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## Violence is NEVER the Solution

An increasing problem for Melbourne is the amount of violence that occurs on our streets. There are certain areas in the city where people fear to go in case they are attacked and beaten up by thugs, drunken louts or out-of-control revelers. These no-go zones are a social and moral stain on our community, and Police and Government officials are desperately seeking ways to curb this trend towards violence.

Recently it was revealed that a Federal Member of Parliament was bashed by her partner and required treatment. We read too many stories of women being beaten up by violent and cruel men. We have seen awfully frightening pictures of mere children being the victims of brutal bashings by their parents or siblings.

On the sports ground there is often seen episodes of violence, and not always at senior levels. Junior teams have set upon their opponents, and even parents and spectators have attacked others who are watching games. We see violence on our television and cinema screens in large amounts and the community needs to understand that violence brings harm and injury (even death sometimes) to victims in real life.

Violence is all round us. Even defenseless animals are maltreated by owners in most violent and painful ways. Buckley was the dog that had been badly injured and maimed by its owners until rescuers

found him in the nick of time. It seems that violence is seeping further down into all aspects of our lives. Is it rapidly becoming a fait accompli, just something that we have to accept?

The civic and the Christian response must surely be, 'No.' We cannot meekly step back and see violence increase and spread. It is important that we urge our lawmakers and judges to be much tougher on criminal violence. Our elders in society must take public stands and speak out for peace and public safety. Our Churches ought to be more effective in spreading the message of universal and local love – teaching that violence is wrong and that reaching out to others is always preferable to the bashing up of others.

Our College has a clear and public policy of not allowing violence in or outside classrooms. Where students disobey our hands off rule and where they resist our restorative principles and commitment to safety and security for all, there must be firm consequences. Monicans must talk things through when there is conflict. They must stop any urge to hit out. They must be calm and collected, not violent and vicious.

We pray for peace and tranquility, for compassion and kindness, for restraint and personal discipline. And we must remember that violence is NEVER the solution. It is always the problem.

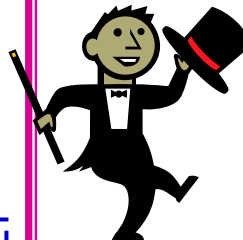
## COLLEGE CAPTAINS, 2010

It is with pleasure that I announce that Shane Elders and Belinda De Vincentis have been appointed College Captains for 2010 and that Jason Dang and Celeste Coscarella have been appointed as College Vice Captains for 2010. Congratulations to these fine Monicans.

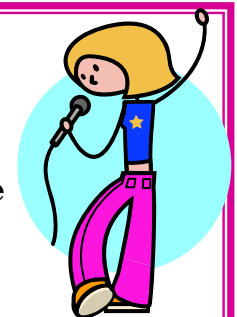
## RE ENROLMENT

On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, all students in Years 7 – 11 were given a re-enrolment form. The form and payment of \$120 are to be returned together no later than Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September to secure a place for your child in 2010.

## MADD NIGHT



**The Music  
Arts, Dance,  
Drama invite  
you to  
come and  
celebrate  
'Being Alive'**




**Date : Thursday, 3rd September,  
2009**  
**Where : Sports & Assembly Hall  
(Dalton Road Campus)**  
**Time : 7.30 p.m.**

**FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. We wish Mr Fulvio Frijo well as he takes Long Service Leave until the end of Term 3. Miss Bernadette Harris will be Acting Campus Director during his absence.
2. We welcome Ms Katy Destro to the teaching staff. She will teach Italian and Spanish at SMC.
3. Our condolences are extended to Mrs Mary Millington, her father, and family on the death of her mother, Beverley Aroha Caddy, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Congratulations to Mrs Elissa Avramopoulos and her husband on the birth of their first child, Alexis Margaret on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and to Mr Andrew Luscombe and his wife Nicole (Alumna of SMC) on the birth of their first child, Ky James on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
5. Ms Vicki Poke has been elected to be the Staff Representative on the College Board for a two-year tenure.

**PTO ONLINE**

The College is introducing a new online booking system for parent teacher conferences starting with the September 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conference. Very soon parents will receive a letter outlining how simple it is to make a booking. Basically, all parents need to do is go to the College website, [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com), find the PTO symbol as follows:

 By clicking on the logo you will be prompted to enter login details which will have been mailed to you in the letter, and then PTO Online will guide you through the process. Of course, if parents do not have access to the internet you are most welcome to come to the College and our friendly staff will assist you – this is also outlined in the letter. We hope that this will improve our booking system for interviews between parents and teachers.

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

Activities have included: St Monica's Week; School Officers' Day; author Morris Gleitzman's talk to Year 7; Interschool Chess competition; CAS Futsal; CAS Football; healthy eating activity by VCAL at DRC; DAV debating final play-offs; Anime excursion; Year 7 visits to the Boardroom and DSC; LOTE Transition Visits to Primary Schools; Ski Trip; ICT Club meeting; Year 8 debating; Year 7 enrichment visit to Healesville; and bits and pieces more.

