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## MUSIC – JOY TO THE WORLD



On the wall of an old opera house these words are inscribed:

*'Bach gave us God's word. Mozart gave us God's laughter. Beethoven gave us God's fire. God gave us Music that we might pray without words.'*

What joy and pleasure music brings

to the world! Music does not discriminate between people; it is flexible, diverse, fun-filled, and solemn on occasions: forever reinventing itself and creating new sounds and delights, accessible and free of charge to all. Music is made by humans, animals, elements of nature and the rhythmic changes of the four seasons.

Music is an important part of Monican life and it is enjoyed by so many students and staff. It is an academic study, a popular co-curricular subject, a vocational pathway for some students, a form of relaxation for others. Music is played and reverberates through our school community by musicians in concert or solo, and through the melody of voices in choir. We hear it, we feel it, we are moved by it emotionally, and we dance in harmony with it.

Music is like the heartbeat of God as it pervades all parts of life and is a real movement that can change and uplift us, give us comfort, make us laugh, sooth our pain, celebrate our successes. Like music, the heartbeat of God surrounds us, mysteriously making its way through and within us. It demands nothing from us but our attention and listening. Like music which we cannot see but only hear, God is not visible to us either, instead we need to listen for his heartbeat.

From Bach to Hendrix; from Mozart to Lennon; from Beethoven to Madonna – the sound of music is ageless and endless. The plaque on the opera house wall reminds us that it is a form of praying without words. God is ageless and endless too – may Monicans be in tune with God's heartbeat as it pulsates through our life and world.

## ST MONICA'S WEEK 2011

### Annual Alumni Gathering

Calling all Old Collegians, particularly graduates of 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001

Sunday August 21

2:30pm

Dalton Road Campus

### Annual Oration

'Listening for God's Heartbeat'

A night of Celtic music and song with singer and songwriter

**Maria Forde**

Monday August 22

7:30pm - 9pm

Theatre Of All Nations

### Sports Breakfast

Featuring:

Greg Champion - Media Personality, Songwriter & Performer

Rodney Hogg - Former Australian Test Cricketer

Peter Helliar aka 'Strauchanie'

MC - Anthony Daniher

Wednesday August 24

8:30am - 9am

The Heritage Bar & Grill  
514-516 High Street, Epping

Tickets \$35  
Students \$25

### St Monica's Day

Friday August 26

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Hilton Deakin at 10am, including the induction of the 2012 College Captains

Followed by activities and amusements for all students

Lunch and sweets provided



For seating and catering purposes RSVP required for all events - Contact 9409 8800

## EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – SECOND INSTALMENT, 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to eligible parents/guardians of students under 16 years of age. The EMA is paid in two instalments, \$161 to both parent and school in April, 2011 and \$69 to the parent and school in August, 2011, being a total of \$460.

To be eligible the applicant must have:

- \*\* A valid Health Care Card/Pension Card or Veterans Affairs Card.
- \*\* Be a Foster Parent and apply for the Foster child only
- \*\* Card must be valid on Monday, 18 July, 2011 to be eligible for the second payment.

EMA forms are held at both DRC and DSC Receptions and need to be lodged at Davisson St Campus only no later than 5 August, 2011. If you applied for the first Instalment, there is no need to reapply for the second Instalment.

**Please note: no late applications will be accepted after 5 August, 2011 as requested by DEET.**

**Any queries can be directed to Ms Andrea Moon on DSC Campus, Tel 9409 8800.**

## SINCE THE LAST EDITION .....

A busy start to Term 3: VCE/VCAL parent/teacher conferences; Tournament of Minds training sessions; M.O.N.I.C.A.N. Spelling Bee finals; Principal's Award for Public Speaking; Harry Potter trivia competition; Vocations Awareness workshops (Year 10); DRC chess championships; House cross country carnival; MADD auditions; senior AFL and netball; junior netball; VCE Masses; Staff in-service; Basketball development program; intermediate basketball competition; Chemistry competition; Music Camp; Year 9 science workshop; Face-to-Faith teleconference; Year 12 seminar; Year 10 premier league; 10 Indigo at On the Edge; College Board committees' meetings; DAV debating and workshop .....

## FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. A formal review of our Assistant Principal (Curriculum), Mr Stephen Baker, is underway. Parents are invited to send any confidential comments to the external reviewer, Mr Frank Fitzgerald, via the College address or email.
2. Congratulations to Mrs Grace Mifsud and her husband on the birth of James and to Mr Chau Phan and his wife on the birth of Vincent.
3. Former Business Manager, Mr Noel Browne, thanks all members of the Monican community for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness.

## RECHARGING OF NETBOOK BATTERIES

Parents are asked to remind their children to recharge their Netbook batteries each night after school. This valuable ICT resource is freely available to all students, but it does require certain levels of responsibility and care. Netbooks do not operate unless the two batteries provided are functional. Parental support will be appreciated as students accept their responsibilities too.

## ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS

Staff members at SMC are instructed to ignore the content of all communication that is anonymous. This includes written and verbal correspondence. We do not know who the author or speaker is – it could be a lobbyist or person of ill repute just as much it could be a well-meaning parent. How can we know?

Signed correspondence is welcomed and accepted without prejudice - on any topic. Staff are also required to respond. However, anonymous correspondence has no validity and will be destroyed or ignored.

## SUBJECT INFORMATION AND SELECTION

The month of August is filled with sessions and information about academic subjects, career expos, and assistance with selecting courses for 2012. The College is renowned for providing maximum information about the vast range of matters associated with these aspects of schooling. I urge all students and parents to read and attend all that we offer.

## VCAL HUB

The VCAL students and staff move into their new VCAL Hub this week. The Hub is located on DSC and was wholly financed by College funds. It comprises four learning areas, study areas, storage facilities and staff offices. Landscaping has been completed around the Hub.

The VCAL Hub will be officially opened by the Mayor of Whittlesea, Cr Rex Griffin, and blest by Canonical Administrator, Father Brian McMahon (PP St Stephen's, East Reservoir) on Friday, 16 September.

## 2011 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The annual Principal's Award for Public Speaking was held on the evening of Tuesday, 19 July in The Gateway Room. Two students from each year level presented prepared speeches on topics of their choice as well as a two minute impromptu speech. The junior impromptu topic was 'Honesty' and the senior topic was 'Justice'. All students must be commended for the exceptional way in which they conducted themselves. They represented SMC with distinction. The results were:

### **Principal's Encouragement Award:**

Isabelle Terriere 9 Indigo

### **Best Junior Speaker:**

Kurt Cauchi 9 Mauve

### **Best Senior Speaker:**

Haynes D'Souza 12 Emerald

### **Best Overall Speaker:**

Jessica de Bont 11 Gold

Special thanks goes to Ms Kate Molony, Mrs Meredith Berry and Mr Paul Panozzo for their impeccable adjudication and to Mr Stephen Baker for facilitating the running of the evening through his role as MC.

## EXCITING NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce that our College will launch a bilingual immersion program (Japanese and English) in Year 7 commencing 2012. This is an innovative and exciting project that has captured the imagination and interest of many educators and authorities including the Catholic Education Office and the Bilingual Schools Network. More details later.

**PARENT HELPERS WANTED  
ST MONICA'S DAY  
FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST, 2011**

Parent help on St Monica's Day is always greatly appreciated so if you are able to assist or would like further details please contact Mrs Hay on 9409 8854.

**SMC CONGRATULATES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

It has been my privilege and pleasure to represent SMC at four recent school facilities openings and blessings under the BER. Congratulations to the communities of St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park; St Peter's, Epping; St Gabriel's, Reservoir; and St Luke's, Lalor. Catholic Education is thriving in the Northern suburbs!

**YEAR 8 PARENT AFTERNOON TEA**

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet informally with Mr Hanley, Principal, together with senior members of staff and parents from your child's year level whilst enjoying a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Date: Tuesday 9 August, 2011  
Venue: 'The Hospitality Centre'  
Dalton Road Campus  
Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

For bookings please contact: Ms Bianca Chisari - 9409 8992.

