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## COLLEGE PLEDGES

- Staff/Priests** We, the staff and priests of St Monica's College, commit ourselves to working together to enhance and enrich the education of students of this College. We will encourage them to listen for God's heartbeat and to act willingly in a spirit of generosity and care towards others.
- Years 7 & 8** We promise to act with kindness and friendliness to all people we meet at school and in the community. We shall try always to be good Monicans who listen for God's heartbeat and be children of compassion towards each other.
- Years 9 & 10** Every day we will find different ways to listen for God's heartbeat in our world. We will respect the environment, care for all of creation, and build a world where there is justice and understanding of other people and their cultures.



- Years 11 & 12** We, the senior students of St Monica's College, commit to using the opportunities we have to contribute to a world where there is equality and respect for every person. We pray that as we listen for God's heartbeat that we will be strengthened and empowered to be citizens and Monicans who pray and persevere for the sake of others.

### THANK YOU

I thank all the wonderful Monicans who made the 2011 St Monica's Week such a great and enjoyable experience for all participants. I acknowledge the hard and committed work of those who organized and hosted the Alumni Gathering (attended by over 200 Old Collegians); those who attended and arranged the beautiful 2011 Oration at which Maria Forde led us through an evening of Celtic music and spirituality; the staff who ensured the success of the Sports Breakfast held at The Heritage in Epping; and the scores of students, staff members and parents who came together to make this year's St Monica's Day quite unforgettable. Saint Monica, pray for us.

### COLLEGE CAPTAINS, 2012

I am pleased to announce that Alexander O'Neill and Jessamine Cadou have been appointed College Captains for 2012 and that Rhys Antonio and Madeline Perrone are appointed as College Vice Captains. We congratulate these four outstanding Monicans and pledge our support for them as they perform their many duties.

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

St Monica's Week (Alumni Gathering; Annual Oration; Sports Breakfast; Rehearsal Day; St Monica's Day Mass and activities); 40 Hour Famine; SACCSS Chess competition; Senior SACCSS football; DAV Debating;

Music Festival; Uniquely Year 9; On the Edge; Year 10 Premier League; Year 8 debating; Subway Days; Tournament of Minds regional final; DSC chess competition; Schools Knock-Out athletics; Enhancement excursions; Book Publishers' display; Staff in-service; Year 5 visits to SMC; Mathematics and Computing Faculty review; College Board meeting .....

### FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Congratulations to Mrs Sonia George and her husband on the birth of their first child, Adam, on 23 August.
2. We welcome Miss Monica Dunne to the College in the ERF as a Library Assistant until November.
3. We were delighted to receive the visit of two former staff members recently: Mrs Kathryn Woods and her husband, Don from Hong Kong; and Mr Luigi Cifone from Ireland.

### MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 10s at Collingwood Cottage: Kassandra Baldi; Amy Lee; Erin Dimacco; Renee Caligiuri; Victoria Tsonis; Natalie Vargeli; Rachel Fenech; Grace Paspalis.

Year 10s at St Vincent de Paul: Brianna Mazzarella; Jayden Short; James Borg; Claudia Simiane.

Year 9s at St Peter's Literacy Program: Kurt Cauchi; Mary David; Lauren Oghanna; Kahurangi Rapana; Kristy Ringeri; Jordan Ristevski.

## RE-ENROLMENT PROCESS 2012

All students in Years 7 - 11 should have received a re-enrolment form for 2012.

If your child is returning in 2012, please return the form together with payment of \$150 for **each** student no later than Friday, 9 September, 2011 to secure a place.

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.

If your child is not returning in 2012, the form must be returned by the due date indicating their departure and destination.

Any queries please contact Ms Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

## BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

### **DAV Debating Finals Report**

On Wednesday, 24 August three St Monica's College D grade debating teams headed off to Brentwood Secondary College for their DAV play off final 1. All three teams managed a win, albeit one was a forfeit. I would like to emphasise the hard work and support these teams have received from their respective coaches Ms Alesha Allen, Mr Ben Tucker and Ms Natalie Taaffe in getting them fully prepared with less than a week's preparation. I would also like to thank the DRC library staff Mrs Leonie Johnson, Mrs Frances Mason and Mrs Angela Anderson for compiling a list of crucial resources for what was a very difficult topic. Finally the students must be congratulated for their performance on the night as well as their disciplined preparation.

