

## **PEACE & HARMONY – IN SPORT**



Our College is renowned for its amazingly vast and diverse sporting program supported by outstanding physical facilities. This has been due to years of hard work and constant enhancement of the sporting program in general.

Sport can be a great means to spread peace and harmony – on the international stage, at SMC and outside the school setting. Whilst the Olympic flame is meant to bring about harmony, it is being used to highlight the situation in Tibet. It is bringing to the attention of the world the grim circumstances in which Tibetans live. However, ultimately the Olympic spirit is one of peace, friendship and unity – if only for a brief ten days every fourth year.

A worthy Monican gives of their best and tries their hardest on the sporting field. This will often call for genuine team working skills, individual achievement and perseverance. In the end though, sport at school level is about fellowship, fun and fitness. These are positive qualities and lead to a peaceful and harmonious community. Maybe we are setting a worthy example for some professional sports people whose actions are not as noble as ours.

It's true that what happens on the ground, should stay on the ground. It's equally true that a gracious winner is the finest winner. Strong competition and determination are not the opposite of peace and harmony – a good sportsman shows vigor, possesses focus and displays 'good sportsmanship' qualities on all occasions.

In 2008 may all Monicans participate in some sort of sport or physical activity and through that involvement may they discover that peace and harmony can be as active and alive as it is quiet and gentle.

## **INAUGURAL PAMELA COYNE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

To celebrate the release of the first 2008 Pamela Coyne Library Newsletter every Year 7 student received a hardcopy with a free bookmark. Take the time to read it and see Mrs Anderson if you would like to contribute a book review for the Term 2 issues. All reviews selected for the newsletter will receive a prize. Years 8 and 9 students can collect a copy from the PCL desk and a bonus bookmark as well.

## **PARENTAL SUPPORT**

I am calling on parents to be more active and supportive of events organized by the College after regular school hours. Unfortunately but necessarily the *Boys, Books and Barbeque* event for Year 8 boys and their fathers (or other male) was cancelled due to an abysmal response from fathers. Hours of work were wasted, and a wonderful opportunity for Year 8 boys and their fathers was lost.

There are times when parents cannot be present for an event, but there are plenty of other occasions when more effort would mean that the activity could proceed for the benefit of our students and your children.

I thank and commend those parents who faithfully attend events at the College.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

1. Many students are arriving late to school on a regular basis. This is not acceptable and arrangements need to be made at home to ensure punctuality to school.
2. Monday, April 28 is the commencement of winter uniform. Already I have made comment re confiscation of non-SMC scarves and head gear. The staff will also be following up on girls who do not wear their shirt collar over the top of their pullover.
3. Parents are asked to be prompt in the installment payment of school fees. It is a clear expectation of families and the College Board requires that school fees will be paid and finalized well prior to the end of the school year.

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

Activities have included: HORIZONS testing; Student Leaders' Forum; SMC Captains' training day; Principal's Ribbon for Cookery; Cyber Safety talk; Takada information evening; Year 9 premier league; Senior SACCSS events; public speaking competitions; SMC Family Soccer Challenge; Morning Tea with the Principal; Year 10 Hospitality morning teas; Uniquely Year 9; Year 8 reflection day at Ostia; Year 7 camps; Year 12 retreats; CAS basketball; Board Executive and Committees meetings; Finance, Property & Works Committee meeting; Year 11 breakfasts; VCE interviews; and much more .....

## PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS

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

Well done to all students who participated in the Year 8 Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday April 15 and Thursday April 17 at lunchtime. The speeches were of a very high standard. The results are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jessica De Bont
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bethany Higgins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – John Yarak

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

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

Well done to all students who participated in the Year 9 Public Speaking Competition. The speeches were of a very high standard. The results are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Theresa Chamoun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Haynes D'Souza
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Riya Bhatara

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

## FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Best wishes to Mrs Lorna Buckley and her husband on the birth of their second daughter, Imogen Esther, on April 10.
2. Mrs Ancita Beale will be on leave for the remainder of this year. Replacement staff are being engaged and arranged.
3. I shall soon be advertising publicly for a Hospitality Coordinator to look after all hospitality needs that the College has on a daily and annual basis. This position will involve catering, set-up for events, and staff room and equipment maintenance.

## OVERSEAS TRIPS

1. Students (from Years 9 – 12) interested in visiting Japan in September should see Ms Clarke, Ms Poke or Mr Koizumi as soon as possible.

2. **Italy Trip, 2009**

Are you interested in travelling to Italy? Are you in Years 9 – 11?

