Dear Fellow Old Collegians,

The Old Collegians' year began with the Annual General Meeting of the Association, which was held in the Boardroom at the College on Monday 9th February. It is my honour to serve once again as the President of your Association for a further twelve months. I am blessed by the support I have received from Old Collegians and from the support of the other members of the Executive Committee.

Joining me on the Executive Committee this year are:

- Paul Della – Vice President and Assistant Treasurer;
- Mark Roberts – Secretary;
- Michael Moran – Treasurer;
- Kevin Sheehy – Membership Coordinator;
- Shaun Clarke – School Liaison.

I would like to thank Anthony Andolfatto, who has taken a leave of absence from the committee this year. Anthony's work on the committee in the last few years has been characterised by a willingness to share his skills, to contribute and to be involved in helping his school. Anthony continues his support of our school this year through his involvement with the CBCOCA Football Club, which looks forward to an outstanding year. Further news on the developments in the Dolphins' year are on the Sports page of this issue.

The Committee are planning a range of activities that will help you connect with your classmates, other Old Collegians and the school. We look forward to your continued interest and support.

God Bless

Mr Viano Jaksa
President (1971)

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A NOTE FROM THE principal

Dear Old Collegians,

2009 promises to be an exciting year for Christian Brothers College.

950 students have enrolled for the start of the academic year (including Term 3 Reception intake) and our year 7 cohort is now located in the Senior Campus for the first time since 1963. 115 staff are currently employed and our 2009 Board is chaired by Mr Chris Block with Deputy John Cook.

CBC in our 131st year celebrates 100 years of rowing in 2009. I warmly invite all Old Scholars to join us at the Head of the River Regatta on the 4th April at the West Lakes Rowing facility.

This year the College launches both a new 2009 theme: Reaching New Horizons and a new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan focuses on the values of faith, excellence, community and compassion.

CBC staff are committed to improving educational outcomes for students and this year will offer students a Personal Learning Plan in Year 10 as part of the new South Australian Certificate of Education. At our Dux Assembly it was my pleasure to announce the 2008 College Dux Michael Van who received a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 98.30 out of a possible 100. Congratulations also to Emil Bigaj 97.45, Duy Nguyen, Anton Silvestri, Ryan Tang & James Tran 97.10.

The Rudd Governments Economic Package, if passed through parliament, will be a tremendous financial support to the proposed CBC Capital Development Projects which include: the redevelopment of the Senior Campus Administration (2009/10), refurbishment of Science laboratories and additional Year 7 classrooms (2010/11) and the redevelopment of the Junior Campus (2011). Our Architects Swanbury Penglase have completed our 10 Year Master Plan and plans for all three proposals have gone to costing consultants prior to Board approval.

From a faith perspective; our student outreach pilgrimages to Vietnam and the Philippines continue in 2009 and for the second year running CBC won the prestigious Red Cross Blood Donors School Prize. Each Wednesday morning the CBC community gathers for a short ½ hour mass at 8.00 am in the College Chapel. All are invited.

I wish you and your families every blessing for safe and peace filled 2009. Please know you are warmly welcome to visit the College, tour the Archives or hold your reunion event in the glorious CBC grounds.

Mr Noel Mifsud
Principal

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CBC wins the Australian Red Cross Schools Challenge award for the second year running.
Passing of Mary Fountain

On the 6th December 2008 Mary Fountain passed away aged ninety-three. Mary had been a music teacher at Christian Brothers College since 1936.

Widowed at a young age and with a family of four children to support at a time when they were few job options available to women, Mary took a job as a musical accompanist and singing teacher at the College. Her debut performance was playing with the Choir on St Patrick’s Day 1936. Later she played at the legendary concerts held at the Tivoli Theatre in the 1940’s, conducted by Br Murphy. These concerts were so popular they drew crowds of up to 2500 people.

As well as providing music lessons, Mary provided musical accompaniment at anytime the school needed it such as Speech Nights and Masses. In those days pre recorded music was not available and so the College relied on staff and students.

In 1977, Gilbert and Sullivan Operas were performed again at the College for the first time in forty years and Mary was there to play the piano. She maintained her enthusiasm and commitment through the ten years the productions were performed even though she was at that stage in her seventies.

Throughout the 1990’s up until her retirement in 2004 Mary taught singing lessons and was involved with the Junior School Choir. She had been a member of staff at CBC for sixty-eight years, a member of staff at Rostrevor for slightly less time and a life long supporter of the Christian Brothers.

In retirement she continued her association with the College being present at the opening of buildings and many school functions. As part of our 130th Birthday celebrations she unveiled one of the Heritage Panels installed at the Junior School and attended the Dinner Dance with her daughter.

Mary Fountain was a woman of endless commitment and dedication, to her family and to her extended family of the Christian Brothers and their students. She will be sadly missed.

Mrs Jacinta Weiss
CBC Archivist

Jubilee Celebrations


The entire Christian Brothers College community congratulates them all and wishes them every blessing as they continue in their work.
Richard Marsland

Radio personality and old scholar Richard Marsland tragically passed away on December 6th, 2008. Richard attended CBC from 1989 to 1993 and then went on to host SAFM’s breakfast show. He worked in television co-hosting AM Adelaide on Channel 7 before pursuing his career in Melbourne. He wrote for television programs such as SBS’s Newstopia and Rove Live. At the time of his death he was co-host of the Triple M Breakfast Program.

