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## PEACE & HARMONY – SAINT MONICA

The feast day of our patron, Saint Monica, is celebrated by the Church on August 27 annually. The feast day of her son, St Augustine, is marked on the following day. Each year our College takes time and makes effort to celebrate all that our patron saint means to us. We could let the feast day move on without any special activities, but this is not the Monican way.

Saint Monica was born in northern Africa in 332 AD. She was a woman of the fourth century. Her death took place in Ostia (Rome) in 387 AD. Thus she walked on this earth for fifty-five years, and certainly she led an active and often tough and sad life. Her husband was a pagan man, an awful situation for pious Monica who was a committed and devoted Christian girl. She had three children to Patricius, and it is Augustine who is known to followers of Jesus Christ.

Many times the story has been narrated of Monica ardently pursuing Augustine throughout Europe in order to convert him to Christianity. We know that she eventually succeeded. This may be one reason why the Church has named St Monica as one of the patron saints for mothers especially. She certainly knew the frustration that comes from dealing with a wayward child, but her love for him never faltered.

Monica is also one of the mystics of the Church – this means that she was able to 'enter' the supernatural world through devout prayer. Down through the centuries the story of Monica and Augustine being raised spiritually into heaven whilst looking through a window at Ostia has been told and recounted.

Bring together the perseverance of Monica as she sought out her son for spiritual conversion and her utter prayerfulness as she rose above the time and space of this world (very briefly) to experience Heaven and God's ultimate love, and the motto of St Monica's College, Epping has true meaning.

May all members of SMC enjoy peace and harmony through this special month of August in 2008.

## 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.

## FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Staff Member of the Month for July was Mr Charles Ella, Sites Supervisor, in recognition of the diversity, complexity and amount of tasks that have been accomplished this month under his leadership. These include the WYD pilgrims' stay, the finalization of the Science & Technology building and numerous tasks and projects that were coordinated over the recent holiday period.
2. Many thanks to Mr Joseph Registro who has been a great Acting Year 9 Level Leader for the past weeks. We thank him. Mr Frank Farchione returns from leave on August 4.
3. Ms Bernadette Nicholls, Senior Teacher (Development), will commence leave on August 8 until end of term. Her classes and leadership responsibilities will be taken over by existing staff members.
4. A beautiful watercolor portrait of Springer Spaniels has been hung on the walls of the Pamela Coyne Library in honor of the work done by our College dog, Gus. Take a look at it when next visiting.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

Please note that Monday, August 11, 2008 is student free day for the College and a staff in-service will be held on this day.

## SINCE THE LAST EDITION .....

We have been active Monicans: Legacy Public Speaking; DAV debating; Professional Learning Day for staff; Tournament of Minds session; Vocations Awareness Day (Year 10); Uniquely Year 9; On the Edge at Ostia; Term 3 Assembly; Currajeen reflection morning; Year 11 class captains' seminar; Student Council Dinner; Year 9 French excursion; Music Camp; Australian Mathematics Competition; National Chemistry Quiz; Italy Trip information session; Board Committees' meeting; VCE/VCAL parent/teacher conferences; Values Education sausage sizzle; Year 8 Premier League; CAS Futsal and netball; SACCSS senior day - amongst other activities.

## MONOCHROMATIC ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who submitted an entry to the Monochromatic Art Competition.

Emma Do (9 Gold), Julia Watts (7 Silver), Ebony Tsingoidas (8 White), Deandra John (9 Green), Stephanie Apostoloudas (7 Silver), Daria Eklic (7 Purple), Louis Bernadi (7 Mauve), Claudia Frittitta (7 Mauve), Bethany Monkiewicz (7 White), Elodie Lee Fok Tong (7 Silver), Melissa Gani (9 Green) and Cathy Nguyen (7 White).

All of the entries have now been sent to the competition headquarters at the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children to be judged.

All entries were also considered as part of a St Monica's competition and I am pleased to announce the following entrants will receive special awards for their commendable entries:

Emma Do (9 Gold), Deandra John (9 Green), Stephanie Apostoloudas (7 Silver) and Faria Eklic (7 Purple).

Congratulations to these students and thank you to all staff who encouraged students to enter the competition.

## DANCE PARTY TICKET SALES

Tickets are now on sale for 'Vibe' which will take place on Friday August 29, 2008 in the Sports & Assembly Hall from 7.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m. You can purchase your tickets for \$5 from student sellers in the yard at recess and lunchtime or from Ms Sarantos in Room 252a. This is only for Monicans, Years 9 to 12.

