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## PEACE & HARMONY – WORLD YOUTH DAY



The news that the 2008 World Youth Day (WYD) was to be held in Sydney brought much joy to the Australian Church when Pope Benedict XVI announced it a couple of years ago. Since that time it has been a very hectic and active period of preparation for the

Archdiocese of Sydney and to a lesser extent all other Australian dioceses.

St Monica's College, Epping welcomes WYD that will take place next month. Our College, after originally seeking out student interest, has worked with local parishes and supported our students as they participated in their own parish's preparation. Ms Kate Molony and Ms Kate Stapleton have been given time to work on WYD matters and a good number of our students from Years 10 to 12 have been commissioned as WYD Ambassadors by Bishop Tim Costelloe. We welcomed the WYD cross and icon to Melbourne at a special ceremony.

Seven SMC staff will travel to Sydney and meet up with the SMC student pilgrims and we will be significantly involved in all of the Days in the Diocese activities and events. Additionally, the College's Sports & Assembly Hall will be 'home' to many German youth pilgrims for ten days in July. That will be an exciting adventure for us all.

We pray that WYD will have a strong impact on the youth who gather with Pope Benedict in a few weeks' time. We hope that the various events will lead them to a closer relationship with Jesus as they pilgrim together with clergy and fellow travelers. May WYD be an act of evangelization to all members of Australian society as they see the Catholic Church alive and vibrant and universal in its membership.

On behalf of the entire Monican community I wish our pilgrims a safe and holy experience as they travel to Sydney. I also extend our best wishes and support to those in Melbourne who are organizing the Days in the Diocese activities.

In this final edition of the *Principal's Bulletin* for Semester 1, 2008 I thank everyone – students, staff and parents – for their contributions to our College life and I trust that the forthcoming holidays will be an opportunity for rest, recreation and reinvigoration.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

### IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

As a Monican community we value the importance of consistent attendance in order for students to achieve the best possible results within the classroom. It is therefore imperative that parents, teachers and students work together to enable students to attend school every day.

You may be aware that if a child misses nine days per Term every year from Prep to Grade 6 then they have missed one complete school year. By Year 12 this equals two complete school years.

Nine days can add up very quickly. For example: If a student misses:

- 2 periods of Maths on a Monday
- 2 periods of English on a Wednesday, and
- 2 periods of Music on a Friday

This adds up to **one full day in a week.**

**If this happens every week the student will have missed 10 days for the Term.**

If students miss this significant amount of school they will find it very difficult to be successful in their education.

**To be successful in education students need to attend and participate in all their classes.**

## UNIFORM

The correct wearing of the school uniform has always been of paramount importance at this College. This will continue. Parents are called upon to check that their child is abiding by our College regulations. Many would be quick to criticize if we did not work to ensure student compliance in regard to uniform.

## YEAR 12, 2007 ON TRACK DATA RESULTS

St Monica's College, Epping was to the forefront in these northern suburbs in regard to the percentage of university offers that were made to last year's Year 12 students and again at the top when it came to total number of tertiary offers made. SMC has delivered and is doing an outstanding and top job in these northern suburbs of Melbourne. We commit to even further enhancement.

## ERGO COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations and thanks to the staff and students who entered the stage Library of Victoria new research website 'ERGO'. Student winners are:

- Benjamin Bumpstead – Year 7 Red
- Adina Morrow – Year 8 Gold
- Gabrielle Mincone – Year 8 Gold
- Bianca Licovski – Year 8 Gold

## **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. Congratulations to Mrs Narelle Cameron and her husband, Andrew, on the birth of their first child, Lachlan Samuel, on June 17. We also extend congratulations to Mr Frank Farchione and his wife Elly on the birth of their first child, Gabriella Marino on June 21.
2. Mrs Leonie Laughlin (Full-Time, Numeracy), Mrs Maria O'Meara (4 days pw) and Mrs Maree McCann (12 Further Mathematics) return from long-term leave in second semester.
3. Mrs Silvana Pavia and Mr Phillip DiNatale will be joint Acting Faculty Coordinators of Mathematics for second semester and Mr Stephen Baker will assume the responsibilities of the Coordinating Curriculum Chairperson (Sciences & Technologies) for this period.
4. Our condolences are extended to Mrs Ancita Beale and her family on the death of Mrs Beale's mother, Gwendoline Carroll, on June 9. R.I.P.
5. We farewell Mr Jacopo D'Allesio, our Italian Language Assistant, and Ms Flor Khoo, Mathematics and Science teacher, as from June 27. We thank them for their work at SMC.

