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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This period of the year is a busy time for most people but for SBC it is a time when we are spending good time preparing for the 2012 school year. There is much to look forward to.

The New College Leaders for 2012 have been elected and we congratulate them and their families. The new College Leaders for 2012 are listed on Page 3 of this newsletter.

ICT: In a recent letter to all families I referred to the **introduction of ICT** where each student in the College would have a device to complement learning. The College has investigated this change thoroughly over a long period of time in an effort to ensure that we get the best for our students and at a reasonable cost to parents. Over the past years, the Federal Government has set as a goal that all students in Years 9-12 will have an IT device by 2012. It has generously funded this goal to all schools but not for Years 7 & 8. Each school has to work out a different arrangement for funding, if it wishes to go down this path with Years 7 & 8. The SBC Board has chosen to have the 1:1 ratio right through Years 7-12. A significant number of schools have already moved in this direction. Society is moving in a similar direction, for example individual phones. At the beginning of 2012 there will be a number of evenings where students will receive such devices and parents will have the conditions etc explained to them. These Information Evenings are a critical part of the journey in understanding the usefulness of IT in relation to learning. It is a very challenging and exciting time. Parents will soon receive further detailed information in relation to purchasing fewer textbooks and the insurance of the iPads etc. The College aim in moving in the ICT direction has always been to provide the best possible result for students while keeping costs to a minimum for families.

Transition Program: At the end of this year, for students in Years 10 & 11, we are trialling a transition week of learning as they progress into senior work for Years 11 & 12. It is an important time and all Year 10 & 11 students are expected to be present. It will mean that these students will begin their preparation early for course work which will help them in 2012. This change, along with a number of other changes, is focused on improving teaching and learning which is a lifelong process. Our Deputy for Teaching and Learning, Mr Adrian Puckering has put in many different strategies which are focussed on teaching and learning.

Sports Centre: This new Centre will come into operation in the middle of 2012. The Centre will be a real focus for the many boys who enjoy and are gifted in the many different sports. It will have a combination of excellent facilities with a central College Canteen. This facility will be available to students during lunchtime and at other designated times. Hopefully, once the students have settled into the centre, we hope to open it to the wider community in 2012.

As I have said, much is happening but may I take this opportunity to thank all parents for their wonderful support. SBC is oversubscribed, which is a reflection on the staff and students.



Br Garry Coyte

Br Garry Coyte FSC
BA, Dip Ed, Grad Dip Arts (RE),
M.Ed Adm, M.Ed Leadership



My best wishes are extended to all families for the Christmas and New Year Season

2011 End of Year Finishing Dates			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Years 10 & 11
Thu 8 th December	Wed 7 th December	Tue 6 th December	Fri 2 nd December

2012 Back to School Dates	
Years 7, 11 & 12 *ONLY*	Years 8, 9 & 10 (along with the rest of the school)
2 nd February 2012	3 rd February 2012

Teaching Staff
Last Day: Friday 16 th December 2011
First Day Back: 1 st February 2012

Office
Last Day: Thursday 22 nd December 2011
Office Re-opens: Monday 23 rd January 2012



Fee Reminder

Fees for the 2011 school year need to be finalised.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in bringing your account up to date, please contact either Dominic Langdon or Jenny Rochford on 9582 5999.



Leaving the College?

Year 7-11 Students not returning to St Bede's College in 2012 need to complete a:

TERMINATION/EXIT FORM

Forms are available from the office or website under "Forms" in "Parent Portal" or click on:

<http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83>

Could parents please notify the College as soon as possible, if their sons will not be attending the College next year, as there are extensive waiting lists for all year levels.



Recently Deceased

McMAHON, Kevin – 27th October 2011 (88 years old):

He was grandfather to Thomas McMahon, who is currently in Year 11 and to past student Patrick McMahon (VCE 2009).

TUKE, Dermod – Saturday 5th November 2011:

Our condolences and prayers are with the Tuke family on the recent passing of Dermod. Four of his grandsons are currently at the College: Conor TUKE of 7.8; Seamus TUKE of 8.1; Eamon TUKE of 10.13 and Kieran TUKE of 11.13.

BERENGER, Peggy – Saturday 12th November 2011:

Our condolences and prayers are with the Koelmeyer family. She was Great-grandmother to Mark Koelmeyer of Year 11 and Jake Koelmeyer of Year 8.



Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

As the year draws to an end, the VCAL students are completing Stage 1 of their collaborative project with the students of St Brigid's Primary School. The boys have been busily engaged in community projects within the grounds of St Brigid's, developing an area where the students can pray and reflect in tranquil and spiritual surroundings.

Earlier in the year they built two large planter boxes for flowers and other peace suggesting plants for St Brigid's Primary School. They also erected flagpoles which will be used to display student and family works as they work together to embrace the peace of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the project they have taken on the role of teacher as they work with the primary students producing large mosaics to be mounted on the planter boxes that the boys built earlier in the year.

This project has been a major component of the Personal Development strand of the VCAL Program and has given the boys unique opportunities to forge a lasting unity between the two schools while developing their communication and teamwork skills.

Mr Chris Danckert – VCAL LEARNING AREA LEADER



School Start Bonus

The Victorian Government is helping to ease the strain for families by providing a one-off School Start Bonus (SSB) of \$300.00 for eligible students entering Year 7. From 2012, eligibility for the payment will be based on eligibility for the Education Maintenance Allowance. For more info: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/ssb/default.htm>



Christmas Cards from Catholic Care Services

Go to <http://www.ccam.org.au> and click on the Spirit of Christmas picture to download the Order Form. \$10 per pack of 10. All proceeds go to Catholic Care whose mission is to help those who are struggling and disadvantaged.





Congratulations to those who were elected as the **COLLEGE LEADERS FOR 2012**

College Captain:Luke Boulton

College Vice Captain:Tom Chesters

College Arts Captain: Patrick Collins



~ Being Lasallian ~

*As he got closer he called out, "Good morning. What are you doing?"
The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean."
"I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"
"The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in they'll die."
"But, young man, don't you realise that there are miles and miles of beach
and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"
The young man listened politely. He then bent down, picked another starfish and threw
it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, "It made a difference for that one."*



Benilde House Leaders

Captain: Joel McKee
Vice Captain: Joshua Childs
Vice Captain: Jake Townley

La Salle House Leaders

Captain: Matthew Bull
Vice Captain: Kieran Tuke
Vice Captain: William Lawrence

McCristal House Leaders

Captain: Adam Capiron
Vice Captain: James Dalzotto
Vice Captain: Thomas Tyquin

Solomon House Leaders

Captain: Tyler Bierman
Vice Captain: Kyle McDonald
Vice Captain: Adam Jones



Year 8 Subsidised Football Uniform from AFL Victoria

St Bede's would like to acknowledge the support from the new AFL Schools Scheme. So far, we have been the recipients of:

- Goal posts
- Football Jumpers

St Bede's greatly appreciates and would like to thank AFL Victoria and Mr Trevor Robertson for arranging for us to receive these items.

See the subsidised football jumpers in the PHOTO →



Year 7 Focus

We are into our last term of the year. Many grandparents enjoyed a wonderful morning hosted by their grandchildren. The Year 7 boys shared a morning tea and a chapel service before showing them around the school. Thanks to all Year 7 students involved.

Well done also to our musicians who performed in their sectional groups on Tuesday evening. This experience is priceless and thanks to the music staff for organising such an event.

Our ACC teams of Term 4 have begun their season and we wish our cricket, volleyball and tennis teams all the best for the rest of the term.

REMINDER: All boys are required to wear a hat at both recess and lunchtime.

Mr Steve Kitto – YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR



From 10th October until 23rd November 2011 Unit 3 and 4 St Bede's students have successfully undertaken their VCE Oral and Written Examinations. The Year 11 and 12 students should be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour and diligence during this very stressful period.

Unit 3 and 4 students will receive their official study scores on 16th December, and all students may access their final results by telephone, Internet or SMS on the joint VCAA and VTAC "2011 VCE Results and ATAR Service". Students can go to www.atar.vic.edu.au for further details.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the work of our experienced and passionate VCE Teachers. Throughout the year they have shown a strong commitment to their students' learning. Their continual support and positive attitudes towards our senior students have helped shape and prepare them for their final examination(s) and, in most cases, life beyond St Bede's College.

Lastly, to the Class of 2011:

"It has been both an honour and pleasure to hold the role of St Bede's College VCE Co-ordinator for the second half of this year. I hope I have encouraged you all to continue learning for life. Never stop striving and always have faith in your abilities. While your fears may feel profound, soon you will find yourselves facing a glorious future; one full of exciting challenges and infinite possibilities. Good bye and good luck."

