From The Principal

Congratulations to Adam Taylor on his appointment as the new Principal of St Bernard’s College from the start of 2017. I have spoken with Adam to congratulate him and we have discussed how we will facilitate a smooth transition. We intend to arrange an opportunity for Adam to meet with staff and some of the community prior to the end of the year.

Next Friday the College will celebrate St Bernard’s Day and we are delighted that Archbishop Hart will join us as principal celebrant. Following the Mass (at 9.15am) Archbishop Hart will formally open and bless the Senior Science and Parallel Programs Centre. All members of the community are welcome to join us.

At recent meetings the College Board has considered a proposal to develop a “Centre for Professional Learning, Innovation and Research” at the College. The aim of the centre will be to lead research and use data to inform practice, thereby ensuring targeted professional learning for all staff. The centre will coordinate diagnostic testing and monitoring of all students and assist staff to meet the individual needs of students. It is envisaged that in time the centre will develop formal partnerships with Universities and external bodies in addition to creating educational offerings for the community. This promises to be a wonderful initiative and I would like to acknowledge the vision of Paul Shannon in developing the proposal.

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the draft Strategic Plan which was attached to the last edition of the newsletter. These have been provided to the facilitator. The final part of the consultative process will take place on Monday, 29 August with students from Years 7 – 11, and staff working on the document throughout the day. In the evening parents will have the opportunity to meet, discuss and provide further feedback to the document. An individual email will be sent to all families inviting your participation in this important process.

Communication with parents is important on a day-to-day basis but it is absolutely vital in the event of an accident or injury to a student. We are finding that we do not have accurate contact details for a number of families. On a day-to-day basis this often means we are getting texts from unknown mobile numbers saying “Anthony is away sick today”. As you will appreciate this is unhelpful and confusing. (We have 29 students called Anthony!) I ask that all families log onto the parent portal and check that we have your most up to date contact details. The mechanism for making changes is quite straightforward. Go to the College website - on the right hand side of the page click on Parent Portal Under Community Portal then click on the Community Portal button. Then enter your user name and password.

The College has recently constructed a Facebook page in order to showcase activities happening at the College on a regular basis. Facebook is a useful social media platform and another way we can communicate and highlight events within our community. If you are a user of Facebook, we ask that you click on the link below and ‘like’ the page of ‘St Bernard’s College Essendon.’

I would like to alert all families of some changes to arrangements for the last few weeks of the 2016 school year.

For many years the College has run a “Head Start” program late in Term 4 for Year 10 and 11 students. This program sees students commence the following years work and we believe there are significant educational advantages to it. There is however a down side with enormous disruption created when 2 year levels are operating on the following year’s timetable and the other 3 on the current year. One result of this is lots of replacement classes where students are being supervised rather than actively taught. This year we have taken the decision to operate head start across all year levels commencing on Monday, 21 November. As a result Year 7 students will commence Year 8 at that time and so on. Of course there will be some issues about access to texts but we are confident that these can be overcome. There have been resultant adjustments to other aspects of the College program including Santa Monica.
In recent years we have held Academic Awards ceremonies for Years 7 to 10 in early December in the week after classes finish. This has proved problematic for many families with many unable to attend.

These functions have been moved to early in 2017 to align with the Academic Awards ceremonies for Year 11 and 12.

All changes are detailed below.

### End of Year arrangements:

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**Santa Monica Date Adjustments:**

- **Year 9C/9H**
  - Monday, 7 November: Debrief Meeting (7.30pm)

- **Year 9J**
  - Monday, 24 October: Prep Meeting (8.30pm)
  - Wednesday, 2 November (Cup Week): Start Date
  - Thursday, 17 November: Male Mentor Night (Santa Monica - 5.30pm)
  - Friday, 25 November: Finish Date

These amendments will allow a full program with each group while allowing students in 9J to be part of Head Start for the final week.

**Events Moved or Cancelled**

- Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Academic Awards evenings moved to the beginning of 2017.

