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Dear Parents and Friends of St Bernard’s,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. Students are settled, teachers have brilliantly worked around the complexities of operating in temporary accommodation for the course of this year’s significant building works, and we have welcomed new families in a liturgy last Thursday night. Brilliant!

I have written to parents in a separate letter mailed home this week. My letter discusses a range of matters about which I wished to keep parents fully informed. I trust that, while it is a long read, it proves a nonetheless informative read that explains the College’s standing on a number of issues.

The focus of this, my first newsletter editorial as Principal of St Bernard’s College, is on more deeply painful and concerning issues. It would never be my wish to write about these matters at any time let alone my first public written statement, but it would be wrong to not address them and simply hide behind platitudes.

This week in Sydney, the Royal Commission has revealed its findings about the Catholic Church as a whole and the extent of child abuse perpetrated by individuals afforded power and privilege in the church from 1950 until almost the present.

Today the Church needs to be on bended knee begging for forgiveness for its betrayal of trust. The revelations of the Royal Commission are a shameful reality of what has resulted from certain elements of church culture and it must be acknowledged. I continue to want to follow Jesus’ message of love and inclusion. But I cry with shame for the way some (mostly) men, in our tradition have trashed a Church which claims to work for the Kingdom and proclaim the Gospel in Jesus’ name.

Archbishop Denis Hart wrote to all parishes last Sunday in an open letter in anticipation of this week’s hearings at the Royal Commission. Archbishop Hart wrote, in part, as follows: “For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic Community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this evil occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us’.” I commit to joining with other Catholic leaders, lay and religious, united in the desire to restore trust and build new connections that contribute to the restoration of confidence in a broken church, acknowledging our faults and building on our strengths.

Adam Taylor
Principal
Welcome back to all families for 2017. We hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to a successful year. Below is some information regarding some important procedures for student attendance and travel.

Student Attendance

Procedures:

It is preferable that a parent/guardian report their son’s absence via SMS 0428937348. You may also call 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 please contact your son’s Homeroom Teacher, Year Level Coordinator and Student Attendance Office to inform of 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 22/7/2014. 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.

If you require your son to leave school during the day for an unexpected reason you can contact 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.

Essendon Station

New students would not be aware of our desire to ensure students do not linger around Essendon station after school.

Buses leave school for Shamrock Street, Glenbervie Station and Moonee Ponds. If a boy needs to catch a city bound train he can do this by catching the bus to Glenbervie Station or from Moonee Ponds. We ask that students support us with this. 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 requires to catch a bus in Russell Street we ask that he request a permission pass available from his YLC.

Paul Shannon  
Deputy Principal

From The College Captain

Upon taking part in an Edmund Rice Education Australia Leadership Conference in Sydney in January, it became abundantly clear that St Bernard's College is a community that has a major focus of living out its values in the wider community. While continuing to uphold many traditions, the Student Leadership Team have committed to a strong focus for the year; lending a hand to others. Throughout 2017, I challenge all students to be advocates for others and focusing on helping others and those within the wider community. Let's collectively do our best to benefit those individuals who are not as fortunate or privileged as ourselves.

Paddy Kennedy  
College Captain

Careers News- February

Year 12 Careers Appointments
All VCE students are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with myself to ‘get the ball rolling’, in terms of ideas for 2018. It has been stressed on a number of occasions, most recently in the first Year 12 assembly last week, that there are no expectations that any student has a firm idea of what life holds for him post SBC.

However, the sooner we start that conversation, the better. Parents are absolutely welcome to be part of this dialogue, so please feel free to contact me!

Tax File Numbers
- Student will need a Tax File Number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

- Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early! Students must apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit TFN Application

ANU Tuckwell Scholarship
Australian National University is one of the world’s leading universities. ANU launched the Tuckwell Scholarship Program in 2013.

Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at over $21,000 per year for the length of an undergraduate degree - is not just about a students’ intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, this is no ordinary scholarship!

Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+

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Applications open on 6 March 2017 and close on 27 March 2017. Students and their parents are invited to attend the 2017 ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshow:

**Date:** Tuesday 14 February 2017  
**Time:** 5.30pm – 8.00pm  
**Venue:** State Library, 328 Swanston Street in Melbourne  
Register at [Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshow in Melbourne](#)

**Medicine at Monash**  
Monash University is the only Victorian university to offer a Direct Entry medical program for students completing Year 12 as well as a Graduate Entry program leading to the same degree – Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD).

Entry to this course is based on:
- Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or at least 30 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 30 in Chemistry.
- UMAT
- Interview

The first two years of the undergraduate degree are largely campus-based, although with some city and rural clinical placements.

Years three to five are conducted in clinical settings, generally in hospitals and practices across metropolitan Melbourne and rural Victoria. Year five offers the chance for selective studies.

**Find out more at** [The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD)](#)

**UMAT Medical Entry Test 2017**  
Year 12 students should note that applications to sit the UMAT2017 are now open and registrations close on **Friday 2 June 2017 at 5.00pm sharp**! The UMAT2017 will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**, and the results will be available late September 2017.

