Dear Fellow Old Collegians,

This year the College is celebrating 100 years of Rowing at CBC and, among the celebrations planned to mark the 100th anniversary of competitive rowing by crews wearing the Purple and White, the College will be holding a commemorative Rowing Dinner. The Dinner will be held at the Function Centre of the Adelaide Oval on Friday 25th September and we are hoping that we can have tables made up of the crews that have represented the Purple and White over the years. Please refer to the flyer included in this issue of “The Gym” for contact details and to reserve your place at this significant event.

Before the Rowing Dinner takes place, you might like to come along to the second Old Collegians’ College Tour and BBQ, which will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 16th August at the College. Last year’s event was a great success and many old boys took the opportunity to view the many changes that have occurred to the College since they were students and to catch up with old teachers and classmates. This year the Principal, Noel Mifsud, will be outlining CBC’s redevelopment plans for the Junior School and the Master Plan for the future development of the College.

Come along with your friends, family and old classmates and enjoy a pleasant lunch and tour of your alma mater.

Please put in your diaries the date and venue of this year’s Old Collegian’s Annual Dinner: Friday 16th October at the Morphettville Junction, 470 Anzac Highway, Camden Park. Your Executive Committee have this year decided to revert to the practice of some previous years, where we have strived to keep costs as manageable for all attendees and, at the same time, allowed maximum opportunity for Old Boys to catch up with each other. The dinner will be $60 for members of the Association and $65 for non-members. Further details will appear in the next issue of “The Gym” but, for now, please make contact with your classmates and arrange the date and a table. If you’d like any further details, or to make a booking, please contact Michael Moran on 8276 9156.

Finally, I’d like to share with you some thoughts on the recent passing of Mary Fountain and Richard Marsland. I am blessed that I knew well both Mary and Richard in my time as a teacher at CBC.

Firstly, when I began teaching at CBC a little over thirty years ago, Mary was an outstanding accompanist at Speech Nights, class singing lessons, Masses and assemblies and, of course, the Gilbert & Sullivan productions that became legend. Her spirit of service and dedication and her unfailingly positive approach to life, together with her deep faith, were an inspiration to a young teacher like me. I learnt from Mary the sheer joy of what can be achieved through a warm heart and a commitment to service. She richly deserved her long and rewarding life.

It was towards the end of my time at CBC that I had the joy of teaching Richard Marsland. He was, without doubt, one of the most gifted students I ever taught. When he and his good friend and classmate, Ben Latimer, decided to volunteer at a local community radio station, two careers were underway and I was very proud of them both. It was no surprise that Richard would forge ahead as a writer of comedy and as a somewhat reluctant and self-deprecating performer. Sometimes students teach their teachers and I feel that I learnt more from Richard than I ever taught him. His death at such a young age came as a tragic shock. I will not forget him.

May God bless you all,

Mr Viano Jaks
President (1971)

A NOTE FROM THE principal

Dear Old Collegians,

CBC was successful in obtaining two Commonwealth Grants under the Rudd Government’s Building the Education Revolution scheme. A $2 million dollar grant was secured to contribute to the new Junior School Redevelopment Project. The College has employed Swanbury Penglase Architects and Mossop Builders to demolish the existing Junior Campus and build a new $10.5 million, 3 story building in 2010. At this stage we envisage the relocation of Junior students to the Senior Campus for the duration of the project. A plan of proposed works will shortly be available to the community.

The College also secured a National Schools Pride Grant of $200,000 which at this stage has been dedicated to updating student toilets and ensuring ongoing use (via sprinklers and seeding) to our College ovals.

Congratulations to the Class of 1959 who gathered for their reunion on Sunday 24 May. Special thanks to Vin McLaughlin and James Rowan for their excellent organisation of the event. The CD’s, biographies, commemorative wines and speeches were a fitting tribute to the cohort. It was memorable to have one of their teachers, Br Ray O’Donohue, present for the reunion.

Congratulations to Fr Peter Gardiner (College Chaplain) who celebrates his 25 years of Ordination and Monsignor Aitken who turned 80 in June. This month I also attended the funeral of Mrs Mary Emery, a leading and visionary educator whose sons and grandsons attended the College. For those who knew Mary, we say a heartfelt farewell.

Mr Noel Mifsud
Principal
On Sunday the College hosted a reunion of the classes of 1955-59. Most of the Old Collegians in the Leaving Honours Class of 1959 attended and many of the old boys who were students with them in earlier years. In those days many students were able to pursue good career opportunities without completing all of secondary school. Over forty-five Old Collegians of CBC attended including some who travelled from overseas and interstate for the event. Br. Ray O’Donoghue who taught at the College at that time flew down from Sydney to attend.

The reunion organisers went to great efforts to ensure a fantastic day, producing a book of biographies from classmates, re-mastering CBC’s film collection from 1959, producing a CD of the Top 50 Hits of 1955-59 and bottling commemorative wine. The afternoon provided an opportunity for old school mates who may not have seen each other in fifty years to reconnect and share tales of their CBC days.