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Fr. Joe Grealy

On September 18th, 2008 Father Joe Grealy died. He attended CBC in the late 1930’s and was a noted athlete, holding the State title in walking. After leaving school he worked for a number of years at a trade but then decided to join the priesthood and went to study at St. Francis Xavier’s Seminary Stradbroke Park. With his understanding of the workforce Fr. Grealy was appointed Chaplain to Industry and was one of the founders of the Young Catholic Workers in South Australia.

From 1985 to 1996 Fr. Grealy was the official Chaplain for the Grand Prix where he was known as ‘the faster pastor’ or the ‘revvy Reverend’.

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Celebrating 100 Years of Rowing

In 2009 the College is celebrating the 100th anniversary of competitive rowing wearing the purple and white!

Initially boats were borrowed from the Mercantile Rowing Club but by 1911 the first boat had been purchased. The best crew was chosen, training was under the guidance of one of Australia’s best oarsmen, old boy Mr. W. Kennedy and the school entered the inter-collegiate event. Disaster struck on the eve of the race however when the father of one of the crew members was accidentally killed and the race had to be abandoned. In 1912 CBC defeated St Peters in the final of the Schools’ Championship on the Torrens in front of a crowd of thousands.

A change of headmaster and the outbreak of the Great War saw rowing suspended and when the senior classes relocated to Rostrevor in 1923, rowing ceased. It was reintroduced briefly in the late 1940’s under Br Mullin with boats borrowed from the Torrens Rowing Club.

In 1958 Br. Bourke committed the passion and the resources to enable rowing to be re-established permanently at CBC. The boats were at first borrowed but by 1960 the College had two boats “Wakefield” and “See Bee”, the rowing master was Br. Cuneen. In 1962 the legendary “Slim” Lawrence commenced coaching the first VIII an association that was to last thirty five years.

In 1980 the First V111 won the Goss Shield and the Head of the River title for the College for the first time. Since then their have been numerous success for the many CBC teams. This year the College has been chosen to host the Head of the River on April 4, 2009 and the entire CBC community is warmly invited to come along and enjoy the day, cheer on ‘our boys’ and celebrate the 100th anniversary of rowing in purple and white. Tickets for a luncheon or the day are available from the front office. Please contact Mrs Jenny Duncliff on 8400 4210.

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CBCOC Football

Season 2009 has started sensationally for the Dolphins. With the appointment of AFL legend and three times AFL Premiership winner Darren Jarmar as senior coach we have seen an influx of quality players and a renewed enthusiasm at the club. So much so that we have introduced a C-grade side for the first time in over 10 years.

We have seen a steady increase in the number of players who have recently left the school, however, there is still a significant number of CBC Old Scholars who continue to play at competing Amateur League clubs. Our challenge has been and continues to be to try and attract all of these players out to the CBC Old Collegians Footy Club. If you are reading this article and you are one of these players or if you know Old Scholar players at other clubs please get in their ear and encourage them to come out.

Due to the Clipsal disruptions, training moves to Marybartown High School from 3 March until the second week of April on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6pm sharp.

We are once again very proud to have the Royal Hotel Kent Town as our major sponsor for the 2009 season and we encourage all old collegians to support the Royal and let them know you are affiliated with CBC.

A highlight of the season will be the first match of the round which has been scheduled against PAC Old Collegians at Norwood Oval under lights on Saturday 4 April (commencing 5pm). Former Crows Captain, Brownlow Medalist and Premiership player Mark Ricciuto will be playing for PAC which will make for a great experience for all players and supporters alike. There is also a strong rumour that Jars will be donning the Purple and White Guernsey on the night to bring a little Jarmar magic to the game. We expect the crowd to this game will be larger than the Crow’s season opener which is on the night before. We encourage all Old Collegians, their families and friends to come along and support the Dolphins on 4 April.

If anyone has any queries or would like further information about the club please feel free to email me gwinter@kellyco.com.au or call Anthony Andolfatto on 0418824727.

All the best

Mr Garry S Winter
President CBC Old Collegians Football Club

CBCOC Soccer

The CBC Old Collegians Soccer Club is looking forward to a successful Collegiate Soccer League in 2009, and will be fielding teams in Division 1 and Division 2 on Saturdays. Gerard Rossetto continues to be in charge as the Division 1 coach and head coach at the club and is joined by Ryan Thompson as Division 2 coach, and Anthony Landorio as assistant coach, with a squad of over 30 players.

Our home pitch for the 2009 season is at Collins Reserve, Valetta Road, which has been our home ground for many seasons, and which the CSL regards as one of the best pitches in the league. Training is on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm throughout the season which kicks off on 4th April with the Collegiate Cup 1st Round.

The squad has been strengthened this season by many Old Scholars from the Christian Brothers College and continues to invest in its football and social aspects both on and off the pitch. The committee has invested heavily this season with new training program developed by personal trainers and new sporting equipment to ensure a successful 2009 season for everyone involved with the club.

Further information is available on the clubs website http://cbcocsc.info or through the club at club@cbcocsc.info

Mr Andrew Specterman
CBCOC Soccer Club