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## REFLECTION

### **Easter People**

We have returned to St Monica's College after Easter. The hot cross buns have been consumed, the Easter eggs have been distributed, other cultural and religious traditions have been experienced and Easter religious services have concluded for another twelve months. So now we move on .....

However, let us stop awhile and reflect on how we live as followers of the Risen Christ who became fully alive at the time of his resurrection. Is it just a matter of having acknowledged Easter and moved on or are we to be Easter people – renewed and committed disciples of Christ who believe in and are strengthened by scripture, worship and prayer? The Church is now in the liturgical period of Easter and moving gradually towards the Feast of Pentecost. In Jesus' time, this was when the apostles were afraid and hid themselves away in a locked room. It was not until the reappearance of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit that the apostles moved into the world with the fire of Christian love and faith.

In our time, we have the Holy Spirit with us always. We shall do our Christian duty if we spread the Gospel message of the Risen Christ amongst all we meet and wherever we go. We do not need to do this in any pious or exaggerated manner but instead be people who stand out in a crowd due to our compassion, tolerance, understanding and Christian beliefs, and because we possess an aura of happiness and hope that belonging to the Christian community brings.

In this time of the year especially, we are invited to be fully alive. Let us not hide away and timidly let the world float by us. Rather, let us joyfully and courageously embrace the world around us so that the Easter message becomes reality to ourselves and to others.

I welcome the College community to the second term and pray that through our actions, hard work, creativity and perseverance that SMC will be a school that truly is fully alive.

## BUSHFIRE RELIEF APPEAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the following report on our appeal to support our community after the bushfires of Black Saturday.

### **INCOME**

Donations	\$20,508.65
SMC fundraising events	\$10,998.95
VIEU	\$466.52
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$31,974.12</b>

### **EXPENDITURE**

Donations to Monicans	\$21,338.55
Fundraising costs	\$2,030.09
T-Shirts	\$1,530.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$24,898.64</b>

**SURPLUS @April 20, 2009      \$7075.48**

Please note that the surplus will be distributed in its entirety in the next fortnight amongst local agencies (civic and Church) who are still working in bushfire affected areas.

On behalf of those Monicans who received financial support in various forms, I thank all those who assisted in raising such an impressive amount of money as a sign of their solidarity and compassion.

## AUSTRALIAN AWARDS for TEACHING

### EXCELLENCE

#### **Awards for teachers, principals, support staff and school communities**

The Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence is an initiative of the Federal Government to pay tribute to the exceptional contribution teachers, support staff and principals make to young peoples' lives. The awards also support the Council of Australian Government's reform agenda to promote quality teaching and effective school leadership so that every Australian child receives a world class education. These prestigious awards celebrate the work of our best and brightest teachers, principals and support staff, and recognize the crucial role they play in improving educational outcomes.

The Minister for Education Julia Gillard is encouraging parents, students and the community to nominate excellent teachers, principals, support staff and schools for the 64 awards available across the teaching profession within Australia.

If you wish to nominate a member of staff from St. Monica's College further information and nomination forms are available on

[www.teachingaustralia.edu.au](http://www.teachingaustralia.edu.au) or freecall 1800 131 323. Nominations close on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

## **PRINCIPAL'S ART PRIZE WINNERS**

The Visual Arts Faculty would like to congratulate all the students who were involved in the 2009 Principal's Art Prize. The winners of each category were as follows:

First Prize (\$100 prize and \$100 cash)

Bianca Lai Yr. 12

Second Prize – DSC (\$100 Art materials voucher)

Carmelina Latorre Yr. 12

Second Prize – DRC (\$100 Art materials voucher)

Savionna Martin Yr. 8

Principal's Choice in Religious Art (\$100 Prize)

Adrian Resegati Yr. 12

Highly Commended (\$50 Art materials voucher)

Yr. 7 Billy Romas

Yr. 8 Taylah Seath

Yr. 9 Jessamine Cadou

Yr. 10 Michael Bach

Yr. 11 Sarah Menegon

Yr. 12 Stefania Zafirelis

Students will be presented with their prizes at the Term 2 College Assembly.

St. Monica's College gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship of Cavalier Art Supplies and Atlas Books, who made such a generous pool of prizes possible.

## **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. Congratulations to Mrs Anna Keppel for being the Staff Member of the Month for March for her excellent work and great commitment to the Year 8 Stepping Stones Program that had to be reorganized due to the bushfires effect on Ostia.

2. Congratulations to Mrs Margherita Bechelli and her husband, Tom, on the birth of their first child, Amelia Isis, on March 25. We also congratulate Mrs Penny Day and her husband, Gary on the birth of their second child, Remi Elizabeth on April 20.

3. Science Laboratory Technician, Mrs Keira Knight, has resigned to continue her studies and she will be replaced by Miss Giennie Lim on DSC.

4. Mr Chau Phan has long service leave for second term and Mr Brian Lowry will replace him. Mr Lowry is well known to the SMC community.