Miss Courtney Stammers - VCE Co-ordinator and VASS Administrator



Wheelchair Sports

My name is **Daniel Maugeri** and I have a muscle disorder called **Muscular Dystrophy**, which affects all the muscles in my body, causing me to have to use an electric wheelchair. As you would know, being in a wheelchair prevents me from engaging in the physical activities, such as playing sports, which is why I participate in VEWSA (Victorian Electric Wheelchair Sports Association) which is situated at Croydon Leisure Centre and runs once a fortnight on Sunday. The sports that we play are: Hockey, Soccer and Rugby, which are totally different from the sports that you and your friends usually play.

- **Hockey** is played with a hockey stick as normal, but not with a hockey puck and with a ball that is hit into the goal on either side of the court.
- **Soccer** is played with a big balloon which is pushed into the goal with any part of the body, from the head to the legs or even the wheelchair.
- **Rugby** is played without a ball; instead each player is given a bib with a number on it and to pass you must call out a number of any of the players in your team. To tackle, players must ram each other with their wheelchairs. Also to protect our feet from being hurt we have a foot-guard which looks like a cage and is placed over the footrest of the wheelchair.



Competition: On 25th to 27th November I am heading off to Albury-Wodonga by bus to play sports with other people I don't know from New South Wales in an area different from Croydon. I enjoy playing Wheelchair Sports because it gets me to do things I don't normally do. I am also looking forward to going to Albury-Wodonga because it will be a great experience.



Sacred Heart Primary School Sandringham CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN 2012

Sacred Heart Parish Primary School will celebrate its centenary on Sunday 29th April 2012. We are asking for any photos, memorabilia, newsletters, reports, articles etc that you may have that will assist us in putting together a display to help celebrate this special day. Erin Macdonald (School Principal) is happy to receive this scanned information via email at principal@shsandringham.catholic.edu.au or alternatively Erin is available to scan this information for you at the office during school hours. (Drop off one day, pick up the next). Please keep the date free to join in the celebrations. Please contact Megan McCartney on 0425 789 141 if you have any queries.





Bridging the Age Gap

Recently in "The Bugle News" from the Department of Veterans Affairs, there was an article in the October edition about our St Bede's College boys:

PHOTO L-R: Eamon Tuke, Joe Callaghan, Charlie Gillan and Aaron McGregor.

*"The truly fabulous Ti Tree Day Club at Mentone have formed a **magical partnership with St Bede's College**.*

*In a nutshell, the boys from **Year 10** at St Bede's College have a roster system where each week 4-5 boys, visit the Day Club, help out and join in.*

Each week the Co-ordinator from St Bede's College (a student) checks who is present, checks the boys' uniforms etc and sends the boys over to the Club. This is such a "win-win" situation with all people benefiting from the relationships built.

Further to that, it serves as an amazing community partnership and could help with future growth of the Club.

So successful is this program that, if one of the boys is away, there is rivalry to fill the place. We applaud this initiative and encourage you to consider such a program within your own club."



Anzac Commemoration 2011

St Bede's College accepted a cordial invitation from the Beaumaris RSL to attend an evening function commemorating the Anzacs, hosted on 8th November. The College was well represented by a contingent of History staff, students and College parents, who participated in a Stand-To-Ceremony before being presented with tokens of memorial. The occasion presented an opportunity for Chris Davie-Smythe and Timothy Zeler to reflect upon their experiences at the recent College European Study Tour, bringing many memories to life for the audience respectfully gathered. The College presented the RSL with a collection of photographs from our Gallipoli experience, which were gratefully received for future display.

The generosity of local community groups resulted in various local schools receiving significant collections of wartime resources, including DVD collections, maps, CDs and books. Such donations to our school library were both welcomed and appreciated, ensuring a rich variety of resources for students and staff to draw upon in their history studies. These donated resources also serve to remind us of the willingness of others to give to our students in the hope that the sacrifices made for all Australians will be an active focus of curriculum at St Bede's. It is also symbolic of the rich and valued connection between our school community and the local Returned Services Leagues.

Ms Kaylene Menara - History Teacher



Parents & Friends (P&F) 2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the P&F Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th November, the following people were elected into Leadership positions on the Committee:

PRESIDENT	Josie Hall	VICE PRESIDENT.....	Deb Sharpe
SECRETARY	Michelle Brinkley	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....	Mariangela Adorno
TREASURER	Catherine Boulton	ASSISTANT TREASURER	Teresa Thurgood



It is hard to believe that another school year is rapidly drawing to an end. The Year 12 Class of 2011 has officially finished its secondary education.