## YEAR 5 VISITS

This coming week SMC staff commence visits to regional Catholic Primary Schools to speak with Year 5 children. Please spread the good news about our College amongst people you might meet. Say hello if our visit coincides with your time at the Primary School.

## MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

### **a. Year 11 Leaders' Day report**

Ms Sarantos took the Year 11 Class Captains and Vice Captains to a Leadership Day on July 30 at the Convention Centre. There were over 1800 students in attendance and two competitions were run and two of our students won two of the prizes. One was a singing competition and Anthony Cardamone came second; the other was a prize for the best question asked of Eric Bailey, NBA basketball player, and Crisanto Rabaja won that (a signed basketball).

Everybody really enjoyed the day.

### **b. Year 11 Community Service at Ozanam House:** Christopher Cardamone; Ayesha Maharaj; Andrew Fisher; Sheryline Rexley

### **c. St Peter's Literacy Program (Year 9):** Kirsten Petrovski; Michael Doumtsias; Eric Kittikhoun; Hayley Birch; Sarah Dinakis, Julia Mattiuzzo

### **d. Year 10 Community Service with St Vincent de Paul:** Anthony Amerena; Cameron Costello; Rochelle Lopez; Alison Dellow

## VALUES EDUCATION

### Report on Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle was a great success. SMC raised over \$600 towards the cost of putting a fresh water well in an Ethiopian village. Thank you to everyone who bought a sausage.

A huge thanks to the Junior and Senior Councils as well as the Year 11 Environmental Science students and to the teachers who helped prepare, cook, sell and manage the whole process. We shall have another such event on Davisson Street Campus in the weeks ahead.

### Water is Life Well project

How far could you walk with a 20 litre container full of water on your shoulders?

In Northern Ethiopia mothers and daughters walk an average of three hours each day carrying water. Often they have no choice but to use water contaminated by animals. Twenty percent of children die from water borne diseases before the age of five. A well provides safe drinking water to a village of up to one thousand people. A well increases life expectancy by an average of ten years. A well frees girls from the daily burden of carrying water, allowing them the opportunity of an education. You can help St Monica's College Values Group provide a clean water well to an Ethiopian village.

## BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

### **a. Legacy Public Speaking results**

Well done to the four students who competed in the Legacy Public Speaking Award regional final on Monday July 28: Adrian Muzzi, Jessica De Bont, Haynes D'Souza and Bethany Higgins. In particular, a big congratulations to Haynes D'Souza who won this event. Haynes now advances to the preliminary state final in September.

### **b. DAV Debating**

Well done to all students who competed in the final round of DAV debating at Loyola College. This concludes a very successful season of regional debating. Students involved will be rewarded with a special lunch later in the year. At this lunch, a 'debater of the year' will be awarded. In particular, a big congratulations to two SMC teams who won all their regional debates and now proceed to the finals next month. These students were Jennie Nguyen, Olivia Ouraha, Sarah Maiolo, Lorendana De Marco (Year 8), Katerina Petkovska, Fabrice Terriere, Shane Elders, Belinda De Vincentis and Lauren Giusti (Year 10). Well done also to the coaches of these teams: Ms Tina Pitruzzello and Mr Andrew Agardy. This is a superb achievement. Well done!!

## WORLD OF SPORT

### **a. All Years 7, 8, 9 students are to wear full PE uniform for the House Cross Country Carnival on August 6. This also applies to senior contestants.**

### **b. Senior Round Robin report**

The second Senior Round Robin sports day was held on Friday July 25. Sports contested were Netball (girls and boys), Volleyball (girls and boys) and Football (boys and girls).

St Monica's squads were successful in the Football (girls and boys) and boys Netball.

### **c. Catholic All Schools, Central Zone Finals, Netball**

St Monica's entered five teams in the Central Zone Finals with the younger teams doing well.

The Junior Girls A team comfortably made the Final along with the Intermediate Girls B team. Both teams were unsuccessful losing to Mackillop College and Salesian College respectively.

## ARMY CADETS INFORMATION

Information packages are now available from Campus Reception for students interested in knowing more about joining the Australian Army Cadets. If you require further details please contact Miss Di Maria at Augustine House.

## ITALY STUDY TOUR, 2009

A study tour of Italy has been planned for April, 2009. It includes interested students from Years 9 – 11.

It is now time to pay the deposit of \$542 as the trip will only proceed if there is a viable number of participants.

