

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

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REFLECTION

It's a Wonderful World

It is too easy at times to become despondent about the state of the world. Of course, we witness and hear about traumatic events such as wars and conflicts, environmental degradation and destruction, and the scourge of poverty and inequality.

However Easter confirms to Christian believers that there is hope and salvation for this world of ours. The death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is that confirmation that the world is a good place and that good people acting in good ways globally can make a significant difference. Jesus Christ is our salvation and by following his teachings, as found in scripture, and by worshipping our God and participating in the sacraments, we all can be effective messengers of hope and salvation.

We have recently farewelled our visitors from Japan and their homestay visit is a visible Monican sign of harmony between cultures and faiths. The goodwill, the joy and the happiness that were overflowing throughout the ten days of our friends' stay at SMC are evidence that people of different views and experiences can make a strong impact for good in the world.

At our College we continue to support the work of the Presentation Sisters in Pakistan by considerable fundraising, sponsorship of visits to Australia for the Sisters and return visits by our own staff. This year we have also committed to supporting the Christian Brothers' work in Africa as they establish schools and health care centres for the people of this vast continent. These are further examples of working across borders to bring Christian hope to people of other countries. We do not set out deliberately to evangelize, but we do strive to spread the love and hope of the resurrected Jesus Christ to those in less fortunate and tough circumstances.

This is a wonderful world. It is important that Easter is the time when we accept the fact that everything that God has created is good and that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the resurrection are real and that we, as Christians, are called to serve others, to love our neighbours and to be fully alive in Jesus Christ.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES YEARS 7-10

Parents are advised that the Parent/Teacher Conference for all students in Years 7 – 10 will be held on the Dalton Road Campus on Wednesday 1st April commencing at 3.00 pm. Please ensure that your son or daughter approaches all their subject teachers with the appointment schedule, found in the student planner, to make appointments for the Conference. Students from Years 7 – 11 will be dismissed at 1.03 pm on this day.

TERM HOLIDAYS

I wish all students and staff are a most enjoyable first term holiday. The term concludes for students on Thursday, April 2 at the normal time.

Holiday office hours are 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM daily. The Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Term 2 (**when students change to winter uniform**) commences on Monday, April 20.

OPENING CEREMONY

On Friday, April 3 there will be a blessing and official opening of our new Industry and Trades Complex on Davisson Street Campus. This new facility accommodates automotive studies, electronics and metalwork. Father Brendan Lane, PP of Mill Park, will bless the complex and Mr Dominic Moscatello, Chairman of our Finance, Property & Works Committee, will perform the official opening.

DAMAGED NOTEBOOKS – WE ALL SUFFER!

28 Notebooks are out of action due to damage caused by students. The number of notebooks damaged is unacceptable and will cost us more than \$5000 to get fixed. Three of these notebooks have a broken screen and are irreplaceable. Many keys and latches are missing. As a consequence, DSC notebooks are now out of action for the rest of the term.

TAKADA INFORMATION EVENING

Any students intending to be part of the Takada tour in September must attend an information evening at Augustine House on Tuesday 28th April at 7:30pm. More information is available from the Office on DRC and the Careers Centre on DSC.

THE MONICAN

This publication should have arrived in homes in the last fortnight. Any feedback can be sent to Ms Pamela Griffin at the College (94012444).

TAKADA THANKS

I sincerely thank the following Monican families for kindly hosting Takada staff and students: The families are: Fenech; Bland; Buchan; Laraia; Zerafa; Luu; Dempsey; Fung; Gilbert; Lai (Tania, 11 Mauve); Lai (Tessa (11 Orange); Jobson; Nguyen (Mai and Tuan); Watts; Fisher; DeMarco; Callinan; Frijo; Nicolaci; Bon. Thanks are extended to all parents and children of these generous families.

I also thank the Takada Exchange Committee for another wonderful visit viz. Miss Judith Clarke; Ms Vicki Poke; Mr Akira Koizumi and Ms Taryn Kneebone.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Active times: House swimming carnival; SACCSS swimming carnival; Catholic Education Week; Archdiocesan Mass attendance; Harmony Day; Takada Homestay; College Board meeting; Finance, Property & Works Committee; casual clothes day fundraiser; Year 7 vaccinations; Year 7 parents' evening; Senior SACCSS Day; HORIZONS, 2010 testing; Morning Tea with the Principal; prospectus preparation; Year 10 premier league; SIF survey; Teen Read Week; M.O.N.I.C.A.N. spelling bee heats; St John Cadet program; Year 9 interclass debating; DAV debating (Heat 1); Year 7 public speaking competition; Breakfast Club; Year 8 Stepping Stones; Year 12 retreat; Uniquely Year 9 Experience.

