NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD COLLEGIANS

PRESIDENT’S report

Dear Fellow Old Collegians,

I hope that this issue of The Gym finds you well.

In this issue you will find a booking form for our Annual Dinner, which will be held on Friday 18th October at the Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide. I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner and encourage you to make contact with your ex-classmates and friends and make plans to attend this important function.

The Annual Dinner is a very special opportunity for all old collegians to re-connect with their school and with their classmates. I’m very grateful to Michael Moran for his work in arranging the Dinner, yet again. Michael is a very selfless and hard-working member of the Committee and we all rely on him. In many ways, any of the success regarding our Annual Dinner is due to Michael’s enthusiasm and attention to detail.

On the 21st September the class of 2003 held their 10-year Reunion at the Belgian Beer Cafe. The association thanks Old Collegian, Carmine Alvaro for arranging the event.

Hope to see you at the Dinner

Mr Viano Jaksa
President (1971)

A NOTE FROM THE principal

Dear Old Collegians,

CBC remains on the cutting edge of contemporary education and recently became members of both the International Coalition of Boys Schools and also the Leading 21st Century Schools. The latter is a bipartisan national government strategy to engage students. The aims are twofold:

1. To develop an Asia capable workforce; and
2. To develop compassionate and ethical global citizens with capabilities to authentically engage with social justice and solidarity as global citizens.

1361 students are currently enrolled across all three campuses for 2014; up from around 900 students in 2007. CBC is certainly the school of choice in Adelaide. I believe what attracts new families to CBC is a combination of our contemporary and innovative educational program, world class facilities (especially the Junior Campus and new Trade Training Centre) and a strong College culture and history of Faith, Excellence, Community and Compassion.

Other news in brief:

• Br Barry Donaghy cfc has been appointed as Assistant Principal Religious identity and Mission joining the staff in 2013.

• Michael Moran has been appointed as the College archivist in a voluntary capacity and has commenced with oral histories of some of our Senior Old Collegians.

• Congratulations to CBC Old Collegian Monsignor Ian Dempsey on his recent 70th birthday.

• The 2013 InterCol against Blackfriars in August was a huge success with CBC retaining the InterCol cup for yet another year. It was great to see large numbers of Old Collegians at all the events and especially the 1st XVIII Football and Basketball.

Old Collegian and Emeritus Professor Robin Storer (Flinders University School of Chemistry, Physics and Earth Sciences) recently retired from the College Board after many years of dedicated service. Robin was Chair of the CBC Advisory Board from 1981-1983 and has served on the College Board from 2006 to 2013. His sons attended CBC and together with his wife Isabelle they have been dedicated supporters of the College. Robin’s contributions especially on the former education subcommittee were pivotal as SA and CBC moved to a new delivery of the SA certificate of Education SACE early in 2000. I will personally miss Robin’s wisdom, sense of humour and friendship and wish him and his family every blessing and the deepest of gratitude from the College community for outstanding service to the College.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this year’s Old Collegians Dinner and wish you every blessing for the remainder of 2013.

Mr Noel Mifsud
Principal

Volunteer Archivist and Old Scholar, Michael Moran guiding Year 1 CBC students through the school Museum.
BR MICHAEL FLAHERTY: A Man Of Vision And Dedication To Education


As a former student at Christian Brothers College I recall Br Michael Flaherty being appointed as Principal of the college in 1973. He replaced Br John Bourke and was instrumental in the construction of a new building (O’Brien Building) that would run along Ifould Street and would comprise of eight classrooms, a library, canteen, laboratories, lecture theatre and school toilets. The building cost some $245,000 and I recall walking from the Junior School as a Year 5 student seeing the building slowly being constructed -- the first building that was constructed at CBC since the early 1960s. Br Flaherty also developed in 1971 the administrative centre of the college by using the undercroft of Bourke building which still exist today.

The college for almost 100 years had the sports of football, tennis, handball, athletics, rowing and gymnastics. Br Michael during his time as Principal introduced new sports into the college co-curricula that included hockey, soccer and canoeing. These new sports were guided by a Sports Council that was established by Br Michael consisting of parents who promoted and organised coaches for the various sports in the school.

Br Michael has always been a progressive educationalist whose focus and concern has always been on improving learning outcome and meeting the needs of all students. In 1971 at the 93rd annual Speech Night, Br Michael Flaherty stated the following in his public address:

Change is no new feature of education but it has been accelerated in the past decade. Change is normal, healthy and to be expected. One would fear, in fact, an educational system which shows no evidence of change, for without change, stagnation and irrelevance would result. In all subject fields there has been a knowledge explosion of such portion that within a short period much previously acquired knowledge may become irrelevant, necessitating continual re-education.

Education is no longer just acquiring knowledge, but knowing how to acquire it, how to adapt it, how to evaluate it, how to reject what becomes irrelevant.

