

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

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### REFLECTION

#### **Being 'Religious'**

Most people would consider 'being religious' is a good state of being. Religious people are believers, people of faith, respecters of traditions, and followers of ways of life that bring goodness into the lives of others. That is the common belief.

In his most recent encyclical entitled *Caritas in Veritate* the Holy Father, Benedict XVI writes in one section on the topic of religion. 'The exclusion of religion from the public square – and, at the other extreme, religious fundamentalism – hinders an encounter between persons and their collaboration for the progress of humanity', and 'human rights risk being ignored either because they are robbed of their transcendent foundation or because personal freedom is not acknowledged.'

At St Monica's College we believe and proclaim that it is good 'being religious': it makes us fully alive in the Spirit. It also calls us to bring religion into the 'public square' as the Pope has written. We seek to teach our students through word and action and in Religious Education classes just what being religious means. Our students need to be encouraged to take a stand on matters that demean others and harm the world. They need to know how to put an argument based on faith in God and love of neighbor.

Again, we must be careful to consider what the Pope has written in his new encyclical. That is, we must ensure that our religious teachings and practices are neither fanatical nor over zealous. Religious people value personal freedom totally, and a belief that 'my religion is superior to your religion' can only bring conflict and intolerance into our world.

A Monican who is fully alive is indeed religious - and spiritual too. Our duty is stated in the College's Mission Statement, 'We value the sacredness and well being of each member of the College and through prayer and perseverance we strive to nurture genuine relationships.'

Let us not wear our religion on our sleeve as the old saying goes, but let us genuinely live religiously so that we and all whom we encounter can be fully alive.

#### **VICTOR MARCHETTI R.I.P.**

It is with sadness that I inform the College community that Mr Victor Marchetti, a teacher of English on Dalton Road Campus, died on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 15, 2009. Mr Marchetti developed a very aggressive form of cancer which brought about his death at St Vincent's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Angie (DiDonato) who is a long serving teacher on Davisson Street Campus, and his parents.

May his soul rest in peace.

#### **LOTE LEARNING & PERFORMANCE CENTRE**

I am pleased to announce that the College received a \$1.97 million grant from the Federal Government over the holiday period to construct a LOTE Learning and Performance Centre. Work must begin almost immediately and the building will be constructed on the asphalt basketball courts alongside the Sports and Assembly Hall. It will face Dalton Road. The building will consist of three purpose built LOTE classrooms, a performance centre seating approximately 380 people (with stage and orchestra pit and control room etc) and other offices, toilets and storage areas. It must be completed by June 2010. The College will add additional funds to the project.

#### **COLLEGE CONTACTS**

Please note that the College's telephone number is now **94098800**. The new email address is **admin@stmonicas-epping.com**

#### **LETTER FROM THE WHITTLESEA MAYOR re BUSHFIRE SUPPORT**

On behalf of our community, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generous support of bushfire affected people. Your quick response and eagerness to help was heartening to witness and have provided much-needed hope and comfort to all involved.

In the weeks surrounding the bushfires, Council received thousands of offers of help. We greatly appreciate the outpouring of community support, which assisted (and continues to assist) with the relief and recovery efforts. Because of the sheer magnitude of help, not all offers were able to be taken up during the early stages, but they were sincerely appreciated.

*From Councillor Mary Lalios*

## **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

### 1. Staff arrangements as from Term 3:

Mr Shannon Donahoo (replacing Andrew Agardy); Mrs Celia Lemos (Katherine Mignano); Mrs Helen Zaikis (Maryanne Theodosis); Ms Miyuki Kuwabara, Mrs Etsuko Ida and Mrs Kirsty Henry (Japanese teachers); Mr Benjamin Tucker (Leonard Cosaitis); Mrs Nella Grech (Elissa Avramopoulos); Ms Danielle Giosserano (at DRC); Mr Ben O'Connor (ERF); Mrs Ruth Wiltshire (replacing Kate Molony short-term); Mrs Beryl DeAlmeida (replacing Tina Pitruzzello short-term); Mr Chau Phan (returning from leave).

Mrs Henry commences on July 20 and Mr Tucker commences on July 27.

### 2. Staff Members of the Month for June

The Staff Members of the Month for June are Adriano Frijo and Paco Lira for the outstanding work they did in eLearning tutoring during the period of school closure. This instruction covered many topics, was highly relevant and was presented with great competence. Adriano and Paco are praised for organizing eLearning affairs with very little notice.

