



PEACE & HARMONY – THE OLYMPICS

In an earlier edition this year I wrote about sport and how it can bring out the best in us. I urged all Monicans to participate in some type of sport or recreational activity. But August, 2008 really focuses the minds and eyes of the world on the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China.

Australians are proud of their Olympic competitors – in the pool; on the track and in the field; on horseback; on judo mat; or on one side of a court. Families who share a cultural identity with another country to Australia are the lucky ones – they have two countries to barrack for at this time.

The Olympics is all about fairness, doing one's best and living in peace and harmony. Traditionally warring conflicts ease during the Olympic period – not this time between Russia and Georgia unfortunately. Nevertheless, let us not lose the positive focus of the Olympic Games – athletes from all nations giving of their best in rigorous competition against fellow skilled athletes.

Monicans can learn so much from Olympic ideals. Certainly perseverance is essential for an athlete to win a medal (or even reach a Games). That quality, so clearly a Monican attribute, should be at the heart of what we do on a daily basis. Enjoy the success that comes; equally learn from failure and return to the fray with greater energy and determination.

The five colored rings of the Olympics symbolize unity throughout the world. It is not beyond the capabilities of Monicans to enhance that universal unity by acting in harmony with all they encounter. Let that be a challenge for us to accomplish.

I am sure that all members of SMC wish the Australian representatives good fortune and we are rightly proud to cheer them to victories. Whilst it might be a little too cheeky to actually share in their success, we can draw inspiration from their efforts and achievements. May the peace and harmony of the Olympics be alive and active at St Monica's College, Epping throughout this year.

DANCE SHOWCASE TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale for the Semester Two Dance Showcase. It is on Monday, September 1 at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Mrs Cavallo. Come and support our talented dance students.

ST MONICA'S DAY

On Wednesday August 27th we will celebrate St. Monica's Day. On this day we commemorate our Patron Saint, Monica. It is the highlight of the year at the College and an eagerly anticipated event.

This is a compulsory day for students, as we join together to celebrate as a College community. All parents are asked to ensure that students are in full school uniform (no PE uniforms are permitted on the day).

Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Les Tomlinson commencing at 10.00 a.m. and he will formally induct the Student Leaders for 2009. If you would like to request a reserved seat for this Mass, please contact Mrs Kath Williams on 9401 2444.

Lunch, drinks and sweets will be provided for all. Parent helpers are required to prepare and serve lunch. If you are available, please contact Mrs Glenda Hay on 9409 8854.

All students are invited to change into casual clothes after Mass. Sporting attire or track suits should be considered by students for playing sport, doing activities or trying the belly dancing.

A range of amusements, entertainment and sporting activities will be on offer in the afternoon. These activities will involve rides, games, Harley Davidson rides and a mechanical bull ride. Due to the nature of these two new activities, parental permission is required for these rides. As such, parents are requested to write a permission letter for their son/daughter if they would like to ride on one of the Harleys or attempt the mechanical bull ride.

Dismissal will occur between 2.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Parents are asked to make suitable transport arrangements.

Much planning and preparation has been devoted to St. Monica's Day and I encourage all students to participate to ensure it is a memorable event.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Busy Monicans: subject information sessions and subject fair; visits to Year 5 students; soccer players in Adelaide; House and SACCSS cross country; CAS netball and volleyball; 10 Orange and Mauve at 'On the Edge'; College Board meeting; SACCSS senior AFL football; UNSW English Competition; Year 8 Premier League; staff seminar; Morning Tea with the Principal; chess competition; St John Cadet training session; World Vision 40 Hour Famine workshop.....

ST MONICA'S WEEK 2008

The College community is invited to take part in
ST MONICA'S WEEK 2008

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

Opening and Blessing of Year 9 Building, Science
and Technology Facilities
Dalton Road Campus.

MONDAY AUGUST 25

Annual Oration "Promoting Peace through Inter Faith
Dialogue".
7.30 p.m. in The Gateway Room.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

ST MONICA'S DAY Mass at 10.00 a.m. followed by
lunch, music, rides, games and fun for all.

THURSDAY AUGUST 28

Fashion Parade
Casa D'Abruzzo Club, Epping 7.00 p.m.

