



ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE BOARDING BUZZ

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FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

Dear parents, friends and carers,

We are at the conclusion of a long and busy term. At Boarders' Assembly as I wrapped up the term I mentioned to the boys just how quickly it has gone! I think the school football competition involving so many players and so much time, has contributed to that speed. Our boys did very well in the football, winning the vast majority of Grand Finals. Congratulations to all the boys who played in all the various teams. I want to thank all of those families and friends who attended the football and who supported by presence or in other ways. There is certainly a sense of 'brotherhood' through it all.



It is that 'brotherhood' that I would like to write a little about in this newsletter. There is a sense of 'brotherhood' in many associations or groups throughout society. What makes a St Brendan's brotherhood any different? There are many boys here who find that sense of brotherhood, and some who do not find it easily. Some can articulate it, some just experience it. Some have a strong sense of it, others do not. Our dream would be that every boy finds 'brotherhood' here at St Brendan's. As an Edmund Rice school our brotherhood should embrace everything of the manly qualities we all want our boys to develop. Years ago in Christian Brothers schools there was a book given to every boy called 'Christian Gentleman.' It talked about what qualities a true gentleman should have. We don't hear the word 'gentleman' or 'gentlemen' too often these days. Perhaps we should hear it more. Or perhaps it is just articulated in other ways.

We do things here that do encourage boys and men to see and approach the world in the gentlemanly way. The way we cheer should never mock another's misfortune. The way we treat everyone at the college should be with respect, from the gardener to the laundry lady to the Principal. And indeed the way we treat women and men should be a point of difference. A good example of that is the 'Not Now, Not Ever' walk against domestic violence. As a college we should be free from bullying, treating others how we would like ourselves to be treated. We want our boys to be sensitive to others, and gentle with themselves.

These are the things we strive for and these are our standard. This is what the whole school works towards. We look to the person of Jesus to be our model, our guide, watching over us in all that we do and say. Edmund Rice would stand at the front of his school every morning and shake the hand of every boy who entered through the gate because he wanted to give them a sense of self worth and dignity. We don't live in a perfect world, and although we are proud of our school, not just its heritage, but the living, dynamic and evolving community that it is, we still need to strive constantly to raise good boys into good men, gentlemen, of the finest quality. We will continue to work at that, with you, their parents and carers, so that we can continue to change the face of this world.

As the term draws to a close and travel takes place for boarders, we hope that you have a great holiday with your son, and hope that you do see a difference in them. Please remember to contact us with your return travel plans for your son so that we can be prepared for them when they arrive. And always remember, if they come back with new clothing, please ensure their names and laundry numbers are on all items. You wouldn't believe the amount of lost property we have, that strangely, no one seems to want to claim!

Wishing you all the very best, and a happy holiday with your son.

FR PIUS JONES



BOARDERS' FORMAL DINNER

On Thursday 22 August 2019 we had our inaugural Boarders' Formal Dinner in the Waterford Dining Hall.

As a change to the normal cafeteria-style walk-through, boys were allocated seats with a mixture of year levels. Many staff joined us for the occasion.

Jett Hill acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, Brent Anderson said grace and Bill Gunning, our boarding captain welcomed all to the dinner.

Our guest of honour, Old Boy and current parent, PJ Marsh was introduced and welcomed by Liam Kenny, one of our boarding captains. PJ Marsh spoke about his education, what it means to him to be an Old Boy of the college, his determination in his sporting career

and his life experience. PJ then took questions from the boys. At the end of his speech he presented his State of Origin jersey to the College. Fr Pius assured PJ the jersey would be framed and placed in the Dining Hall. The presentation of this jersey meant such a great deal to all of us. For a man to give such a precious item to the college was a most memorable and touching experience.

At the end of the night the boys thanked the kitchen staff. Our Catering Manager Susan Lindsay presented some boys with a gift: Hendricus Voight and Phillip Yock, with lucky draw prizes going to Lattrell Munns and Zadan Wells.



SPOTLIGHT: EDMUND RICE RESIDENCE

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3. We've had a great year in the residence to date. What a fabulous group of young men the Year 10 and 12 boarders have proven themselves to be. They're an eclectic group of individuals who all have their own interests, likes and dislikes, but manage to live together with surprisingly little drama.

In their free time, boys can be found in and around the residence playing a game of chess, table tennis, pool, basketball or touch footy. With 83 boys in residence there's never any shortage of someone to get involved in a game of something or other. However, it's not all high octane, boys can also be found yarning in the common rooms, or on one of the several verandahs overlooking the bush or dam. Some might be spending time relaxing in their rooms, watching a movie or reading a book. Others' are just 'hanging out' with their mates. Currently, several of the boys are practising their rap and dance moves for the annual 'Eddie Rice has Talent,' an evening where we come together to showcase the many talents held within these walls and have lots of fun. It's a great way to finish out the year and we can't wait to see what the boys have planned.



CATTLE CLUB: A SUCCESSFUL 2019 SEASON

2019 has been an exceptional year for members of the St Brendan's Cattle Club who have completed 11 agricultural shows in our region, as far away as Taroom in the south and Sarina in the north. A strong contingent of St Brendan's boys welcomed up to seven St Ursula students to attend regular cattle club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and travelling to the shows.

All Ag classes at St Brendan's have been involved throughout the year in breaking in four St Brendan's bred steers and six steers the college purchased from various Central Queensland breeders. Cattle Club members continued to learn and present their cattle admirably at all outings. All students also represented St Brendan's proudly at every opportunity. The Cattle Club has been very well supported by Ag Science teacher Mr Bill Oram, SBC Ag Assistant Zoe Eldershaw and Mrs Lyndie Scott (Mother of Ashton Year 11). Ashton Scott has done a great job as club captain and has been inspirational in his leadership and effort.