Visit the major Italian cities and experience the language and culture of this magnificent country and its people. Collect and complete an expression of interest and hand it in at Campus Reception by Wednesday, April 30.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Recently, Mrs Kozlowski came across some photographs referring to the first school reunion for the class of 1964. It took place in a private home on Sunday March 16, 1986. Seventeen past students attended. Among the photos there is one document included listing all the girls of the 1964 class. Photographs and the list of participants were donated to the school by a past collegian.

## SMC ACTIVITIES

### a. **Chess at SMC in 2008.**

Students will be able to sign up for the DSC and DRC Chess Competitions in their particular library. Chess competitions will be held during lunchtimes at DSC and DRC libraries. All students will need to provide their library card in order to sign up for this competition.

If students have any queries or questions regarding the SMC Chess competitions in 2008 please see Mrs Polidano or Mr Anderson.

### b. **Red Cross Youth Ambassador Program Next Donation Dates – Wednesday May 7 and Tuesday May 13**

On both days students will be leaving the College at 11.15 a.m. and returning by the beginning of period 6.

Students, who have already returned their forms but have not donated as yet, need to see Mrs Hay to let her know which date they would like to donate.

Students who have their forms but have not returned them need to do so as soon as possible indicating which day they would like to donate.

Any other students interested in becoming a donor or learning more about it can see Mrs Hay in room 330 (Careers Centre).

### c. **Solar Vehicle Challenge**

Each year a small group of SMC students meets to construct model solar cars and solar boats to race against the entries from other schools at Science Works on a weekend in October.

To find out more about this Solar Vehicle group collect an entry form from the DRC library.

### d. **Year 12 1984 lecture**

We have secured a number of places at a lecture on *1984* at La Trobe University on Tuesday June 3. This takes place during the week prior to mid-year exams. If students do not have a mid-year exam trial (they will need to check with teachers) they are welcome to put their name down on the list outside the Faculty Coordinators' office (208). The costs are covered by the Faculty. Students will leave DSC at 8.40 a.m. and should be back at the College by recess. The lecture is being given by Associate Professor Christopher Palmer. Numbers will need to be finalized by the end of April.

## MONICANS IN THE COMMUNITY

**St Peter's School Literacy program:** Marinella Manzanal; Monique Pizzica; Frank Capodicasa; Chloe Cotela; Nicole D'Alfonso; Julia Insolia; Dylan Sirillas; Monique Stella; Tony Chaloub; Rebekah Kwah

**South Morang Mews visitors:** Luke Senior; Bridget Walters; Anthea Kiloskopis; Samantha Johnson; Carina Napoli

**Collingwood Cottage helpers:** Linda Tran; Lennon Schipano; Catherine Vella; Stephanie Petersen; Tania Stefanovski; Domenica Paoliello; Emma Piscitelli

**Ozanam House assistants:** Estelle Zileski; Elise Wilkes; Bianca Lai; Kristy Long

**St Vincent de Paul service:** Melissa Muzzi; Rebecca Tomsic; Shane Elders; Stephen Patinotis

**Renee Caruso (Year 12)** recently became the Australian Champion for Intermediate Girls in karate. She now travels to New Zealand. We are very proud of Renee's efforts and achievements.

**WORLD OF SPORT**

**SACCSS Senior Round Robin**

Congratulations to all Year 11 and 12 students on their participation in the SACCSS Senior Round Robin Day. Students participated in softball, basketball and indoor cricket with great success. Five teams out of the six qualified for the Grand Finals, Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys Cricket and Softball, with four wins and one runner up. A huge thanks to coaches Ms K. Stapleton, Mr D. Platek, Mr A. Luscombe, Mr R. Bongetti, Mr C. Callinan and Mr F. Farchione.

**Grand Final – Basketball (Boys)**

St Monica's                      CRC Sydenham  
42                                      37

**Grand Final – Cricket (Girls)**

St Monica's                      CCCC Braybrook  
31                                      9

**Grand Final**

St Monica's                      CCCC Braybrook  
203                                      45

**Grand Final – Softball (Girls)**

St. Monica's                      Penola  
16                                      4

**Grand Final – Softball (Girls)**

St Monica's                      Penola  
6                                      17

The Champion School for the SACCSS Senior Round Robin was St. Monica's College.

**2008 SENIOR YEARS SPORTS DAYS  
CHAMPION SCHOOL AGGREGATES  
Thursday, April 17, 2008**

	Basketball		Cricket		Softball	
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<b>St Monica's</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Penola	26	2	6	4	6	8
CCCC	24	4	6	6	4	4
CRCSydenham	16	6	4	2	2	2
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**PAKISTAN APPEAL FUNDS UPDATE**

Congratulations to all students who have brought a diet drink or healthy Zinger yoghurt icy pole from our Pakistan sales bins at lunchtime. You have raised a \$13,046 since last St Monica's Day and an incredible \$44,309 since we started selling these items on March 31, 2005.

