From The Principal

Late last term the College was honoured when the EREA Council, Board and Executive Leadership met at St Bernard’s. These meetings occur only a few times each year and are spread throughout the 50 EREA Australian schools so this was probably a once in a decade opportunity to showcase the College to our governing body.

I subsequently received a letter from Br Paul Oakley, President of EREA, expressing “heartfelt thanks” for the hospitality and warm welcome. He particularly wished to acknowledge the students who led prayer and reflection and then guided guests on a tour of the school. Br Paul particularly noted being “struck by the obvious pride they have in their school”. He further commented that “we gained a very good impression of both the spirit of the school and how attractive and well provided St Bernard’s College is.”

Last week I was in Kolkata in India at the first major congress of EREBB. (Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders) School leaders, Christian Brothers and members of the extended Edmund Rice network of ministries from every continent (19 countries) gathered to discuss ways that we can work together to achieve common goals.

I expect a wide range of long term outcomes in addition to our ongoing support for and engagement with Br Beausang at Embulbul. In the next year or two I hope the following will occur:

- Student online interaction with a class at Our Lady of Salvation School in Dadar (a suburb of Mumbai).
- Staff professional learning support for a Christian Brothers school in Kimberley, South Africa
- Some engagement with a community in Lima, Peru.
- Opportunity for staff to visit and support a teachers College in Rabaul in the New Britain region of PNG.

ERBB certainly promises an exciting new dimension for this community to meet the touchstones that we aspire to.

In the school holidays Year 12 students and staff were at school regularly with trial exams, guest lectures and classes. I’d like to thank and acknowledge the Year 12 teachers who were so generous with their time and talents. I hope that this will be reflected in student outcomes in mid December when the VCE results are posted.

The final days of Year 12 classes are always bittersweet for both teachers and students. There is urgency surrounding impending exams and com mingled emotions; excitement at finishing school and sadness at leaving St Bernard’s. Rituals help us to process and deal with these emotions and the College conducts a number of ceremonies to mark this significant milestone.

Last Friday the final full school assembly provided a chance for the student body to farewell our Year 12’s. We were pleased to welcome back Old Collegian Daniel Creasey, to provide some advice to boys on options beyond school, referencing his own work as a pro-bono lawyer. This Friday we celebrate the Graduation Mass and hold our annual Valete Dinner at which the year level has the opportunity to reflect on the six year St Bernard’s journey and give thanks for what they have achieved and what they have contributed.

At the Graduation Mass I will formally thank the students on behalf of the community for their contribution to the College and remind them that because they are St Bernard’s students, they have the capacity and obligation to change the world that they enter, and make it a better place for all. Tonight will also be bittersweet for me as this is the final group that I will have the privilege of attending graduation with.

I would like to inform the community of the current situation with the development of the College masterplan and other building matters.

The Senior Science and Paralell Programs Building is in the process of having defects rectified. I am grateful to the parents on the College Building Committee; Tim Fleming, Justin Noonan and Paul Michielin, who have been providing invaluable support to our Property Manager Glenn Walsh in this matter. The defects are relatively minor, albeit annoying, but we have full use the building. This has allowed us to move all classes from building 5 (behind the canteen).
During the holiday break our maintenance staff commenced the process of creating temporary staff accommodation in Building 5. Staff currently working in the Clairvaux staffroom will move into this space in December, at this time work will commence on the construction of the Staff Centre, Chapel and Professional Learning, Innovation and Research Centre. This work will commence with demolition of the existing chapel and Careers Centre and gutting of the Clairvaux staff room and former Discere area. Plans and elevations for this project are on display in reception.

We recently became aware of an issue with the facade of the Auditorium (facing HH Hilbert Oval). The cladding is failing and has become a safety risk. Accordingly, we have engaged a contractor to replace the façade. Currently silver, it will be be given a dark finish similar to the front of the Gymnasium and Senior Science & Parallel Programs Centre. It will have a large College Crest prominent. While we have the relevant trades on site, the silver panels cladding the administration building which are delaminating (an eyesore but no safety risk), will be replaced.

Re-enrolment forms for all students were due this week. If you have not returned your son’s form, we would appreciate your doing so promptly. If your son is not planning to return to the College it is important that we are made aware of this so we can provide offers to the many families seeking places for 2017.

