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SPRING INTO LIFE

This week the Southern Hemisphere moves into the season of Spring, leaving behind a very cold and often wet Australian winter. There will be few complaints when we see the sun shining, the weather clearing, and temperatures becoming more comfortable. Springtime is the season for new growth, new birth and new life.

In the Northern Hemisphere Easter occurs in Spring thus the strong symbolic relationship between the Resurrection of Jesus and spiritual new life. The Resurrection of Jesus brought the Kingdom of God alive on earth and thus our faith centers around that coming of the Saviour.

We can use the coming of Spring to Australia as a second opportunity to renew our spiritual life. It is good for Christians to regularly take stock of their relationship with God: examining their prayer life, evaluating their life style according to the Scriptures, reconciling with God and those with whom we have a fractured relationship. Just as the new grasses emerge from the soil, like the trees' leaves turn from

brown to bright green, like flowers bloom with more splendour, so can Monicans strengthen and deepen their relationship with God and neighbour.

On another level, the beginning of a new season can be used to change and renew other aspects of our life. For students, Spring may be the time when they awake from any slumber study-wise, and become motivated and energized. For all of us, the warm and freshness of Spring may be the nudge we need to check our personal wellbeing health-wise and begin fitness and healthy eating campaigns. We might take to heart some old sayings such as 'put a spring in your step' and 'spring into action'. These would make for an interesting and enjoyable approach to life.

For our Monican family, the celebration of last week, St Monica's Week, leads us into Springtime. As we reflect on the example of our patron saint, and as we ponder our Monican culture and creed through the events of St Monica's Week, let us renew our commitment to each other, striving to live as a community of people who seek always to do something beautiful for God.

COLLEGE PLEDGES

These pledges were made at the 2010 St Monica's Mass on Friday, 27th August, 2010 in the presence of Bishop Timothy Costelloe DD, SDB:

Mr Hanley

I ask staff, priests and students to stand when invited, and to recommit themselves to the ministry of service before fellow members of St Monica's College, Epping.

Years 9 & 10

We thank God for all of creation. We will do something beautiful for God at all times.

As faithful Monicans, we promise to try hard each day and to pray and persevere when we need God's help. We will strive to do our best in all aspects of our life. We accept this challenge. We will make this effort so that we become people who truly are beautiful for God.

Staff/Priests

We, the staff and priests of St Monica's College, commit ourselves to recognizing that our work here is doing something beautiful for God. We will strive to provide excellent example to our students and nurture them to aspire to lead lives that are enriching and filled with peace.

Years 11 & 12

We, the senior students of St Monica's College, commit to transform our school and our world into places of peace, justice and compassion. We will act in the knowledge that one person can make a difference for the better. Through doing this today and into the future, we will play our significant part in making the world something beautiful for God.

Years 7 & 8

We promise to try to live like Jesus who taught us to love God and our neighbour. We will act with kindness, treat others fairly, and respect all that God has given to us.

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** for each student no later than Wednesday, 1st 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.

COLLEGE BOARD NEWS

The College Board has re-approved the Attendance Policy and the Asthma Policy (both with amendments) at its most recent meeting.

FACULTY REVIEW

Do you have comments to make about the Visual Arts Faculty? If so, please email them to the College admin@stmonicas-epping.com as soon as possible.

M.O.N.I.C.A.N. SPELLING BEE

The Year 8 division was won by Melvyn Charan. Other finalists are:

Year 7 Brandon Lee; Nelson Lay, Nadia Rahimovska (runner up); Amelia Corazza; Kristian Brancalone; Erika Centioli; Vanessa Jordanovska; Carla Italia.

Year 8 Gheslaine Waters; Aloisa Budisavljevic; Tiana Nguyen; Kristy Ringeri; Jordan Ristevski; Melvyn Charan; Gianluca Rajapakse; Chantel Tucker (runner up); Ian Mercado.

Year 9 Jack Glanvill; Lois Vergel; John Tullio; Lewis Vihtelic; Michael Cenko; Karinda John; Patrick Gusman; Amulya Manchukonda; Renae Cardamone; Alyce Coghlan. (No final until next week).

Year 10 Trixie Do; Stephanie D'Andrea; Robert Ruggieri. (Final in 2 weeks).

Year 11 Tara Alvarez; Marianne Golub; Vanessa Fichera; Jessica Beninato; Luke Vavala; Mathew Zuzic; Jake Basile.

Year 12 Katerina Petkovska; Carla Ferro; Adela Zacharias.

The Final for both DRC and DSC will be held this Term in The Gateway Room.

