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## MAKING THE EFFORT

The academic year has reached slightly beyond its mid point and reports on academic progress and achievements have been sent to homes. Those reports will tell the story of how much effort each student has put into effective study and the completion of school work during the day and at home in the evening. Making the effort is an important part of living life to the full.

Some people fail to make an effort in one aspect or more of their life. They may choose not to exercise and eat well for good health; they may be lazy or selfish; intolerant of others or simply uncaring. Unlike the Good Samaritan who chose to become involved in the welfare of another, some people are like the Levite and the priest who crossed the road to avoid 'the problem'. They made no effort.

It is a fallacy that good fortune and good luck will solve all problems eventually. Rather, in most cases we receive what we deserve. For instance, it would be foolish to think that one day our financial situation will improve because we shall win the lottery. Instead, effort needs to be made through hard work to earn the money that will help with our financial expenses and obligations.

To do 'something beautiful for God' also requires effort. If we are to lead a life in accordance with the Good News of Jesus Christ, if we are to develop ourselves in the image of God who created and loves us, if our actions are to build a better world that proclaims Gospel values, then effort will be necessary. Doing something beautiful for God involves going out of our way and doing God's work which can be demanding. Loving your neighbor always will demand effort: picking up your cross daily and following Jesus will demand effort.

I call on Monicans to make the effort to succeed – as a student, a good and loyal friend, a committed Monican, and especially as a young person who is and does something beautiful for God joyfully and happily.

## CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

I inform all students and their parents that certain activities will not be tolerated at SMC: violence (physical or verbal) of any kind; bullying in all its forms; inappropriate language; and disrespect for self, others and College property. Serious consequences will apply to students who fail to comply with these rules.

All students who behave well at all times deserve the right to attend a peaceful, safe and secure school.

## VCE/VCAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

On Thursday, July 29 the College will be hosting a VCE/VCAL Parent/Teacher Conference from 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at the Davisson Street Campus.

All Year 10 to 12 students completing a VCE subject or participating in the VCAL program are required to attend these interviews with at least one parent.

For these interviews the College is using the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). Using this system will enable parents to book interview times that suit you best from any internet connected computer.

Parents of VCE/VCAL students will have received a letter in the mail during the holidays providing you with an access PIN and instructions.

All Year 10 to 12 students will be dismissed at **1.03 p.m. to allow for interviews to take place.**

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2ND INSTALMENT 2010

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to eligible parents/guardians of students under 16 years of age. The EMA is paid in two instalments, \$157.50 to both the parent and the school in April, 2010 and \$67.50 to the parent and the school in August/September, 2010 a total of \$450.

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 July 12, 2010 to be eligible for the second instalment.

**EMA forms are available at both Dalton Road Campus and Davisson Street Campus Admin receptions and need to be lodged at Davisson Street Campus only no later than August 6, 2010.**

**Please note: no late applications will be accepted after August 6, 2010 as requested by DEET.**

**Any queries can be directed to Ms Andrea Moon on 9409 8800.**

## PARENT HELPERS WANTED

### ST MONICA'S DAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2010

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

## **MONICANS OUT & ABOUT**

It is always a pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of Monicans, past and present.

1. Congratulations to Simon Colosimo, Old Collegian, on being appointed inaugural Captain of Melbourne Heart football team.
2. Congratulations also to Daniel Camilleri (Year 12) on achieving a Premier's VCE Award, 2010 for VET Dance.
3. Well done to College Captain, Shane Elders, who eloquently addressed a *Spirituality in the Pub* group on July 14.
4. Well done to Lauren Tomlinson (Year 11) on being nominated as a local sports star by the Northern Weekly newspaper for her achievements in Irish dancing.
5. Benjamin Hodges (Year 11) is commended on his appointment as a Youth Ambassador for the Melbourne Theatre Company.
6. Attendees at the World Vision Global Leadership Conference on June 18: Jemma Dempsey; Elyse Duggan; Jessica Contarin; Sarah Ujmaia; Kobi Bland; Laura Dempsey; Katerina Petkovska.
7. St Peter's Literacy Program: Elodie Lee Fok Tong; Catherine Marangos; Savionna Martin; Lisa Cardamone; Nathan Curcio; Laura Dissegna.