5. Dr Denton Thomas and Mr Ben Hughes have resigned as music instrumental tutors and they will be replaced this week.

6. We welcome Mr Scott McNeill for this second term and he will work in the Library.

7. Miss Shupu Wang will be the teacher of new arrival and refugee students for 2009.

## **OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES**

### **Crowning of the King and Queen of Teen Fiction**

Over the past weeks 264 girls and 265 boys voted for the King and Queen of Teen Fiction as part of the Pamela Coyne Library's Teen Read Week activities. We are pleased to announce that the Queen of Teen is Louise Rennison with 109 votes

and the King is Chris Ryan with 124 votes. We thank all the students who took the time to vote. The King and Queen were crowned in a ceremony in the library. Special thanks to students and teachers for enthusiastically participating in Teen Read Week for 2009.

## **SINCE THE LAST EDITION...**

Lots of different activities: Term 1 holidays; blessing and opening of Industry & Trades Complex; College Mass; Principal's Art Prize; Parent/Teacher conferences; Years 8 and 9 public speaking competitions; Year 9 debating – round 1; Year 11 M.O.N.I.C.A.N. spelling bee; *Fame* rehearsals; St John Cadets; Year 12 interviews; CAS swimming carnival; staff professional learning day; ANZAC Day memorial football match; Board Executive meeting; 10 Blue at On the Edge at Ostia.

## **WORLD OF SPORT**

1. Well done to our senior students on winning the SACSS Senior Round Robin Competition.

### **2. CAS Swimming Report**

Best results on the day came from Claudia Fruscalzo with a first in the 100 Fly, 50 Backstroke, 200 Individual Medley, 200 Fly and a second in the 50 Fly.

She was ably supported by Halie Welsh with a first in the 200 Breaststroke and seconds in the 200 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, and 100 Breaststroke supported with a third in the 100 Backstroke. Other notable swims came from Erin Di Marco with a second in the 200 Freestyle and third in the 100 Freestyle. Frank Lekkas was the best of the boys with thirds in the 200 Breaststroke and 200 Individual Medley supported by a hat trick of fourths.

### **3. Year 10 Premier League**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>St. Monica's</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Cricket V CCCC	103	128
Netball V CRC Nth Keilor	29	10
Basketball (Boys) V CRC Nth Keilor	51	33
Basketball (Girls) V Penola	27	20
Volleyball (Boys) V Marymede	3	2
Football (Boys) V CRC Nth Keilor	3	1
Football (Girls) V Penola	4	1

With six wins from the seven finals St. Monica's won the **Year 10 Premier League** Aggregate Title.

#### 4. Year 9 Premier League

SPORT	SMC	CRC St. Albans
AFL	19.8.122	0.0.0
Netball	74	0
Basketball (Boys)	60	35
Basketball (Girls)	71	10
Volleyball (Boys)	3	0
Volleyball (Girls)	3	0
Football (Boys)	2	2
Football (Girls)	St. Albans forfeited	

#### CAREERS CORNER

Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT)  
Students who are completing Year 12 in 2009 and intend to apply for a course requiring a UMAT score must register by 5pm on June 5th 2009 and be available to sit the test on 29th July 2009. Before registering students must read the UMAT 2009 Information Booklets available on the UMAT website at <http://umat.acer.edu.au> A full listing of the participating universities and courses which students need a UMAT score for is available at the Careers Centre.

#### **Year 12 Business, Accounting & Financial Traineeships while at University**

The Deloitte Traineeship Program provides high achieving Year 12 students with the opportunity to gain paid employment while completing a relevant university degree. Deloitte will be recruiting Year 12 students who intend to apply for business, commerce and accounting degrees in 2010.

Deloitte is the largest fully integrated business consulting and advisory service with over 165,000 people in nearly 140 countries. They provide audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk management and tax services.

Further information regarding the traineeships can be found at [www.graduates.deloitte.com.au](http://www.graduates.deloitte.com.au) They will also be holding a Deloitte in-house careers fair at their offices for any interested students and their parents to come along and hear more about the traineeship program. This will be held on Thursday June 16th from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Students wishing to attend MUST RSVP by Friday June 12th to [kermarshall@deloitte.com.au](mailto:kermarshall@deloitte.com.au)

Links for the sites can be found on the Careers Calendar and in the Careers Bulletin on the student portal.

#### BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

##### **1. Year 8 Public Speaking – Competition Results**

The Year 8 Public Speaking Competition was held recently. Well done to all students who participated. Wonderful speeches were presented on some very interesting topics. I am pleased to report the results of this competition:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Astrid Mayne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Natasha Chand
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jemma Dempsey

These students will be presented with a gold, silver and bronze medal at an upcoming year level assembly. Congratulations to all.

##### **2. Year 9 Public Speaking – Competition Results**

The Year 9 Public Speaking Competition was conducted in Term 1. Well done to all students who participated. I am pleased to report the results of this competition: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bethany Higgins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexander O'Neill  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jessica De Bont

These students will be presented with a gold, silver and bronze medal at an upcoming year level assembly. Congratulations to all.

