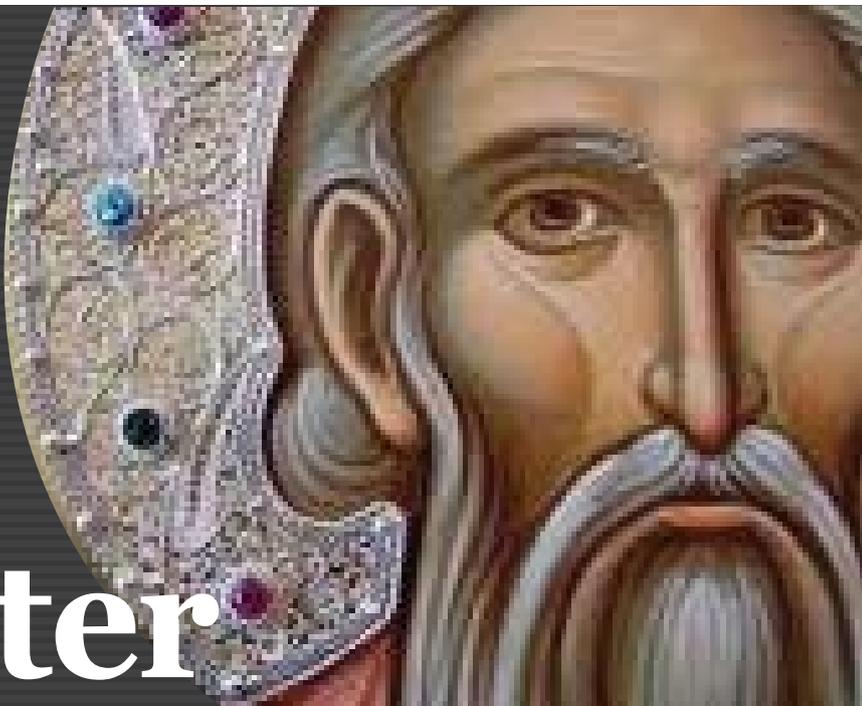


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BY THE GRACE OF GOD
BISHOP OF AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND
OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH

CHRIST IS RISEN !

In the light of the Resurrection, in that unapproachable light, which has shown forth from His life-giving tomb, despite all of our personal misfortunes and sorrows, our sufferings, qualms and of life's difficulties, we reveal the measureless source of our joy and the fount of eternal hope! There is no sorrow, states the Holy Confessor Barnabas, to which sin is not the source. Therefore, to be freed of sin is to be wed unto joy. For Christ is risen from the dead, bestowing life upon us, and destroying unjust death, which entered through sin into the world, once and for ever, transforming it into the gift of His life!

Our joy, rejoice today and always and from all your heart with the plenitude of Christ's Holy Church, exclaim:

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

Given in Sydney,
at Pascha in the Year 2011

Your fervent intercessor before the
Risen Christ,
+IRINEJ



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The newly appointed Board of St. Sava College faces a considerable challenge in the coming twelve months. We will achieve our goals with continued community support and the talents and dedication of board members: Georgina Brujic (Marketing), Branka Cubrilo (Fundraising), Aleks Cupic (Building), Aleks Djuric (Event Management), Paul Frost (Education), Angela Jankovic (School Registration), Petar Kozlina (Treasurer), Mirko Ocokoljic (secretary and website manager), Fr Djuro Djurdjevic (Building) Fr Rade Radan (Project Director).

Our immediate aims are to commence collecting resources and information necessary for the registration and operation of the school, to implement the current construction plan for the building of the college, to raise the funds necessary to implement the construction plan and to provide information on progress of the college to the community.

Last year we continued work on the College building by laying concrete blocks for the chapel and perimeter walls. We are currently placing a roof over the Chapel section of the building and this will be completed by the end of April. We are seeking quotations for the erection of the metal deck roof over the remainder of the building, with the cost of this work, including guttering and CFC panels, likely to exceed \$150,000. Some of the funds for this work are being provided by the Serbian Orthodox Diocese. Our target is to complete this work by the end of July.

Beyond this, progress of work will depend very much on financial support from our community, and donations of time and materials from many committed contractors in the building industry. If we receive this support we hope to proceed to lock up stage for the chapel and the administration wing of the building, as well as to complete some of the amenities areas, such as toilets and the canteen area. Our budget for this part of the work is \$250,000. However we can only build as fast as our resources allow. This is a major project for our community. The college building alone

will have a cost exceeding \$4,000,000. We have completed works to the value of more than \$1,000,000, which is a considerable achievement. All of this has been donated in labour or donated in money to our school building fund. The college land was purchased by the Diocese in 2004 and cost \$4,000,000 including interest. The Diocese has used its own resources to progressively pay all the debts owing on this land, and the land is now held by the Diocese debt free. The cost of this project then is over \$8,000,000. More than \$5,000,000 has already been committed to the project, with \$3,000,000 left to complete stage one of the school.