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

Since June 14 edition: school holidays; *Crazy for You* production; Parish Masses; Staff In-service on July 12; reports distribution; Year 9 chess; Year 9 Premier League; AFL football matches; Tournament of the Minds meetings; visit from music and voice students from Bayfield High School, New Zealand; Senior Masses; College Board meeting; SACCSS and CAS sports of many kinds; VET Music Industry concert; DRC Legal Studies incursion; Year 7 Music incursion; litter reduction campaign launches; World Vision Global Leadership Conference; World Refugee Week; St Peter's School tree planting visit; Year 10 parents' afternoon tea; Student Council reflection activity; Year 10 VCAL evening; Indigenous Fire Carriers' induction and service; Café Eppica lunches; visit from Greek presenter on SBS; Year 9 interclass debate final; Takada meeting .....

## **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

We congratulate Mr Warren McLeod and his wife, Michelle, on the birth of their first child, Amelia Christine on June 13.

Congratulations too to Mrs Danielle Vetere and her husband on the birth of their second child, Luca, on June 28.

We welcome Ms Laura Lori who will teach Religious Education and Italian on DRC.

Staff Member of the Month for June was Mrs Sharon Daley for her outstanding organization and hosting of the 2010 Year 12 Principal's Dinner and in recognition of the care and attention she provides to the students of Year 12.

We welcome Mr Terry Katsonis (LJM staff member) who replaces Mr Jimmy Lai.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

A visiting school from Dunedin, New Zealand, Bayfield High School, came to SMC on Wednesday, July 13 to present a concert and then join with Monicans in musical and voice activities. This was a wonderful opportunity for all students and we thank Mrs Rizzi, Mr Carpenter and Mr Lallo for working with our Kiwi visitors.

## **SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE**

SMC is looking for students who are interested in helping build a solar vehicle to compete in an all schools Solar Vehicle Challenge in October. If students are interested in design, engineering and electronics and would like to further develop their skills, they should approach Mr Panozzo.

## **SCIENCE CLUB**

Have you seen a science experiment that you would like to try? Then maybe the Science Club is for you.

Science Club is on Tuesdays after school from 3.00 p.m. — 4.30 p.m. This club will give students the opportunity to develop their lab skills with a mouse breeding program, many dissections, ongoing projects such as building rockets and much more.

## **CHESS MOVES**

1. Year 9 Chess tournament

The Year 9 Chess Tournament began in the Pamela Coyne Library on Tuesday, June 15. Our competitors Rany Misconi; Matthew Mansour; Daniel Castro; Giuseppe Calipari and Daniel Giusti played off over lunch time to determine who would go through to the Grand Final. Congratulations to Daniel Castro our runner up and to Daniel Guisti the Year 9 Chess Tournament winner. Well done to all competitors, it was a tough Tournament.

2. Chess at DSC

All DSC students will have the chance to participate in the 2010 SMC Chess Competition commencing this term. All interested students can sign up this week at the SJQ Library. Please present your student ID card when signing up.

## **LITTER REDUCTION CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all those students who are doing the right thing and putting their rubbish in the bins — inside and out. The grounds and classrooms are already looking cleaner, which is what all students and teachers deserve.

Remember ...drop one, pick up ten!

## **HOT DOG FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all those students and staff who supported our Hot Dog Day. We raised a total of \$218.85 which will be donated to the Good Samaritan Inn.

Special thanks to all Year 8 Samaritan Inn Representatives who helped in a number of ways, promoting, preparing, serving and cleaning. You all did a great job.

## **FREE AFL RECORDS**

The Pamela Coyne Library receives AFL Footy records every week for free! Students are welcome to call by and

take one copy per student but be warned they can disappear quickly. Collect a record and keep up with the AFL news, views, stats, player profiles and articles. Make it your essential reading every week.

### **SOLAR PANELS**

Solar panels are being installed on the Year 9 building presently to be followed by DSC and then at Ostia. All expenditure for solar panels came from State and Federal Government funding.

