



From The Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Bernard's,

Term 3 comes to a close

This week completes a successful term, filled with learning in all its forms: in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, in our gathering around the Eucharist.

I am conscious of our Year 12 students, whose time as students is quickly drawing to a close. This is an important time for them and I ask that you keep them in your prayers.

I am conscious that there has been great sadness for some members of the College staff thus far this year; nine members of staff have lost one of their parents since January. I know that families in a College have experienced grief too. I ask that you also pray for those who are hurting.



When we say “pray for us? What does it mean? What difference can it make? In his small book, *Where the Hell Is God?*, Jesuit Richard Leonard writes:

“Our liturgies in all their styles and forms are not about the power of a large number calling on a changeable God to rollover on a particular point. That would be a political rally. No, this is where we join our personal prayer with the prayer of the assembled Church, the whole people of God, asking God to change us that we might more reflect his loving face and thereby transform the world.”

If our prayers mean that when next we encounter the person for whom we have prayed, that we present as a kind and gentle spirit to them, then we have prayed well. If when next we are asked to stand up for a person oppressed or forgotten and for whom we have prayed — and we do so resolutely and without fear of criticism — then we have prayed well. Prayer can help us to see and be the face of Christ through simple acts of kindness and simple words of solidarity.

A Renewed Charter

A renewed version of The Charter for Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition was launched at CBC St Kilda last week. The Touchstones, central to the Charter, remain the same. The section *Our Story* has been rewritten, and acknowledges the depth of our Christian heritage at the same time as acknowledging the faults and frailties of the past that have seen the Church add “to the burden of humanity” rather than bring people closer to their God.

The renewed Charter, as its introduction says, “deepens our understanding of the Touchstones and confirms our sense of the call of the Holy Spirit into the future.”

Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia, put our vision for our students, your sons, clearly when he spoke at the Charter Launch:

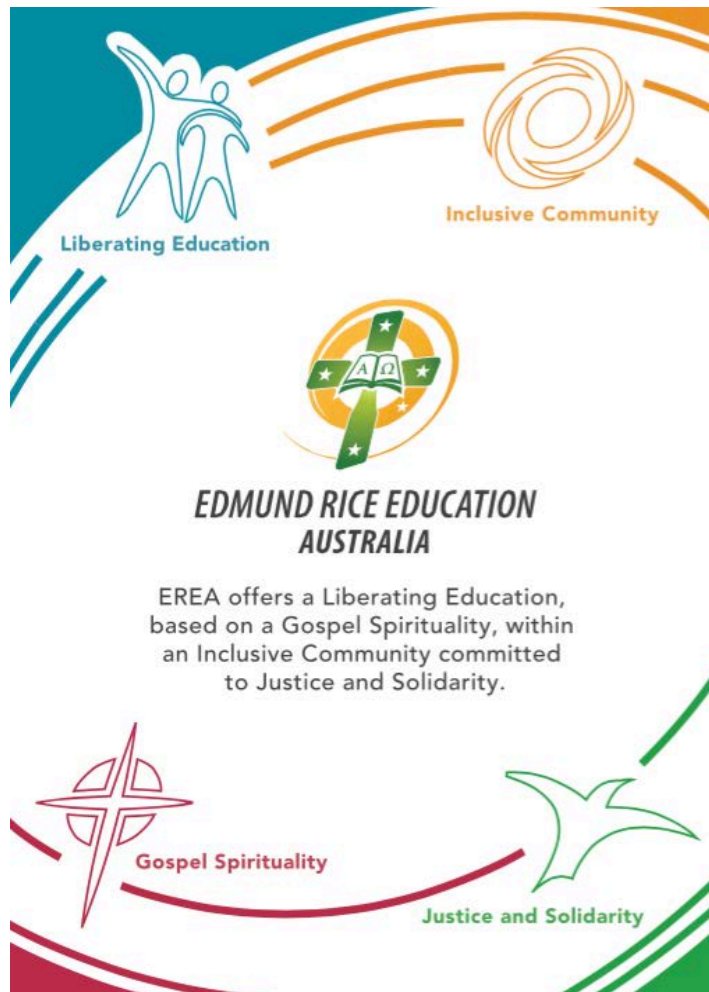
“We want you to be happy. We want you to learn, however, that happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Rather, it will emerge from the experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude; lives of decency, kindness and service and authenticity consistent with [your] inner moral compass.”



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You can view a copy of the renewed Charter at <https://goo.gl/thdSh6>.