CAREERS CORNER

Year 12 VTAC Applications

Many Year 12 students have taken advantage of completing their VTAC applications at the Careers Centre so that assistance is available if they encounter questions that they are unsure of. VTAC applications in the early rounds at a total cost of \$24.00 close on September 30th at 5.00 p.m. To assist with applications Year 12 students can make VTAC assistance appointments on:

Monday, 6th September, Monday, 13th September. (Term III) Monday, 20th September, Tuesday, 21st September, Wednesday, 22nd September (Holiday Period 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.). Please note that the Careers Centre will not be available at any other times during the school holidays and students who are intending to complete their applications at home should ensure that they have collected their VCAA student number from either the Careers Centre or Mr Aiello Senior Teacher (Senior Studies) before the end of term.

Applications made after 30th September will incur a total cost of \$84.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 10 at St Vincent de Paul Centre: Julie Ho; Amanda Tran; Elise Pace; Stephani Wilkes; Joshua Zammit; John Romeo; Giuliana Pavia

2011 COLLEGE CAPTAINS

It is with pleasure that I announce that Haynes D'Souza and Emily De Biase will be the 2011 College Captains and that Paul Heywood and Samantha Zammit will be College Vice Captains. We congratulate these fine Monicans.

NAMING OF SPORTS FIELDS

On Friday, 27th August, 2010, the College's multi sports pitch, soccer pitch, and track & field centre (blessed on that day) officially were named the **Lorraine Pratt Sports Fields** in honor and recognition of the outstanding contribution Lorraine made to SMC over 34 years of valued service.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Congratulations to Mrs Annita Battagello and her husband, Silvano, on the birth of their first child Lorenzo Andrea, on 15th August, 2010.
2. I have been informed by Mrs Narelle Cameron, Ms Carly Parker and Ms Kathryn McGoldrick that they will not be returning to SMC from extended leave.
3. A performance appraisal of the Assistant Principal, Miss Bernadette Harris, will be conducted in September. Any parent wishing to make a submission to that review is invited to leave a message with Mrs Joanne DePetro (9409 8800) and Mr Frank Fitzgerald, the reviewer, will make contact.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Another busy fortnight: Senior Sleepout; St Monica's Week; CAS Football (girls and boys); Hockey Institute travel to New Zealand; Tournament of Minds; School Officers' Week; Incursions (Spanish cooking; Japanese; professional writing); Teamwork Café; Writers' Retreat meeting; Year 8 premier league; teacher in-service; DSC chess games; Visual Arts Faculty Review; LOTE promotional visits; Year 5 visits to SMC; Year 12 interviews; DAV debating, SACCSS Athletics Carnival; 40 Hour Famine

Year 9s at St Peter's School: Lois Vergel; Julia Watts; Stephanie Zilic; Ebony De Rozario; Elyse Duggan; Stephanie Pace; Adriana Ferro; Rachel Potamidis; Jason Trestrail; Clarissa Garro; Kirstie Fuente; Guiseppe Calipari.

Collingwood Cottage Assistants: My Tran; Edera El Assaad; Jessamine Cadou; Dinithi De Alwis; Daniel Fattore; Joshua De Rozario; Valeria La Valle; Celeste Tralli

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

DAV debating round 1 play off results

It was another successful evening for our debaters on Wednesday, August 11 in the first round play off of the DAV debating finals. The results were:

A Grade

St Monica's 2 defeated Cobram HS by a forfeit

D Grade

St Monica's 5 228 defeated Geelong College 2 226

St Monica's 3 226 lost to Genezzano 3 227

Congratulations to the coaches, Mr Ben Tucker, Ms Alesha Allen and Ms Tina Pitruzzello for their effort and commitment in getting their teams to this stage of the competition.

Debating

The round 2 DAV debating play offs were held on the evening of Wednesday, 18th August at Northcote High School where two of our D grade teams competed. Results were:

SMC 5 225 lost to Alphington Grammar 1 226

SMC 2 226 defeated Santa Maria 1 224

Three of our debating teams competed in the Octofinal debates at St Michael's Grammar in St Kilda on Wednesday, August 25th. The results were:

A grade

SMC 2 228 lost to Gippsland Grammar School 233

C grade

St Monica's 1 228 lost to Northcote High School 232

D grade

SMC 2 225 lost to Sacred Heart Girls' College 2 27

Congratulations and thanks goes to the coaches: Jessica Grace, Lucas Rabenda and Tina Pitruzzello on all their hard work and dedication in getting their teams to compete amongst the top 16 debating teams across the state in their respective grade. Well done to all the students who also contributed long hours of preparation.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS COMPETITION

On Saturday, 21st August, the following students represented the College at the annual Tournament of Minds competition at Latrobe University, Bundoora.