FRIDAY AUGUST 29

Dance Party Sports & Assembly Hall 8.00 p.m. Years
9 – 12 St Monica's College students only.

For details and bookings to all events please contact
the College on: 9401 2444.

WORLD VISION MATCHBOX ACTIVITY & 40 HOUR FAMINE

Thank you to the students and staff who participated in the
preparation, or presentation of this activity. The students who
attended demonstrated great maturity and involvement.

This year's 40 Hour Famine took place from August 16 – 18.

The 40 Hour Famine is about depriving yourself of something
you enjoy for a weekend.

The following students took part in the World Vision 40 Hour
Famine Workshop on Friday, August 8, 2008:

Tessa Bruno, Jayde Antonio, Bianca Licovski, Matthew Gallina,
Melissa Iuliano, Cassandra Fontana, Rhys Antonio, San Markas,
Sandale Ambegoda, Gesualdo Reale, Sara Shaba, Christopher
Casha, Nelson Lai, Andrew Pavli, Jessamine Cadou, Angie
Sassano, John Yarak, Alexander O'Neill, Sara Byrns, Stephanie
Laraia, Patrick O'Sullivan, Cristina Bitzilis, Jennene Osuna,
Matthew Bruno, Rachel Alonso, Brittany Zerafa, Joel De
Rozario, Danielle Tregilia, Alessia Villani, Stephanie
Bombardieri, Donnie Dimase, Naomie Welsh, Daniel
Mandaglio, Andy Bui, Paul Abdallah, Chloe Muraca, Valeria La
Valle, Natalie Li Volti, Tara Alvarez, Nellie Wilson, Estephan
Guirguis, Amelia Abernethy, Lauren Vaccaro, Renee Zanelli,
Lauren Whelan, Jhanil Roxas, Louise Zinellu, Lauren Giusti,
Kayla DelMonte, Michelle Zilic, Shanice Molinaro, Nicholas
Palumbo, Josephine Fouache, Matthew Song, Alison Dellow,
Kristen Petrovski, Jeffrey Miller, Jana Mastropaolo, Kiera
Burggraaf, Luke O'Halloran and Laura Dempsey.

PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY REVIEW

We are currently reviewing the Performing Arts Faculty. This
involves the subjects of Dance, Drama, Music and Media
Studies as well as College Productions and the music program.
Parental and student comments are welcome; please send any
comments to Mr Stephen Baker (ext 815) or
S.Baker@stmonicas-epping.com

INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP – ZONE COMPETITION

Students from SMC will participate in the Interschool Chess
Championships on Friday, August 15 at Copperfield –
Sydenham Junior Campus.

The following students attended the Interschool Chess
Championships:

Daniel Giusti, Anthony Theodoropoulos, Alexandros Zafirelis,
Daniel Castro, Adolph Lekkas, Dylan Thomson, Alex O'Neill,
Michael Gravina, Sam Markas, Mirko Benigno, Luke
Baldassini, Kristian Cauchi, Stefan Eracleous, Michelle Eagles,
Frank Lekkas, Luke Larobina.

Results will be published at a late date.

FROM THE ROSTRUM

I am pleased to announce that Katerina Petkovska (Year 10) has
won a prestigious DAV debating award called the 'Swannie'
Award. This is awarded to a student in each grade who received
the highest scores overall in each round of debating. This means
Katerina is the 'best' speaker for 'College' Grade in the whole
region. This is amazing as there are hundreds of students in
'College' Grade. Katerina will be formally presented with her
award at a ceremony in September.

SUBJECT SELECTION

Hopefully families have made great use of the subject fair
and information sessions in relation to subject selection for
2009. We would appreciate any feedback on the fair and
sessions. Please ensure that all due dates are adhered to as
the timetabling process must begin soon and can only
proceed after subject allocations are completed. Please
contact Mr Stephen Baker (ext 815) with any comments.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

Our condolences are extended to Mrs Rita Privitelli and her
family on the recent death of her father, Salvatore Iozzi.