Students should also note that results from UMAT2017 can only be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2018 but not 2019.

Students should not register for UMAT2017 unless they are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2018 and they meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2017 Information Booklet.  
**For more information, and/or to apply visit UMAT2017 or call (03) 8508 7643.**

Year 11 students may not sit the UMAT2017 and should they do so, their results will be cancelled and they may not be allowed to sit the UMAT again.

Students sitting the UMAT should note that candidates who do not possess a current passport, driver’s licence or learner’s permit are strongly recommended to apply for an Australian Keypass or Australian Proof of Age Card as soon as possible as no other forms of ID will be accepted.

Candidates without correct photo-bearing identification will not be permitted to sit UMAT2017 and will be turned away.
The UMAT is required for the following courses:

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**UMAT only required for non-Year 12 applicants.

David Rosel  
Careers Advisor

**Male Mentor Games Night:**
The College Staff and the Senior Student Council are again offering the very popular games night for Year 7 – 9 students and their father/mentor/guardian to be held on **Tuesday, 14 February beginning at 6.10pm.** Year 7 – 9 students have been given a letter with all of the details and a form to be returned by **Thursday, 9 February.**

David Sutton  
Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing)
Debating at St Bernard's College

Students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in taking part in debating in 2017 are asked to email Mr Nunan. Debating begins in March and there are 5 debates over the course of the year here at St Bernard’s on a Monday evening (7 – 9pm). Each team will have a coach who will meet with the team to plan their debate.

Kevin Nunan

St Bernard's Ladies Auxiliary Morning Coffee

Save the Date: The Ladies Auxiliary will host a morning tea in the Boardroom on Wednesday, 1 March from 9.00am.

For all new ladies. We look forward to meeting you and to give you the opportunity to meet other ladies at the College. RSVP your attendance (for catering) to jenny@careplus.com.au.

Jenny Goring
President, The Ladies Auxiliary

St Bernard's Parents & Friends Association

Welcome to a new St Bernard's year, especially those new to the college. My name is Stefan Loukomitis and I am president of the St Bernard's Parents and Friends Association and I am extending a warm welcome to all to be a part of our group.

The Association is a non fund raising group that meets once a month. It's a great way to find out what happens within the school and a way to contribute ideas to enhance the St Bernard’s experience. For new parents to the school it provides an avenue to meet other families and find out about their experiences with the college. If you can't commit to each meeting we have guest speakers regularly and you are most welcome to attend those of interest. Our opening meeting is this Monday, 13 February with Principal Adam Taylor as our opening speaker.

Meeting dates for 2017:

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All Meetings are held in the Peter Hogan Boardroom
* Change of day due to Public Holiday

Hope to see some new faces and once again welcome to the St Bernard's College family

Stefan Loukomitis, President
Moonee Valley Young People's Award

In December, Patrick Kennedy was awarded the Young People’s Award for Moonee Valley. The award celebrates local young people who achieve great things and make positive contributions to their community.

Patrick was a very worthy recipient considering his contributions to environmental initiatives at the College, participation in Student Wellbeing Action Team, promoting and increasing awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through his coordination of reconciliation activities and involvement in FIRE Carriers and involvements in Cross Country/Marby 150 and the College Production. A great honour.

Daniel Baldwin
Student Leadership Coordinator

St Bernard’s College Social Justice Network

St Bernard’s College Social Justice Network (SBCSJN) is a parent group that was established in May 2012. The network is made up of parents who believe that to encourage and facilitate their own son’s interest and involvement in social justice, they must also seek to actively participate, offer and characterise themselves as role models.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, we are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself. Social justice as a goal, but also as a process, is everywhere. As parents, we recognise that the gospel duty and relevance of helping others is one of the most important reasons for sending our boys to this school.

The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Peter Hogan Boardroom (below reception). We run social justice awareness raising events, soup van initiatives and other minor projects. All parents are welcome to join, please contact sbcsjn@sbc.vic.edu.au for more information about our first meeting.

The 2017 Melbourne Palm Sunday Walk For Justice For Refugees will be on Sunday April 9 at 2pm, commencing at the State Library (music from 1.30pm). The St Bernard’s Social Justice Network is organising a group to attend the walk. We are also hoping to walk with other Catholic high schools in the area.

Please join us and stand up for justice! For more information, contact us by email: sbcsjn@sbc.vic.edu.au or check our website www.sbsjn.com and Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SBSJN

Why Walk? Detention on Manus Island was declared illegal in April last year, but people are still being held there. Refugees trapped on Manus and Nauru are approaching their fourth year on the detention islands. The US refugee deal remains uncertain; no-one has yet been offered resettlement. The humane thing to do is to #BringThemHere. Also, over 30,000 refugees are living on Bridging Visas in our community with their futures in limbo. They are only eligible for Temporary Protection Visas. Many families are separated by the harsh system, and people despair of ever being reunited. Many fear being deported to danger under the government’s new Fast Track Assessment process.

The refugee movement is shifting public opinion; a majority are now opposed to the continuing detention of refugees on Manus and Nauru. An estimated 15,000 people
attended the 2016 Palm Sunday Walk for Justice. We want the 2017 gathering to be bigger still. Let's try and make this year the end of offshore processing.

