Dear Fellow Old Collegians,

Our Old Collegians’ Annual Dinner, held on Friday 16th October at the Stables Ballroom in the Morphettville Junction, was a great success. Among the old boys who attended were those from the class of 1959 and those of 1979, who celebrated their reunions by attending the Dinner. They had a great night recalling stories from their school days and catching up with what’s happened in the intervening years.

We were led in a reflection of life at CBC by the youngest old boy, last year’s School Captain, Michael Martucci, who spoke with passion about his years at CBC. With graduates like Michael, we can all feel that the proud tradition of our alma mater is in safe hands.

Noel Mifsud, College Principal, outlined the plans for the upcoming renovation and rebuilding of the Junior School. When completed, the new CBC Junior School will offer outstanding facilities for the education of boys and continue the exceptional redevelopment and improvement of the College’s facilities.

Once again, the signing of the School Song was a stirring occasion and, all in all, the night was a great success. It is with pleasure that we are able to sponsor the education of a Year 8 student next year as a result of the proceeds of the dinner, raffle, donations and subscriptions. I would like to thank all those old collegians for their generosity and support of the Association.

In particular I would like to thank Michael Moran, our Treasurer and Dinner Convenor, for his outstanding work in preparing another successful Annual Dinner. We are all grateful for his dedication to the success of the Old Collegians’ Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday 8th February at 7.30 pm in the College Boardroom. Please consider coming along and joining in the work of your Old Collegians’ Association and thereby contributing to the continued development of your school.

I hope to see you at Old Collegians’ or College functions in the coming year.

May God Bless you this Christmas and in the New Year.

Mr Viano Jaksa
President (1971)

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A NOTE FROM THE principal

Dear Old Collegians,

I wish you and your family every blessing for the Christmas season in this final edition of The Gym for 2009.

Recently I returned from Vietnam where 11 students and three CBC staff members joined staff and students from St Mary’s College on pilgrimage. During the two weeks away we worked in an orphanage for severely mentally handicapped children in Ho Chi Min City.

As a father of two children of my own I found the experience immensely confronting. There is no adequate preparation for walking into one of the rooms and seeing over 60 children to a room, some two per cot, many tied by rope to their beds, or lying on the floor. Many were so malnourished or misshapen they barely looked human; yet at the precious moment of physical contact their eyes lit up and they reached out for human connection. This was a truly humbling experience which highlighted for me the qualities of a CBC man- faith, excellence, compassion and community.

The Junior Campus has now been completely vacated and is in the process of demolition. Our school has now completely relocated to the senior campus. I wish to thank all who attended some of the farewell events for this much loved building. It is wise to remember that it is not the building that counts but the people who shared their talents, educational journey and lives there.

I commemorate the many Brothers, staff, students, parents and grandparents who have blessed the Junior Campus with their presence since it was built in 1964. I will keep you informed on the progress of our new building scheduled for completion in 2011.

Thank you to all who contributed towards the building of the 10.5 Million Dollar Junior Campus with donations towards our 100 Club. Contributions (tax deductible) can be made to the CBC Finance Office by phoning Ms Denise Mead on 8400 4207.

Our College enrolments continue to rise with over 965 students enrolled for 2010. We have also appointed an additional Music Teacher, Information Technology ESO and Youth Worker to our staff in 2010. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Josh Cabillo who as a teacher, Indigenous person, and Sturt SANFL player will be a valuable addition to our staff.

2010 is indeed another exciting year for the College. I look forward to your presence and support in the new year.

Mr Noel Mifsud
Principal
FROM THE archives

In 1978, as part of the celebrations for CBC’s Centenary, a football match between our First XVIII and Rostrevor was organised. The match was close throughout but in the final inspired quarter, CBC went on to win. It was said that the atmosphere on the day could have been mistaken for the Grand Final and it is an event that is fondly remembered by old scholars of the time, so it was with great excitement that the archives recently received two Centenary guernseys. They were designed for the First XVIII in 1978 and worn again in 1979 after which they were retired.

The first guernsey was donated by Tony Egan who made the Firsts in 1979. When the opportunity came to purchase the jumpers at the end of the season his Number 1 was already spoken for and so he bought the Number 6 guernsey which he then wore when playing for the CBC Old Collegians football team. Tony played over 200 games for CBCOC over thirteen seasons wearing the Centenary Guernsey for at least five years.

The second jumper was donated by Chris Powell who played at full back in 1978 and 1979. After school, Chris played for Port Adelaide and won the Best and Fairest in Under 19’s in 1981. He played at various levels of SAFA and SAAFL over the next twelve years but was severely hampered by chronic hamstring injuries.

The College is grateful to both these gentleman and their families for donating such important pieces of our sporting history to our archives collection and thus allowing them to be viewed, preserved and enjoyed by our entire community.

