looking for.

Registration day – Sunday 09Feb
11am – 2pm
St. Bernard’s Hockey Club
Rosehill Road, Essendon

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 or fundraising@sbchc.com.au