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GOD'S HEARTBEAT IN APRIL

April is a very special month this year with so many school and liturgical happenings occurring. As we commence this month, I invite Monicans and their families to listen for God's heartbeat through many different ways.

College Mass: This special Eucharistic celebration will happen on Tuesday, April 5 and the Principal Celebrant will be Father Maurie Cooney P.P. God's heartbeat is heard at its most powerful during the sacrament of the Mass and we shall gather as a worshipping community to hear the Word of God; to be witnesses to the breaking of the bread; to partake as active participants in all aspects of the liturgy; to sing our praise to God through song and movement. God's heartbeat is central to the Eucharist.

School Holidays: The College community will commence their school holidays as from Monday, April 11 until Tuesday, April 26 inclusive. I hope that there will be many happy occasions, times of reflection, new and revealing experiences through which we listen for the heartbeat of God. It may be encounters with other people, unexpected meetings, a rare moment of inspiration, or a sensation that links us to God through its grandeur or its gentle simplicity.

Feast of Easter: This year Good Friday is April 22 when we remember the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus

died once for all people, Jesus now lives eternally awaiting our eventual reuniting with him after our death. We know that the greatest sacrifice is to give one's life for another – yet this was our God giving the life of his son for the redemption of all. Easter Sunday is the glorious time when, through the resurrection, salvation was assured for all peoples of all times. It is the pinnacle of our Christian faith. Never more strongly did the world hear the heartbeat of God than when Jesus emerged from the tomb and opened the Kingdom of God to all believers.

Anzac Day: This special national public holidays commemorates the landing of the ANZACS at Gallipoli, it urges us to give thanks to all men and women who gave their lives in defence of our nation; it is all about the beauty of freedom and the price often paid for it; it never glorifies war and conflict but the reality is that often the good fight must happen. Let us all pray that people throughout the nations of the world will listen for and hear the heartbeat of God and turn away from war and violence and embrace the peace and unity proclaimed by the Good News of the Gospels.

I wish all Monicans and their families a holy Easter and a happy and enjoyable holiday.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Office will open from 9.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. on all days except public holidays. Term 1 concludes on Thursday, April 7. April 8 is a student free day. Term 2 commences on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

WINTER UNIFORM

All students wear winter uniform as from April 27. Please check that all uniform regulations are met. Grey gloves are permitted. The girls' skirt length must cover the knee and regulation tights must be worn. Please note that if students wear beanies or scarves then only the official SMC beanies and scarves are to be worn. All other brands will be confiscated.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

It takes someone special to give blood. Can you?

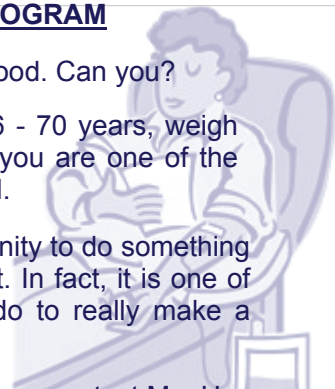
Are you healthy, aged between 16 - 70 years, weigh more than 45kg - congratulations you are one of the few Australians who can give blood.

Giving blood gives you the opportunity to do something amazing and makes you feel great. In fact, it is one of the easiest things you can ever do to really make a difference to someone's life.

If interested in finding out more please contact Mrs Hay in Room 330 or on 9409 8854.

SEMINARIANS

We welcome three Corpus Christi seminarians to SMC this year: Stephen Bolling, Justel Callos and Dario Juric. Our school has hosted seminarians for more than a decade.



FROM THE STAFFROOM

- a. We farewell Mr Adriano Frijó (eLearning); Ms Brooke Burkett (ERF) as from end of term, and Ms Debbie Pridmore as from May 6.
- b. On various forms of leave as from the commencement of Term 2 are: Mrs Pina Dunne; Mrs Emma Croft; Mrs Lesleigh Madden; Ms Kathryn Hocking; Ms Kirsten Darnell; Ms Anna Ricciardello; Mrs Carol Hinrichsen; Mrs Rachel Wallbank.
- c. We welcome: Mrs Mary Marcuccio (for Mrs Dunne); Miss Chloe Dux (for Mrs Croft); Mr Gregory Palmer (for Mrs Madden); Miss Briony Davis (for Ms Hocking); Mr Bryan Kilkenny (for Ms Darnell); Dr Sarah Barker (for Ms Ricciardello); Ms Helen Wood (for Mrs Wallbank).
- d. Mrs Elizabeth Italiano will teach Ms Pridmore's VET Applied Fashion Design class and Ms Ingrid Stolz will be the new Home Room Teacher of 7 Green.
- e. Congratulations to first-time fathers viz Mr Mark Aiello and Daniela on the birth of Jack; Mr David Topolcsanyi and Sasha on the birth of Grace.
- f. Mrs Linda Lane is on leave the last week of Term 1 and first week of second term and Miss Lorraine Pratt will teach her Numeracy classes.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