3. Congratulations to Mrs Amber Dal Cin and her husband on the birth of their second child Xavier Christian on July 9.

## **AROUND THE PARISHES**

1. Father Brendan Lane P.P of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park, will be leaving following his appointment as rector of the Corpus Christi seminary. We congratulate Father Brendan on this important appointment.

2. The Catholic Parish of Epping, South Morang, Mernda, Whittlesea has arranged for Catholic Super to present a financial planning seminar to assist in these troubled times. This FREE seminar will cover: Simple budgeting ideas such as Controlling of debt, Salary sacrifice – what does this mean?, Superannuation and the impact of federal budget changes, Retirement income required and how you may be able to achieve it?, the age pension, will you qualify? When: Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm concludes 9pm. Where: 'The Nazareth Centre' St Joseph's Primary School, 44 Mernda Villages Drive, Mernda 3754. RSVP by Tuesday 21 July to [jfrogley@csf.com.au](mailto:jfrogley@csf.com.au) Phone 9648 4700 (between 9am and 5pm) or contact the Parish Office on 9401 6300. All welcome.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

The SMC community congratulates Board member, Mr Enzo Caporale, on becoming the Northern Region, Group A, Archdiocese of Melbourne representative on the Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body.

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

Before and after holidays: Italian poetry competition; Tournament of Minds visit; Biggest Morning Teas; DAV debating; M.O.N.I.C.A.N. Spelling Bee Grand Final; DRC chess championships; Speaker's Corner with Damien Callinan; College Board meeting; Fund raiser for Ethiopian wells and Pakistan; Year 7 and Intermediate bands performance evening; Reading Club meeting; Grand Final of Year 9 debate; Years 7 & 8 CAS AFL football; Girls' basketball final; senior SACCSS round robin; AFL match vs South Fremantle; State Futsal competition; Morning Teas with the Principal (x2).

## **CAREERS CORNER**

Year 10 VCE Information Evening at La Trobe University.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 West Lecture Theatre Bundoora Campus

If your son/daughter is thinking about studying at university in 2012 then La Trobe University is holding an information evening designed to help them plan their VCE studies in preparation for university.

They will provide comprehensive information about La Trobe courses, prerequisite studies, selection processes, scholarships, pathways to uni and the school to uni transition.

There is plenty of time to ask questions and collect information.

6.00pm: Expo opens

7.00pm: General Information Session

7.30pm: Separate Information Sessions for students and parents

8.00pm: Finish

For more information and to register to attend the event go to [www.latrobe.edu.au/vceexpo](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/vceexpo)

## **AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING WEEK 2009**

– **Guest Speaker**

**ENGINEERING - HELP GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED!**

As part of Engineering Week there will be a guest speaker from the Engineers Association on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 2.00-3.00pm. The engineer will speak about courses, careers and job prospects. Students in Years 10-12 who are interested in attending this talk must register at the Careers Centre by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July at either recess or lunchtime.

## **MONICANS who ACHIEVE:**

1. Year 9 St Peter's Literacy program tutors: Jessica Dudley; Jessica Contarin; Elicia Conti; Bianca DeLuca; Montana Syawish; Samantha Sein
2. Red Cross blood donors: Elise Wilkes; Joseph Romaro; Jenny Vuong
3. Year 9 debating: Congratulations to 9 Purple who won the Year 9 Interclass Debating Grand Final. Well done also to 9 Silver for their participation. It was a very close debate. Congratulations to Dinithi De Alwis who won the best speaker trophy.
4. Best wishes to all finalists in the Principal's Award for Public Speaking that will be conducted on July 21.

## **WORLD OF SPORT**

### **1. Year 9 Premier League Finals results –**

<b>Year 9 Premier League</b>		
Finals 24/06/2008		
<b>SPORT</b>	<b>St. Monica's</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
AFL v CRC Nth Keilor	6.3.39	10.6.66
Netball v Marymede	45	18
Basketball (Boys) v CCCC	50	20
Basketball (Girls) v CRC Caroline Springs	52	22
Volleyball (Girls) v Penola	0	3
Football (Girls) v CRC Caroline Springs	5	0

### **2. Senior AFL Game:**

During the holidays our Senior AFL boys represented the College in the annual exhibition game against the South Fremantle under 16 Development squad. After winning last year we were defeated this year by 53 points. A special thanks must go to Dylan Sirillas and Luke De Vincentis for filling in on the day after we were a couple of players short.

