

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S HEARTBEAT EVERYWHERE**

Our College Theme for 2011 is 'Listen for God's Heartbeat' and no doubt there will be many opportunities at school and within our families and parish communities to do that. In times of joy and sadness and in places known and yet unknown to us, we shall be touched in some mysteriously spiritual way by the ever accompanying heartbeat of God.

At St Monica's College we seek to have a global perspective, in addition to our acting locally, which inspires us to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is why this College reaches out to people in faraway countries where poverty, oppression, violence and injustice reign down on the inhabitants. Through the work of Catholic religious orders in Pakistan and Kenya, the heartbeat of God is being felt by those in need of assistance and support.

The Presentation Sisters (PBVM) of Pakistan work with the poorest of the poor in that God-forsaken nation. Ever present is fear of death, attack and destruction, and millions of people live with only the barest of facilities and food. Originally coming from Ireland, the Presentation Sisters have had a long presence in Pakistan and now only a handful of Irish nuns are there working alongside many Pakistani women who have entered the order. The work they do is astounding and this College has

supported the Sisters' work financially for many years now.

The Christian Brothers of Edmund Rice (CFC) have established a number of religious communities in Africa, working to educate the youth of Africa in many nations. These Christian Brothers are mostly Australian men who have devoted themselves to missionary work. St Monica's College, through the great work of our Student Councils, has been supporting the works of the Brothers in Kenya, again through fundraising. It is critical work and it is having a positive effect on the welfare of the youth of Kenya.

We believe that the heartbeat of God is heard and felt when people of goodwill reach out to those fellow human beings in need. God has no eyes but our eyes; no hands but our hands; no feet but our feet.

This annual theme impels us to social and political action, to embrace our College motto of 'Pray and Persevere', and to undertake the work of Jesus Christ in the contemporary world. We commit ourselves to these responsibilities and challenges, ready, eager and passionate to not only listen for God's heartbeat, but to be God's heartbeat in the lives of the world's most needy.

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PRAY AND PERSEVERE

St. Monica's College, Epping supporting The Cancer Council of Victoria invites you to...

international women's day breakfast

to be held on Friday 4th March, 2011 at the gateway room, dalton road campus from 7:15am - 8:30am cost \$15 per person (65 will be donated to the anti-cancer council of victoria to support breast cancer research)

let's get together & celebrate!

female staff are most welcome as well as our senior female students who are accompanied by their mothers

r.s.v.p by 25th February, 2011 glenda hay 9409 8854 door prize - raffle

FROM THE FEES OFFICE**2011 TUITION FEES**

At the beginning of February this year, all families were sent their 2011 Fee Notice. Payments were required to commence the first week of February with regular installments throughout the year until October 10th, 2011 (1st day of Term 4). I thank all those families who have made payment to the College already and request those families who may have overlooked this request to bring their fees up-to-date.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 1st INSTALLMENT, 2011

The Education Maintenance is paid to eligible parents/guardians of students under 16 years of age. The EMA is paid in two installments, \$161 to both the parent and school in April, 2011 and \$69 to the parent and school in August, 2011 - a total of \$460.

To be eligible the applicant must have:

- ** A valid Health Care Card/Pension Card or Veterans Affairs Card
- ** Be a Foster Parent and apply for the Foster child only
- ** Card must be valid on February 1st, 2011 for the first installment and July 18, 2011 for the second installment.

EMA forms are available at both DRC and DSC receptions and need to be lodged at DSC only no later than February 28th, 2011.

Please Note: No late applications will be accepted after February 28th, 2011 as requested by DEET.

Any queries can be directed to Ms Andrea Moon on Davisson Street Campus. Telephone: 9409 8800.

YEAR 7, 2012 ENROLMENT CLOSURE DATE

Please note that Year 7, 2012 enrolments will close on Wednesday March 2nd, 2011.

YEAR 7 PARENTS TRANSITION EVENING

St Monica's College invites Year 7 parents to a presentation by the College Counsellors to discuss the challenges of the transition to secondary school and the challenges that adolescence may present. Do not miss this important evening regarding your children's wellbeing.