Mrs Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

The Rebuilding of the Junior School

After many meetings, much planning and a count down of a number of weeks the time came to farewell the current Junior School at 324 Wakefield Street. For 46 years the Junior School has flourished as an almost separate entity to the Senior Years College.

2009 turned out to be a huge year for the Junior School community. Planning and discussions had commenced regarding the rebuilding of a new Junior School but it was to happen in a few years time. Along came the Building Education Revolution money and suddenly the project for a new Junior School became a reality.

Junior School staff decided to hold two reunions, one for past staff which was held on 6 November and one for Old Scholars and families which was held on 13 November.

Both reunions were celebratory in the context of: the many happy memories and life long friends made and the giving and receiving of a great education. There was sadness that this school is to be no longer and a certain amount of disbelief of what is to happen.

Mrs Angela De Nadai organised meaningful liturgies to honour and celebrate the achievements of the Junior School over 5 decades. We were honoured to have our Deputy Principal of the College, Shaun Clarke (Old Scholar) speak on both nights. Mrs Colleen Colquhoun and Mr Michael Buttfield also spoke at the first reunion. Stealing the limelight though at the first reunion was Brother Murray who spoke about his many years as Head of the JS. At the Old Scholars reunion Mr Jerome Teakle spoke about what it meant to be a CBC JS student.

I’m sure the many golden memories shared with one another on both nights will become more treasured as time goes on but the one constant from both reunions was that CBC JS is something that all who attended are proud to be associated with.

Our JS is now closed and we wait eagerly for the new school to be built and for our return to 324 Wakefield Street in 2011. I hope all who read this will attend the grand opening in a little over a year’s time.

Mr Murray Koster
Head of Junior School

100 Years of Rowing Dinner

On September 25th, 2009 the CBC community celebrated 100 Years of Rowing with a formal dinner ably organised by the CBC Rowing Auxiliary. Attendees included Brs. McCabe, Coughlin, Cronin and of course Br. Murray. Members of the SA Rowing Association resplendent in their formal jackets, together with past and present rowers, parents, coaches and staff enjoyed a fantastic evening of fine food, music and reminiscences. A highlight was the reunion of the winning Head of the River crew of 1989, some of whom had travelled from interstate to be there. Br. Murray’s book chronicling the achievements of CBC rowers over the last 100 Years was formally launched and additional copies are available through the CBC Archives.

The College community would like to thank the CBC Rowing Auxiliary for their tireless work in organizing such a memorable evening.

Mrs Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

100 Years of Rowing Anniversary Cake
Premier’s ANZAC Spirit School Prize

It is with great pride that Christian Brothers College student, Jack Jercic in Year 9 has been selected as a member of the Premier’s ANZAC Spirit School Prize tour to Western Europe in April 2010. Jack will be representing Christian Brothers College and attending a fully funded study tour to the Western Front battlefields in France and Belgium and also visiting London, Paris and Canberra. Jack is one of six students chosen in the state to attend the ANZAC dawn service at the Australian War Museum at Villers-Bretonneux in France. The other schools that were chosen included: Loxton High School, Brighton Secondary College, St Ignatius College and Faith Lutheran School.

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Photo 1: Old Collegians Dinner
Photo 2: Old Collegians Dinner
Back: Michael Martucci (2008 College Captain),
Br Michael Flaherty (Principal 1971-76),
Mr Noel Mitsud (2007-Current),
Br Patrick Cronin (1995-2006)
Front: Br James Murray (Head of Junior Campus),
Mr Viano Jaksa (President, CBCOCA)

Photo 3: 100 Years of Rowing Dinner
Photo 4: 100 Years of Rowing Dinner
Since the “100 Years of Rowing” Dinner in September a number of old collegians have approached the College enquiring the possibility of establishing a CBC Old Collegian Rowing Club. A number of colleges such as Prince Alfred College, St. Peter’s College and Pembroke have established an old collegian rowing groups that compete in regattas under the name of the school. At this stage we would like to old collegians to express their interest if they are willing to be involved in a rowing group. If you are interested in rowing and would like to form a crew of old collegians please contact Shaun Clarke at the College on 84004212 or email sclarke@cbc.sa.edu.au.

If there is a significant interest of expression to row we will have a meeting early in the New Year to discuss issues such as purchasing a boat for the old collegians, training sessions, venue, legal liability, cost per rower and competing in regattas. There is no pressure to compete in regattas and the old collegian rowing group may simply want to row for general fitness and as a social activity. If you rowed for the College or a club and are interested in rowing please contact other crew members to allow the club to be financially viable.

Mr Shaun Clarke  
Deputy Principal

“CBC: A 100 Years of Rowing”  
by Br James Murray  
Available from the College front office for $10.00.