Ms Jacinta Weiss
Archivist

Friday 25th September 2009
Adelaide Oval Function Centre
6.30 – 11.30pm

Pre-dinner drinks from 6.30 – 7.10pm.
Enjoy live performances featuring Jacqui Yeo and the CBC Swing Band.
3 course dinner followed by tea and coffee.

Students, family and friends are all welcome. Book a table of the year you rowed!
Come along and support the College Rowing Club and the College to celebrate this milestone.
Tables can be booked for up 8 & 10.

Tickets: $75 per person. Tickets can be purchased from the College Finance Office.
For enquiries please phone Mr Imre Zambo on 0418 817 414.

Old Collegians BBQ

Come along and catch up with old friends, have a tour of the school and enjoy a BBQ and a few drinks.
1 - 4pm, Sunday August 16th 2009, at the College.

Entry through the Ifould St gates.

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Duke of Edinburgh

Imre Zambo Jnr (Class Of 2008) has completed his GOLD Duke of Edinburgh award over the last two years opting to do the following activities.

- Fitness 18 months - Rowing for School, SASI and State at various Regattas and Championships. Obviously the time involved and effort is immense and a credit to Imre.
- Service 12 months - Rowing Coaching at CBC and SASI. School Leadership involvement aspects. Imre gained his Coaching Accreditation for Rowing.
- Skill 12 months - Reading for pleasure and improvement of speed and comprehension.
- Adventurous Journeys - (Preparation) Rowing Camp participation and Logistical Organisation involvement as a Coach.
- Adventurous Journeys - (Qualifying) Vietnam Pilgrimage 2008
- Residential Project - Phu Mai Orphanage Vietnam.

To complete this Award shows initiative, persistence and a sense of Self Worth & Personal Development, Community Involvement & Compassion and finally a Spirit of Adventure and willingness to expand your Horizons.

Well done Imre!

Colin Curnow
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
CBCOC Football
The Dolphins are into the second half of the season and I am pleased to report that we are on top of the Div 4 Premiership Table with 8 wins and 2 losses. The 2 losses during the first half of the season were both by the smallest of margins – 1 point and both should have been wins. The team is now quite settled except for a bout of swine flu which side-lined 6 A-grade players after they travelled to Melbourne during the Queen’s Birthday long weekend bye. Thankfully all have fully recovered. The team this year is truly “the Brothers” with 3 brothers of AFL stars currently playing in the A-grade squad with Rob Douglas (brother of Ritchie), Ben Primus (brother of Matthew) and Jess Rivers (brother of Jared). Darren Jarman continues to excel as A-grade coach and is developing a high level of camaraderie amongst all players. Marc Johnson is excelling up forward as the team’s highest goal scorer even after missing the first 3 games of the year with appendicitis complications. Josh Hegarty, Alan Margaritch, Cuong Phan and Christian Puccini are all having stellar seasons so far.

The B-grade and the C-grade are both on 5 wins and 5 losses and are sitting in 5th position and still holding onto hopes of finals.

We encourage all supporters to come out and watch the Dolphins each Saturday leading up to the finals. Details of the venues and times of matches can be found on the amateur league website http://www.sa afl.asn.au while you are on the internet feel free to have a look at the CBC Old Collegians Football Club website http://www.cbcoc.com.au.

Mr Garry S Winter
President CBC Old Collegians Football Club

CBCOC Soccer
The CBCOC Soccer Club are almost half way through their season and competition is as strong as ever in the Collegiate Soccer League. Ryan Thompson has taken the helm of the club after personal reasons forced Gerard to leave the post and his personal touch is adding to the club both on and off the field. Anthony Landorio has stepped up as player coach for the B-grade and has continued where Ryan left off, getting good results against strong teams. In the A-grade, wins have been few and far between but the squad is improving each week with stronger belief, fitness and mental strength being the core of Ryan’s training regime. The soccer club is going from strength to strength and is constantly on the look out for new talent to boost the squad both on and off the field. The club train at Fulham Football Club, Collins Reserve, Valetta Road every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

Mr Andrew Specterman
CBCOC Soccer Club

Congregational Leadership Team visit Adelaide
Members of the Christian Brothers Congregational Leadership Team, comprising of Br. Philip Pinto (Congregational Leader) and Br. Michael Downing visited Adelaide recently as part of their bi-annual visit to provinces throughout the world. Both Br. Philip and Br. Michael visited and spoke to all members of the Edmund Rice Network, including Brothers, Staff, Edmund Rice Camps, FAME and Associates. At all their meetings they provided an opportunity for dialogue on the church, role of the Christian Brothers today and the vision for the ministry Edmund Rice and the challenges we face in the future. Br. Philip Pinto challenged all members of the Edmund Rice Network to move beyond our own comfort zone and be touched by a liberating God who calls us to reach out to those who are marginalised in our own community.

Mr Shaun Clarke
CBC Deputy Principal

SEARCH THE HEAVENS
In recognition of the International Year of Astronomy, CBC invites Old Collegians to a special night on Thursday 20th August at 7pm, where you will be able to experience the wonders of the Astronomy Dome. Search the sky through our powerful telescopes!

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Access is through a narrow staircase and is not suitable for those with impaired mobility.

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