## **CONDOLENCES**

The College extends sympathy and prayers to the Ciccone family (Caterina, Year 7) on the death of father and husband, John. R.I.P.

## **"SWITCH OFF" COMPETITION FINAL DAYS**

As the race to be the homeroom to win a pizza lunch nears the end the leading classes are:

Year 7 Red, Green, Blue, White, Mauve and Brown  
Year 8 Blue, Brown, Indigo, Red and White  
Year 9 White, Purple, Indigo and Silver

Win or lose the message is the same – "switching off" the lights saves money, energy and reduces damage to the atmosphere.

There will be an increase in the number of judges' inspections over these final days – there are no outright leaders at any level – so keep "switching off".

## **THE WEEK OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Thursday June 5 was World Environment Day. We took time to reflect on the urgent need to redress climate change, our dependence on energy from fossil fuels and the means by which all of us might live in a more sustainable manner.

At SMC we marked this day in many ways. We looked at the black balloons in the libraries and Science rooms representing our determination to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The plasma screens and the student intranet both had important messages. The libraries were conserving paper and electricity.

Teachers wore black clothes and brought a litter free lunch to school.

The big message to us all is the 2008 slogan of the United Nations "Kick the CO<sub>2</sub> Habit".

## **2008 AUSTRALIAN LEGAL HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION RUN BY THE FRANCIS FORBES SOCIETY FOR AUSTRALIAN LEGAL HISTORY**

The object of the competition is to promote interest in and an awareness of Australian Legal History by encouraging students to develop a facility for describing historical events and for recognizing their place in broader themes. The best essays will be lucid and entertaining. The competition theme is the importance to the effective working of the legal system of individual honesty, a well-informed conscience and trust.

### **Essay Topic:**

Honesty, Legal Ethics and the Limits of a Guilty Secret.

### **Essay Question:**

"How can a lawyer defend somebody he or she "knows" is "guilty"? What is it to "know" that somebody is "guilty"? Okay, to be more precise: What are, or should be, the ethical obligations of a lawyer acting for a client who, after being charged with a crime, makes a confidential confession of guilt"? Discuss this question from the perspective of a member of the community (who is not a lawyer) using examples drawn from the Dean Controversy (1895 – 1896) and/or Tuckiar's Case (1932-1934).

The competition is open to all students enrolled, at any time during 2008, in an Australian Secondary School.

Senior Secondary School Category (NSW Years 11-12 and interstate equivalents).

Suggested essay length: 750-2000 words approximately.

School prize (for the school of the winning essayist): \$500 and a \$500 book voucher from Abbeys Bookshop, Sydney. Essayist's personal prize: \$250 and a \$250 Abbey's book voucher.

Junior Secondary School Category (NSW Years 7-10 and interstate equivalents).

Suggested essay length: 500 – 1000 words approximately.

School prize (for the school of the winning essayist): \$500 and a \$500 Abbey's book voucher. Essayist's personal prize: \$250 and a \$250 Abbey's book voucher.

Each Essayist will receive a Certificate of Acknowledgement acknowledging participation in the Competition.

If you would like any further details, please see Ms Sheedy on DSC or Mrs Luppino on DRC.

## **LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD**

Students who are interested in signing up for the Legacy Public Speaking award should see Ms Parker in her office (234) to find out more information. To be eligible students need to have been 14 years old on January 1 this year. The competition will be held in week one of Term Three (Thursday July 17).

