



### From The Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Bernard's,

#### **St Bernard's College Presentation Night: A Celebration of Excellence**

You will recall that I wrote to parents on 24 April this year regarding the St Bernard's Annual Presentation Evening: A Celebration of Excellence, to be held on Wednesday 6 December at the Melbourne Convention Centre Plenary Hall. Formalities for the evening commence at 7.30pm. Our intention is to have the formal part of the evening concluded at 9.00pm

The night is compulsory for all St Bernard's students Years 7 to 11. We ask that all parents of boys in Years 7 to 11, to the degree that is possible, are in attendance. Indeed your extended family is most welcome. Parents and students of Year 12/2017 are warmly invited as our most recent Old Collegians.

In the coming weeks, there will be further communication with you so that you might secure your (free) tickets. Ticketing is required so that sufficient areas are opened up in the Plenary Hall to accommodate everyone attending.

While the formalities at the Presentation Night commence at 7.30 pm, an exhibition of St Bernard's College 2017 Arts and Technology will be on display in the large public gathering space immediately outside the Plenary Hall. I must warmly invite you to come a little early — there will be plenty to see and experience. In addition, video material will be showing in the Plenary Hall from 7.00pm on.

I look forward to welcoming you to the College Presentation Night: A Celebration of Excellence on 6 December.

#### **A reflection on directions in education: an evening with Pasi Sahlberg**

Pasi Sahlberg is the former Director General at the Finland's Ministry of Education. In 2000, Finland was ranked first in the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) tests. Since that time, the PISA tests have been widely quoted by governments in making assessments about the quality of education systems — Australia included. In 2003 and then again in 2006, Finland was again ranked first in the PISA results. It is said that new hotels were built in Helsinki to accommodate the legions of educators and politicians who flocked there to try to discover the secret of Finnish education. Since that time, by the Pasi Sahlberg has made a career of explaining to the education community what drove success in Finland.

Recently, the now Prof Sahlberg spoke to an audience of educational leaders in Melbourne, a session which I attended. He was particularly interested to discuss with us two things: firstly, why some education systems don't get better and secondly, why some education systems *do* get better.

Sahlberg is critical of Western governments' infatuation with what he describes whimsically as 'GERM': the Global Education Reform Movement. GERM, says Sahlberg, is characterised by

- Competition
- Literacy and numeracy
- Test-based accountability
- Addiction to reform
- Marketisation





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- Focus on basics and the high stakes testing of same.

You will recognise in these items so much of the contemporary discourse about education which you read the newspapers and hear on the radio.

In contrast, Sahlberg identified the approach to education taken by those systems which have gotten better and better in recent years.

That approach is typified by:

- Collaboration
- A whole-child approach
- Trust-based responsibility
- Continuous improvement
- Equity.

We cannot escape some of the hard realities of our educational environment, but at St Bernard's, we can continue to focus on an approach to education which we know will make a difference to the lives of the young men we serve. I'm pleased to say that our approach much more closely resembles the latter list described above.

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*Adam Taylor*

*Principal*

### **Ladies Auxiliary – Nominations for 2018**

Nominations are now open for the following positions on the 2018 Ladies Auxiliary Committee.

President

Assistant President

Treasurer

Secretary

Minutes Secretary

Advisory Forum Rep

You may nominate yourself or another person with their consent.

Nominations can be sent via email to [dformosa@sbc.vic.edu.au](mailto:dformosa@sbc.vic.edu.au)

Voting will take place at the Ladies Auxiliary AGM on Wednesday 29 November 2017 starting at 9.30am in the Peter Hogan Boardroom.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Ladies Auxiliary at St Bernard's College can contact David Formosa directly on 9289 1106

*David Formosa*  
*Development Manager*



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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
10/10/17	<a href="#">Year 11 Morrisby Letter</a>
30/10/17	<a href="#">Year 10 Morrisby Letter</a>
10/10/17	<a href="#">Sustainable School Shop</a>
25/9/17	<a href="#">Statement of Enrolment Understanding</a>
20/9/17	<a href="#">Catholic Education Today Term 3 2017</a>
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24/7/17	<a href="#">Year 8 Allwell Testing</a>
20/6/17	<a href="#">Year 9 Discere Blue English</a>
15/6/17	<a href="#">Year 9 English Semester 2 2017</a>
15/6/17	<a href="#">Year 12 English - Unit 4 2017</a>
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### Echoes From The Archives - Clairvaux 1987

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. Since then he has worked a variety of jobs, including cane harvesting in Queensland and running a Milk Bar in Coburg. Peter 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 has raised six children. We wish him all the best for his future and thank him for his service.

*A plaque in the Deceased Garden acknowledges his Caretaker role.*

*Maureen Kavanagh, Archivist*





### Careers News November 2017

#### **SBC 2017 VTAC Application Update For Parents**

Next step for parents? Please note that next month I will be emailing all students and parents with an information kit, outlining how I can help students in the week immediately following their ATAR result (released 15 December).

#### **Work Experience Update For Parents**

I am again encouraging Year 9 students to reconnect, if necessary, with the process of work experience planning for next year. This process began in Term 2. Whilst March 2018 might seem like a long way away to the boys, in terms of work experience planning, the sooner they start to plan, the greater the likelihood they have of securing a productive placement.

Students can download the Information Kit from MySBC/Careers. They are of course welcome to make appointment with me for further assistance.