PAKISTAN NEWS

The grand total of fund raising for Pakistan this year was
\$17,128.00. Thank you to all contributors and to those
generous staff who supported and organized this wonderful
charitable gesture. This is a new record, well done to
everyone involved.

Unfortunately our visitor from Pakistan, Sister Josepha
Charles PBVM, continues to experience visa problems.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

The team for Tournament of Minds is:

Jacqueline Kuruppu, Sabitha Rajaeeswaran, Dean Foster,
Tessa Bruno, Krystine Dimkovski, Samantha Zammit,
Emily DiBiase.

VCE UNIT 3 / 4 SECOND LANGUAGE

Applications for enrolment in VCE LOTE Second Language
Studies in Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean for
2009 should be submitted shortly. If students are intending
to study Unit 3 and/or Unit 4 in any of these languages they
need to see Mr Hanrahan in room 245.

Awards Ceremony

The 'Swannie' Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 16. The venue is the Patricia Schaefer Centre, Loreto Mandeville Hall, Mandeville Avenue, Toorak. The ceremony commences at 7.00 p.m. There will be a short speech to congratulate the recipients, and then the 'Swannie' Awards will be presented.

ENROL TO VOTE MESSAGE

The Australian Electoral Commission is encouraging all 17 and 18 year-old students in Australian Secondary Schools to Enrol to Vote. Enrolment Forms were distributed to all SMC students over the age of 17 recently. Please return completed enrolment forms to Mrs Hay.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6

Any orders from this issue of Scholastic Book Club must be returned to the PC Library by Monday, August 25. All completed order forms need to be placed in an envelope with the correct money enclosed. There are many wonderful books on offer this issue and all brochures are well worth checking out.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

CAREERS CORNER



Parents Information Evening Monday, August 25, 2008

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Building H) Caulfield Campus

Are you a parent of a student in Year 11 or 12? If so, we invite you to come and find out how you can support your son or daughter as they consider their future study options.

The Parent Information Evening will provide an excellent opportunity for parents to take a closer look at the range of courses, scholarships and student support services available at Monash University and how to ease the transition from school to university. There will be a range of speakers including current students and academics.

Bookings are advisable and can be completed on-line at www.monash.edu.au/parents

For more information and bookings visit www.monash.edu.au/parents

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MR KEN MILROY R.I.P.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr Ken Milroy, the first recipient of the Samaritan Medal (in 1991). Mr Milroy passed away recently. He was a leading member of the Men's Association in earlier days (this group organised working bees).

MONICANS OUT and ABOUT

Year 10 St Vincent de Paul: Olivia Salvitti; Adele Zacharias; Justin Battista; David Ujmaia; Fiona Schickerling; Natalie Sacco; Edward Rossi; Angelo Torcasio.

Year 11 South Morang Mews visitors: Daniella Candia; Leilani Roussety.

Year 9 St Peter's Literacy Program: Cristina Bitzilis; Kasey Galati; Maris Petros; Tanya Jonnalagadda; Haynes D'Souza; Lauren Morris-Healy.

Year 7 LOTE ambassadors: Claudia Fruscalzo; Jemma Dempsey; Julia Watts; Cassandra Baldi.

REFRESH YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage Encounter is a worldwide marriage enrichment program that has been in Australia for over thirty years. Enhance your marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention. The weekend in 2008 will be at Lysterfield on October 24 – 26. For further information and bookings contact Peter and Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or e-mail erika@hrpartner.com.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wvme.org.au.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. SMC House Cross Country Carnival

This year the St Monica's College House Cross Country Carnival was held around the perimeters of the Dalton Road Campus, the same course as last year, on Wednesday, August 6. All students from Dalton Road Campus were involved in the morning events while interested Davisson Street Campus students participated from recess until lunchtime.

The House Competition aims to encourage all ability groups within the College to 'have a go'. Any student who completed the 3km course in twenty minutes gained points for their House.

Those students who performed well on the day progressed to represent the College at the SACCSS Cross Country event which was held on Tuesday, August 12.

Congratulations to LARAPINTA House the Champions for 2008. Thanks are extended to all PE staff, Year 11 VET students, Year 9 and Year 10 House Captains, Mr Anderson, sports assistants and Mrs Claire Polidano for her administration skills and support. A comprehensive report will be published in the next edition of *The Monican*.