The Year 12s have had a number of farewell ceremonies: A whole school assembly and the House Farewells, while the Valete Mass and Dinner were celebrated.

These festivities, coupled with warmer weather and the sense of new-found freedom that comes with recently turning 18, will present a real challenge for the boys to remain focussed on their studies.

In other news, the Public Speaking Program and competitions have been finalised in the last week or so. Congratulations to Patrick Collins (Year 10), Antony McNeil (Year 11) and Jaydon Lyons (Year 12) who represented their respective year levels in the Brother Quentin O'Halloran "speak-offs". While all three young men spoke very well, only Patrick was successful in continuing on to the next level, which was contested between speakers from other De La Salle Colleges in Melbourne.

Congratulations also to Louise Doyle and the boys in Tutor Group 28. They won the McCristal House Tutor Group Competition this year. While victory was secured on the backs of some impressive academic results and some talented musicians, it was the sensational fundraising efforts of Andrew Pandelis for Mission Action Day that got them over the line.

Finally, on behalf of the McCristal Tutors, I would to thank our House Leaders: Jarryd CAPIRON, Anthony DE SENSI and Mitchell RAFFERTY for their contributions this year. They have done a fantastic job and have been wonderful role models throughout the year. We wish them and all our Year 12 students a safe, happy and prosperous future.

Mr Shane Heatley - McCristal House Co-ordinator



2011 Science Talent Search



Darragh Tate left with Brandon Fernandez

Science Talent Search is conducted by the "Science Teachers Association of Victoria" (STAV). There were 2,644 students who entered the competition and 554 Bursaries awarded. Each assignment is judged by panels of teachers and scientists, to be awarded a bursary in any of the presentations: video, poster, inventions, working models, photographs, that display an excellent understanding of scientific concepts and application. The Science

Talent Search Exhibition and Presentation Day

was conducted on Wednesday 2nd November 2011, at Latrobe University. Congratulations to the two students who were awarded bursaries for their scientific assignments.



Darragh Tate with Professor Carl Schiesser



Darragh with his flashlight assignment

Darragh Tate in Year 8 was awarded a **Major Bursary** for his working model of a 'Flashlight', which he constructed from gardening green plastic-coated wire, a globe, batteries and a switch, all attached to a wooden block for maximum display. He was presented with his award by Professor Carl Schiesser, ARC Centre of Excellence for Free Radical Chemistry.



Brandon with his "Production of Carbon Dioxide" video

Brandon Fernandez in Year 7 was awarded a **Minor Bursary** for his video on the "Production of Carbon Dioxide", in which he explained and demonstrated enthusiastically and scientifically this process with household products. His award was presented by Dr Sandra McLaren from the University of Melbourne.

Mrs Ewa Biviano - SCIENCE LEARNING AREA LEADER



Chess ACC JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE CHESS REPORT



On Thursday 27th October, the Junior and Intermediate Chess teams ventured out to Parade College Bundoora to play against the other ACC Chess teams.

Ms Robyn Kensley stepped in at the last minute to fill the role as Chess Coach. We had picked a team of 17 and were full of confidence and hope. Would this be the year that we would win 1st place? The last time we won this competition was six years ago!

I am pleased to announce that at the end of the day, under Ms Kensley's guidance and Branko Radunovich's excellent captaincy, the results are as follows:

The St Bede's Junior Team won its Division (Div 2) and brought home a pennant to show for it:

The team members are:

Branko Radunovich 8 (Captain); Claude Dabare 7; Lang Nguyen 8; Michael Nguyen 8; Chris Molin 8; Stephen Bird 8; Daniel Savaglio 8; Sunjay Kumar 8; Marcus Ting 8.

*Special mention to Claude, Lang, Sunjay and Marcus who won all their games, and Branko who earned four and a half out of five wins for the day.

The Intermediate Section had some really tough competition, but unfortunately didn't earn a place in their division.

However, the following boys did well throughout the day for this team:

Jake Marris 10; Nick Sharp 10; Ben Ramanathan 10; Brendan Ung 8; Fletcher Knapton 10; Aidhan Heppell 8 (Official Team Statistician); Kent Bennett 8; Jake Humphreys 10.

