



From The Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Bernard's,

School Renewal

The EREA School Renewal work completed their work at the College on 24 August.

In their initial report back to the College Leadership Team, they were strongly affirming of the positive position of the College and the way it had responded to the challenges of the previous renewal process in 2012. The Renewal Team's commendations and recommendations bespoke a school that is ready for growth and innovation. They pointed to a College community that is proud, self-confident, and committed.

I am deeply aware that these things don't just happen, and that the fruits we bear tomorrow will be the results of seeds sown over many years, most notably under the leadership of the College's previous Principal, Mr Tony Paatsch.

I will share the details of the Renewal Team's report with the community when it is returned to us in a finalised form.

Marriage Debate

Our Catholic faith is a demanding one. It calls on us all to act out of a well-informed moral conscience, and always mindful of the paramount importance of the dignity of the other, in whom we see the face of Christ. It is incumbent upon us, therefore to read widely on the current debate.

Archbishop Hart Pastoral Letter on the marriage debate can be found at <https://goo.gl/xpyAbG>. The Edmund Rice Centre has offered a guide at <https://goo.gl/9E6yB9>. Paul James offers an article regarding unhelpful hyperbole in the debate at <https://goo.gl/u9QvKy>. Finally, Greg Walsh, of the Law Faculty of the University of Notre Dame offers an interesting view re conscientious objectors at <https://goo.gl/1T6YSG>.

These sources, three of them ostensibly Catholic, offer divergent views. I hope that these brief readings stimulate important discussion in your circles.

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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
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
11/8/17	2017 Year 12 Parent Night
8/8/17	Discere Letter Year 7 and 8 Parents
3/8/17	Senior Student Immunisation Letter 2017
27/8/17	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

Art and Technology Exhibition Date Change

To the St Bernard's community,

The annual Art and Technology Exhibition usually showing in October will be moved this year to coincide with the 6 December Awards Ceremony.

The exhibition will be set up in the foyer of the Melbourne Convention Center South Wharf. We hope you will make the most of the opportunity to see the wonderful work by our students in the hours before the commencement of the formal events.

Eddie Stojkovich
KLA Arts

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College Organisation

Year 7 – 11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews – Semester 2

Parent Student Teacher Interviews for Semester 2 will be conducted over two nights in the final week of Term 3.

Scheduled dates and times for Parent Student Teacher Interviews are as follows:

Tuesday 19 September 2.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Thursday 21 September 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm.

Parents will receive a letter in the coming week with regards to booking interviews online. Students in Years 7-12 will be dismissed at **12.40 pm** on **Tuesday 19 September** with after school buses running as normal.

Students are required to attend interviews with their parents in **Full School – Winter Uniform**.

Year 7 Immunisations (Dose 3) & Year 12 Immunisation - Friday 15 September

A reminder to parents the final Year 7 Immunisation – Dose 3 and Year 12 Immunisation – Meningococcal will take place on Friday 15 September in the Peter Hogan Boardroom.

Final Day Term 3 – Friday 22 September

Students will be dismissed at 2.55 pm on the final day of term with school buses running as normal. Students will return to school for Term 4 on Monday 9 October.

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@sbcc.vic.edu.au or 9289 1136

For catering purposes please indicate any dietary requirements.

Carolyn Holland

Canteen Manager



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2017 Snowsports Championships

Congratulations and a BIG THANK you to the five brave boys who competed in the **2017 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships**, which were held recently at Mt. Buller.

This is the largest School Snowsports Competition in Australia. Students from Primary and Secondary schools race in either **Ski** or **Snowboard** events.

Congratulations to the following boys who represented St Bernard's and completed their event:

Div.1 Ski GS (Little Buller Spur)

Raimond Michielin (Yr11) - 85th 2 runs: 69:03 & 67:43

Marucs Cavallin (Yr11) - 93rd 2 runs: 1:02,84 & 1:17.46

Div.2 Snowboard GS (Burnt Hut Spur)

Tom Lloyd (Yr10) - 31st 2 runs: 1:02.53 & 1:00.71

Div. 2 Snowboard X (Little Buller Spur)

Ashley Schulz (Yr10) - 40th 1:03.04 Ash has competed in this Competition since Yr7. Well done, Ash!!