Acting Deputy Principal Term 4

Our Deputy Principal, Paul Shannon, will be on leave in Term 4. Paul intends to complete his doctoral studies and I wish him every success in his endeavours. While Paul is on leave Mr Neville Box, our current Year 12 Leader will be in the position of Acting Deputy Principal.

I hope that should the opportunity to spend time with your son present itself over the vacation period, that it is valued by you and appreciated by him.

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Adam Taylor

Principal



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Letterbox

You will notice in the index above there is a section in the newsletter called 'Letterbox'. This is a collection of recent forms and letters that have gone home to parents/guardians.

Should forms and letters be misplaced or accidentally destroyed, a second copy can simply be obtained by clicking on the relevant link to the form you need. You will be able to download and print the form if you choose to do so.

Date of Release	Letter / Form
15/9/17	Catholic Education Today Magazine
13/9/17	Valete Dinner Ticketing Instructions
13/9/17	Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Letter
8/9/17	Parent Student Teacher Interviews
28/8/17	Parent Letter - Headstart
18/8/17	Year 9 2018 Elective Selection Letter
18/8/17	Parent Letter - Additional Stream, Year 7 2018
8/8/17	Discere Letter Year 7 and 8 Parents
3/8/17	Senior Student Immunisation Letter 2017
27/7/17	2017 NCCD CECV Consent Form
25/7/17	Treacy 2018 Committee Letter
24/7/17	Year 8 Allwell Testing
30/6/17	Semester 1 Report Letter
20/6/17	Year 9 Discere Blue English
15/6/17	Year 9 English Semester 2 2017
15/6/17	Year 12 English - Unit 4 2017
27/4/17	Pick Up/Drop Off Zones
27/4/17	13 Reasons Why Letter
27/4/17	Parent Portal Letter to Parents
21/4/17	2017 Academic Awards Letter
17/3/17	2017 Student Residential Collection
10/3/17	D&A Education Letter
6/3/17	Christian Brother Oceania Statement
6/3/17	Principal Letter to Parents

Echoes From The Archives

Clairvaux 1994, Chairman's Report

The Board has worked over the past two years in developing a Parent Participation Program.

The aim is to involve parents in as many aspects of the College life as possible. Studies have shown that where parents become involved in their students' education, positive effects are noticed in their Academic standards. The program will commence in 1995 for all Year 7 students and their families.

*Maureen Kavanagh
Archivist*

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Tullamarine Bus Lines – Transport Information for Schools beginning Term 4

The following information has been passed on by Tullamarine Bus Lines regarding Vic Roads delays due to Tullamarine Freeway Road widening works taking place early in Term 4.

Notice to all schools

Tullamarine Bus Lines has been advised by Vic Roads to expect possible delays of up to 30 minutes from 9 October 2017 - 20 October 2017 due to scheduled road works and closure of the Bulla Rd Bridge. We have alternative routes planned for each school service effected and will endeavour to get children to school at the earliest possible time. Routes may vary from day to day depending on traffic flow and traffic problems. We will continue to monitor traffic and direct drivers according to conditions.

Parents and students are advised that Tullamarine Bus Lines will attempt to minimise the impact of the disruptions and will be in contact with the schools if need be. Return trips each afternoon should experience minimal delays but may be required to seek an alternative routes if traffic congestion becomes an issue. Further details of the closure will be available at Vic Roads from mid-September.

Craig Osborne

Executive Assistant (Organisation)

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: Michael Perrett Pavilion Gate 8

When: 25 October at 7.00pm

RSVP: Cholland@sbc.vic.edu.au or Mmcallister@sbc.vic.edu.au or 9289 1136

For catering purposes please indicate any dietary requirements.

Carolyn Holland, Canteen Manager

ACC Sport Report – Term 3

Congratulations to all teams for their efforts over the course of Term 3 in Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis. Special mention to the following teams who won their respective premierships:

Senior B Basketball – Mr Paul Menta Coach

Year 8D2D Basketball – Ms Kerry Norton Coach

Year 7D2D Basketball – Ms Donna Bourke Coach

Thanks to all players and coaches for your efforts over the course of the term, for a full wrap of ACC Sport in term 3 Click on the following links:

[ACC Finals - Year 7 & 8](#)

[ACC Finals – Senior](#)

[ACC Finals - Year 9 & 10](#)

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ACC Cross Country 2017 – 3rd Placing

Congratulations to our ACC Cross Country team who placed third overall behind St Joseph's Geelong and St Bede's College last Wednesday at Bundoora Park.