- Year 9 Melbourne Experience - Cancelled
- Year 8 Theatre Sports – Cancelled
- Year 7-9 Swimming Carnival – Cancelled

God Bless

*Tony Paatsch*

*Principal*
Riding and Walking to School

Exercise is an indispensable element of wellbeing for adolescents. So too is gradually developing appropriate levels of independence and a sense of being able to participate safely in the community away from the watchful gaze of parents.

For these reasons the College fully supports students riding or walking to school. Extra bicycle racks have recently been installed to further accommodate students riding to school. The majority of our students travel with a high regard for the care of people around them and for their own safety. However, a number of students have had detentions issued this year for not wearing bike helmets and/or crossing Rosehill road in an unsafe manner. We cannot have staff permanently in these areas. Parents whose sons walk or ride to school are requested to discuss bicycle and pedestrian safety with them.

The specific rules are; that students must be wearing a bike helmet at all times, that Rosehill Road is to be crossed either at the pedestrian crossing at the top of the hill or at the split pedestrian safety area at the bottom of the hill and that Buckley Street should be crossed using either the tunnel or the Hoffman’s Road lights. Thank you to everyone for your co-operation.

David Sutton
Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing)

College Organisation

Staff Professional Development Day (Spirituality) – Wednesday, 31 August
A reminder to Parents/Guardians of the upcoming Staff Professional Development Day taking place on Wednesday, 31 August. Students will not be required to attend the College on this date.

Year 7-11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews
Parent Student Teacher Interviews for Years 7-11 students will take place in Term 3. There are two dates set aside for interviews as follows:

Afternoon/Evening 1 – Tuesday, 13 September
Time: 2.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue: College Gymnasium
Students will be dismissed at 12.40pm (After school buses will operate at 12.40 pm for students who require transport home)

Afternoon/Evening 2 – Thursday, 15 September
Time: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Venue: College Gymnasium
Students will be dismissed at 2.55pm (Normal School Day)

Parents will receive further details via email regarding our new booking process and other important information relating to the Year 7-11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews.

Craig Osborne
Director of Organisation

Mothers of Old Boys Luncheon

If you are a parent of a past student, you would have received an invitation to the Annual Luncheon to be held in the Perrett Pavilion from 11.30am on Wednesday, 7 September 2016.

Pre-lunch drinks from 11.30am and two course lunch (champagne, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee) included - $40.00 must be pre-paid to accounts department by cash/cheque/credit. We have many ladies who utilise this event as an annual catch up with groups they shared throughout their son’s time at the College.

We would be happy to hold a table for groups of more than 8 people. All enquiries to jenny@careplus.com.au

Jenny Goring, President, The Ladies Auxiliary
Echoes From The Archives

The Caretaker’s House…. Continued
Caretaker, Mr Peter Dymus, retired during the first week of November after 17 years service to the College. Peter first came to Australia in 1948 from the Ukraine. He has worked at the College since 2 February 1970. Peter has always had a smile and cheer for anyone who passed him while he worked in the yard.

The College has been fortunate having Peter doing the yard maintenance all these years. He has recently been looking after our mascot Bernie since the death of Br Carey. Peter lives on the property with his wife and they have raised six children. We wish him all the best for his future and thank him for his services. The house can be seen in old aerial photos from the 1960s until the 1990s.

Maureen Kavanagh, Archivist

Keilor St Bernard's Athletic Club

The St Bernard's community is cordially invited to attend the book launch and be one of the first to purchase The First Half Century, edited by Paul Kennedy, a book that gives some amusing and engaging insights into the first 50 years of KSB.

Date: Sunday, 28 August, 2016, from 3.00pm
Venue: Perrett Pavilion, St Bernard’s College (Enter via Hampton Rd and drive to bottom of hill)
Cost: Free entry. Light refreshments served. Books will be available for purchase for $19.95 – a great gift idea for Father’s Day!
Special offer: Book plus KSB training T-shirt for only $50 (only while stocks last)
Dress: Neat casual
RSVP: Sunday, 21 August, 2016, to mdabfalter@optusnet.com.au
Format: Come along and catch up with old friends at this Sunday afternoon gathering.

Hear from the editor, Paul Kennedy (current KSB member), as he gives a brief presentation on how the book evolved.