2. South Australia Challenge

Congratulations to the senior students representing the College in Adelaide for the South Australian Challenge, Futsal.

The Senior Girls won the title for the third consecutive year.

The Senior Boys finished runners up after losing a penalty shootout.

3. Social Tennis

A reminder to all students that social tennis is played on Wednesdays. Come out to the tennis courts from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Racquets can be provided but remember to bring your runners. Everyone is welcome

4. Clay Target School Students Championship

Congratulations to Nathan Kotlarewski. Nathan won the South East Zone Regional Final in Single Barrel Clay Pigeon shooting. He shot a near perfect 19 out of 20 and moves on to the State Final in Bendigo on September 8.

5. Letter from South Fremantle Warriors Development Squad

Dear Cameron,

On behalf of the South Fremantle Warriors Development Squad I would like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity of playing against your boys during our recent tour to Melbourne.

Though we may have lost in the result of the game our boys certainly came out winners from what they gained in the encounter. They certainly learned the true meaning of words we talk about – such as intensity; second, third and fourth efforts; hard at the ball; in and under attempts – I'm sure a number of them have re-assessed their football since the tour and have adopted a harder approach in their community.

The whole tour for us is one of development and our boys will be richer for the experience. Thank you.

Also I commend you for your hospitality and friendliness which obviously is displayed through the boys.

I trust we can work towards making our game an annual event. We'd look forward to an arrangement such as this.

My sincere thanks,

JIM HURST

Chairman

South Fremantle Warriors Development Squad.

MUSIC NOTES

Principal's Cup for Song – Finalists

Congratulations to the students who successfully auditioned for the annual Principal's Cup for Song. This year's event will be held at the DRC Sports & Assembly Hall on Monday, September 8, at 7.30 p.m. Entry is free.

Mary Khneisset, Jessica De Bont, Samantha Zammit, Benjamin Hodges, Paula Kapolitsas, Celeste Mitsiou, Emily Vincent, Kiralee Mladenis, Michelle Eagles, Theresa Chamoun, Jhanil Roxas, Anthony Cardamone, Nathan Slevin, Sandy Khneisser.

Melbourne School Bands Festival

Members of the Intermediate, Concert and Stage Bands performed at the Melbourne School Bands Festival between Sunday, August 10 and Friday, August 15. Thank you to all band members for representing the College at this prestigious music festival.

The Concert Band's adjudicators' reports were available at the time of printing. The band was ranked "outstanding" for presentation. Adjudicators commented on the band's "fine contrasting program" and encouraged the students to "keep up the good work".

RE-ENROLMENT PROCESS, 2009

All students in Years 7 - 11 should have received a re-enrolment form for 2009.

If your child is returning in 2009, please return the form together with payment of \$120 for **each** student no later than Friday, September 5, 2008 to secure a place.

If your child is not returning in 2009, the form must be returned indicating their departure.

Payment can be made via cheque/credit card/EFTPOS or cash only. **BPAY payments will not be accepted for the re-enrolment process.**

If payment is not attached the form will be given back to the student to have the process completed correctly.

Any queries please contact Andrea Moon 94012444.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Anthony Cardamone is a committed musician and plays the French horn and piano. He is also a talented vocalist.

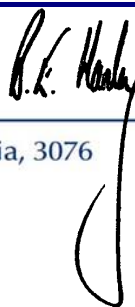
In addition to appearing in the College Production of *Grease*, he recently performed with the Australian National Choral Association – State Honours Choir in Victoria.

This is a prestigious annual music camp and Anthony is the first Monican to have been accepted for such an event. Anthony is also actively involved in the Melbourne Youth Music Program.

He attended the 2008 January Music Camp at the Victorian Arts Centre, and regularly participates in the Saturday Music School with the John Anthill Youth Band.

Anthony's community experiences in music-making serve to enrich the co-curricular programs at St. Monica's College. Anthony is currently making plans to attend the 2009 January Music Camp, conducted by Melbourne Youth Music. Congratulations to Anthony for his unique achievements.

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