**ST MONICA'S WEEK**

This year we enjoyed a most successful St Monica's Week. I thank all those students, staff, Board members, clergy and parents who contributed in any and many ways to the success of our special Week.

**PARENT SEMINAR**

St Monica's College invites parents to a presentation by practitioners from the Albert Road Clinic who will offer an interactive discussion about teenage sleep patterns and provide you with advice and information about maximizing your child's sleep quality. Don't miss this important evening about your children's wellbeing.

When : Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2009  
Where : The Gateway Room  
Time : 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Look out for the flyer in early Term Four.

**FAREWELL TO SISTER ISHRAT SADIQ PBVM**

Sister Ishrat returned to her home in Pakistan on Sunday after a very enjoyable time in Australia and at SMC. She took home with her a donation of \$7000 to assist the work of the Presentation Sisters. Our prayers and best wishes go out to her and all who support the work of the Sisters in Pakistan.

**ACTIVE MONICANS**

1. The following students contributed in some way to the 2009 St Monica's Day Mass: Sam Grima; Thomas Marinovich; Joel De Rozario; Matthew Song; Adam Assaf; Edward Rossi; Matthew Bennie; Michael Di Pasquale; Alex Curmi; Kelsey Turner; Amanda Chetcuti; Cardia Speziale; Tania De Stratis; Amanda Ciorra; Chloe Crooks; Belinda De Vincentis; Belinda Nicosia; Katerina Petkovska; Cassandra Ruffino; Michael Camilleri; Cassandra Hibbert; Lauren Giusti; Dinh Nguyen; Lisa Cardamone; Ramsen Kunda; Keith Lai; Michelle Eagles; Lauren Giusti; Dinh Nguyen; Michael Camilleri; Andrew Mladenis; Sarah Ringeri; Grant Mutimer; Sara Shaba; Jessica de Bont; Matthew Bruno; Matthew Vincitorio; Emily DeBiase; Kurt Cauchi; Radenka Subotic; Giordano De Marco; Elise Pulbrook; Chris Rabaja; Rebecca De Silva; Deandra John; Shane Elders; Stanko Bosnjak; Tony Chalhoub; James El-Achkar; Joel De Rozario; Victoria Kotsoris; Brian Karanja; Abanob Morcos; Jacqueline Sacco; Melissa Monteleone; Cassandra Iranios; Brooke Kotsos; Laura Monaco; Demi Kapolitsas; Kiara Marinovic; Bethany Higgins; Nelson Lai; Theresa Chamoun; Paula Kapolitsas; Benjamin Hodges; Celestina Mitsiou; Emily Vincent; Samantha Zammit; Kiralee Mladenis; Bridget Kerr; Kimberlin D'Souza; Michael Di Pasquale; John Lauricella; Nathan Soh; Tung Mai; Matko Matkovic; Stephanie Carroll; Tania Coelho; James Pieri; Laura Dempsey; Tessa Lai; Anthony Cardamone; Tanya D'Souza; Bianca Soh; Rosie Fiumara
2. Year 10 community service at St Vincent de Paul and Collingwood Cottage: Michael Macca; Marcel Matti; Kevin Pham; Jessica Hay; Courtney Smith;

Belinda Tralli; Maris Petros; Jackie Sacco; Melissa Yacoub; Kirsty Cassar; Jessica Alberti; Joshua Beare; Dylan Sirillas.

3. Red Cross donators: Natalie Sacco; Paul Seidl; Natalee Mutimer; Cara Whelan; Jeremy Gilbert; Shaun Henderson.
4. Year 9 St Peter's Literacy helpers: Cathy Pham; Carolyn Huynh; Karla Zacharias; Angie Sassano; Costa Theodoulou; Phillip Tsetsos; Natasha Kazanovski; James Manalastas; Krystine Dimkovski; Marc Mellere; Matthew Arcari.

**SMC TAEKWONDO**

Congratulations to the following students for passing the recent Taekwondo promotion test.

Wellen Thai; Jad Pinnone; Patrick Gusman; Michael Grasso; Lewis Vihtelic; Daniella Le; Kerensa Fernandes

All performed commendably and as a result have been promoted from 9th Gup White Belt to 8<sup>th</sup> Gup Yellow Belt (two stripes). Well done.

**PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG**

All families and friends of the College community are warmly invited to support the outstanding vocal soloists who have been selected to perform in the annual Principal's Cup for Song.

This will be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. in the DRC Sports and Assembly Hall. Entry is free.