MATE AGAINST MATE: SBC BOARDING POOL COMP

Amidst the busyness of Term 3 football training and competition, Mr Gorrie, our Recreation Officer, organised a pool competition. Approximately 20 boys entered the comp with Phillip Yock and Blake Johnson playing off in the final. Blake was the winner and was awarded the trophy and shield.



YEAR 11 CAMP: STONEY CREEK, BYFIELD!

Braving cloudy and rainy weather a number of Year 11 Boarders headed off to Stoney Creek to camp. Along the way we all stopped to discuss whether we would continue our journey as the weather declined significantly. The boys were super keen to keep going so we pressed on.

Arriving at Stoney Creek with our bikes, canoes, firewood and food, it was minutes until the boys were in the water. As evening settled in the boys were busy lighting their fires and cooking their food.

After dinner the fires became yarning circles and it was great to see the boys sitting around with each other chatting and listening to music. The weather soon changed and we all enjoyed a clear afternoon and evening. On Sunday and all too soon for the boys, we packed up and travelled back to the college.

It was a credit to the boys in the way they were so helpful and cooperative with the staff and one another. We look forward to having another camp with them. Well done boys.



SBC FOOTY SEASON: RDSSRL GRAND FINAL GLORY

St Brendan's College was certainly a winner in the recent Rockhampton District Secondary Schools Rugby League Grand Finals, on the paddock, but most importantly with the enormous demonstration of SBC pride and passion by our supporters at Browne Park, and indeed all around Australia and the world, on the live stream feed. It was a significant display of our rugby league strength to have 18 of 19 SBC teams contest grand finals, and to bring home 13 of 15 RDSSRL grand final trophies! Well done boys and we hope you have enjoyed the 2019 schoolboy season!



Open A Winners



Open B Winners



10A Winners



9A Winners



8A Winners



7A Winners

SBC FOOTY SEASON: RDSSRL GRAND FINALS



Open C Contenders



Open C Winners



10B Runners Up



9B Runners Up



8B Winners



7B Winners

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Please note: Team photo of 9C's to come in a later edition.

SMOOTHIE BIKE: PROMOTING HEALTHIER CHOICES

Spotless, our catering partners at SBC, recently gave our boys a 'NUDGE' towards healthier choices, bringing a fun 'smoothie bike' to the Waterford Dining Hall to showcase that healthy options can also be delicious!

Recently Spotless collaborated with Nutrition Australia to develop Nudge guidelines that form the basis for the selection of healthy meals they offer. Over two days the Nudge team set up a health station at the Dining Hall with information, healthy foods and the smoothie bike for our boys to have a go!



SBC JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM: REGIONAL CHAMPS



Our SBC Junior T20 Cricket Team won the regional final against Tannum Sands State High recently in a nail-biting finish. Chasing 133 runs, the boys played well with day student Jack Broadfoot stepping up to the crease with a magnificent innings to win the game with only two balls to spare.

The team will now travel to Mackay in October for the Northern Region Championships. Well done to boarders Mitchell Baker, Banjo Walker, Harrison Hill and Blake Johnson for their contribution to the team's great results!

OUT AND ABOUT: AROUND THE GROUNDS



SBC TERM 4 REMINDERS

TUES 8 OCT - THUR 28 NOV 2019

- **TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019**
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 4
- **WED 9 - SUN 13 OCTOBER 2019**
U13, U15 AND OPENS ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH - BRISBANE
- **FRI 18 OCTOBER 9 - 11AM**
GRANDPARENTS' MORNING TEA @ SBC. RSVP REQUIRED.
- **MON 21 OCTOBER 2019**
STUDENT FREE DAY / VERIFICATION DAY FOR TEACHERS
- **SAT 26 OCTOBER 2019**
CAPRICORN COAST SECONDARY SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL @ SBC
- **SAT 2 NOVEMBER 2019**
ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2020 STUDENTS
2019 SBC AWARDS NIGHT. LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE.
- **FRI 8 NOVEMBER 2019**
2019 SBC SPORTS AWARDS. LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE.
- **SAT 9 NOVEMBER 2019**
SBC OLD BOYS VS FIRST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE AFTERNOON
- **FRI 15 NOVEMBER 2019**
YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DAY. PARENT LEAVE ONLY.
- **THU 28 NOVEMBER 2019**
END OF 2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

SBC BOARDERS FLY HIGH FOR SWANS AT AFL FINALS



BEHIND THE SCENES: SBC LAUNDRY

Our dedicated laundry staff wash the boys laundry on a weekly basis. Each residence has its own laundry day. The boys take their clothes to the laundry on a specified evening and collect their laundry the next day.

Our team - Shirley, Jenny and Clare - ensure the boys clothes are looked after. Once the washing cycle is completed the clothes go into the dryer and then are folded and/or pressed. If there is mending to be done, Jenny gets on the sewing machine and does the repairs. All the laundry team regularly sew missing buttons on if replacements are needed.

A few tips from the laundry staff to families:

- » The big number one is: PLEASE MARK YOUR BOYS CLOTHES WITH THEIR NAMES IF POSSIBLE, BUT ESSENTIALLY WITH THEIR LAUNDRY NUMBER. Shirley says the amount of lost clothing each year is staggering. We certainly feel for those parents who have purchased clothing and it is left behind because it is unmarked.
- » Black clothes, whilst certainly popular, need special care when marking, as laundry markers are usually black. Buy identifiable black clothes. When the laundry number is put on the tag, it can fall off. For good quality black clothes, take a photo and keep it, in case it needs identifying later.
- » Mark all items, including belts, ties, hats, caps, thongs.....basically, everything you can.

Thanks for your support.



Jenny



Clare



Shirley

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