Bring your family, friends, and workmates, bring banners and signs.

Lisa Grass
Coordinator – Advocacy & Justice

**National Ride2School Day Friday 17 March**

National Ride to School Day is an environmental initiative focused on cutting down on emissions and improving travel to and from school, but more importantly, a wellbeing initiative that allows an active way to get to school. It’s a perfect way to start the day, being on the ball for school and feeling refreshed and healthy.

By riding or walking to school on Friday 17 March, students will be allowed to wear PE uniform for the day.

Members of the Student Council will be at a number of checkpoints around the local area. These students will be on bikes and leaving each checkpoint at 8:00am on Friday. Great way to ride as a group! Stay tuned for more info.

*Student Council*

**Music News**

2017 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for Music at St Bernard’s! We begin the year welcoming the newest student members to our ensemble programs and we look forward to working with them during the year.

Music lessons and ensemble rehearsals are in full swing this week and I invite parents and students to regularly check MySBC for reminders and notifications of upcoming events. Lesson information will be communicated by email to relevant students also. I encourage all our ongoing musicians to check MySBC regularly for lesson and ensemble rehearsal times. For new members to our learning community, queries regarding signing up for music lessons and joining ensembles can be directed to jstewart@sbc.vic.edu.au.

**Friends of Music:** I invite all parents to consider becoming involved in the Friends of Music program. The Friends of Music program is not only a great way to find out about music at St Bernard’s, but helps support your son’s learning too, through fundraising initiatives. For further information, or to become involved, please contact jstewart@sbc.vic.edu.au or mpuglisi@sbc.vic.edu.au.

*Jack Stewart, Director of Music*

**Echoes From The Archives**

**Oldest photo in The Archives**

Form 1 (Year 7), 1940

*Maureen Kavanagh, Archivist*
ENROLMENT APPLICATION

YEAR 7, 2019

ENROLMENT APPLICATION MEETINGS

FAMILY SURNAMES A – K
(New and Current Families)
TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017

FAMILY SURNAMES L – Z
(New and Current Families)
WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017

at

7.30 PM

in

COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Application Forms are distributed at these meetings and need to be returned to the College by Friday, 21 April 2017.
Application Forms requested after these meetings may be classed as a Late Application. The meeting is for Parents/Guardians only.

2017 TOURS of the College are as follows:
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Prospective students and families are most welcome to tour the College but please note that access to some buildings and facilities will be restricted due to ongoing building works. Families assemble in the Noel O’Brien Foyer – entrance to College gymnasium (Building 3)

commencing at 9:00am. Booking essential - telephone 9289 1182.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
COLLEGE WEB SITE: www.sbc.vic.edu.au
or Telephone: College Receptionist - Jenette Nicholl on 9289 1182
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St Bernard’s College
Ladies Auxiliary

Morning Coffee
Wednesday 1 March 2017
from 9am in the Peter Hogan Boardroom.

Everyone is welcome to drop in for coffee and morning tea.
RSVP to development@sbc.vic.edu.au for catering purposes by 17 February

Guitar Lessons
FROM AN EXPERIENCED, QUALIFIED TEACHER

- Allow your child’s innate artistic side to flourish on the world’s most popular instrument
- Encourage your child’s cognitive development
- Give your child a friend for life by giving them the love of music

Max is a young, qualified and engaging teacher with over six years of professional teaching experience and a performing career of more than twelve years.

Maximilian holds a Bachelor of Music (Honours) from The University of Melbourne, Associate Diploma of Music (Australian Music Examinations Board) and current Working With Children Check.
Teaching all styles (classical, jazz and contemporary), music notation, theory and history, and technique.

House visits from $35 per half hour
10 lessons for $300
Limited vacancies

: Max on 0458 191 776
: maxruddmusic@gmail.com

www.sbc.vic.edu.au
St Bernard’s Junior Football Club
2017 REGISTRATION OPENS
MONDAY, 30 JANUARY

Boys: Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17
Girls: Under 12 & 15

NEW PLAYERS welcome
EXISTING PLAYERS will receive an
invitation to register via email
New Players are asked to attend the
registration day on Sunday, 12 February
9:30am – 11:30am
St Bernard’s College Oval
Perrett Pavilion (Enter via Gate 8)
Please bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport

2017 Fees
1st Player $280
2nd Player $150
Family (3 or more players) $480
(if paid prior to Saturday, 18 February)

Email registration enquiries to
juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au

www.stbernardsfc.com.au
Team App: “St Bernard’s Junior Football”
The North West Wolves Rugby League Club is looking for Boys interested in playing Rugby league for 2017.

Contact us:
Tim 0450263446
Sharyn 0433952915
northwestwolves@outlook.com

BOYS!!
Play RUGBY LEAGUE!
Come and try this fast paced, exciting sport!

Free come and try coaching clinic!

When: Saturday 18 February
10am - 12pm
Where: AJ Davis reserve
Fullarton road
Airport West.

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