Maria Abfalther
Secretary, Keilor St Bernard’s Athletic Club

SBOCA Golf Day- Sponsorship Opportunity and Bookings

On Friday, 21 October the St Bernard's College Old Collegians are holding their Annual Golf Day.

In 2016 we are joining with the Lane Family to support a project in honour of their son and Old Collegian Chris, who was tragically killed in the USA in 2013. All profits raised from the SBOCA Annual Golf Day will go towards helping build a new Little League Baseball Field named in honour of Chris Lane.

We are inviting interested families with a business the opportunity to sponsor this event. For further information on how you can help, contact David Formosa on 9289 1106 or development@sbc.vic.edu.au

Bookings can also now be made to book your team via https://www.trybooking.com/MNLZ

David Formosa
Director of Development
Recycled Uniform Sale

The recycled uniform sale will take place again on Tuesday, 30 August from 3.00pm-5.30pm in the Peter Hogan Boardroom.

Renee Buhagiar
Uniform Shop

Discere Applications 2017 Now Open!

Applications for enrolment in the Discere Blue and Gold programs are now being accepted. Information in regard to the Discere program and application forms are available on the College website.

They can be found under Programs, Discere. Applications remain open for the entire month of August, closing 1 September.

All queries are welcome. Please contact Ms Susan Ziino (Discere Coordinator) should you have any questions about our wonderful Discere programme.

Ms Susan Ziino, Discere Coordinator

Food Technology - Student Reflections

Mr Greg Williams, an experienced pastry chef, came to help us learn more about bread baking and different techniques. These techniques will help us with our upcoming assignment, designing and making tear and shear loaves. Some of the things that Mr Williams taught us was how to shape many different types of rolls, how gluten works, why bread rises the way it does and how to knead dough properly.

After Mr Williams finished speaking and teaching we were able to use the techniques he had taught us. Immediately everyone noticed a difference in their skills. Some of the things that Mr Williams made with us were pizza roll ups, garlic bread, knotted rolls, sesame seed rolls and many more. After, we were allowed to eat what we had created and it was delicious. We would like to thank Mr Williams for taking time out of his day to help us with our assignments and teaching us the many different techniques of bread baking. (Jack Cullen and Liam Salter, Year 9)

Year 10 Food Technology students were lucky to have a Q and A session with local butcher Matt Fraser of Fraser's Meats. Matt shared his experiences in running a successful business and provided further insight in to the role of the Meat and Livestock Association for the meat industry. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about the different types, cuts and uses of meat.

On Monday, 1 August, Myself, Harry Catterall, and three Year 11 students, Nick Fitzgerald, Matt Camilleri and Alan Nguyen competed in the Second Annual ACC Culinary Competition hosted by Holmesglen. The weeks leading up to the event consisted of early morning and after school meetings discussing and preparing our chosen meal whilst trying to meet the criteria of deboning and using a whole chicken. Eventually settling on 'Apricot Chicken Roulade with Cous Cous' and chicken jus, we were ready to begin practice. We had one test run before the event and with the much appreciated assistance of Mrs Julie Bond and Miss Allen we were on our way. Despite placing a close second (1 point) to 'Chicken 6 ways' by Simonds Catholic College, it was a really enjoyable experience and a great opportunity to work in an industrial kitchen. Special thanks to Mr Baldwin for driving us to and from the event and helping us select next year’s dish, Chicken 8 ways. (Harry Catterall, 10F)

Hayley Allen

Food Technology Coordinator
St Bernard’s Old Collegians Association

Golf Day
Friday 21 October 2016
12pm BBQ Lunch 1pm Tee off

Supporting the Chris Lane Memorial Baseball Field

Funds raised will go towards supporting the Lane Family in their efforts to construct a Little League Baseball Field in honour of their son and Old Collegian Chris Lane.
Sunday, August 28, 2016

Keilor St Bernard’s Athletic Club

50th Anniversary Book Launch

In conjuction with the annual

KSB Club Handicap

Sports Pavilion, St Bernard’s College, Essendon

- Club Handicap 1.30pm. 3km, 5km, 8km
- Book launch 3pm

www.ksbaths.org.au