* Special mention to Nick Sharp who won four out of five games for the day, and Fletcher for his three wins.

On behalf of Br Garry and myself, congratulations boys on your achievements and for your commitment, in attending training sessions 8-9 times at lunchtimes and honing your chess skills.

Thank you, Br Jack, for driving the bus for us throughout the year.

Mr Matt Green – Chess Co-ordinator



Digital Education in 2012

An exciting year is ahead in 2012 with the introduction of the 1:1 digital device per student program. Following the letters sent home to parents in the past weeks, more comprehensive documentation regarding the program will reach home over the coming weeks. In the documentation there is a section regarding "Frequently Asked Questions" which will cover the details of the program. If there are any specific questions not covered in the documentation, please email digitaleducation@stbedes.catholic.edu.au



Email Addresses *PARENT REMINDER*

A reminder to parents that the College needs to have your correct email addresses. On testing, a number of parent email addresses appear to be bouncing back emails, due to either incorrect addresses and/or full mailboxes. As a range of important communications in the future will need a valid email address, please ensure that the College has your current working one.



Thank You to



Portable LCD from SONIQ Supports Learning

The College would like to thank SONIQ which is a manufacturer and distributor of televisions and accessories. As well as advertising in the College Business Directory Program, SONIQ has generously donated a 42 inch LCD TV which is being used on a portable stand for various learning purposes around the College.



David Cracknell - Deputy Principal - ICT and Infrastructure



Uniform Shop

(REGULAR HOURS: Monday 1:15–5:15 & Thursday 1:15–6:15)

EXTRA TRADING HOURS 2011/2012

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE – PH: 9582 5999 - DURING OFFICE HOURS

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE UNIFORM SHOP TO MAKE A BOOKING

BOOKINGS FOR THE FIRST JANUARY SESSION SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES ON THURS 22nd DECEMBER

Uniform Shop School Holiday Trading Hours

2011

MONDAY	5 th DECEMBER 2011	1.15pm – 5.15pm	(*Normal Trading)
TUESDAY	6th DECEMBER 2011	3.00pm – 7.00pm	(Bookings Only)
THURSDAY	8 th DECEMBER 2011	1.15pm – 6.15pm	(*Normal Trading)
MONDAY	12 th DECEMBER 2011	1.15pm – 5.15pm	(*Normal Trading)
TUESDAY	13th DECEMBER 2011	3.00pm – 7.00pm	(Bookings Only)
THURSDAY	15 th DECEMBER 2011	1.15pm – 6.15pm	(*Normal Trading)

2012

MONDAY	23rd JANUARY 2012	10.00am – 4.00pm	(Bookings Only)
TUESDAY	24th JANUARY 2012	10.00am – 4.00pm	(Bookings Only)
WEDNESDAY	25th JANUARY 2012	1.00pm – 6.00pm	(Bookings Only)
MONDAY	30 th JANUARY 2012	1.15pm – 5.15pm	(*Open Trading - No Bookings Required)
THURSDAY	2 nd FEBRUARY 2012	1.15pm – 6.15pm	(*Normal Trading Resumes)
MONDAY	6 th FEBRUARY 2012	1.15pm – 5.15pm	(*Normal Trading Resumes)

*OPEN SESSION = No bookings Required.

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly **recommend** you make a booking and **COME WITH YOUR SON ON a "BOOKINGS ONLY" day,** as we endeavour to fit him out with his uniform and complete the purchase within 30 minutes. If you come on an "OPEN TRADING" session, you may be waiting up to 2 hours to be served.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "UNIFORM KIT" NEEDED TO COMMENCE SCHOOL:
(Please note: These are just recommended quantities)

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM
Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
1 x Blazer	2 x Winter Shirts
2 x Summer Shirts	2 x Long Navy Trousers
2 x Summer Shorts	1 x Belt
1 x Jumper (Optional)	3 x Navy Winter Socks
2 x Sports Polos	1 x Jumper (optional)
1 x Sports Short	1 x Rainjacket (optional)
1 x Trackpants	 <p>Don't forget to keep your receipts to claim the "Education Tax Refund" for 2012. www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au</p>
1 x Track Jacket	
3 x Grey Summer Socks	
3 x White Sports Socks	
1 x Summer Hat	
TOTAL COST: \$559.00	TOTAL COST: \$252.00