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 Khipro, Pakistan.

At this stage of the year we are \$600 ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

Thank you for your support and remember to buy a diet drink or a Zinger icy pole at lunchtime. Thanks also to the staff who regularly help sell these items and/or make donations of boxes of soft drinks.

<b>Important dates for May</b>	
6	College Assembly
6	Dance Showcase
6	Year 9 Premier League
7-9	10 Brown "On the Edge" Ostia Retreat
7-9	9 Emerald Uniquely Year 9 Experience
8	Year 11 Enhancement Day
12	SACCSS Football
12	Immunisations (Years 7 & 9 girls)
12	Music Concert
13-15	Years 7 & 9 Testing (Literacy and Numeracy)
14-16	Year 10 Emerald "On the Edge" Ostia Retreat
16	CAS Cross Country
19	Staff Development Day (Student Free)
20	VTAC Information Evening
21	Senior Studies Information Evening
22	Principal's Award for Public Speaking
23	Music and College Production Trivia Night
26-30	Indigenous Awareness Week
26	CAS Hockey
26	Year 10 Immunisations
28	Board Committee Meetings
28-30	Year 10 Gold "On the Edge" Ostia Retreat
29	Science Competition
30	Feast of the Sacred Heart -Years 7-9 Parish Masses

**"SWITCH OFF" COMPETITION**

All homerooms are invited to participate in a year level "Switch Off" competition. This competition is being run to promote energy conservation. By simply "switching off" lights, fans and air conditioners when rooms are vacated we reduce our use of electricity and therefore the carbon emissions that go with producing electricity in Victoria.

The homeroom at each year level that is judged by duty teachers to have been the best at "switching off" lights, fans and air conditioners at recess, lunchtime and after school shall win the prize of a pizza lunch at the end of this term.

From time to time The Principal's Bulletin will announce which homerooms are leading in this competition.

<b><u>YEAR 7 PROJECT COMPASSION</u></b>
Thank you to all Year 7 Students who gave so generously to Caritas – Project Compassion. This year we have raised \$802.35

## STUDENT ABSENCES NOTIFICATION

Parents/caregivers are asked to ensure that student(s) attend school every day (this is a legal obligation).

*The school must be informed as soon as the parent/caregiver knows that their child will be absent for any period of time by contacting the College by phone before 10.00 a.m.*

**Dalton Road Hotline: 9409 8910**

**Davisson Street Hotline: 9409 8812**

The College requires that a written explanation to the College outlining dates and reasons for absence is given to the homeroom teacher **upon the student's return to the College.**

## INVITATION

### St. Monica's College - Parent Network

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Want to hear more about the wonderful new building projects taking place at the College, take a tour of our new buildings with our Principal and support a worthy cause at the same time.  
Please join us for coffee

Where: Augustine House  
When: Wednesday 21st May, 2009  
Time: 10.30 a.m.  
Cost: Gold coin donation  
(All proceeds to be donated to the Cancer Council of Victoria)

R.S.V.P. Mrs Glenda Hay Tel: 9409 8854  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

*Every cup counts in the fight against cancer.*

## NORTHERN REGION PARENT SEMINAR

This is a non-threatening day for parents and carers interested in obtaining information and strategies to help with parenting children.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT MRS HAY  
AT ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE ON 9409 8854**

### WORKSHOPS

1. Sibling Rivalry
2. Growing Self Esteem In Children
3. Children's Well Being/Body Image
4. Planning & Budgeting/Living On a Shoestring Budget

Date: 21 May 2008

Venue:

Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre  
Cnr Bell Street & St Georges Road  
Preston  
Ref.Mel.Map 30 E2

9.00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Morning Tea and lunch provided)

\$15 per participant

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

### JAPANESE TOUR

There are still a couple of places available for interested students to participate in the school tour to Japan in September. The total cost of the ten day tour is \$2,300 and students visit many of the culturally significant sights in Kyoto and Ise while staying with a host family in the city of Tsu. Any students who would like to gain further information may approach the Careers Centre on the Davisson Street Campus or Mr Frijio or Mrs Bon on the Dalton Road Campus about the trip. Applications for places in the tour close on May 13.

## MARVELLOUS MONICANS

Congratulations to Jessica De Bont (8 Indigo) and Bethany Higgins (8 Purple) who have been selected to compete in the Principal's Award for Public Speaking. The selection process was very competitive.

True Monicans are participants in a variety of fields. Both these students show not only a commitment to their studies, but also to every other aspect of school life.

We look forward to seeing them perform on the evening of May 22. Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement.

**B.E. Hanley**  
**College Principal**