Results were:

SMC 2 227 defeated Xavier College 1 225

SMC 1 231 defeated Camberwell Grammar 226

SMC 5 won by forfeit against Lowther Hall

The topic was 'That sporting bodies should penalise teams whose players commit criminal acts off the field of play'.

Students involved were:

#### **St Monica's 1**

Maddison Sacco, Anamika Chowdhury, Anoop Gill.

**(Coach: Ms Alesha Allen)**

#### **St Monica's 2**

Shaun Elders, Ramsen Kunda, Kurt Cauchi.

**(Coach: Mr Ben Tucker)**

#### **St Monica's 5**

Isabelle Terriere, Jaimee-Lee Crouch, Gheslaine Waters.

**(Coach: Natalie Taafe)**

The next round of finals is play off 2 at Northcote High School, Wednesday, 31 August. SMC will have 4 teams competing, our B grade team at 7.00 p.m. and our 3 D grade teams at 8.00 p.m.

## INAUGURAL SACCSS CHESS COMPETITION

The inaugural SACCSS Chess Competition was held at St Monica's College on Thursday, 18 August. St Monica's College was joined by twelve Catholic Colleges from the region.

Congratulations to the St Monica's College Junior Chess team, winning the inaugural SACCSS event.

Shan Galapaththy was awarded best Junior Player in the Competition winning the gold medal. Shan has been a regular Chess player at St Monica's College since commencing his secondary education.

Congratulations also to the Intermediate Chess team, winning the inaugural SACCSS event.

Jordan Hiho was award the best Intermediate player in the competition. Jordan has also competed in regular DRC Chess Competitions and this year took out the DRC Overall Chess Championship. Tony Huynh was a close second winning the silver medal.

Congratulations to the Senior Chess team, finishing second behind Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

Alex O'Neill was awarded best Senior player in the competition winning the gold medal and Adolph Lekkas finished with the Bronze medal. Both Alex and Adolph have played Chess throughout their years at St Monica's College.

It was great to see so many St Monica's College staff support our students and see the day progress.

Thank you to Mr Oakey, the AV team, Mr Stantzen and Miss Chisari for their assistance with behind the scenes work. Thank you to the Year 9 House Captains for their assistance in welcoming and escorting our visitors to the venue and a big thank you to Mr Anderson and the Year 11 VET students for providing a great BBQ lunch for the visiting schools. Please see results below:

### Junior Team

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Monica's College 23.5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catholic Regional College, Caroline Springs 20.5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MacKillop College 20.5 points.

### Individual St Monica's College Junior student results

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Shan Galapaththy   | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Callan Hiho       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Deyan Milevski     | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Arjun Balasenthil |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Mitchell Vihtelic  | 31 <sup>st</sup> | James Silver      |
| 37 <sup>th</sup> | Thomas Aitken      | 41 <sup>st</sup> | Christopher Pham  |
| 42 <sup>nd</sup> | Liam Lowe          | 43 <sup>rd</sup> | Armann Gill       |
| 45 <sup>th</sup> | Christopher Hakem  | 57 <sup>th</sup> | Jason Notaro      |
| 60 <sup>th</sup> | Matthew Marinacci. |                  |                   |

### Intermediate Team

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Monica's College 22.5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catholic Regional College, Melton West 17.5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Catholic Regional College, St Albans 17.5 points.

### Individual St Monica's College Intermediate student results


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|------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Jordan Hiho      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Tony Huynh       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Daniel Giusti    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Benjamin Newton  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Candia    |
| 48 <sup>th</sup> | Matthew Mansour. |

### Senior Team results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Chisholm Catholic College 18 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Monica's College 18 points. ( 2<sup>nd</sup> on count back)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Catholic Regional College (Sydenham) 16 points.

### Individual St Monica's College Senior student results

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Alex O'Neill   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Adolph Lekkas  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Dylan Thomson. |



**40 Hour Famine**  
Thanks for helping fight Global Hunger

By now you should be collecting your sponsor's donations. Please return your Famine Booklet together with your sponsor's donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name and homeroom. If you are eligible for an award or to apply for the Youth Ambassador Program please jump on line and register

If you were unable to complete the Famine you must still return your Famine Booklet by the due date.

All booklets and donations must be returned no later than Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2011. Should you have any problems with this please contact Mrs. Hay in Room 330 or Mr. Elbarbar in Room 480.