**MONICANS OUT & ABOUT**

Year 10s at St Vincent de Paul: Brittany Kirkos; Hayley Truong; Rudy Dal Pozzo; Louie Ojaimi

Year 10s at Collingwood Cottage: Adrian Gonella; Andrew Pavli; Johnny Scollo; Allysha Bord; Maria Morcos; Julia Cherubin; Demi Kapolitsas

Year 9 students at St Peter's Literacy: Samantha Francis; Lynette Bradford; Lauren Harris; Timothy Montefalcon; Habib Musa; Tiana Nguyen

**Epping Rail Art Project workshop:**

**Year 7**

Alice Liang, Christopher Poermandya, Kelly Bozinosa, Cheville Lo Picollo, Olivia Fouache.

**Year 8**

Hayden Black, Aaron Yin, Christine Daoud, Anamika Chowdhury, Amy Ruscigno.

**Year 9**

Danny Tran, Maureen Petros, Isabelle Terriere, Mary David, Laura Oghanna.

**Year 10**

Lilian Tran, Kimberly Wright, Daria Eklic, Adriana Sadaj, Joshua Farchione.

**Year 11**

Jessamine Cadou, Sarah Ujmaia, Angie Sassano, My Tran, Leon Truong.

**Year 12**

Melissa Andriotis, Matthew Bruno, Quoc Truong, Nhi Pham, Rebekah Khaw.

**DAV Debating workshop:**

**Year 8**

Maddison Sacco, Anamika Chowdhury, Amy Ruscigno, Anoop Gill.

**Year 9**

Jordan Hiho, Shaun Elders, Ramsen Kunda, Kurt

Cauchi, Daniel Zdravkovski, Melissa Monteleone, Isabelle Terriere, Jaimee-Lee Crouch, Gheslaine Waters.

**Year 11**

Alex O'Neill, Jessica de Bont, Kellie Macnaughtan, Sarah Maiolo, Edera El-Assaad, Dinithi De Alwis.

**BEHIND THE ROSTRUM**

**DAV debating results, round 5**

Round 5 of debate debating was held at Loyola College on Monday, 26 July. Out of twelve debates SMC managed six victories, including a forfeit. In 5 of the debates SMC students were awarded best speaker. The DAV season has now ended and we move in to the final rounds. At this point our SMC 1 B grade team and SMC 2 D grade team have qualified for the finals. The results were;

***A grade***

SMC 1 224 lost to Marymede 1 227 best speaker  
Haynes D'Souza

***B grade***

SMC 1 224 lost to St Helena 1 227  
SMC 2 223 lost to Loyola 2 227

***C grade***

SMC 1 223 lost to Parade 1 226  
SMC 2 226 defeated St Helena 2 224 best speaker  
Astrid Mayne

***D grade***

SMC 1 226 lost to Parade 2 227  
SMC 2 227 defeated Viewbank 1 225 best speaker  
Ramsen Kunda

SMC 3 223 lost to Loyola College 3 228

SMC 4 225 defeated Eltham College 2 224

SMC 5 227 defeated St Helena 2 224 best speakers  
Gheslaine Waters and Isabelle Terriere

SMC 6 224 lost to Bundoora 3 226 best speaker  
Alyssa Salvador

SMC 7 won by forfeit

Play off finals commence on Wednesday, 24 August.

**PARENT WORKSHOP AT SMC**

**Is school attendance important to you?**

St Monica's College invites parents to a presentation by learning strategist, Zita Pinda, who will offer an interactive discussion outlining the importance of attendance and providing you with advice and information about managing difficulties in getting your child to school. Don't miss this important evening about your children's wellbeing.

When: Wednesday, 14 September, 2011

Where: The Gateway Room

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Please contact the College on 9409 8992 to secure a place.

**CAKE BOXES REQUIRED**

Empty cake mix boxes (or boxes of a similar size) are required for a project for Year 7 RE. If you are able to bring in a box or two this week or next, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave at DRC Reception.