This is a vital community project that can only be completed with the support of our Diocese, and the Serbian community. We have the people that can finish this project and open our school, but we can only do it with your support.

Our sincerest thanks to the many contractors and their employees who have donated their time and effort to the roof construction since the beginning of this year. To Slavisa Borovina and his team of carpenters for erecting the timber framework over the chapel, to Zeljko Milic and his team of roofers who have placed battens on the timber frame and are currently placing the terracotta tiles, to Tomo Coso and his team who have completed the metal fascias, guttering and downpipes, to Petar Gajic and his team for completing part of the framework for the compressed fibre-cement (CFC) panels around the chapel. To Aleks Manoljevic for assisting with scissor lifts to Aleks Cupic and his team who have pledged to fix the CFC panels to the chapel, and a special thank you to Jovo Prlic, who has pledged \$17,000 for the purchase of the roof tiles.

In wishing you all a glorious and radiant Easter, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have supported and continue to support this wonderful undertaking.

CHRIST IS RISEN !

Randon Ilic,
CHAIRMAN



(top) Slavisa Borovina - The woodwork on the roof is finished (left) Aca Cupic, Milos Pajic, Djoko Pantic (below left) His Grace Bishop Irinej and Jovo Prljic - roof tile donor (below right) Djordje Rusovic, crane owner and operator.

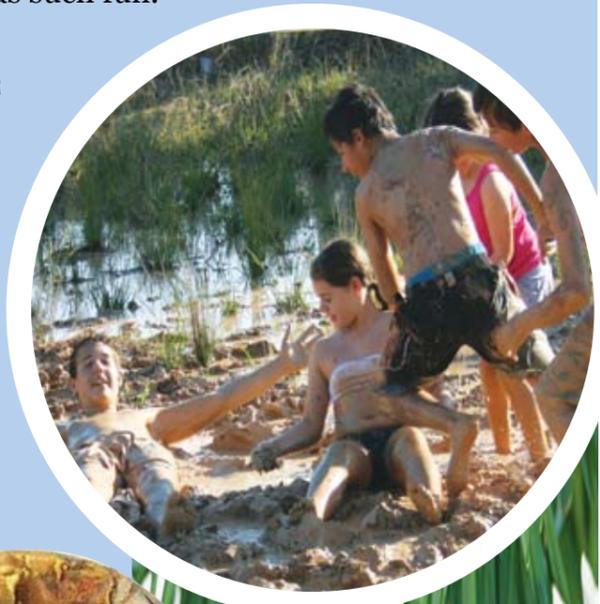


COME ONE, COME ALL!

Seeing is believing! As our teams of diligent builders continue with the completion of the roof, Stage One of the College project is really taking shape. A couple of weeks ago, our fundraising committee, had a meeting on site and everyone was taken aback by the building progress and the magical atmosphere on the land. The accompanying children had a ball. They climbed trees, rode their bikes, and then...they had a huge mud fight! It was such fun.

So, we decided to organise an **EASTER GARDEN PARTY** on **Tuesday the 26th of April beginning at noon.**

Everyone is welcome. This is a come and see, catch up with old friends and celebrate Easter opportunity. Bring the kids, baba and deda and anyone else who would like to come, and spend a couple of hours in the fresh air. Mud fights are out – but there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt for the kids** and wait for it... **a PRSUT Hunt for the men!**



Women will enjoy quiet time over a glass of wine while the children and the men, act like children! Bring a blanket, pack some Easter leftovers and bring your own drinks. **No entry fee, no donations being collected,** - just come and chill out. We have some great events being planned in the coming months, the first of which promises to be a real dazzler! **You will soon receive a really special INVITATION to....** it's a secret for now. But it's coming soon, so watch out for the postman. A little suspense never did anyone any harm. But you will be more than surprised I can assure you. Easter Greetings to all,

Branka Cubrilo
on Behalf of the
Fundraising Committee



Slava celebration

As is the custom each year, we celebrate the Slava of the College on the 10th of May, when we commemorate the Burning of the Relics of St. Sava on Vrachar Hill in Belgrade. For those of you who do not know, Vrachar Hill is the place where the resplendent Hram Svetog Save is built. This year, the Slava is being hosted by the Parish of St. Luke in Liverpool. His Grace Bishop Irinej will serve the Divine Liturgy which begins at 10 in the morning. The kolach and zito will be blessed immediately after. Light refreshments (no pigs, bulls, lambs, turkeys or other beasts) will be offered to all in attendance.

Everyone is Welcome



MILES of TILES!

(bottom left) Zeljko Milic (right) Dragan Blanusa (below) Slavko Milic (in circle) Up go the tiles (main image) On go the tiles!



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