## PAKISTAN VISITOR

Sister Seraphin Mariam Charles (aka Sr Josepha) will be our Pakistan visitor from July 15 until after St Monica's Day. Sister is a Presentation nun and joins a long list of Sisters who have been sponsored by SMC for a trip to Australia.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEWS WRITING COMPETITION

The following students participated on June 12:

Eamonn Harte 8 Purple	Emma Hiho 8 Purple
Kelly Tran 8 White	My Tran 8 White
Jennie Nguyen 8 Silver	Caitlin Rexley 8 Silver
David Petrevski 8 Silver	Peter Hosri 8 Silver
Tayla Agosta 7 Mauve	Jonathan Caruso 7 Mauve
Kate Gentile 7 Blue	James Molinaro 7 Blue
Sarah Cooney 8 Indigo	Rhys Antonio 8 Indigo
Erin De Marco 7 Emerald	
Matthew Kundevski 7 Emerald	
Jessica De Bont 8 Indigo	Billy Mazza 8 Indigo
Dean Foster 7 Orange	Danielle Horman 7 Orange
Monica Spiteri 8 Orange	Stephanie Versaci 8 Brown
Gerard Sutton 7 Brown	Kimberley Wright 7 Green
Claudia Simiane 7 White	Michael Cenko 7 White
Alexander Curmi 8 White	Trixie Do 8 White

## WORLD OF SPORT

### Australian Football achievements

There have been a number of outstanding achievements from students recently who have made various representative squads around the region. These being:

Anthony Bonaddio (Year 8) and Luke Volpe (Year 9) who have been selected in the VSSSA Under 15 Schoolboys team to play in the Australian Championships here in Melbourne. The boys will play in the carnival in early July.

The following boys have been selected in the Northern Football League representative teams to play in Youth Metropolitan championships to be held over the next few weeks:

#### **Under 15 Division 1:**

Luke Volpe, John Tardio, Michael Gravina

#### **Under 15 Division 2:**

Ricky Mercuri

#### **Under 14 Division 1:**

Anthony Bonaddio, Luke Mamone

#### **Under 14 Division 2:**

Alex-Sean Ioannidis, Luke Borg, Daniel Vasilevski  
Congratulations to all boys involved.

### Year 9 Premier League Finals

**June 18, 2008**

	<b>SMC</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Australian Football v Penola	<b>6.3.39</b>	2.5.17
Netball v Marymede	<b>35</b>	19
Basketball (Boys) v CRC Nth Keilor	<b>54</b>	34
Basketball (Girls) v Marymede	<b>34</b>	25
Volleyball (Boys) v CCCC	2	3
Football (Boys) v CRC St Albans	3	3
St Albans won the penalty shoot out		4-2
Football (Girls) v CRC Nth Keilor	<b>7</b>	1

A successful Year 9 Premier League culminated in seven of the eight St. Monica's teams qualifying for the finals. Our College was the Overall Champion School for Year 9 Premier League.

Well done coaches: Ryan Bongetti, Australian Football, Don Ross, Girls Football, Luca Finanzio, Boys Football, Sylvia Pasahidis, Boys Volleyball, Dale Platek, Boys Basketball, Peter Godfrey, Girls Basketball and Nicole Meade, Netball.

Five of the seven teams brought home the Pennants. Well done the Australian Football, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Girls Football and Netball.

### Victorian College Basketball Championships

Recently the St Monica's senior boys' basketball team were crowned Victorian College Champions. Competing against nine other high caliber basketball schools the boys were undefeated and capped the day with a brilliant 12 point grand final victory over Rowville High. Coach Mr Platek and all squad members deserve high praise for an awesome performance throughout the day. Their next step is another tournament in September.

### Basketball Success at St Monica's College

On Wednesday June 18 the St. Monica's boys and girls Year 9 teams capped off undefeated seasons by winning the **Year 9 Premier League** grand finals held at Mill Park stadium. The girls won a thriller in the final two minutes after the teams were separated for the entire second half by only two - three minutes. With a couple of the Marymede girls fouling out in the dying moments of the game the St. Monica's team were able to gain the ascendancy to emerge victorious 35-25.

St. Monica's were led by Courtney Newman with 15 points backed up by Jessica Hay with 9 in an overall team effort. The teams were knotted up at 16 all at half time to show the tightness of the match.

In the boys game the undefeated Monicans led by Nathan Cogoi with 21 points and Josh Beare, Tom Vandekolk, and Jarryd Quinn with 10, 9, and 8 points respectively jumped out to a 37-13 half time lead and were never headed in winning 54-34. The entire bench played the majority of the second half to cap off an outstanding season that saw no team come within 20 points over the six games played. Captain Matthew Bruno in particular played an outstanding defensive game in the "sweeper" position of our devastating 1-2-1-1 trapping half court press and his fast break passes to Nathan Cogoi provided the bulk of his game leading 21 points.