When : Tuesday March 1st, 2011
Where : The Gateway Room
Time : 7.30 p.m.

Please contact the College on 9409 8992 to secure your position.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – VCE & VCAL

VCAL Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday March 8th and Thursday March 10th on Davison Street Campus. These evenings will commence at 2.00 p.m. and conclude at 8.00 p.m. Consequently, all Years 10 to 12 students will be dismissed at 1.00 p.m. on both days to allow for these interviews to take place. Parent/Teacher On-line (PTO) notifications will be made available soon. Parents are encouraged to attend these very important evenings.

PAKISTAN APPEAL UPDATE

Congratulations to all students who have brought a diet drink or healthy Zinger yoghurt icy pole from our Pakistan sales bins at lunchtime.

As a result of these sales \$8,700 has been raised by you since last St Monica's Day and an incredible \$90,381 since we commenced selling these items on March 31st, 2005. \$1,964 was added to our appeal as a result of the SMC Golf Cup played on December 13th, 2010. A magnificent achievement!

It is fantastic to note the number of students from our College who support this fundraising activity and regularly make extra donations of small change to help the less fortunate children and their families in Pakistan.

DRC students, please remember that we sell from 1.03 p.m. outside the Sports & Assembly Hall Monday to Friday.

ROAD SAFETY

Parents are requested not to drop off their children on Cooper Street near the bollards. This practice is extremely dangerous and interrupts vehicular traffic unnecessarily.

I also advise parents to observe parking restrictions before and after school outside Dalton Road Campus. Council officers will book offenders and the College is powerless to assist parents who are fined.

CLOSURE OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT COOPER STREET & DALTON ROAD

Parents are advised that the College has been informed by the City of Whittlesea that the crossing that used to operate at the intersection of Cooper Street/Hendersons Road and Dalton Road was closed due to the Epping – South Morang Rail Extension. The City of Whittlesea also advises that if you have concerns about this matter to contact the Engineering Department on 9217 2170 or 1800 476 737.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

A busy and exciting start to the 2011 year: College Assembly; Year 7 Welcome Night; Netbook distribution to Year 7 parents; Year 7 cybersafety talk; College Board meeting; Signups for Science, Design, Anime, Reading, Debating, and Public Speaking Clubs; Swimming trials; Year 9 premier league training; College Photographs; ASH; *Singing in the Rain* auditions; Sales of roses for World Youth Day fundraising; SACCSS Golf, and more.

COLLEGE MASS DATE CHANGE

The first Mass at St Monica's College for this year has been rescheduled from Wednesday April 6th to **Tuesday April 5th, Periods 1 – 3**. This important event in our community always incorporates a significant amount of student participation. It provides all those who study and work at St Monica's the opportunity to give thanks for the year so far and to unite in prayer for the year ahead. Any parents wishing to attend are kindly asked to contact Mrs Nella Grech through the College switchboard (9409 8800) so that adequate seating may be reserved.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

We welcome the return of Mrs Margaret Santilli to the staff. Mrs Santilli will teach Religious Education and Numeracy at DRC.

Pictures and a list of all new staff will be included in the first edition of *The Monican*. I am pleased to write that our new teachers and school officers are settling well into Monican life.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT SMC

Anime Club

If you love viewing and discussing ANIME (Japanese Animation) and you enjoy drawing, reading or anything to do with Japanese Culture, you will love the ANIME Club. The club meets every Tuesday at the commencement of lunch in the Technology Centre Theatre. Bring your lunch and have fun meeting students from Years 7, 8 and 9.

Design Club

Interested in drawing and designing? Looking for a way to express yourself? Want to see your work on display? Come and join the Design Club.

Library Monitors

The Pamela Coyne Library runs a Library Monitor programme for all interested Years 7, 8 and 9 students. Come along to the Reading Room in the Library to learn more about becoming a Library Monitor, when we have our fabulous morning teas and the end-of-year movie and pizza morning.