Please direct any enquiries to the Music Department on Ph. 9409 8939

Soloists:

- Brooke Kotsos (7 Green)
- Madeline Perrone (9 Mauve)
- Jessica de Bont (9 Silver)
- Michelle Eagles (10 Silver)
- Kiralee Mladenis (10 Indigo)
- Samantha Zammit (10 Indigo)
- Benjamin Hodges (10 Green)
- Emily Vincent (10 Green)
- Celeste Mitsiou (10 Green)
- Paula Kapolitsas (10 Gold)
- Theresa Chamoun (10 Blue)
- Emelia Addo (11 Gold)
- Amanda Ciorra (12 Emerald)
- Liana Colaluca (12 Indigo)
- Jordyn Annetta (12 Indigo)

**DANTE ALGHIERI POETRY COMPETITION**

The following students have won prizes in the Italian Poetry Competition for their year level:

- Stefani Rovito (Year 12) – equal second in the state
- Liana Colaluca (Year 12) – equal third in the state
- Giulia Santamaria (Year 10) – third prize in the state

Celeste Centioli (Year 10) – first prize for an original poem on La Serena (the Mermaid)

We congratulate these students on their hard efforts and success. Thank you to all students who participated in the competition, all will be receiving certificates of various merit and distinction at the next College Assembly.

**WORLD OF SPORT**

**Year 8 Premier League**

With seven of the eight teams qualifying for Semi Finals the potential for a successful day was high. All of the seven teams qualified for the finals on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Semi Finals**

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>Opp</b>
AFL v CCCC	<b>6.6.42</b>	4.2.26
Netball v CRC Caroline Springs	<b>52</b>	10
Basketball (Boys) v Marymede	<b>39</b>	20
Volleyball (Girls) v Marymede	<b>3</b>	2
Volleyball (Boys) v Marymede	<b>3</b>	2
Football (Boys) v CRC Caroline Springs	<b>5</b>	0
Football (Girls) v CCCC	<b>8</b>	0

**Year 7 Cricket Trials**

The first Year 7 cricket trial will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September on the Soccer Pitch after school from 3.45 p.m. to approximately 5.00 p.m.

**CAS FUTSAL**

Congratulations to the Junior Girls, Intermediate Girls and Intermediate Boys on winning the Catholic All Schools State Futsal Championships. Senior Girls were runners up with the Senior Boys and Junior Boys being knocked out in the semi finals.

**2009 INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION**

This year the Interschool Chess Competition was held at Lakeside Secondary College, Reservoir on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Ten schools entered the competition, with most having a senior and junior team. Each match uses the Swiss Perfect rules, and is played over seven rounds, where each competitor is matched with someone who is of a similar standard, based on previous winning results.

Our senior team consisted of the following students: Frank Lekkas; Luke Larobina; Adolph Lekkas and Dylan Thomson. The boys played particularly well finishing in third place. Special mention to Frank Lekkas who won the overall best player of the day with seven wins.

Our junior team consisted of the following students: Anthony Menna; Daniel Giusti; Heshan Samaratunge; Robert Candia; Tim Pham and Tony Huynh. Again the boys had an outstanding day finishing in second place.

Well done to our Chess team, a terrific effort against some tough opposition. Our team has now qualified for the State Chess finals.

### USE OF COLLEGE EMAILS

Students are reminded that use of College email will be for educational use only. The Policy they accepted when they first started using this system stated that:

*I will restrict my use of the College's computer systems to educational purposes only and for completing activities related to class work and my education.*

Any other use is not acceptable and this includes wasting time in class by emailing other students. Consequences may include detention and even removal of email privileges for a period of time. Please use this resource wisely and well.

### 2009 ANNUAL WRITERS' RETREAT

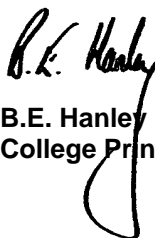
The 2009 Annual Writer's Retreat will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at our country campus, Ostia. Students in Years 7 and 8 who have a passion for reading and writing are invited to apply. See Ms Parker for further details.

### 2009 COLLEGE PLEDGES – ST MONICA'S DAY

- Mr Hanley : I ask staff and students to stand when invited, and to recommit themselves to the ministry of service to fellow members of St Monica's College, Epping.
- Staff : We, the staff of St Monica's College, commit ourselves to serve the students and families through our continuous professional development and our fidelity to the mission of Catholic Education. We shall always be fully alive to effective learning and teaching.
- Years 7 & 8 : We will work hard to be the best Monicans possible. We will respect others, try in every thing that we do—at school and at home. We will be kind and thoughtful. We shall be fully alive to being good students.
- Years 9 & 10 : Every day at school we will treat all people we meet with respect and understanding. We will be friendly and also help those who might need our care. We will not be selfish. We shall be fully alive to positive relationships with others.
- Years 11 & 12 : We, the senior students of St Monica's College, will seek to make this world and our school a better place. We will use our talents and skills to full advantage and we will lead by good example. We shall be fully alive through our prayer and perseverance.

### MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Jessica de Bont of Year 9 Silver has been selected along with fifty five other singers nationwide to tour internationally with the Australian Girls' Choir. On this trip, Jessica will be performing in Italy, France and Hong Kong on television, radio and to public audiences, whilst also working with schools and other choral groups. After receiving many invitations, the touring group will also perform for Pope Benedict XVI and at various venues of historical and popular significance such as the Colosseum, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and Disneyland (Hong Kong). This is a fantastic achievement for this wonderful Monican. We wish you all the best, Jessica, on this wonderful opportunity of a lifetime.



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