A busy and exciting fortnight: House Athletics Carnival; Teen Read Week; Year 9 premier league; DAV debating; Year 12 retreats; Takada barbeque and farewell; Harmony Week; Italy trip meeting; Principal's Art Prize; Football match versus Marcellin College; VCAL fundraisers and excursions; SACCSS Swimming Carnival; Year 11 breakfasts; St Luke's School athletics; Visit from Bronwyn Halfpenny MLA; College Board meeting; Morning Tea with the Principal; Year 12 Parents' afternoon tea.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 9 St Peter's School Literacy Support: Jessica Provenzale; Samantha Varga; Emma Dinakis; Clara Solaka; Tara Chetcuti; Kayleen Mercieca; Alyce Borg; Madeleine Carroll; Lucas Chessari; Daniel Wooster; Jacinta Bazzano; Julia Treglia.

Year 11 at Ozanam House: Loredana De Marco; Andrew Pavli; Nikola Keres.

Year 10 at St Vincent de Paul: Emily Rosenbrock; Catherine Marangos; Linh Truong; Joshua Wood; Kiara Marinovic; John Tran; Sabitha Rajaeeswaran; Elodie Lee Fok Tong.

Year 10 at Collingwood Cottage: Monica Neskovski; Stephanie Borg; Hayley Troung; Amanda Bouzeid; Taylah Seath; Stella Nicole; John Tullio; Fathima Zackariya.

PRINCIPAL'S ART PRIZE RESULTS

The Visual Arts Faculty would like to congratulate all the students who were involved in the 2011 Principal's Art Prize. The winners of each category were as follows:

First Prize (100 prize and \$100 cash)
Brandon Lee (Year 8)

Second Prize (DSC) (\$100 Art materials voucher)
Sarah Ujmaia (Year 11)

Second Prize (DRC) (\$100 Art materials voucher)
Carla Italia (Year 8)

Principal's Choice Award (\$100 prize)
Quoc Truong (Year 12)

Highly Commended (\$50 Art materials voucher)
Evelyn Sebastian (Year 7); Marko Matkovic (Year 8); William Samsa (Year 9); Claudia Frittitta (Year 10); Loredana De Marco (Year 11); Emily Dall'Est (Year 12).

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.

WRITE4FUN WRITING COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you to all students who submitted entries to the Write4Fun Writing Competition. Their entries have been sent on to the competition headquarters to be judged in the national competition. The results of the SMC competitions are as follows:

DRC Competition

- 1st Yoshinie Chandrar (Year 8 Gold) for her poem 'Tsunami'
- 2nd Aaron Yin (Year 8 Green) for his story 'June 13th'
- 3rd Amy Lee (Year 10 Silver) for her story 'Carried Away with the Wind'

Congratulations to these students and thank you to all students who entered the competition this year.

ST MONICA'S FRIENDS OF MUSIC



The new 2011 | 2012 Entertainment- Books are coming, so pre-order a copy today!
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WORLD OF SPORT

2011 SMC SWIMMING RESULTS

Year Level Champions:

Year 7 Female Champion

Jamie Lyons (Alkira) 39 points in 6 events

Year 7 Male Champion

Manuele Zanaboni (Barinya) 59 points in 7 events

Year 8 Female Champion

Deanna Fruscalzo (Alkira) 38 points in 4 events

Year 8 Male Champion

Dean Jancevski (Glenora) 31 points in 4 events

Year 9 Female Champion

Stephnie Moisa (Alkira) 29 points in 4 events

Year 9 Male Champion

Simoen Clarke (Larapinta) 28 points in 4 events

Year 10 Female Champion

Claudia Fruscalzo (Alkira) 32 points in 4 events

OVERALL RESULTS:

1 st	ALKIRA	458 points
2 nd	BARINYA	429 points
3 rd	LARAPINTA	406 points
4 th	GLENORA	345 points

A great day was had by all.

SACCSS Swimming

A successful evening with the following results:

Junior Girls - Champions

Junior Boys - Champions

Junior Aggregate - Champions

Intermediate Girls - Champions

Intermediate Aggregate - Champions

The following students were the best swimmers in their respective age groups:

Dean Jancevski; Manuele Zanaboni; Deanna Fruscalzo; Claudia Fruscalzo.