Reading Club

The Reading Club will be running again in 2011. This enthusiastic group meets weekly in the Library Reading Room to do all sorts of activities to do with books, reading and other things. The group is for Years 7, 8 and 9. Members from 2010 – come along again and bring a friend.

CAREERS CORNER

Stone Masonry Apprenticeship

Any ex-student interested in applying for an apprenticeship in stone masonry (granite kitchens, walls, stonework) should contact the Careers Centre of the College on 9409 8474 for further details.

Considered pursuing a career as a Veterinarian?

The University of Melbourne is hosting their annual Veterinary Science Open Day on Sunday March 27th at their Faculty of Veterinary Science, Werribee Campus. This day provides prospective students and their families with the opportunity to learn about pathways into the Doctor of Veterinary Science program. You will be able to go 'behind the scenes' of the Veterinary Hospital in Werribee and get involved in interactive activities. Location - University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princess Hwy, Werribee, Victoria. Register your attendance at www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/opeday

Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test

All Year 12 students considering applying for any of the courses listed below must apply for and sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test.

The following universities will use UMAT in their selection process for medicine and other health sciences courses for entry in 2012:

- Flinders University - clinical sciences/BMBS and vision science
- Charles Darwin University - clinical sciences
- La Trobe University - health sciences (dentistry) and oral health science
- The University of Adelaide - medicine, dental surgery
- Bond University - medicine
- Monash University - medicine, pharmacy, pharmacy/commerce, physiotherapy
- The University of Newcastle/University of New England - joint medical program
- The University of New South Wales - medicine, optometry
- The University of Queensland - medicine (provisional entry), dental science
- University of Tasmania - medicine
- The University of Western Australia - medicine, dentistry
- The University of Western Sydney - medicine
- The University of Auckland (New Zealand) - medicine
- The University of Otago (New Zealand) - medicine, dental surgery, medical laboratory science, physiotherapy

The test will be held in Melbourne on July 27th 2011.

** UMAT is offered once a year only.

** Registrations for UMAT 2011 will open at 9.00 a.m. AEST on Friday April 1st, 2011 via the UMAT website. Registrations close at 5.00 p.m. AEST on Friday June 3rd, 2011.

Full details and booklets about the test are available at the UMAT website <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

The College does not control or administer the UMAT test but students applying will be granted a school approved absence through the Year 12 Level Leader, Mrs Daley.

2011 Engineering Careers Expo

Engineering Australia invites interested students to attend the Free Engineering Expo to be held on Thursday March 31st, 2011 at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne from 2.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

The event will provide you access to: 70+ exhibitors, Engineering Industry Insight, Leadership Information, Free Seminars, Career and Professional Development Advice, Knowledge on Engineering Capability and Updates on Engineering Programs.

Details of the event can be found at www.engineeringexpo.org.au

WORLD OF SPORT

SMC Tennis Squad

Tennis Squad in 2011 will be held on Thursdays at DRC with the first training session to be held on Thursday February 24th. All Squad members are advised to attend as there are changes to the school competition this year which will be discussed at the first training session.

SACCSS Golf

Congratulations to James Bannan (Year 11) on his success at the SACCSS Senior Golf. James came first with a par 74 round.

Year 9 Premier League

Students in Year 9 are encouraged to trial for selection for the Year 9 premier league competition. This year level in 2011 needs to improve on 2010 when their Year 8 competition results were mediocre.

WRITE 4 FUN WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is now open in the Schools Writing Competition for 2011.

Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

This round there is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on any topic and in any style. Students from all year levels are welcome to enter – kindergarten to Year 12.

All entries must be accompanied by an entry form which can be downloaded from the Write4Fun website <http://www.write4fun.net>

Entry is free and all entries must be submitted to Ms Sheedy by Friday March 25th.

The College will be running competitions on both campuses and then all entries will be submitted to the national competition.