SMC: 3.1.19 def by Sth Freo: 10.12.72

Goals: Sal Mamone, Luke De Vincentis, Frank Multair

Best Players: Darcy Sutton, Ricky Mercuri, James Mercuri, Josh Beare, James Salerno

### **3. Years 7 & 8 AFL Football**

#### **Results:**

Game 1 SMC 1.1.17 lost to Catholic College Bendigo 8.3.51

Game 2 SMC 6.4.40 defeated Notre Dame 1.4.10

Game 3 SMC 0.2.2 lost to Emmanuel College 6.3.39

Game 4 SMC 1.2.8 lost to Catholic College Sales 7.3.45

### **4. SACCSS Senior Round Robin**

Results of the Senior Round Robin are as follows  
Football: Girls 1st Volleyball Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys 6<sup>th</sup> Netball Girls 5<sup>th</sup> Boys 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Football Federation Victoria, Futsal State Titles**

The Intermediate Girls and Boys squads travelled to Bendigo for the State Futsal Finals on June 22. Congratulations to the Girls squad with a 2-0 win against Mentone Grammar in the Final. The Boys squad lost the semi 7-8 to Ilim College after winning their qualifying group comprehensively

#### **Football Federation Victoria, Futsal State Titles**

The Senior Girls and Boys squads travelled to Bendigo for the State Futsal Finals on June 25. The girls succeeded in making the Final before losing to Haileybury College in the Final 2-1. The boys were knocked out in the group stages.

### **Year 8 Premier League**

St. Monica's V Kolbe 16/7/2009

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>St. Monica's</b>	<b>Kolbe</b>
AFL	18.9.117	0.1.1
Netball	62	0
Basketball (Boys)	50	36
Basketball (Girls)	84	0
Volleyball (Boys)	3	1
Volleyball (Girls)	1	3
Football (Boys)	12	0
Football (Girls)	7	0

### **ST. MONICA'S DAY**

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2009**

Parent help on St. Monica's Day is always greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist or would like further details please contact Mrs. Hay on 9409 8854

## **FINANCE**

### **a. Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim**

#### **How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?**

- **In your tax return.**
- **If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.**
- **If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.**

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to [australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

#### **b. Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd Instalment 2009**

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to eligible parents/guardians of students under 16 years of age. The EMA is paid in two instalments, \$155.05 to both the parent and school in April, 2009 and \$66.45 to the parent and school in September, 2009 being a total of \$443.00.

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 the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 for the second installment.

**EMA forms are held at both DRC and DSC receptions and need to be lodged at Davisson St Campus only no later than 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2009.**

**Please note: no late applications will be accepted after the 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 as requested by DEET.**

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

#### **c. Fee Payments**

For parents paying fees directly to the DSC Office, please present your most recent fee statement to allow for an accurate and speedy process.

#### **NEWS FROM SAMARITAN INN**

##### **Fundraising Dinner Dance**

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan operate a refuge for women and children called the Good Samaritan Inn. Each year they have a Dinner Dance to raise funds for the operation of the Inn. All members of the SMC community are invited to take part.

**When:** Friday, August 24

**Time:** 7:00pm – 12:00am

**Where:** L'Unica Reception Centre  
476 Brunswick Road, Parville

**Dress:** Semi-formal

**Cost:** \$60.00 per person (no children)

**RSVP and Payment:** August 14, 2009

Table bookings can be made for eight to fourteen guests, or we can arrange mixed tables for individual bookings. If you would like more information, please contact:

Michelle Reid sgs

Manager

Good Samaritan Inn

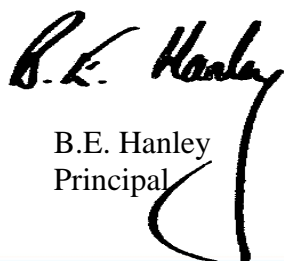
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#### **MARVELLOUS MONICAN**

The Marvellous Monican for this edition of the Principal's Bulletin is Jennie Nguyen of 9 Purple. Jennie was one of many students at DRC who competed in the Junior Section of the M.O.N.I.C.A.N. Spelling Bee. The final of this competition was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of July in The Gateway Room and Jennie was the winner of the junior section. Well done Jenny!



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