Dhilini Ranasinghe (8 White); Arandeep Kaur (9 Purple); Shirleen Wanigaratne (8 White); Matthew Jones (7 Red) and Raj Ganesamurthi (7 Purple).

The team competed in the Maths Engineering challenge which required them to create the fossil of

new species. The pieces used to construct the specimen were required to fit inside a cube 10cm * 10 cm * 10 cm. The team were also required to calculate the area covered by this specimen and explain the mystery about why the person who discovered this species has disappeared. In addition to this long term challenge, the team also competed in a spontaneous challenge which required them to solve a problem they received on the day.

I congratulate the team for representing the College with distinction at this event.

Thanks to Mrs Humphreys who accompanied the team on the day.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. Hockey Institute New Zealand Tour

Well done and best wishes to these Monicans who, along with students from MacKillop College, Tasmania, are touring New Zealand this week accompanied by Miss Suter and Mr Bagh: Julian Motha; Joseph McHaileh; Marisa Sopcic; Daniel Pennacchia; William Samsa; Madison Schembri; Samantha Varga

2. 2010 SMC Table Tennis Competition

House lunchtime activities will continue in Term 4 with the reintroduction of Table Tennis. Any Year 7, 8 or 9 student who would like to participate in this competition should see Mrs Polidano to sign up. Rules of the game will be displayed on the House noticeboard which is located on the side wall of the Sports & Assembly Hall.

3. Catholic All Schools Football Results

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Football Squad on their success in the North West Regional Finals. The squad have now qualified for the CAS State Finals. Final result: St Monica's 5 Penola 0.

Both the Junior and Senior Boys squads were successful at the Catholic All Schools Football State Championships. Both teams went through the day undefeated.

Finals:

Seniors: SMC 1 St Joseph's College, Geelong 0

Juniors: SMC 1 St Joseph's College, Geelong 0

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls on winning the Catholic All Schools Northwest Zone Finals. The squad progressed to the State Finals.

Final:

SMC 4 Penola 0.

4. Year 8 Premier League

SPORT	SMC	CRC N Keilor
AFL	11.8.74	3.1.19
Netball	44	4
Basketball (Boys)	40	27
Basketball (Girls)	43	14
Volleyball (Boys)	3	0
Volleyball (Girls)	1	3
Football (Boys)	6	3
Football (Girls)	1	1

'LOOKING FOR MARY; VIDEO COMPETITION

Mary MacKillop lived a long time ago – so how can you and your friends, and other young people, really engage with the reality of this great Australian woman? And the fact that she will soon be proclaimed a Saint?

How can you discover the significance of Mary's life in the modern context?

You will have the opportunity to show us in the 'Looking For Mary' video competition.

Mary MacKillop was a young woman with a dream to make a difference in our world. She was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life and who dared to love in a radical way.

Mary dedicated her life to serving the poor, recognizing the marginalized and neglected and helping disadvantaged families – and all in the spirit of bringing the message of God's love to all whom she encountered.

Though she lived over a hundred years ago, something of her dream is still alive in Australia today. Some would say the presence of what Mary stood for can still be found in the ordinary places where young people live today – in families, on the streets, down country roads, in city plazas, on the beaches, wherever young people are.

If Mary was alive today, what would that look like? Where is the example of Mary MacKillop in contemporary youth culture?

Where is she in your world?

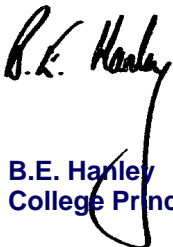
Okay – you take up your video camera or mobile phone camera and show us in 2 – 3 minutes what you think.....

Entries close on Monday 20th September, 2010.

On-line Voting will be open from September 1st, 2010 and will be closed on Sunday, 26th September, 2010 at 5.00 p.m.

- Videos must be no longer than 3 minutes otherwise they will not be considered
- The age range is from 16 – 35 years
- You can either enter as an individual or as a group.

For further information, please consult the website <http://www.xt3.com/marymackillop/>



B.E. Hanley
College Principal

**ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING**



invites
Parents of Year 3, 4 & 5 students
to an
Information Evening

Venue: Sports & Assembly Hall
Dalton Road Campus

Date: 7th September, 2010

Time: 7.30pm

**Tour of the Junior Campus commences at
6.30p.m. from Augustine House**

For further information please contact the
College Registrar,
Mrs Enza Sinopoli on **9409 8911** or email
registrar@stmonicas-epping.com

Enrolments are currently being accepted for
Year 7, 2012–2014.

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MARVELLOUS MONICANS

Leon Troung 10 Green
Jessamine Cadou 10 Purple
My Tran 10 Emerald

For their dedication and enthusiastic participation and commitment to the Indigenous Awareness Week Painting and the St Monica's Day Mass Artwork.



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