**PARKING AT WHITE LADY FUNERAL PARLOR**

The White Lady Funeral Parlor have asked that SMC parents do not park in their parking area while waiting to pick up their children as this area is required for their own purposes and require the area to be free at all times.

## WORLD OF SPORT

### 1. AFL Results

#### a. Penola report

St Monica's senior team defeated Penola College and have won their way through to the SACCSS Grand Final after an unbeaten season.

SMC 25.8.158 defeated Penola 5.2.32

**Goal kickers:** R. Mercuri, J. Beare, M. Di Battista 3, M. Macca, G. Sutton, J. Mercuri, M. Borg 2, J. Rizzolio, J. Abdulhadi, R. Bonora, M. Padula, J. Vaccaro, A. Pavli 1.

**Best players:** M. Borg, J. Beare, R. Mercuri, J. Mercuri, M. Di Battista, M. Vincitorio.

On Wednesday, 10 August the Grand Final will be against Salesian College at Coburg City Oval.

#### b. South Fremantle report

During the Term 2 holidays our Senior AFL team played our annual game against the visiting South Fremantle Under 16 touring team. A very young and inexperienced SMC side were fantastic on the day and were eventually just beaten by the representative team.

Results are:

**Goal kickers:** J. Abdulhadi 2, A. Pavli, J. Beare, M. Zakkour, J. Farrugia, M. Di Battista

**Best players:** J. Beare, J. Mercuri, M. Di Battista, J. Short, M. Borg, A Stoikos.

### 2. Year 10 Premier League

	SMC	vs	MCC
AFL	No Team		Fielded by Marymede
Netball	41		9
Basketball (M)	45		27
Basketball (F)	38		7
Volleyball (M)	2		3
Volleyball (F)	1		3
Football (M)	8		0
Football (F)	12		0

### 3. Tennis Squad

Mr Mitchell will be taking the role of Tennis Coach on behalf of Ms S Pasahidis from Term 3 and tennis training/coaching will commence on Wednesday 3 August at 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. in preparation for the SMC Tennis Tournament.

### 4. Hockey Institute

On Friday, 22 July the Hockey Institute played SRC Melton. Unfortunately, the end result was a loss for SMC by 2 points.

Training commenced on Monday, 25 July. Any other student interested in playing is welcome to contact Miss Sheehan.

### 6. Victorian College Championships, Basketball


Congratulations to the Senior Boys squad on their success at the Victorian College Championships on Monday, 25 July. The boys went through the day undefeated winning the final against Aitkin College 43 – 27.

## CAREERS CORNER

 <p><b>THURSDAY 4 AUGUST, 2011</b></p> <p><b>TIME: ANYWHERE BETWEEN 4 – 8 PM</b></p> <p>St Monica's College, Epping Sports &amp; Assembly Hall</p>	<p><b>COURSE &amp; CAREERS EXPO AT SMC – AUGUST 4</b> All students welcome</p> <p>Australian Academy of Design Australian Catholic University Australian College of Applied Psychology Australian Institute of Fitness Blue Mountains Hotel School Box Hill TAFE CATC Design School Deakin University Defence Force Recruiting Gowrie Victoria Grenadi School of Design Holmesglen Jetset Training College</p>	<p>JMC Academy Kangan Institute La Trobe University Melbourne School of Fashion Melbourne University NMIT Pivot Point Academy RMIT Southern School of Natural Therapies Swinburne University Victoria University William Angliss</p>	<p>Do you want to be a building, mechanic, accountant, lawyer, chef, flight attendant or one of 1000 other careers? Want to win a JB Hi Fi voucher just for visiting?</p> <p>Then come along and join in the fun, chat to the representatives from the institutions and find out what they have to offer you.</p>
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## MARVELLOUS MONICAN

We congratulate Madeline Perrone on being awarded a six month contract to Millennium Dance Complex in Los Angeles. On a recent trip to the USA, Madeline was awarded 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at a summer school conducted through the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts. Madeline has also won an Industry Award; she was chosen as the World Champion of Contemporary Vocal Award recipient and – **even more** – she was placed first in the 16 - 17 World Category for her dance solo. Madeline will complete her studies in 2012 before moving to America.

  
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