This address was written over 40 years ago and still is relevant to education today. Whilst being Principal, Br Michael introduced the development of general studies (humanities) realising the importance of integrating studies collectively together and reducing the different number of teachers the students had in the lower secondary. He was also aware that in the early 1970s schools were changing, students were staying longer at school and some students who reached the senior classes were not academically inclined and he saw the need to introduce elective courses such as drama, photography and personal budgeting to provide subjects that would interest the students. In his Speech Night address he also stated:

“Now in the early 70s the pendulum is swinging towards general studies courses and individual programs which are rapidly gaining in popularity as teachers arrive at a deeper understanding of what these courses are attempting to achieve. They attempt to cater properly for all students, regardless of their eventual educational destination. This is one of the major challenges to schools today.”

During Br Michael’s time as Principal he introduced also the Student Representative Council whose focus was on the concern of the fellow students rather than the disciplinary approach of the previous Prefects. The early 70s also saw the gradual increase in lay teachers that increased in 1976 from 10 to 17 staff which resulted in fees increasing from $42 - $80 range to $80 - $110 per term.

The college has been blessed with Br Michael’s presence both as a Principal (1971 – 1976) and counsellor (1991 – 2013). He has been a gifted educationalist and has brought with him great wisdom, faith and passion for the needs of every student in our school. He has been an inspiration to the entire College community and a loyal friend to us all. In his final speech as Principal at Christian Brothers College in 1976 he stated:

“My concern for the future is that Christian Brothers College does not become exclusive in any way and that all who wish to come to CBC and who accept our basic philosophy can and will be accepted.”

His vision for our college still continues today. To Br Michael thank you for your open heart, your passion for the students and staff and being a friend to us all. May you enjoy your retirement and know you are always welcome back to the CBC community.

Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever.

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Old Collegians
Annual Dinner
18 October 2013
Public Schools Club
7.00pm for 7.30pm Start
Cost - $50.00
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Michael Moran on 8276 9156
Connecting with the CBC Old Scholars who served and remain in France and Belgium.

In November 2013, 12 representatives from CBC, Adelaide, will travel to France and Belgium to commemorate the sacrifice of some of the CBC Old Scholars who were killed during the First World War. Approximately 200 Old Scholars enlisted served in the Great War and most are acknowledged on the Honour Board, in the hall way opposite the Chapel. The project has come together rapidly. Normally there would be an 18 months lead time but we will have only 5 months to put it all together.

The current CBC students will select an Old Scholar who was killed in action and research their time at CBC and the war service records. In some cases, families of the Old Scholars will be contacted to develop a deep understanding of the person, the Old Scholar. From this information the boys will write a commemorative address that will be said at the grave site, or memorial of the Old Scholar. The students will then place a series of mementos on the grave to acknowledge the connection between this memorial on the other side of the world and CBC, Adelaide.

The Spirit of Our Brothers 2013 is based on the Connecting Spirits projects which commenced in 2001, and has involved Birdwood High School, and area schools of the Mallee, including Meningie Area School, and Coomandook Area School. In the next few years groups from CBC, St Francis de Salles, and Findon High School will visit the Western Front to commemorate their fallen.

Before the group leaves the boys will be meeting regularly to research their Old Scholar in the Museum and Archives at CBC, online and in other public and private collections. As the group is self-funded, we will be holding several fundraising events in the lead up to the departure, culminating in a major fundraising event on the weekend before Remembrance Day 2013.

The boys can use the research and trip to complete the requirements for their gold or silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards, for their Stage 2 Research Project, Stage 1 or 2 Integrated Studies, Stage 2 History and Community Studies.

The boys going are Patrick Squire, Darcy Thompson-Bagshaw, Anthony Connell, Christian Pancione, Phillip Pulis, Patrick Apiln, Ciaran Whittaker, and two fathers. The staff escorting the group are Br Barry Donaghue and Mr Michael Lucas. The group will be guided by the originator of the Connecting Spirits project, Ms Julie Reece.

Mr Michael Lucas

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Allen was born at Medindie, South Australia on March 31 1930. Unfortunately his father died suddenly when Allen was 3 years old and his mother resumed school teaching at Washpool. He then attended Aldgate Public School and was first in the state for Grade 7. He obtained a scholarship to attend CBC. He was top in Intermediate gaining another scholarship and was second in leaving. Allen received a Commonwealth Scholarship to study Medicine and attended Aquinas College, graduating in 1953.

Allen entered general practice at Woodville where he remained for 50 years - generous, caring and highly thought of. He was an excellent anesthetist and I always felt safe when he was anesthetising.

Despite his smaller size he was a top quality sportsman - a single figure handicap at the Royal Adelaide, an excellent tennis and squash player and water skier.

He was unwell for the last five years. Sadly his daughter Jane passed away two days after his death. He had a combined funeral at St Ignatius on July 16. He was survived by his wife Margaret and children.

Allan Raymond Lyall
On Thursday 15 August saw the blessing of the Adelaide City Electro Technology Trade Training Centre.

