



This Bulletin is produced fortnightly for the information of College families and is distributed to students to take home.

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## A PARENT'S LOVE

As the feast day of our patron, Saint Monica, approaches, it is timely to reflect on the natural love a parent has for his/her child. Just as Monica prayed, persevered and longed for the conversion of her son, Augustine, parents everywhere hold great hopes for their children, loving and supporting them in all possible ways and at all times.

The role of parent is crucial to the holistic development of the child. Our College operates on the belief that 'parents are the primary educators of their children' and what we are doing at school is adding to that educative role of the parent. At St Monica's College there are many examples of parents who are making quite significant sacrifices to send their child(ren) to this school. They have a commitment to a Monican education that they believe will shape and form their child in ways that will benefit their young one.

It is right that children recognize in their parents the most significant people in their life. Forms of mutual affection, open and honest communication, times of happiness and fun, and sharing of personal, family moments are wonderful parent-child

encounters. Parents deserve respect from their children, obedience, and honesty.

A sense of gratitude from children towards parents is important. Good parents provide personal support and security, a place to live, food on the table, and an opportunity for a fine secondary education. They also pass on spiritual and civic values. It is sad when children do not think enough to thank their mother and father for what they do now and for the years that have led up to the present day. Whilst a parent's love is natural instinct, it is unfortunate when taken for granted by the child.

Saint Monica was a woman of the fourth century yet one constant reality about humanity from the beginning of time is a parent's love for their child. That love is neither a thing of the past nor irrelevant in the twenty first century. It is real and strong.

Saint Monica, we pray that you will be with Monican parents as they guide their loved children through life. Saint Augustine, we pray that you will inspire Monicans to appreciate their loving parents and do everything to make them happy and proud.

## ST MONICA'S DAY 2010

On Friday August 27 we will celebrate St Monica's Day. On this day we commemorate our Patron Saint, Monica.

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 Bishop Tim Costelloe commencing at 10.00 a.m. and he will formally induct the Student Leaders for 2011. This year the Mass will also include the Opening and Blessing of the Lorraine Pratt Sports Fields. If you would like to request a reserved seat for this mass, please contact Mrs Kath Williams on 9409 8800.

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.

A range of amusements, entertainment and sporting activities will be on offer in the afternoon.

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

**Harley Davidson rides will be offered to students on St Monica's Day. It constitutes a 3 block course on Dalton Road. If you do not want your child to participate please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator.**

## ST MONICA'S WEEK 2010

**Sunday 22 August**

Alumni Gathering at DRC from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

**Monday 23 August**

Annual Oration – The L'Arche Community Working to do 'Something Beautiful for God'

**Wednesday 25 August**

Sports Breakfast compered by Essendon Champion Anthony Daniher, featuring leading sports identities. Tickets \$35 and \$20 for students. The Heritage Bar and Grill Reception Centre, High Street Epping. 6.45 a.m. Tickets available from Mrs Jenny Cavallo on 9409 8860.

## **RE-ENROLMENT PROCESS 2011**

All students in Years 7 - 11 should have received a re-enrolment form for 2011.

If your child is returning in 2011, please return the **form together with payment of \$150.00** for each student no later than Wednesday 1 September to secure a place.

If your child is not returning in 2011, 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 returned to the student to have the process completed correctly.

Any queries please contact Ms Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

### **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Please note that a staff in-service will be held on Wednesday, August 18 and this will be a student-free day.

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual prestigious Principal's Award for Public Speaking was held on Tuesday August 3. The evening comprised of thirteen students presenting prepared speeches on topics of their choice. The quality of speeches both in presentation and content was of a very high standard. The winners were:

Overall Winner - Michael Camilleri 12 Silver  
Best Junior Speaker – Kurt Cauchi 8 Blue  
Best Senior Speaker – Talia Pulis 12 Brown  
Principal's Encouragement Award – Alexander O'Neill 10 Emerald

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

Lots and lots of happenings: Principal's Award for Public Speaking; DAV debating; Year 11 retreats; Year 12 interviews; VCAL luncheon; Morning Tea with the Principal; Visits to Year 5 students; College Board meeting; Finance, Property & Works Committee meeting; DSC chess; House Cross Country; Teamwork Café; *Crazy for You* reunion; Showbiz Factory; Subject Fairs; Subject Information nights; Year 9 parents' afternoon tea; Australian Mathematics Competition; Term 3 Assembly; HORIZONS excursion; Year 8 premier league; On the Edge; Futsal Tournament in Adelaide .....