Details: Entries must be typed and presented on one side of a single A4 sheet of paper. Entries must not exceed 16 lines in length or 64 characters in width for poems and must not exceed 500 words for short stories. Your name, age, address, year level and school name must appear on the page with each entry. Please note, entries will not be returned.

For further information, please speak with your English teacher or Ms Sheedy.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

Debating

Debating Captains for 2011 are Dinithi De Alwis and Edera El-Assaad

A Grade (Year 12)

Coach: Mr Denis Zucchet

Adrian Muzzi; Haynes D'Souza; Bridget Kerr; Emily De Biasi; Kobi Bland.

B Grade (Year 11) (SMC 1)

Coach: Mr Cameron MacDonald

Alex O'Neill; Jessica de Bont; Kellie Macnaughtan; Sarah Maiolo; Edera El-Assaad; Dinithi De Alwis.

B Grade (Year 11) (SMC 2)

Coach: Mr Ian Hoffman

Anthony Menna; Shweta Nair; Dean Settinelli; John Lauricella.

C Grade (Year 10) (SMC 1)

Coach: Ms Maryanne Theodosis

Rachael Fenech; Jessica De Vincentis; Amulya Manchukonda; Patrick Gusman; Cassandra Baldi; Dean Foster.

C Grade (Year 10) (SMC 2)

Coach: Mr Lucas Rabenda

Kimberley Wright; Astrid Mayne; Melissa Um; Jemma Dempsey.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 1)

Coach: Ms Alesha Allen

Maddison Sacco; Anamika Chowdhury; Amy Ruscigno; Anoop Gill.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 2)

Coach: Mr Ben Tucker

Jordan Hiho; Shaun Elders; Ramsen Kunda; Kurt Cauchi; Daniel Zdravkovski.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 3)

Coach: Mr Shannon Donahoo

Anju Reji; Shana Kiely; Stephanie Merhab; Sasani Perera.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 4)

Coach: Mrs Anja Drummond

Erika Fortunato; Melvyn Charan; Daniel Pennacchia; Paris Stamatakos; Peter Rofo; Johnny Volkanovski.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 5)

Coach: Ms Natalie Taaffe

Melissa Monteleone; Kristen Settinelli; Isabelle Terriere; Jaimee-lee Crouch; Gheslaine Waters.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 6)

Coach: Mrs Catherine Devine

Aly-Angelica Salvador; Michelle Kieu; Arshdeep Cheema; Micah Rosales; Stephine Moisa.

D Grade (Years 8 and 9) (SMC 7)

Coach: Mr Frank Cumbo

Lauren Howard; Jason Notaro; Ankita Payratan; Simon Sleiman-casal; Thomas Aitken.

SMC Competitions

Students keen to learn more about debating and public speaking are urged to contact Mr Denis Zucchet and commence training for SMC competitions.

MUSIC CAPTAINS, 2011

It is with much pride that I announce the 2011 Music Captains.

DSC Music Captain is Stephanie Carroll and DSC Music Vice Captain is John Lauricella.

DRC Music Captain is Thuhini Amarasekera and DRC Music Vice Captain is Simone Clarke.

Congratulations to these students.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Australian Schools Geography Competition

Entry is now open to the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. To enter: Please write your name and homeroom on an envelope and enclose \$2.50. This is to be handed in to student reception by Thursday February 24th.

Students will be advised of the date for the test in early March. For further information, please visit the competition website www.rgsq.org.au/agc.htm

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

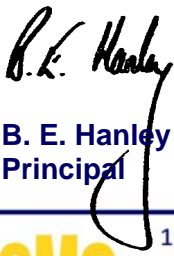
The Marvellous Monican for this edition of the Principal's Bulletin is Marco Callerame of Year 8 Green.

Marco has been chosen for his very positive start to Year 8 and 2011 in general.

This is shown in Marco's hard work, effort, dedication to his studies and in his endeavour to improve and do his best.

Marco's uniform and behaviour have also been exemplary thus far and he is setting a wonderful example for his peers.

Well done Marco and keep up the great work.



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