### **CRAZY FOR YOU**

Well deserved congratulations are extended to the actors, dancers, singers, crews and all staff who were involved in the fabulous production of *Crazy For You*. More mention will be made of this great show in The Monican and a full spread in the College Annual.

### **PARENT TALK – GROWING UP TOO SOON: THE SEXUALISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

On August 19, at 7.30 p.m. in The Gateway Room, the College Counsellors will be speaking to parents about the social pressures on young people to adopt adult behaviour at a very early age. The presentation will explore the oversexualised messages that young people receive today and the ways to protect the appropriate development of childhood and adolescence. More information will be sent to you soon about this important presentation but put this date in your diary now.

### **STUDENT HEALTH ISSUES**

As in the general population, some students at St Monica's College have serious medical conditions that they live with and manage well, with the support of their families and College staff. Some of these conditions include anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma and epilepsy. Further information can be found on the Parent Portal under 'Student Health Issues'.

### **YEAR 9 INTERCLASS DEBATING GRAND FINAL**

As part of the debating calendar a debating competition was held amongst the Year 9 homerooms. A successful and interesting final debate was staged between Year 9 Mauve and Year 9 Blue. The topic was that Australia should ban the wearing of the burqa. Year 9 Mauve were negative and Year 9 Blue were affirmative. The members of 9 Mauve's team were Matthew Kundevski, Patrick Gusman, Rachael Fenech and Jessica De Vincentis. Year 9 Blue's team were Marco Ilic, Cassandra Baldi and Kate Gentile. Both teams debated with skill and poise. The results were

**Winning team:** Year 9 Mauve

**Best Speaker:** Marco Ilic of Year 9 Blue

Well done to all debaters on making this competition so successful.

### **CAREERS CORNER**

#### **Year 12 VTAC Applications**

VTAC applications can be made with the help of the careers staff at the Careers Centre on the following dates. Please note that students will need to make an appointment at the Careers Centre to book an application session.

Monday	August 2	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	August 9	Periods 1 – 7

Monday	August 16	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	August 23	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	August 30	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	September 6	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	September 13	Periods 1 – 7
Monday	September 20	Periods 1 – 7
Tuesday	September 21	Periods 1 – 7
Wednesday	September 22	Periods 1 – 7

Students are encouraged to book an application session as early as possible, initial applications can be changed in the first round up until Thursday, September 30 at 5.00 p.m. at no extra cost.

### **Secondary Students Invited to Melbourne Design Market**

Business **by Design Market** brings together small business operators, students and educators from the Victorian design industry for a one-day designers' exhibit and market. Secondary students with an interest in design are encouraged to attend this exciting new free event at The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne – 10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m. August 13.

### **Year 10 VCE Information Evening**

Choosing your VCE subjects can be pretty daunting, especially when university in 2013 seems so far away!

La Trobe's Year 10 Information Evening can help you get a head start.

Come and find out about La Trobe courses, prerequisites, applying and selection, scholarships, the many pathways to university, and the transition from school to university. Your parents are welcome too – we even have a special session for them!

There'll be plenty of time for questions, and time to chat with faculty course advisers and some of our students. And to keep you energized, drinks and nibbles are on us!

#### **Program**

6.00pm: Start

7.00pm: General information session

7.30pm: Separate information sessions for students / parents

8.00pm: Finish

**When? Wednesday, July 21, 6.00p.m.—8.00 p.m.**

**Where?** West Lecture Theatre, Melbourne campus.

Register at: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/parentsevening/>

Questions? Call La Trobe's Future Students Centre on 1300 135 045.

### **La Trobe University Events to suit all needs!**

As you can see, June and July offer a swag of great La Trobe events for secondary students (and their parents, in most instances!).

#### **Experience La Trobe**

Students can still register for Experience La Trobe Melbourne and Bendigo. More information and online registration available now at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)

#### **Visual Arts and Design Folio Preparation Program (Bendigo Campus)**

This intensive two-day workshop gives Year 11 and 12 students insight and skills to help with folio preparation before they apply to uni courses in visual arts or graphic design. More information and registration available at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioshop](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioshop)

## VCE Parents' Information Evening

### A new event for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents!

With so much complex information to sift through, exploring study options for university can be hard work.