God Bless

Tony Paatsch
Principal

Echoes From The Archives

Form Three to Move to West Essendon
1969 marks the last year of Form Three classes at the Junior School. The move, an obvious step in the interests of all will relieve accommodation pressure at Moonee Ponds.

The first intention was to build the proposed extensions at Moonee Ponds. However space there is limited, while space at West Essendon is ample.

The spacious 32 acre property should be able to more than adequately facilitate future expansions at St Bernard’s. Already two new ovals are taking shape, under the constant vigilance of Br. Monagle, and further improvements are planned for 1970.

Maureen Kavanagh
Archivist

Re-enrolments 2017

Could all families who have not completed and returned their Re-enrolment forms please do so as soon as possible.

Volunteers Dinner

We would like to invite all of our volunteer helpers to the annual Volunteers Dinner. Whether it be Cross-Country training, Ladies Auxiliary, Parents & Friends, Social Justice, The Production, Uniform shop, Canteen or any other event. You are most welcome to attend. A two course meal and drinks are provided.

Where: St Bernard’s College Pavilion Gate 8
When: 19 October at 7.00pm
RSVP: 10 October via telephone: 9289 1136 or email Cholland@Sbc.vic.edu.au

For catering purposes please indicate any dietary requirements.

Carolyn Holland, Canteen
Debating Success at St Bernard’s

One of our D Grade debating teams, a group of four Year 8 boys, have been powering through the finals series of the DAV Schools tournament. This is the next level of competition after five initial rounds, and to progress teams need to have won all five.

On Wednesday 24 August, playoff 2 of the DAV Finals series was held at Kilvington Grammar, Ormond. The topic was ‘That a tax should be introduced on drinks with high levels of sugar.’ Our team, SBC4, argued the negative against Wesley College 4 and spoke very well on the issues of a growing overconsumption of sugar that cannot be holistically tackled with such a tax arguing that this issue could be addressed with intensive education to change habits and behaviour. They won the debate, qualifying for the Octofinals.

On Wednesday, 7 September, the Octofinals were held at St Leonard’s College, Brighton East. Competing against Lowther Hall, they argued the negative to this topic: "That our political representatives should be elected by proportional representation by the entire nation rather than electorate." To be ready for this, the boys embarked on an enormous research project. With six days to prepare they dedicated much time and effort with a steep learning curve to get up to speed with all things Federal Parliament, Senate, House of Reps and Preferential / Proportional voting. A huge effort and it really paid off. They were successful again and progressed to the Quarter Finals, as one of the top 8 teams in the State for Years 7-9 students.

On Wednesday, 12 October, the Quarter Finals were held at Lauriston Girls' College, Armadale. The topic for the Quarter Final was “That the Government should not fund controversial art and exhibitions.” They argued the affirmative against a Year 9 team from Ivanhoe Grammar. It was an impressive debate and although they spoke very confidently, they lost by a narrow margin.

I thank them for all their efforts this year and congratulate them on getting this far in Finals, a feat not achieved in many years at the College. Special mention also, to their very supportive parents who were a wonderful help.

Results and teams are listed below:

**Playoff 24 August**
- Gabriel Loukomitis 8H (1st negative)
- James Galtieri 8H (2nd negative - awarded best speaker of the debate)
- Alexander De Nardi 8H (3rd negative)
- Julian DiBerardino 8B

**Octofinals 7 September**
- Gabriel Loukomitis, Alex De Nardi (best speaker and 2nd negative)
- Julian DiBerardino (1st negative)
- and James Galtieri (3rd negative)

**Quarter Finals 12 October (Pictured Above)**
- Gabriel Loukomitis (2nd affirmative)
- Julian DiBerardino (1st affirmative)
- Alexander De Nardi (3rd affirmative)
- James Galtieri

*Siobhan Loukomitis*
ACC Cross Country Presentation Night

Just a reminder to all squad members and their parents that this year’s ACC Cross Country Presentation evening will be held this **Monday, 17 October**.

The evening will be held in the College Auditorium commencing at 7.00 pm. The evening will review the season with highlights from the City2Surf trip in August and the ACC Cross Country carnival held late last term. Although it is a very busy time of year I would hope that the entire team could be in attendance.