Our hard work paid off with some outstanding team and individual efforts on the day. Special mentions to Under 13 Bronze medallist Nicholas Bell, Under 16 Silver medallist Carlo Alderuccio & Senior Silver medallist Nicholas Njegac. Thanks to coaches Mr Xavier Cox, Mr Gerard Brown, Mr Daniel Baldwin, Ms Helen Roberts and Ms Jacqueline Wade for your efforts on the day and over the course of the year. For a full report of the day please click on the link below:

[ACC Cross Country Report 2017](#)

ACC Senior Aggregate – Premiers 2017

Congratulations to our Senior students (Year 11 & 12) who have won the 2017 ACC Senior Aggregate Award. The award recognises all 8 fixtured ACC Sports and final placings throughout the year. Points are awarded based on final placings which culminate in awarding the premier school across the year in ACC Sport. Congratulations to all involved.

[ACC Senior Aggregate Report – St Bernard's College](#)

ACC Sport Term 4 – Cricket, Tennis & Volleyball

We now look forward to Term 4 with ACC Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball for students in Years 7-10. Teams are now preparing for what we hope will another successful term for the College.

*Craig Osborne
Director of Sport*

Library News

St Bernard's College Mitchell Library, in conjunction with Bookbonding, hosted a breakfast with AFL legend Paul Roos, - he spoke about his days as a Fitzroy player, and experiences coaching at Sydney Swans and Melbourne.

An impressive, formidable man who values relationships most of all as the key to success. All this and his 25 point leadership/coaching philosophies are in his new book 'Here It Is'.

St Bernard's were very lucky to have Old Boy Damien Smith (Paul Roos' manager and uncle to teacher Nick Smith) to conduct the Q & A with Paul.



Paul generously signed copies of his book and spoke to guests. More than 60 people attended the breakfast presentation. It is a great read, perfect for the holidays.

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Mark Smith (Director of Santa Monica campus) came along to do a lunchtime launch for his newest book 'Wilder Country' a sequel to The Road to Winter.

He shared with us his writing process, what inspires him to write and insights into the characters and plot lines of his latest novel. It is a fast paced, action packed book. I highly recommend it, another perfect read for the holidays.



Mitchell Library will be Open during the School Holidays

Monday 25 September - Thursday 28 September open from 9.00am-4.00pm.

Friday 29 September closed.

Monday 2 October - Wednesday 4 October open from 9.00am-4.00pm.

Thursday 5 October to Friday 6 October closed.

Jacqui Gale, Library Manager

Debating

In 2017, St Bernard's had nine teams entered in the Debaters' Association of Victoria (DAV) competition. Five rounds take place across the state and those teams that win all of their rounds then contest the finals.

This year St Bernard's had four teams make it to the finals. Our B Grade 1 and 2 and C grade 3 teams were unfortunately defeated in the first round of the finals. Our D Grade 2 team won its first and second round but sadly was defeated in the third.

Congratulations to the teams that made it to the finals and an especial 'Well done' to D Grade 2, which comprised Julian DiBerardino, Alex De Nardi, James Galtieri, Gabriel Loukomitis and Joshua Santoro. They were superbly coached by Ms Siobhan Loukomitis.

Each year the DAV presents awards for the best speakers in each region of the state. The recipients are determined by adding up scores achieved over the year in the rounds. To receive the award - called a 'Swannie' after Alan Swanwick, an early advocate of debating in Victorian schools - is a great honor and this year I am delighted to say that three St Bernard's students will be awarded a Swannie. They are: Aiden Contini (B Grade), Cooper Eldridge and Patrick Sexton (C Grade). The presentations will take place at Methodist Ladies' College in October. Congratulations to those three boys.

The debating year draws to a close. We have the ACC debating for Years 7 and 8 to take place in early November.

*Kevin Nunan
Debating Coach*

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Sonya and Sacha Parenting Event

St Bernard's, St Columba's and Ave Maria Colleges hosted a joint parenting event with Sonya Karras and Sacha Kaluri.

The night was well attended with just over 130 people coming along. Sonya and Sacha are two of Australia's most sought after speakers on parenting the modern teen. Co-creators and presenters of *The Sonya and Sacha Show* on national TV and Radio, social commentators and columnists to the *Herald Sun* newspaper and authors of the parenting book, *The Two Worlds Of Your Teenager*.

Sacha spoke to attendees about how to help your teen find their path and achieve their career goals. Sonya spoke about how to keep your teen safe as they embark on new friendships and the world of teen parties, functions and going out at night. There was a lot of practical advice on how parents can unlock their teens' potential future direction and stay connected to your teen as they broaden their social network, online activities and new social situations. Mitchell library has copies of their book 'The Two worlds of your Teenager' if you would like to look at it.