### **PAKISTAN APPEAL 2009/2010 FINAL TOTAL**

Congratulations to all students who have brought a diet drink or healthy Zinger yoghurt icy pole from our Pakistan sales bins at lunchtime. They have raised \$18,274.50 since last St Monica's Day, and an incredible \$81,670.05 since we started selling these items on March 31 2005. A magnificent achievement!

It is fantastic to note the number of students from our College who support this fund raising activity and regularly make extra donations of small change to help the less fortunate children and their families in Pakistan.

### **SMC NOTEBOOK PROGRAM: UPDATE**

#### **Netbook Rollout for Years 8 and 9: Dates for your Diary**

Parents of students in Years 8 and 9 are advised that their sons and daughters will receive their Netbook on the following dates: **Year 8 – September 1 and Year 9 – August 31**. Parents are required to attend a special evening from 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. to receive the Netbooks and also hear important advice about Cybersafety. Shortly, you will receive special correspondence in relation to these events.

#### **Netbook Manual**

Parents are advised that there has been an update of the Netbook Manual placed on the Parent Portal – just go to the College website, [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com) and login at the 'Community Login' link at the top right hand corner of the Homepage. There is an additional Appendix 4 on page 22 which

outlines matters to do with repairs and replacement of Netbooks.

### **PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN**

Ms Pamela Griffin and I edit this Bulletin. We are seeking views from parents regarding the best way to circulate the Bulletin. Do parents enjoy receiving a hard copy (such as this) or would placing the fortnightly Bulletin on the parent portal and the College website (where it currently is) suffice? Please contact Ms Griffin on 9409 8800.

### **TOWARDS THE FUTURE STRATEGIC PLAN DISTRIBUTION**

Recently I posted home to families our fourth strategic plan *Towards the Future 2010 – 2014*. I did not post it home to families where only a Year 12 is enrolled. Families in this position are welcome to request a copy. Please contact Ms Joanne DePetro who will arrange postage.

### **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. Staff Member of the Month for July was Mrs Jan Stefani for her devoted and committed work in catering for major events throughout the month of July and for future events in August. Her work fulfils the College's aim to be hospitable and a place of welcome.
2. Our condolences are extended to the Zagar family on the recent death of Mr Frank Zagar, a member of our Grounds staff in days gone by.
3. Congratulations to Ms Renata Dabal and Donovan on the birth of their first child, a son Cuan, on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **CAREERS CORNER**

#### **Deakin University Scholarship Information**

Access to higher education is very important to Deakin University. That's why we offer a range of scholarships to help students from many different backgrounds, with the costs of tuition and accommodation, allowing them to focus on their studies.

#### **Academic Excellence Scholarships**

Our Academic Excellence Scholarships aim to recognise and reward students with outstanding academic abilities by assisting them in achieving their full potential. Many of our scholarships also incorporate work-integrated learning opportunities so students can undertake valuable work experience as part of their degree.

#### **Access and Equity Scholarships**

We believe education is the key to social, cultural and economic prosperity. At Deakin University we are committed to increasing access to higher education for students who are experiencing economic, social or geographical disadvantage. Deakin's Scholarship Program is supported by a number of valued partners, in addition to the University, who see the importance of helping future Deakin graduates to achieve their best.

#### **Scholarships information**

As students start compiling their list of course preferences it's also important for them to consider which scholarships they may be eligible to apply for. Deakin has made the task of researching scholarships easy, with a comprehensive list available on our web site at <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/scholarshipmatrix.php>

This easy to follow list of all Deakin scholarships is presented in a simple format which includes the following details for all scholarships:

- » scholarship name
- » Campus
- » payment type and annual value
- » duration
- » how to apply?
- » closing date

Year 12 students are encouraged to apply for scholarships at Deakin and all other relevant Universities and TAFE Colleges.

## Work Experience

Any student planning to do Work Experience in the Term 3 holidays must visit the Careers Centre if they haven't already done so. They must have the completed paperwork handed in by Friday September 3. There are also two Occupational Health and Safety tests that need to be completed prior to this.

## BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

### Round 5 DAV Debating

The final round of DAV debating on Monday August 2 saw six out of our nine teams win their debates. Significantly five of our teams have progressed to the next stage of the competition where they will compete with the best debaters in the state. Each team was drawn against a team of similar ranking on the ladder. The results were;

#### A grade

St Monica's 1 223 lost to St Helena 2 227  
St Monica's 2 223 defeated St Helena 222

#### B grade

St Monica's 1 225 lost to Viewbank 1 226

#### C grade

St Monica's 1 227 defeated Loyola 1 226

#### D grade

St Monica's 1 224 lost to Loyola 4 226  
St Monica's 2 225 defeated Eltham College 3 224  
St Monica's 3 223 defeated Parade 1 222  
St Monica's 4 224 defeated Eltham College 2 222  
St Monica's 5 227 defeated St Helena 1 226

Congratulations to all the coaches who have devoted numerous hours to coach their teams to reach this standard.

## Plain English Speaking Award

Congratulations to Talia Pulis of Year 12 who competed in the semi-finals of the VCAA Plain English Speaking Awards on Wednesday July 28 at Treasury Theatre. She was one of 32 students across the state to reach this level. Talia was required to present a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Her prepared speech was on Hoon Drivers and the impromptu speaking topic was "A High Price to Pay". Talia represented the College with distinction.

## MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

- Year 10 at St Vincent de Paul: Jordan Kairouz; James Manalastas; Alvina Stowers; My Tran; John Yarak; George Saba; Amanda Villani; Carissa Mirra
- Year 9 St Peter's Literacy Program: Jack Glanvill; Bryan Hernandez; Mark Ilic; Adrian Alfonso; Chris Fogas; Tim Thorpe
- Year 11 at Ozanam House: Donnie Dimase; Erica Pulvirenti; Melissa Yacoub

## WORLD OF SPORT

### a. South Australia Challenge

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Futsal squad on their success in Adelaide at the South Australia Challenge.

Final result: St Monica's 4 Underdale High School 1.  
The Senior Boys ended the day runners up.

Final result: St Monica's 1 Adelaide High School 2

### b. Year 8 Premier League Round 2 v Penola

	SMC	Penola
AFL	2.5.17	9.4.58
Boys Basketball	45	34
Girls Basketball	40	27
Boys Volleyball	1	2
Girls Volleyball	2	2
Netball	25	26
Boys Football	1	2
Girls Football	2	1

## SHOWBIZ FACTORY

Showbiz Factory is an after school program of classes in the Performing Arts. This year, we return with classes in dance, drama, vocal technique and music industry skills. If students like the sound of any of these, have done some classes last year or just want to get more details, please see Ms Keyte.

## 'CRAZY FOR YOU' PHOTOS

'Crazy For You' photo CD ROMs are available for all cast and crew for \$30. There are over 500 professional photos for you to keep forever. Please see Mrs Cavallo on DSC or Ms Keyte on DRC to place your order.

## CHESS AT DSC

The first Chess game at DSC was played in the Sister Julian Quaine Library. Alex O'Neill was the winner of the Year 10 game. There were two participants in the Year 11 tournament Luke Baldassini (11 Emerald) and Steven Paladino (11 Brown). Congratulations to Steven Paladino winner of the Year 11 competition. Steven will now go on to play the winner of the Year 10 competition to determine the overall DSC champion. DSC Chess will continue in the Sister Julian Quaine Library.

## PIZZA LUNCH WINNERS

Congratulations to Catherine Mina (7 Blue); Nathan Curcio (9 Blue); Adrianna Popavski (10 Emerald); Phillip Tsetsos (10 Brown); Loredana De Marco (10 Silver); and Luke Baldassini (11 Emerald). They have won a pizza lunch at the end of term for 'Doing the right thing' environmentally. They also go into the draw for the iPod.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 1. Good Samaritan Inn 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, October 1  
L'Unica Reception Centre  
476 Brunswick Road, Parkville

7.00 p.m. to Midnight  
3 course dinner, including beer, wine and soft drink,  
plus entertainment  
\$65 per person

#### BOOKINGS / MORE INFORMATION:

Margaret Godino: [mgxtt@iinet.net.au](mailto:mgxtt@iinet.net.au)

Tel: 0410 540 436 / 9478 9776

Tables can seat between 8 – 12 guests or individual bookings will be allocated a table.

#### RSVP and payment by September 17

Please advise us of any special dietary requirements.  
Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the night.

Cheques/Money order made payable to:

**Good Samaritan Inn**

**PO Box 1655 Preston South 3072**



### 2. Centacare's Gala Parade of Wedding Gowns throughout the Century - Thursday 2 September

Centacare Catholic Family Services' Friends of the Mary of the Cross are holding a Gala Parade of Wedding Gowns throughout the Century as a fundraiser for their Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service. This event will be held at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill at 7.30 p.m. Thursday September 2. A beautiful array of gowns will be displayed and to help commemorate Centacare's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, they are featuring a dress worn by a bride in 1935. Come celebrate, enjoy the bridal fashions and partake in a light champagne supper!