*Gerard Brown*

**LAST CHANCE!**

**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](https://www.trybooking.com/MNLZ)

The flyer can be found at the end of this newsletter.

*David Formosa*

*Director of Development*

**Wellbeing Week**

This week St Bernard's College celebrated Wellbeing Week organised by the Student Wellbeing Action Team (SWAT). We have been promoting the 5 Ways to Wellbeing to students which are a set of positive actions that been developed to help people get start on their way to a happier life.

The five ways are: Connect with others, Take notice of your surroundings and of your inner self, be active, Learn new skills and be a giver of self to others. A number of activities were run to help promote wellbeing such as the QR Code treasure hunt, the lunchtime music entertainment in the amphitheatre, Staff and student soccer match and a daily quiz. On Friday we will have Fireman speaking to the Year 7-10 about how they maintain wellbeing and people from Yooralla speaking to the Year 11’s.

We thank the SWAT group and all the staff that made this week possible. More information will be given at the next Newsletter.

*John Samanna*

*Student Wellbeing Coordinator*
THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER, 2016
7.30 - 9pm
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

ST. BERNARD’S COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

GUEST SPEAKERS:
FIONA SCOTT-NORMAN
writer & comedian
LEILA GURRUWIWI
tv presenter & mentor
TIM CRONIN
social worker
TOBY HALLIGAN
writer on Ch10’s “The Project”
& comedian
LINC YOW YEH
educational coordinator
& musician
KATIE O’NEILL
refugee advocate

IT'S OK TO BE DIFFERENT.
A great debate on Diversity

ALL ST. BERNARD’S FAMILIES & WIDER COMMUNITY WELCOME

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS AT
www.sbcjcn.com
~ donations for charities on entry much appreciated ~

INTRODUCING AS MCs, ST. BERNARD’S OWN COMIC DUO, PADDY & JACK
(MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL “CLASS CLOWNS” FINALISTS)
INVITATION TO TRY OUT FOR THE INAUGURAL SBOCCC CRICKET CLUB JG CRAIG SHIELD TEAM

Formally known as Hatch, this is the premier representative Under 15 Turf Cricket tournament in the state and is for only the most elite young cricketers in Victoria.

St Bernard’s is about to enter its first year in the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association, and as such, we will be debuting our first ever JG Craig team.

As St Bernard’s students, we want YOU to represent your area at this season’s tournament. Best efforts will be made to schedule try outs and training so it will not affect your ability to play and train with your current club.

For more details, either head to our website: http://www.stbernardsoccc.com.au

Or

Please contact St Bernard’s OCCC via email at stbernardsoc@club.cricketvictoria.com.au and leave your contact details or phone Duncan Hefter on 0481251700 and leave a message with your contact details.

Please note, all players must be under the age of 15 as of the 1st of September 2016.

Try outs will begin in October, with dates to be finalised.
PRE SEASON TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Invitation to all players U15, U16, U17 & U19 in 2017

Be a part of the highly successful St.Bernard’s Football Club initiative designed to provide a tailored training and football development program for young men wanting to develop their personal fitness and football skills in preparation for playing football at all levels in 2017.

If you are keen to be challenged physically and develop your football skills and enjoy being a part of a larger all inclusive group then join us for the 2016/17 Football Academy.

ANY young man from ANY football club can join this pre season training program held in a semi professional environment with guest appearances from experienced AFL coaches and players and co-ordinated by VAFA Junior Coach of the Year 2015 and Premiership coach Rocky Iannello.

Starts : Friday 18th November to Monday 19th December 2016
Re commences : Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd March 2017
Mondays and Fridays
4.30pm to 6.20pm
SBC Oval No.2
Only $90
for 10 weeks of Intensive Training

Register Online www.stbernardsfc.com.au go to Football Academy link

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St.Bernards Football Academy
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.

DETAILS

Cost: $100 per player
Includes:

- Pre round BBQ lunch and drinks
- 18 holes of golf (ambrose team competition)
- On course drinks (beer, soft drink and water)
- Player show bag
- Post round finger food and drinks in clubhouse
- $10,000 cash Hole in One
- Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin
- Raffles and Giveaways

VENUE:

Rivervue Medway Golf Club
57 Omar Street
Maidstone, Victoria 3012

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