Dear Fellow Old Collegians,

I would like to warmly invite all retired Old Collegians to attend our next Seniors Lunch, to be held at the Seven Stars Hotel, in Angas Street, just a short walk from the College, on Wednesday 18 May at 12.00 noon for 12.30. Last year’s event, our first, was a great success and we look forward to the opportunity for fellowship and conviviality once again. Please contact Michael Moran (8276-9156) for further information and bookings.

A NOTE FROM THE principal

Dear Old Collegians

The appearance in the front office of Easter hampers for needy families and our liturgies and staff Lenten program reminds me that as Easter approaches, Term 1 is drawing to a rapid end. As our 2011 College theme (Creating Our Future, Respecting Our Past) suggests, there continues to be a palpable sense of excitement about both our achievements and our future.

In 2011 CBC enrolments reached 1060 with 1100 students already enrolled in 2012. With the commencement of our Child Care Centre on East Terrace later this year our College population will grow by a further 60 children.

Artefacts from CBC Wakefield Street history are currently on display (17 March-31 July) at the National Museum of Australia in the “Not Just Ned” exhibition of Irish history. College Archivist Jacinta Weiss and Deputy Principal Shaun Clarke were present in Canberra for the official launch of the exhibition.

The College also hosted a wildly successful inaugural Art Exhibition as part of the SA Fringe festival raising awareness of local artists from among our students, parents and grandparents and the wider South Australian Art community.

CBC is also gaining a reputation as a leading digital school. In 2011 all CBC students from years 9-12 have their own laptop computer provided by the College. Our Reception students are trialing iPads (courtesy of CBC Old Collegian President Viano Jaksa) and we have again employed Brain Jacobi as our consultant to review our IT needs for our Trade Training Centre and proposed new Science facilities.

The new Junior Campus redevelopment is nearing completion with an anticipated opening on 4 August – a date dependent on the arrival of the glass which is arriving from overseas.

Recently we experienced our best result since 1975 in the Head of the River with a win by our Year 10 Quad Sculls. Our First VIII also were within touch of the leading boats to place a competitive fourth in the overall standings.

Changes to the Junior School are indeed impressive and we’re all looking forward to the opening of the outstanding facilities in time for our school’s birthday in August. Meanwhile, what a treat it is to see the whole range of students, from little Reception students of 5 years of age, to 18 year-old Year 12 students, preparing for life beyond school, all on the one site. Even if it is a bit crowded at times!

Wishing you many blessings,

Viano Jaksa
President (1971)
“Not Just Ned” National Museum, Canberra

The eve of St Patrick’s Day 2011 was the official opening of “Not Just Ned, a true history of the Irish in Australia” at the National Museum in Canberra and Mr. Clarke and I were lucky enough to have been invited to attend the formal event as representatives of the College. Joining us on the evening was Mrs. Marie Francis, retired CBC Librarian and her husband Wayne. It was Mrs. Francis working with former principal Br. Patrick Cronin who appreciated the need for CBC to conserve and share our heritage and worked towards providing the necessary resources to do so.

The aim of the exhibition was to present the many varied contributions Irish immigrants had made to Australian life and was organized around themes such as transportation, politics and the Catholic Church. It was under the theme of education that our artefacts were displayed and included late nineteenth century text and exercise books and gymnastics equipment. We also loaned the museum our collection of leather straps. History like education is not static and whilst corporal punishment has no place in modern schools the reality is that it was used throughout the Catholic, Independent and State School systems up until the 1970’s. The caption accompanying the straps states that the only place straps are seen these days are in the school museum!

Our College was hugely honoured to be asked to be part of this important exhibition which has an anticipated audience of hundreds of thousands of people. Cherishing our history is part of our culture at CBC because our heritage is made up of the stories of the more than eighteen thousand young men who have been educated at Wakefield Street over the last 133 years.

Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

On Tuesday the College received a visit from Jack Fisher who started at CBC in 1931. At 94 years of age, we believe that Jack is our oldest surviving Old Collegian. When Jack started at CBC the College consisted of the old school block (located where the Chapel currently is, the Brothers’ House and the Hurley Building which was then known as the gym wing. The courtyard was bitumen and the only greenery on site was the Brothers’ garden where the Ackland Street garden is currently located. There was no school uniform in the 1930s, students were expected to wear suits and ties, regardless of the weather and of course the only cooling was opening the windows!

Jack marveled at the changes that had occurred at CBC over the last eighty years, he enjoyed meeting students and touring the school which has more than doubled in physical size since the 1930s. It was a pleasure to have Jack visit and relive for us his memories of schooling all those years ago and we have asked him to honour us with his presence when we embark on the next chapter of our College history, the opening of the Junior Campus.

Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

SAVE THE DATE
CBC OC Annual Dinner
October 21st
Hackney Hotel
7 for 7.30pm
Vince Fleming has been appointed as the inaugural Director of Development at CBC. Vince has been in senior leadership positions for 15 years and for the past 7 years has served in a similar role as the Director of Learning Community at Rostrevor College. He has also worked in Project Management and Consultancy roles for Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) and the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers. Vince has worked closely with the Brothers over many years on a variety of different projects and has a strong appreciation and admiration for their contribution to education in Australia.

Vince is married to Cheryl and they have six children, four are still attending school. Vince was born in Ireland and immigrated to Adelaide when he was 4 years old. His grandfather, father and older brothers attended Christian Brother College in Belfast. Vince’s experience in school and community development will stimulate a diversity of initiatives. These will maximise the raising of additional resources and funds and the promotion of the College. Key priorities of the role include:

- Establishing and managing the CBC Foundation Inc.
- Managing appeals and specific funds
- Securing grants and awards
- Enhancing community engagement projects and programs
- Enhancing community and corporate relations 'friendraising'
- Enhancing old scholars network and facilitating reunions and other key events
- Directing marketing and communications

Vince is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that the position of Director of Development will provide and also in meeting as many of our Old Collegians as possible over time. Please do not hesitate in contacting Vince at the College if you would like to discuss aspects of his role or have any suggestions to support his work.

vfleming@cbc.sa.edu.au or 0408 831 362

On 3 March 2011, Father Peter Monopoli passed away after a long career of service to the Catholic communities of Adelaide. Peter Monopoli was born in 1934 and attended CBC in 1946 and 1947. He was ordained as a priest on 18 July 1959 and two days later returned to CBC to celebrate Mass. He offered the Mass for the students of CBC and asked Br Bourke if, as a favour to him, the students could have a half-day holiday. Br Bourke agreed and the annual of the time states that there was wild elation all round.

Peter Monopoli’s brother, Anthony, was attending CBC at this time. He went on to become an international singer and at some time in the 1970s came back to CBC to cut a record with the Junior School Choir. That record is part of the archives collection and has been digitized and converted to a CD.

Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

The Old Collegians Association will like to pass on their condolences to old scholars Anthony (1995) and Paul (2003) on the death of their father Mr. Leo Andolfatto who was also the husband of former CBC Junior campus staff member Mrs. Donna Andolfatto.

The Christian Brothers College community has learnt with sadness of the death of former student Patrick Caporaso who passed away suddenly on March 9th, 2011 aged 38 years. Patrick attended CBC from Year 8 through to Year 12 and was particularly noted in the annual of his commitment and efforts in community service activities.

Elders Lunch
Come join other old collegians and the principal Noel Mifsud at the
Seven Starts Hotel
May 25th at 12.30pm.
Meals and drinks at bar prices.
RSVP Michael Moran 8276 9156
Progress at the Junior Campus

CBCOC Online Community
Log on to www.cbc.sa.edu.au and find the link to the CBCOC Online Community. There, you can enter your details and your name will be added to the directory, allowing people from around the world to email you.

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