This is a significant day for CBC as we celebrate our birthday commemorating the laying of the College Foundation stone on 15 August 1878. On a hot 32 degree Monday morning 20 January 1879, 68 boys entered CBC grounds with their invisible suitcase of dreams. These were not their dreams alone but also those of their parents.

The Centre will commence certified courses with the introduction of Certificate II Electro Technology. The qualification will cover competencies for the Work Entry Program providing grounding in safety and basic skills and knowledge for work in any electro technology discipline. This nationally recognised qualification provides competencies to select, assemble, set up and maintain electronic devices and completed units are directly transferred to a Cert III Electro Technology – Electrician course once the student gains an Electrical Apprenticeship.

St Mary’s College is our project partner in this venture. St Mary’s shares the same values, the same passion for high quality world class education and the same commitment to contemporary online delivery of 21st Century standard education. I thank St Mary’s and Principal Eileen Young for your presence not just at the opening but also throughout this project. CBC affirms the rights of boys and girls to aspire to be global leaders in the trades areas especially in the field of electro technology.

Finally I commend the work of all of our project partners including: St Mary’s College, CBC staff Frank Scali, Graham Brink and Emmanuel Gaitaneris, Catholic Education South Australia and Edmund Rice Education Australia, Swanbury Architects and in particular Mr Kon Michael, Mossop Builders and Brian Jacobi Consulting.

Noel Mifsud
Principal
Best Forward

Conversions

It was a thrilling match to watch. CBC had approximately 100 spectators cheering the lads on, made up of parents, current students and members of staff, namely Mr Ian Hamilton (Rugby Coordinator), Mr Michael Buttfield, Mr Thomas McLean, Ms Leisel Dunstan, Mr Michael Spudic and Mr Steven Clohesy.

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In the second half, four more tries were scored: CBC (Charlie Pickford), then PAC, then CBC (Charlie Pickford), then PAC. In the final 2 minutes of the game CBC was up 26 to PAC 24, and then PAC were awarded a penalty. They chose to kick for goal and made the kick (worth three points). This put them one point ahead of us; scores now CBC 26 and PAC 27. This was the first time all season that any team had more points than us at any time during any game. PAC started celebrating, in particular their support base, no doubt thinking the game was theirs. At this point in time there was less than a minute left of play. Darcy Thomson Bagshaw, team Captain and Man of the Match as awarded by the South Australian School Boy Rugby Union, immediately recommenced play with a kick, taking PAC by surprise and within moments we were within 20 metres of scoring a try before being awarded a penalty. We opted to take a penalty kick knowing that a penalty goal would put us two points ahead of PAC and ensure victory. Zac Burgess stepped up to take the kick -- the crowd was hushed, people were biting finger nails in nervous anticipation. I could feel the cool breeze on my face. It was now full time, this would be the last play of the day. A lot of pressure was on this kick being successful -- the game hung in the balance for what seemed like an eternity. Zac dusted the dirt of his boots, steadied himself, took his time, lined up for the kick, and gave the ball a boot in the right direction. A GOAL!!! The referee blew the whistle, and the rest is history. Victory was ours. The trophy being CBC's for the next 12 months.

This was CBC's first ever Under 16 Grand Final and victory in what is our fourth year of rugby and was made all the more sweeter because we were the Premiers for the season having progressed through each round undefeated and having earned maximum points each round. The CBC School Song was sung loudly across Parkinson Field after the game.

The team was: Darcy Bagshaw Thomson Captain of the Team and the Backs), Luke Clifton (Captain of the Forwards), Charlie Pickford, Patrick Imaysay, Darcy Thomson Bagshaw, Chandler Lupinacci, Tony Tran, Declan Reidy, Nick Adams, Tyler Yeadon, Kyle Fleetwood-Piper, Tony Tran, Max Douglass, Jake and Dylan Pinksterboer, Mozafar Rahimi, Bailey Clements, Joel Pepper, Taylor Riley, Mohammad El-Deeb, Charlie Pickford, Tyler Yeadon, Darcy Thomson Bagshaw, Mr Thomas McLean, Ms Leisel Dunstan, Mr Michael Spudic and Mr Steven Clohesy.

On the side lines supporting through injury was Ciaran Whittaker, and Marcus Tully.

Mr John Absolon
Coach

CBC Wins the Under 16 Rugby Grand Final!

CBC 4T 3C 1P 29 defeated PAC 4T 2C 1P 27

Try Scorers: Charlie Pickford x 3, Luke Clifton
Conversions: Zac Burgess
Best Forward: Zac Burgess
Best Back: Charlie Pickford
Best Tackler: Luke Clifton
Best on Field: Darcy Thomson Bagshaw

CBC played PAC in the Grand Final on the Parkinson Field at Burnside Rugby Union Football Club.

CBC finished first on the Premiership Ladder having earned the maximum possible points, and PAC placed second having beaten Pembroke last week for the next 12 months.

Contact Details

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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