For enquired please contact Mrs Pina Dunne, LOTE Coordinator on 9409 8423 or email p.dunne@stmonicas-epping.com

## ST JOHN CADETS TRAINING SESSIONS

Training for St John Cadets will commence on Monday August 4 in The Gateway Room commencing at 3.30 p.m. All classes will be one hour in duration and students are asked to wear their PE uniform on the day and to bring a pen.

Monday	August 4
Monday	August 18
Monday	August 25
Monday	September 1
Monday	September 8
Monday	September 15
Monday	October 13
Monday	October 20 (final session for 2008)

## CAREERS CORNER

### **Year 12 Scholarship Applications**

Scholarship information booklets for Year 12 students are now available at the Careers Centre or can be downloaded at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

### **Year 12 SEAS Application**

Year 12 students who come from one or more of the following categories –

- Non-English speaking background
- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
- Difficult family circumstances
- Rural areas
- Under-represented schools
- Women in non-traditional courses
- Refugee status
- Disability or long term medical condition

Collect a Special Entry and Access Schemes booklet from the Careers Centre as a companion application to their VTAC application.

### **Year 10 Parents and Students**

The Age newspaper in its Education Supplement on Monday July 28, 2008 in the article entitled 'Future Shock' incorrectly advised Year 10 students that they could only take one of the English study into their Year 11 and 12 subject choices. The is incorrect the correct answer is Year 10 students for the purposes of calculating their ENTER may take up to three English studies of which a maximum of two may contribute to the primary four and the third may contribute 10% as either a fifth of sixth study.

## **Year 10 – 12 Students**

Over the next few weekends many of the tertiary education institutions are holding their Open Days. Students from Years 10 - 12 are encouraged to take advantage of these Open Days to explore the University and TAFE campuses and to ask questions about the courses they are interested in.

The main upcoming Open Days are:-

- Australian Catholic University August 17
- La Trobe University August 31
- Northern Melbourne Institution of TAFE August 20
- RMIT University & TAFE August 10
- Swinburne University & TAFE August 17
- The University of Melbourne August 17
- Victoria University & TAFE August 10
- William Angliss Institute of TAFE August 10

Students can obtain a full listing of all institution Open Days on the student intranet/careers/tertiary or on the VTAC website at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

## **YEAR 10 2009 AFL STUDIES TRIALS**

All Year 9 boys interested in trialling out for a place in the AFL Studies Year 10 class for next year must collect an information letter and permission slip from Mr Shelton as soon as possible. Trials will take place on Tuesday August 12 on the soccer pitch from 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Students need to bring runners and boots and need to be aware that preference will be given to those playing competitive football with local clubs.

## **NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVIST**

Photos, negatives and slides represent the largest part of our historical material collection in our school archives.

The early slides which we keep in our collection refer back to 1978 and illustrate many topics within the Epping region, such as the past Epping Township.

What a different Epping from the one we all know today is shown in these images. There are only a few recognizable buildings visible, like a post office, with the rest of the area vacant allotments and farm land. Wide and almost empty roads are also visible.

As photographs add to the understanding and knowledge that we currently have of our past, we, as a school community, can be proud to retrain such a great source of information in our collection.

Come into the Archives and have a look for yourself.

## **WRITE ACROSS VICTORIA CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION**

The Write Across Victoria Creative Writing competition is open to all Victorian school students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students are given three story starters to choose from and they must continue the narrative, completing the short story in 500 words. Entry is free and students have the chance to win cash prizes. Winners will also be published in Express Media's 'Voiceworks' and online. For more information, please see the posters in the Dalton Road Campus library window or speak with your English teacher.

## **FEATURED WEBSITE**

### **New Advent**

*New Advent* is much more than a Catholic encyclopaedia in an online format. For a start, it is in the Top 5 busiest Catholic websites in the world and its resources include the *Summa Theological* of St Thomas Aquinas and the full version of the Bible with links to its encyclopaedia. A great resource for those inquisitive about the Catholic Church and its teaching. <http://www.newadvent.org/>

## **PLASTIC BAGS WANTED**

Collingwood Cottage, one of the organizations we assist through our Community Services, is in need of plastic shopping bags, suitable for packing groceries. If you can assist please leave the bags at Campus Receptions.

## **MARVELLOUS MONICAN**

This week's marvellous Monican is Lisa Cardamone of 7 Silver. Most people have hobbies, interests and sports to help them develop as well – rounded individuals. Lisa's interest is dance. She has been dancing since she was five and she really loves dancing. Recently she was involved in the National Australasian Energentik competition and was awarded first prize. The competition involved an open ballet class and two dances performed on stage in front of adjudicators. Lisa has competed in many dance competitions at the local and state level but this has been her first national title. Congratulations Lisa.

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