**ALL FAMINE BOOKLETS & DONATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2011**

### Students at Enhancement Programs:

The following students attended enhancement programs at the Arts Centre and the Melbourne Museum:

Caroleen Hagopian, Chrystal Tigani, Christine Snowball, Chantel Tucker, Rachael Davie, Ankita Panjratana, Lavinia De Marco, Chloe Palermo, Mehak Ghataura, Michelle Kieu, Tracey Pham, Mansohail Singh, Melvyn Charan, Rachel Portelli, Ishwar Gunasegaran, Arshdeep Cheema, Gabrielle Bruno, Adam Lucente, Lewis Faure, Joan Tran, Jasleen Grewal, Caroline Nguyen, Aaron Yin, Kosta Barbarigos, Kelly Bozinoska, Liam Marshall, Isabelle Terriere, Carla Italia, Shirley Xu, Daniel Arrowsmith, Christine Ulloa, Sarah Todorovski, Heshan Samaratunge, Venessa Bouzeid, Manisha Sivathas, Shan Galappathy, Harry Pham, Jessie Tran, Mitchell Vihtelic, Dylan Company, Thomas Aitken, Tharusha Galagedarage, Joshua Failla, Kurt Cauchi, Amy Ruscigno, Michael Le, Sharon Kaur, Liam Lowe, Ksenia Simic, Martina Tran, Marisa Leisos.

### MONICAN ACHIEVERS

The Commerce Faculty would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding results in the Economics and Business Studies Competitions held in May:

Nick Janeski received a High Distinction for the Business Studies Competition and Jason Truong received a Distinction for the Economics Competition.

The Commerce Faculty Also congratulates the recipients of Credit: Loredana DeMarco, Samantha Fenech, Michael Macca, and Jason Biviano.

Kiralee Mladenis (Year 12) is congratulated on being national Runner-Up in the Voice of McDonalds singing competition held recently. She won cash and other prizes for her performance.

### WORLD OF SPORT

#### SACCSS Netball and Australian Rules Football Finals

The Grand Finals off the SACCSS Senior Netball and AFL took place on a bleak Wednesday, 10 August the netballers trekked to the State Netball Centre in Royal Park to meet MacKillop College. The squad carved out a hard fought 27 - 25 win, to retain the cup for the second consecutive year.

The boys came up against a strong Salesian College team

losing in the last quarter after being in the game for the previous three quarters.

#### Senior Football v Caroline Chisholm

**Boys: St Monica's 10 Caroline Chisholm 0**

**Scorers:** Daniel Peluso 5, Peter Addo 2, Dean Romas 2, Matthew Infantino 1

**Best on ground:** 3 Daniel Peluso, 2 Dean Romas, 1 John Reale.

**Girls St Monica's 6 Caroline Chisholm 0**

**Scorers:** Rachel Walker 2, Kristen Petrovski 1, Stefanie Oddo 1, Giuliana Pavia 1, Jessica D'Amore 1.

**Best on ground:** 3 Jessica D'Amore, 2 Stefanie Oddo, 1 Giuliana Pavia.

#### SACCSS Senior Football Round 1 v Caroline Chisholm

Round 1 of the inaugural SACCSS Senior Football was held on Thursday, 11 August. A Senior Girls squad and Boys squad welcomed Caroline Chisholm to St Monica's College.

**Boys St Monica's College 10 Caroline Chisholm 0**

**Scorers:** Daniel Peluso 5, Dean Romas 2, Peter Addo 2, Matthew Infantino 1.

**Girls St Monica's College 6 Caroline Chisholm 0**

**Scorers:** Rachel Walker 2, Stefanie Oddo 1, Kristen Petrovski 1, Giuliana Pavia 1, Jessica D'Amore 1.

#### SACCSS Senior Football—SMC V Penola

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
SMC 0 Penola 1	SMC 4 Penola 0
<b>Scorers:</b> B Rosano 2, R Walker 1, J Beninato 1,	
<b>Best and Fairest</b>	<b>Best and Fairest</b>
3 J Reale SMC	3 R Walker SMC
2 D Romas SMC	2 B Rosano SMC
1 D Peluso SMC	1 P Jsnaize SMC

### Whittlesea Youth Cybersafety Team and Baseline For Young People PRESENTS

#### SOCIAL NETWORKING & PRIVACY WORKSHOP

**When:** Wednesday 31 August, 6.30pm – 8:30pm

**Where:** EDGE Services for Young People  
Plenty Valley Shopping Centre  
Shop MM1, Westfield Plenty Valley  
415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park  
(Melway Reference: 183 B11)

**Who:** Parents/Carers and their children (12-16 years old) from the City of Whittlesea

**Why:** Learn cyber safety tips, Facebook security settings, why online safety is important, and what questions to ask to ensure your child is safe online. Also learn the benefits of online social networking and how it has changed our society for the better.