Year 9 Premier League Semi Finals results

	SMC vs Opponent	
Cricket v Caroline Chisholm	6 for 89	3 for 88
Overs	13	15
Netball v CRC Nth Keilor	43	3
Basketball (M) v Emmanuel College	33	43
Basketball (F) v Emmanuel College	63	6
Volleyball (M) v Caroline Chisholm	1	2
Volleyball (F) v CRC Nth Keilor	3	0
Football (M) v Caroline Chisholm	3	1
Football (F) v CRC Nth Keilor	0	2

Staff vs Student Hockey Game

On Wednesday April 6 a Staff vs Student Hockey Game will be held on the Hockey Pitch at 3.45 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.

Spectators are welcome to come and support teams.

Any student in the Hockey Institute who hasn't yet received a note regarding this Hockey Match please see Miss Sheehan in Room 499.

Senior AFL

The St Monica's College senior AFL team commenced a busy season recently with a win over Marcellin College in a practice match. Our next game is against Caroline Chisholm in round 1 of the SACCSS season. The Marcellin match details were:

SMC 8.4.52 def Marcellin College 6.4.40

Goal Kickers: Joseph Abdulhadi 2, Mark Padula 2, Beare, James Mercuri, Luke Mamone, Michael DiBattista.

Best Players: Ricky Mercuri, James Mercuri, Nicholas Fiore, Nathan Sammit, Luke Mamone, Alexander Stoikos.

Victorian College Basketball Championships

All Years 9 and Year 10 girls who would like to compete in the intermediate Victorian College Basketball Championships please come to trials at DRC Outdoor Basketball Courts on Tuesday April 5 after school at 3.40 p.m. You must bring your runners to try out. This will be the only trial. Please see Miss Macdowell if you are interested in participating in the trials.

ROUND 1 DAV DEBATING RESULTS

On Monday night March 28 the 2011 DAV debating season kicked off for the Watsonia region. For 2011 SMC will be fielding twelve teams, seven in D grade, two in C grade, two in B grade and one in A grade. The first round results were a clear reflection of the hard work and thorough preparation put in by both staff, coaches and students. Ten out of our twelve teams won their debates. The results were as follows:

A Grade

SMC 226 defeated Viewbank College 225

B Grade

SMC 2 226 defeated Mill Park SC 1 225

SMC 1 225 defeated Marymede Catholic College 1 219

C Grade

SMC 1 224 lost to Catholic Ladies College 226

SMC 2 233 defeated Marymede Catholic College 230

D Grade

SMC 1 229 defeated Marymede Catholic College 226

SMC 2 224 defeated Eltham HS 1 223

SMC 3 227 defeated Bundoora SC 1 226

SMC 4 228 defeated Eltham College of Education 3 223

SMC 5 226 defeated Marymede Catholic College 1 224

SMC 6 226 defeated Loyola College 2 224

SMC 7 224 lost to Greensborough SC 225

SHROVE TUESDAY FUNDRAISING

We would like to acknowledge all staff and students who participated in making Shrove Tuesday a success. This includes the Food Tech staff, Junior and Senior Councils, the Be More group and particularly Ms Penny Clarke and her Year 10 Hospitality Team. Without the integrated assistance of these student groups, Shrove Tuesday would not have been as successful as it was.

VISIT TO TAKADA, JAPAN, TERM 3

If you are in Years 9 – 12 then you are eligible to travel to Japan on our annual Homestay Program with Takada Junior and Senior High School. This is a wonderful experience not to be missed. Speak to the Takada Captains on your campus about the program:

Jemma Dempsey (Year 10 White)
Rachael Fenech (Year 10 Mauve)
Lauren Harris (Year 9 Mauve)
Stephine Moisa (Year 9 Red)

CAREERS CORNER

Careers Information Day - Forensic Science 15 April 2011

The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine offers secondary school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and those with an interest in Forensic Science an opportunity to attend a Career Information Afternoon designed to offer an insight into the various career options available in the Forensic Sciences.

Two Career Information Afternoon sessions are held per year during school holidays. The afternoon commences at 12.30 p.m. and generally concludes by approximately 4.00 p.m. The sessions are held in the Institute Lecture Theatre. VFIM are based at the Coronial Services Centre - the address is 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank.

The next session is on Friday April 15 2011. Please note that only 40 places are available and they fill quickly. Anyone wishing to attend must complete the registration form located at www.vifm.org/career_info_session.html. Priority will be given in order of forms received.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Matthew Mineo from Year 11 Green is our Marvellous Monican. Matthew was selected into the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. On March 11, he participated in the Javelin events at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush, Sydney. He wore the Victorian uniform with pride and performed well at this event. Approximately fourteen students participated in the Javelin event so his selection to represent his State was a fantastic achievement and a great opportunity. Congratulations, Matthew, and best wishes from the SMC community.



*A Holy and
Safe Easter to
all at SMC.*

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