This family-friendly La Trobe event will help you make sense of it all. Come and get the essential facts on:

- La Trobe courses and prerequisites
- course costs
- scholarships
- the VTAC application process
- education pathways
- the transition from school to university

You'll also hear about campus life at La Trobe, and our fantastic student exchange program (which allows students to do part of their degree overseas).

Some of our current students will be there to talk about their La Trobe experiences. And after the presentations, you can chat informally with La Trobe staff, with drinks and nibbles on us!

#### Program

6.00 p.m.: Registration

6.30 p.m.: Presentation and student panel

7.30 p.m.: Drinks and nibbles

**When: Wednesday, July 28.**

**Where:** John Scott Meeting House, Melbourne campus (free parking in Carpark 7).

**Register online at:**

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/parentsevening/>

Questions? Call La Trobe's Future Students Centre on 1300 135 045.

#### Year 10 VCE Information Evening

This event is all about getting a head start on planning for uni in 2013 – a great opportunity for Year 10 students and their parents to get information and advice about VCE subject selection, VTAC procedures, and applying for and selection to La Trobe courses. More information and online registration available at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/year10](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/year10)

#### VCE Parents' Information Evening

This event aims to demystify the terminology and procedures of VCE, VTAC, and entry to uni – especially for parents. More information and online registration available at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/parents](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/parents)

#### Upload Your Future

One for IT enthusiasts! A day where Year 9–12 students can learn about La Trobe's brilliant IT courses, talk to industry

experts, and get some hands-on lab experience. Read more at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/scitecheng/events](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scitecheng/events)

It's not till August, but you might also like to note another science event, Discover Engineering, on Wednesday 4 August. Participants can listen to student panels, see tradeshows, join workshops, and even build a small robot to take home. More details at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/scitecheng/events](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scitecheng/events)

## WORLD OF SPORT

### Year 9 SACCSS

Congratulations to all students involved in the Sports Association of Catholic Co-Educational Secondary Schools Year 9 Premier League. The eight teams involved all contributed to the College winning the Championship pennant for 2010.

#### Victorian College Basketball Championships

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Squad on winning the Victorian College Championship round.

St Monica's 42 Overnewton 38

The Senior girls were beaten in the final

St Monica's 15 Braemar 29

#### SACCSS Year 9 Premier League Finals held 17/6/2010

	SMC	Opponent
AFL v Penola	4.5.29	6.11.47
Boys Basketball v Kolbe	35	54
Girls Basketball v CRC Melton	19	47
Boys Volleyball v Emmanuel	2	3
Girls Volleyball v Marymede	0	3
Netball v CRC Melton	29	12
Boys Football v CRC Nth Keilor	11	12
Girls Football v CRC Nth Keilor	6	1

#### SACCSS Schools Senior Netball

Congratulations to the Senior girls on their Semi-Final win against CRC Sydenham

St Monica's 34 CRC Sydenham 9

The team now play Salesian College in the Final.

Best: 3 Rachel Furgal, 2 Hayley Birch, 1 Stephanie Rofe.

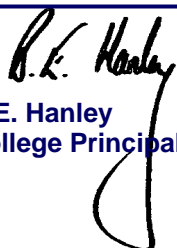
#### SACCSS Senior Netball Final

Congratulations to the Senior girls on their Final win against Salesian College. The team fought back from a 7 goal deficit in the third quarter to finish over the top of a fine Salesian side.

St Monica's 29 Salesian 26

## MARVELLOUS MONICANS

The Year 10 'On the Edge' program at our country campus, Ostia, has commenced on an extremely positive note. Congratulations to all students in Year 10 Blue, Brown and Emerald for their commitment and enthusiasm to the program. Our guest presenters, headed by Ms Mary Tomaino, were in high praise of our students for their passionate involvement and respect for others. We look forward to similar responses for the remaining classes as they attend Ostia throughout the year.



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