The Whittlesea Youth Cybersafety Team is a group of young people who provide up-to-date information regarding online social media and safety. This workshop is created and delivered by young people.

There is no cost for this workshop. Bookings are essential.

If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please contact Kristy or Blair at City of Whittlesea Baseline For Young People on:

Ph: 9404 8800 or Email: [baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

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August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Brian,

Greetings from Zambia where I arrived from Kenya this morning for meetings and visiting our three novices who are undergoing their training here.

Thank you very much, indeed, for the very generous donation of 2,500 AUD that came about due to the fundraising efforts of students and staff at St. Monica's College. I have been in contact with Rima concerning a rural school (in Eldoret) we are involved in and which is in great need of basic educational resources, sports equipment and other needs. I had sent her some pictures and some costings of what the head teacher (a Tanzanian Brother) thought were the priorities. This donation will allow him and the staff to make some decisions on what they can do with the funds.

After it is sent to our account here, I will transfer it to the Brothers' Ministry account in Eldoret and seek a brief report on how the funds were used, along with some pictures. I will also collect the receipts of any purchases. The donation will make a big difference to the school.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to the students and staff, particularly Rima, for their wonderful generosity.

When I am back in Australia on home leave some time in the latter part of 2012, I will try to come and pay a visit to greet you and meet Rima and some students who were instrumental in the fundraising, to share first hand with them how their funds were used.

Yours faithfully,

(Br) Gerard Ellul cfc

Dear Mr Brian,

Greetings from Pakistan! My sincerest gratitude to you, to your staff and students for being wonderful and generous to raise so many funds to support our mission in Pakistan. Your financial help is much appreciated. It is very valuable indeed and we are able to reach so many more students and teachers with your help. We admire the commitment and hard work of all the staff and students each year. May God bless each and everyone of You.

You must be preparing these to celebrate the big feast of St. Monica, the patroness of your College. I wish you many blessings and joys of the day in advance. Be assured of my prayers for you all on the day and always.

We are hoping that one of our Sisters will be able to go to St Monica's College in 2012. Keep us in your prayers. We shall let you know who the Sister will be as soon as we can in the near future for practical reasons.

May the Lord bless and reward you with His love for your goodness towards us.

With my best wishes and regards.

Sr Catherine Sardar PBVM  
Pakistan

**Influenza Prevention and Pandemic Planning**

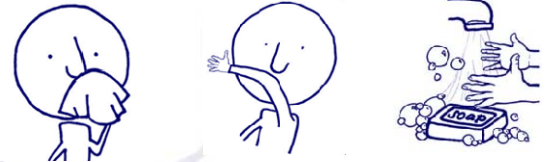
There are a number of actions schools and individuals can take to prevent outbreaks of influenza and other communicable diseases. Students and Staff need to carry out good personal hygiene which is the best way to minimize the spread of influenza. St Monica's has appropriate hand washing facilities which are available to all students. We encourage all community members to take into consideration appropriate respiratory etiquette and hand washing techniques. Use a tissue for your cough or sneeze and dispose of immediately in the bin. If no tissue is available use your upper arm with a bent elbow motion.

**Symptoms to look out for: Flu versus the common cold**

The flu is more than a bad cold:

- Cold symptoms last one to two days while the flu can last up to a week.
- The flu causes a high fever. A cold sometimes causes a mild fever.
- Muscular pains and shivering attacks occur with the flu, but not with a cold.
- Colds cause a runny nose, while the flu usually starts with a dry sensation in the nose and throat.

\* Remember to keep students with flu like symptoms home and see your GP.



**MARVELLOUS MONICANS**

Congratulations to two Year 7 students Jace Williams and Andre Cherubin who both won competition best and fairest in their respective Australian Football Leagues recently. Jace won the Essendon and District League under 14 best and fairest and was a member of the League representative side while Andre won the under 13 Yarra District Football League best and fairest as well as representing the League in the under 13 side. Well done to both boys on their achievements.

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