Div. 3 Snowboard GS (Burnt Hut Spur)

Luka Dodig (Yr7) - 42nd 2 runs: 58:06 & 1:01.69

A big thank-you also to the families who supported their sons so well! We'll look forward to even more boys competing for St Bernard's in the 2018 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Team Championships.



*Bruno Spiller
Snowsports Team Manager*





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Music News

Spring Concert Tuesday 12 September at 7.30pm Frank FitzGerald Auditorium

The concert will showcase the major school ensembles and will be the last time many of our current Year 12 music students will be performing in a formal capacity at the College!

The Symphonic and Show Bands will be performing some of the repertoire that gained them accolades at the recent Australian International Music Festival in Sydney. Come and join us for a fantastic evening of music, celebrating the students' achievements in 2017.

Entry is via gold coin donation, with light refreshments available for purchase at intermission. All proceeds go towards future music initiatives for students.

Jack Stewart
Head of Music Performance



Debating "Swannie" Awards

Each year the Debaters' Association of Victoria awards a "Swannie" to a select number of students throughout the state.

The recipients are decided by adding up total scores achieved in each of their debates; an award is made to each student in each division in each region of the state. The award is named after John Swanston, who was instrumental in establishing debating in schools in Victoria many years ago. St Bernard's College has always featured in these awards.

I am pleased to inform you that this year three students have been awarded a "Swannie" and will be presented with their awards at a function at Methodist Ladies' College on 23 October 2017 at 7.00pm. They are:

Aidan Contini
Patrick Sexton
Cooper Eldridge

Congratulations to these boys; it is a terrific achievement

Kevin Nunan.
Debating Coach

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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 years 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 September 1.

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 finger food 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

DETAILS

- 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 finger food and drinks.

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
Moonee Valley Racing Club **\$500** for table of 10
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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ACC Open Chess Tournament

St Bernard's College had 10 students compete in the ACC Open Chess Tournament Division 2 on Thursday 24 August. The team performed very well with many outstanding moves and wins achieved.

Overall they came 7th out of 11 teams. We congratulate Hunter Thorpe who scored the highest wins with 5.5 out of 7 games followed by Daniel Bartucca with 4.5 wins. A number of Year 12s competed this year and this will be their last official Chess tournament for the College. We thank Dirk Arends, Radley Diaz, Michael Hassett, Cameron Jones, Kai Wedge and Daniel Bartucca, may their love of the game continue to prosper as they enter a new stage of their education. We thank Christopher Abbenante, Jordon Vu, Connor Lemke and Hunter Thorpe hoping they can again compete in future competitions.



John Samanna, Coach

Senior B Basketball Victory

The Senior B Grade Basketball team capped off the perfect season with Grand Final Success yesterday.

Winning a very close encounter with Whitefriars by only 8 points, the B Grade boys finished the season undefeated. Special thanks to Mr. Palmer for his support in a coaching role this year and a special congratulations to the Year 12's in the team who wore the uniform for the last time. A fantastic way to finish, demonstrating what can be achieved when discipline meets talent.

Well done Gentlemen!

*Paul Menta
Coach*



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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
ladiesauxiliary@sbc.vic.edu.au
or David Formosa 92891106

by 12th October 2017

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Sonya & Sacha



THE TWO WORLDS OF YOUR TEENAGER



The college communities of
St Bernard's, St Columba's and
Ave Maria jointly present a

Parenting Event

Monday 11 September

7:00pm-8:00pm - Presentation

8:00pm-8:30pm - Meet the author and
book signings

Tea and coffee provided

COST - FREE

<https://www.trybooking.com/RBLG>

Come along and meet two of Australia's most sought after speakers on parenting the modern teen, Sonya Karras and Sacha Kaluri. 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*.

Sonya and Sacha will explore how to communicate effectively with your teen, how to keep the lines of communication open and how to keep the bond with your teen intact and strong. Parents and Teens welcome.

There is an opportunity to purchase their new book *The Two Worlds of your Teenager* after the presentation.

Location

Frank FitzGerald Auditorium
St Bernard's College
Gate 6, Hampton Road, Essendon