Price: \$35 per head. To book tickets or for further information, contact Kathy Matthews at the Mary of the Cross Centre Ph 9495 6144.

## SOUTH MORANG RAIL INFORMATION SESSIONS

The \$650 million South Morang Rail Extension Project is a comprehensive package of public infrastructure works, which will see significant upgrades to the Epping line and increased capacity on the Hurstbridge line. The project is funded under the State Government's \$38 billion Victorian Transport Plan.

The scope of works includes 5 kilometres of track duplication from Keon Park to Epping and 3.5 kilometres of new double tracks from Epping to South Morang. Thomastown Station will be upgraded with a second platform and pedestrian overpass. Epping Station will be relocated and rebuilt as a modern premium facility. A new premium station, with integrated public transport services, will be built at South Morang.

The South Morang Rail Extension Project now invites you to visit our upcoming community information sessions.

The information sessions will be an informal display of project materials including maps, concept designs, and photo montages. Representatives from the project design, construction, environment and community relations teams will be available to discuss points of interest or concern and respond to queries.

Suburb	Venue	Date	Time
Thomastown	Thomastown Library Community Room 52 Main Street, Thomastown	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
Epping	Epping Community Activity Centre 378 Findon Road, Epping	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
South Morang	Great Hall City of Whittlesea Civic Centre 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

If you have any questions relating to the South Morang Rail Extension Project, please call the Community Information Line on 1800 4 SMREP (1800 476 737), email: [infor@smrep.com.au](mailto:infor@smrep.com.au) or visit their website: [transport.vic.gov.au/southmorang](http://transport.vic.gov.au/southmorang).

## NCEC RELEASE

Commitments sought by NCEC	Australian Labor Party Response	Liberal/National Party Coalition Response
1. Catholic schools and systems have a direct relationship with the Commonwealth Government underpinned by legislation.	The Gillard Government, which has delivered record funding for Australian schools, values its strong and direct partnership with Australia's Catholic schools and this will continue to be reflected in future arrangements, which will be determined following the findings of an independent Review panel in 2011.	The Coalition agrees that there will be a direct relationship between the Commonwealth and Catholic schools and systems. Commonwealth legislation will underpin funding for Catholic schools.
2. Catholic schools and systems from 2013 have, at the very least, access to the same funds, indexed to government school costs, as currently available.	For at least the lifetime of the next Parliament, until the end of 2013, funding will be at least indexed as currently for all schools, Catholic, Independent and Government. After 2013 indexation arrangements include indexation for all schools and will be put forward well before the next election.	The Coalition will continue current funding to Catholic schools and systems in real terms from 2013, and in the meantime we will consult on how to enhance the model further.
3. Catholic systems have the capacity to distribute funds to schools according to need.	The Australian Government supports the desire of Catholic systems to allocate funding according to the need and is committed to working with Catholic education authorities to achieve this goal in ways which respect the autonomy of schools and school systems.	The Coalition supports the role of Catholic systems as distributors of block funding according to local school need.
4. Funding levels must be indexed annually, using a transparent mechanism, to ensure that Catholic schools and systems are able to meet the rising costs of education.	The Gillard Labor Government has provided for indexation at least the current rate for all schools until the end of 2013. Beyond 2013 all schools' funding will be indexed in a transparent and robust way.	General recurrent grants to Catholic schools will be indexed annually to reflect rising costs.
5. Funding for students with disabilities must be increased towards parity with government school funding.	The Gillard Labor Government is currently providing \$810M over four years to non-government schools for Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs. If we are re-elected we will prioritise the growth of this funding for students in every kind of school.	The Coalition is committed to addressing the disparity in dollar terms between SWDs in government and in non-government schools over time. The Coalition will work to secure national agreement on definitions of disabilities before 1 July 2011, as well as provide students with portable funding through an Education Card from January 2012.
6. Capital funding should be increased for educational disadvantaged communities and areas of population growth.	The Australian Government has budgeted for non-government school capital funding through till 2013 - 14. This capital will be made available to non-government schools immediately if the Government is re-elected, with a focus on growing communities.	A Coalition Government will maintain current base level capital funding to Catholic Block Grant Authorities.

  
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