Well done to all the boys and girls in both teams who played twelve games without a loss and a special note of appreciation to the girls team coach Peter Godfrey who gave up work commitments and drove from the city to attend all of the girls' games to coach before returning to work.

In 2008 the St. Monica's College teams have lost one game at Year 9 and Year 10 level from a total of eighteen games of both boys and girls Premier League competitions a truly

commendable record of achievement. The senior boys have won thirteen games out of seventeen and lost their four games by 1/2/1/2 points respectively including a double overtime game in the CAS semi-final. So it could be said they were only 7 points short of a perfect 17-0 record. As reported above, they capped off their season out-date with a grand final victory on Monday June 16 at the prestigious Victorian College Championships defeating six teams in route to their grand final victory over Rowville Secondary College which is a sporting school of excellence in basketball.

The stand out players on the day for the entire tournament were captain Hayden Annett and Sal Mamone who led the team scoring in all six games including a perfect 20-20 free throws for Annett and also outstanding contributions from vice captain Jacob Bitzilis and several of the Year 9 and Year 10 intermediate team members. Along with our U16 girls grand final victory in the Mill Park domestic grand final it has certainly been a most successful four months of basketball for the Basketball Academy athletes and the College sporting teams in basketball.

### **CAREERS CORNER**

#### **The University of Melbourne Scholarships**

The scholarship program fulfils the University's commitment to recognise and reward students with exceptional academic abilities. There are various scholarships available and applications are available online.

For information on available scholarships, including selection criteria, cut off dates, value, and application details go to Web Link:

<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad/future/index.html> or Freecall: 1800 772 244

#### **Year 10 Students School Based Apprenticeship**

There is a vacancy for a School Based Apprenticeship in Dog Grooming located in South Morang. This is a great opportunity and the possibility of holiday work. For more information please visit the Careers Centre.

#### **Year 11 & 12 Students**

If you are interested in studying Arts, Design, Production, Theatre, Film, Acting or Directing, the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) is holding an information evening on Wednesday June 25 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. at St Martins Youth Arts Centre. For more information, or to register, visit [www.nida.edu.au](http://www.nida.edu.au)

#### **Year 10, 11 & 12 Students**

William Angliss Institute is conducting a 'Taster Program' for students to spend a day experiencing some of the finer points of the Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts. Details are available at the Careers Centre.

"Journeying to one another...  
..For the Sake of Peace"

Interfaith Youth Pilgrimage

Sunday July 13, 3pm  
Federation Square

1pm Each Religious tradition meets in separate locations in the City to reflect on the themes of peace, pilgrimage and interfaith relations  
2:15pm Groups walk "on pilgrimage" to meet each other in Federation Square  
3pm Indigenous "Welcome to the land" and Peace Ceremony at Federation Square

For Meeting locations and times please contact your Faith Group Coordinators:

Buddhist:	Freeman 0431 034 254	Christian:	Maureen 9650 4511
Muslim (AIS):	Ostman 9326 2177	Sikh:	Jagdeep 0431 417 533
Muslim (ICV):	Sara 0421 885 492	Baha'i:	Murray 0419 180 799
Jewish:	Caroline 0407 119 771	Indigenous:	Tristan 0431 584 258
Hindu:	Nivedita 9846 8399		

For more information:  
Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission: 99265708  
[ecum@melbourne.catholic.org.au](mailto:ecum@melbourne.catholic.org.au)

### **MARVELLOUS MONICAN**

Luke O'Halloran must be congratulated for the amazing work he did on getting the first Speakers' Corner event on Davisson Street Campuses up and running. Luke organised for Bree Amer who is an ambassador of the Australian Thyroid Foundation, and also a past Big Brother contestant and television personality, to attend DSC to talk about the very important topic of Thyroid Cancer. Through the sale of badges Luke and his team of helpers raised \$1016 for the Thyroid Foundation. The students enjoyed listening to Bree discussing her personal experience with thyroid cancer and were excited to be able to take photos and get autographs after her speech. Well done, Luke, on your efforts in making the first Speakers' Corner such a brilliant success.

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