##### **3. Year 9 Interclass Debating Competition – Round 1 Results**

I am pleased to announce that Round 1 of the Year 9 Interclass Debating Competition has now been completed. The standard of debates was incredibly high this year. Participating students are commended for their efforts. The results are as follows:

- 9 White defeated 9 Blue
- 9 Gold defeated 9 Orange
- 9 Red defeated 9 Indigo
- 9 Mauve defeated 9 Green
- 9 Purple defeated 9 Brown.

#### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUT AND ABOUT

1. *St Peter's Literacy Program tutors from Year 9:* Lilian Broadbent; Justine San Martin; Caroline Daoud; Andrew Miceli; Claire Pattison; Sarani Nawalage Don.

2. *SMC Students at Water Conservation Festival.* Congratulations to the following students who managed the SMC display at the public H2O Water Conservation Festival held at Aurora Estate. John Lauricella, Daniel Lauricella, Jacqueline Kuruppu, Ryan Dunn, Emma Hiho, Kristian Hiho, Shane Elders and Shaun Elders.

3. *Writers Wanted – Internal Competition Results.* Congratulations to all students who submitted entries to the Writers Wanted competition. The standard was very high and all entries have now been submitted for consideration in the National competition.

I am pleased to announce the following results of the SMC Internal Competitions:

##### **DRC Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jennie Nguyen 9 Purple for her short story 'A Song in Heaven'
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monica Spiteri 9 Purple for her short story 'At Death's Door'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Trixie Do 9 Red for her short story 'Darkness'

##### **Honourable Mentions**

- Thuhini Amarasekera 7 Orange for her poem 'My Last Day at Primary School'
- Dhilini Ranasinghe 7 HORIZONS for her short story 'Time to Shine'

## DSC Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Natalie Milidoni 10 Jade for her short story 'Curtain of Darkness'  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quoc Truong 10 Indigo for his short story 'Mitch Who?'  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Rofo 11 Indigo for his short story 'The Crash'

## Honourable Mentions

Anthony Lai 12 Brown for his short story 'Follow the Rules'

Stephan Eracleous 10 Gold for his poem 'Freedom of Constraint'

Congratulations to these students. Certificates of achievement and participation will be handed out shortly at year level assemblies.

## 4. M.O.N.I.C.A.N. Spelling Bee (Year 11)

Congratulations to Sam Monkiewicz for winning the Year 11 Final of the M.O.N.I.C.A.N. Spelling Bee. Well done also to the following students for reaching this final – Cindy Phan, Ben Richards, Shane Elders, Kristian Cirianni, Lauren Whelan, Nhi Pham and Andrew Kis Rigo. Their participation is to be commended.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIEVES

Did you know...?

The current School Uniform worn by students was introduced to St Monica's College, Epping in 1991.

This was done only after long and serious consultations with the entire school community to ensure the decision was appropriate for all.

The Uniform Committee made the necessary changes in order to improve student presentation and overall enhance the College's image.

The new uniform regulations were annually printed in the Student Planner, just as they are to this very day.

This information was sourced from the Principal's letter to parents in April 1991.

## CYBER SAFETY – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW REMINDER!

The College is offering a night for parents to talk about how to help young people to use the internet safely. The internet offers a range of exciting possibilities for learning and social contact. However there are also **potential problems and risks** with internet use – for example, cyber bullying and stalking, unwanted contact from inappropriate people, unsuitable content, invasive online marketing and advertising, spending hours online in chat rooms or games sites.

Greg Gebhart from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Cybersafety Outreach Section) will address these issues and more on **Monday May 4, at 7.30 pm in The Gateway Room**. You will have received a flyer (and an email) about this evening. If you have not replied, please return the reply slip to the campus office as soon as possible to secure your place.

## WHEN PAYING FEES DIRECTLY AT THE DSC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

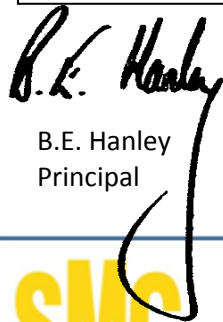
For parents paying fees directly at the Administration DSC office, could those parents please present your most recent fee statement to allow for an accurate and speedy processing.

## TAKADA INFORMATION EVENING

Any students intending to be part of the Takada tour in September must attend an information evening at Augustine House on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30p.m. More information is available from the office on DRC and the Careers Centre on DSC.

### Marvellous Monican

The Marvellous Monican for this edition of the Principal's Bulletin is Madeline Perrone of 9 Mauve Madeline is newly enrolled at SMC. Madeline will be travelling to the United States where she has been invited to perform at Disneyland and Universal Studios as member of a performing group from the Johnny Young Talent School. Madeline is a very talented singer and dancer who two years ago appeared on Channel Seven's national program, 'Australia's Got Talent' where she finished third overall. Well done Madeline and good luck in the States.



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