#### **Careers In The Rail Industry**

The **rail industry** has much to offer...more than you imagined! There are many careers in rail, including:

- Mechanical, Electrical & Civil Engineering
- Design, Drafting & Logistics
- Safety, Security & the Environment
- Customer Service, PR, Sales, and Marketing
- IT, Systems, Project Management
- Signalling, Communications, CCTV
- Accounting, Commercial Management
- Human Resources and People Management

**For more information about the many careers in the Rail Industry, visit [Rail Careers](#).**

#### **Prosthetics and Orthotics**

La Trobe University is one of only very few universities in the world offering a qualification in Prosthetics and Orthotics – the **Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics**.

Prosthetics and orthotics are clinical disciplines that deal with artificial limbs (protheses) for people with amputations and supportive devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weakness or neurological disorders. Few things are as rewarding as giving someone the ability to walk, stand or even just pick up a cup. Studying clinical prosthetics and orthotics gives you the ability to do just that. You'll learn about artificial limbs (protheses) for people with amputations, and supportive devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weakness. This course offers practical experience, and is the only course of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region.

Students study anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, prosthetic and orthotic prescription, and design and fabrication. They also develop strong practical skills in research methodology, clinical assessment, and the application of prosthetic and orthotic techniques. Clinical placements make up a very important part of the program, and they start in first year with a half-day observational placement. In second and third years students will work with volunteer clients. In fourth students do two clinical placements (12 or 16 weeks) at a leading Australian or international hospital or private practice. During this time, they will gain











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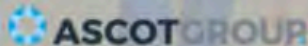
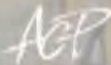
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### ST.BERNARDS FC FOOTBALL ACADEMY

**Starts Nov 20<sup>th</sup> REGISTER NOW !**



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For a record breaking 8th year the competition leading "St BernardsFC Football Academy" is on again ! This advanced professionally structured football development program, supports, assists and fast tracks players improvement, as they move from Junior football into Under 19's and Senior teams, and in many cases into TAC Cup and onwards to the VFL & AFL systems.

The program caters for players aged 15 to under 19 and is focused on improving skills, decision making, game sense, strength & conditioning and overall fitness base.

Managed by Academy Director Rocky Iannello and his expert team, the first session is Monday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and registrations are now.

Don't miss this great opportunity to improve and develop with the "St BernardsFC Football Development Program", get on board as you never know how far this football escalator can take you !

Register NOW on this link or via online shop at [stbernardsfc.com.au](http://stbernardsfc.com.au)

<https://www.clubdata.com.au/ProductDetails2.aspx?ClubID=62&ProductID=21162>



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### St. Bernard's Junior Football Club

#### 2018 Registration Day

Sunday, 19 November 2017

Michael Perrett Pavilion (enter via Gate 8) - 11.30am to 2.00pm

#### 2018 Club Fees

For players joining the club from any Auskick venue and any player new to AFL football - **\$100 per player**

Current players\*\* and for any player transferring to St. Bernard's from another club. - **\$200 per player \***

Siblings - 2<sup>nd</sup> player - \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> player - \$50, Maximum payable (family) - \$400.

#### Payment of Club fees includes:

- All match payments (no money payable for umpires)
- A team jumper supplied by the club and returned at the end of the season
- Team photo
- Under 9 and 10 players – Training top and football
- Under 11 to 17 players – Training top

#### Teams: Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17 and Under 12 & 15 Girls

All new players need to bring their Birth Certificate or current Passport. A digital copy will be taken as part of the Registration Process.

All registration enquiries can be sent to John Tormey at

[juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au](mailto:juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au)

\* Please note that after Monday, 12 February 2018 the Club Fee will be \$280, not \$200, for the first player.

\*\* Current players will receive an invitation to register via email.

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### St Peter's Primary School presents an information evening on Autism

**Ever wondered what is going on inside the mind of a child with AUTISM?**

*Mark Hogan was diagnosed with autism at the age of 31 after his son was diagnosed. He knows the reasons for behaviours of children with autism, understands and provides strategies. Together with his wife Leanne, they consult to schools, government and other organisations with strategies to help children with autism. The SPARK parent group at St Peter's School have organised for Mark and Leanne Hogan to facilitate a presentation for all who are interested to know more.*

#### **AN INVITATION TO AN EVENING WITH MARK AND LEANNE HOGAN**



**When:** Tuesday, 21st November 2017

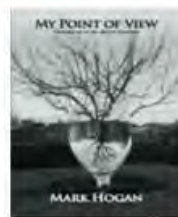
**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** St Peter's Primary School Multipurpose Room  
2A Parkside Ave  
Keilor East 3033

**Cost:** \$5.00 Donation per person, pay at door.

**RSVP:** sparkkeiloreast@gmail.com

**MARK'S BOOKS "MY POINT OF VIEW" AND "THE KEY THAT UNLOCKED A MYSTERY"**  
*will be available for purchase at \$20.00 each or a special price of 2 books for \$30.00*



#### **COME ALONG TO HEAR STRATEGIES AND INFORMATION ON:**

*Assisting individuals with transitions throughout the day, such as having a new teacher and starting high school, soothing anxiety, improving communication between school and families, and parenting a sibling where the child with ASD may get more attention.. and much more.*

**RSVP - 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**