Congratulations Oliver Burgess

On 29 August, Altona RSL had the world premiere of "Kokoda, The Spirit Lives" Year 11 student Oliver Burgess was asked if he would like to speak about his experience doing the Kokoda Track this year.

The RSL had about 100 people attend the screening and Oliver spoke about his time at Kokoda, what they saw and what they learnt. Oliver spoke very well and it was interesting to hear about his adventures.

After the documentary was shown, many came up and congratulated Oliver on his speech and days later people were ringing up to compliment him.

The Altona RSL, just wished to acknowledge and thank Oliver for speaking at the premiere and making it a successful night for the Kokoda Foundation. This is another example of a student putting his service into action after his Kokoda experience.

Lori Carroll, Immersions Coordinator

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Music News

Music Events at St Bernard's

The last two weeks have seen music students involved in exciting performance events in and around the College.

The Spring Concert, held on Tuesday 12 September was a great success, with members of the College music community coming together formally for the last time in 2017 to farewell the Year 12 musicians! Thank you to the great number of parents who supported this event!



On Monday 18 September, the Year 7 Rock Band participated in a number of workshops, culminating in a Battle Of The Bands ACC event at CBC, St Kilda. Below is a photo of the band after they performed in front of nine ACC schools!



Upcoming Music Events

A reminder that the Semester 2 Soiree will be held on Tuesday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Frank FitzGerald Auditorium. The Soiree is an opportunity for smaller ensembles to perform. This year's Soiree will showcase performances from two VCE Music Investigation bands before they perform for their upcoming exams!

Jack Stewart
Head of Music Performance



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SBOCA Golf Day - Chris Lane Cup

Bookings are now open for the 2017 Annual Golf Day.

Following on from the fantastic success last year where over 100 players took part in raising over \$7,000 for the Chris Lane Memorial Baseball Field, SBOCA is again hoping for a sold out event.

This year's event will be taking place on Friday 27 October at Rivervue Medway Golf Club, with tee off from the earlier 11am.

SBOCA is offering an 'Early Bird' offer of \$85 per player if booked prior to 30 September.

The day will include:

- Pre round Egg and Bacon Roll on arrival
- 18 holes of golf (ambrose team competition)
- On course drinks (beer, soft drink, water)
- Player polo and cap
- Player show bag
- Nearest the pin, longest drive and hole in one
- Betting hole
- Post round fingerfood and drinks

Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/304727>



EARLY BIRD BOOKING \$85 per player

For bookings made before 30 September 2017

From 1 October 2017 until close of bookings
\$100 per player

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For bookings visit www.trybooking.com/304727 or contact David Formosa on 92891106



St Bernard's College
Old Collegians Association
Ingredients for Success Business Breakfast

Presenting
Master of Ceremonies
Francis Leach

Keynote Speaker

Dr Susan Alberti AC

Friday 6 October 2017 **\$55** per person
7am sharp **\$500** for table of 10
Moonee Valley Racing Club
Committee Room

[Click here to book now.](#)

SBOCA Business Breakfast -Friday 6 October

The St Bernard's Old Collegians Association will again aim to engage businesses and individuals alike by hosting a Business Breakfast titled "Ingredients For Success".

The morning will be held at the Moonee Valley Committee Room on the eve of the 2017 Spring Carnival, Friday 6 October.

MC for the morning will be Old Collegian and Sen1116 presenter Francis Leach, while Susan Alberti (Co-founder and Managing Director of DANSU Group, Former Western Bulldogs Vice President, Ambassador for AFLW and philanthropist) will give the keynote speech.

We hope Old Collegians, current parents and friends will join us on what will be a fantastic morning.

Cost: \$55 Per Person or \$500 for a table of 10.

To book visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/305036>

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St Bernard's College Ladies Auxiliary

Save the Date

Wellbeing Week

Complimentary Morning Tea
Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

All St Bernard's Families are Welcome

Wednesday 18 October 2017. 9.30am until 11.30am. Stay tuned for more information!



Wellbeing Week

Complimentary Morning Tea

Hosted by Ladies Auxiliary
All St Bernard's families are welcome

Coffee Cart & Crepe Van

Wednesday 18th October 2017
Peter Hogan Boardroom
9.30 - 11.30

For catering purpose please email
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or David Formosa 92891106

by 12th October 2017

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