CONDOLENCES

The College community extends sincere condolences to Mr Sam Rizzo and his children Stephanie, Bianca, Natalie (Year 12) and Marcus, on the death of his wife and their mother, Mary, on Sunday March 15, 2009.

OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Teen Read Week

The Pamela Coyne Library hosted TEEN READ WEEK from Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March. There was a lunchtime activity each day, including guest speakers, fun literature online games to try; Books2movie trailers to watch; and a Books2drama competition. English classes enjoyed presentations on Books4Blokes and Books4Babes.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

Mrs Keira Knight (Laboratory Technician) and Dr Denton Thomas (private music) will resign from the end of term. We thank them for their contributions to life at SMC and wish them well for the future.

2. Congratulations to Mr Bradley Beecham and his wife on the birth of their second child, Corey Hugh, on March 15.

3. Mr Stephen Hobday has commenced long service leave until April 24.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

St Peter's literacy program (Year 9): John Antony; Sarah Biscaro; Taylah Bourke; Madhu Ratnarajah; Stephanie Rabbito; James Bannan; Stephanie Loria; Alexandra Casa; Stefanie Roussety; Larissa Volpe; Robert Ruggierei; Adrian Gonnella.

Ozanam House visitors (Year 11); Matthew Bennie; Paris Luppino; Priscilla Debatista.

MONICAN ACHIEVERS

Year 7 Public Speaking competition

The Year 7 Public Speaking Competition was held recently. Well done to all students who participated. Wonderful speeches were presented on some very interesting topics. I am pleased to report the results of this competition:

1st Place: Kurt Cauchi

2nd Place: Samantha Camilleri

3rd Place: Dhilini Ranasinghe

These students will be presented with a gold, silver and bronze medal at an upcoming year level assembly. Congratulations to all.

DAV Debating – Round 1 Results

Congratulations to the students who competed in Round 1 of the DAV Debating Competition at Loyola College. I am pleased to report that 7 of our 8 registered SMC teams won their Round 1 debates, a fantastic result. Well done to all the coaching staff who prepared the students so well for this opening debate. I encourage staff and students to come along and support the students in their next debate, which will be held on Monday 4th May.

ICT Club Members

I wish to thank all students who placed their name on the signup sheet for the ICT Club and congratulate all students on their test results. The following students are to be congratulated on making it into the ICT Club.

Hoang Nguyen,	Chantel Tucker
Dhilini Ranasinghe	Robert Pavia
Daniel Pennacchia	Daniel Zdravleovski
Adrian Siriamu	Penelope Proghios
Daniel Lauricella	Daniel Pejovski
John Tran	Shawn Cauchi
Phi Nguyen	Dean Settinelli
Alexander Cannavo	Daniel Poli

SMC Rock Band Members

Timothy Montefalcon	Paula Kapolitsas
Samantha Varga	Frank Capodicasa
Adem El-Halabi	Matthew Cattolico
Ian Mercado	Joshua De Rozario
Ben Nolan	Matthew Camilleri
Christopher Pace	Shaun Jackson
Michael Di Pasquale	Jeffrey Miller
Theresa Chamoun	Sebastian Fiore
	Tomas Rodriguez-Anderson

CAREERS CORNER

The University of Melbourne

Access All Areas is a day-long event especially designed for Year 10–12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the University of Melbourne.

Students will be able to find out about:

- Courses and careers information including the Melbourne Model study options and pathways from 2010 and beyond
- Unique opportunities to enrich their degree such as studying a concurrent diploma, going on exchange and participating in community involvement activities at Melbourne
- Admissions and enrolment options
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- Student Services and Transition programs
- Careers and graduate pathways

Date: Friday 17 April 2009

Venue: The University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Registration: Admission is free but places are limited. Students must register as early as possible to secure a place.

Please visit

<http://schoolprograms.unimelb.edu.au/SchoolContactLogon.aspx?Application=49> to register.

A program of events is available on University of Melbourne website or at the Careers Centre

ENGINEERS CAREERS EXPO

This is a free Engineering Expo to be held on Wednesday 29th April 2009 at the Melbourne Town Hall -Crn Swanston & Collins Streets Melbourne from 1-7pm. The expo will allow students to gain the knowledge to make a choice regarding the education & career opportunities available in Engineering. To attend register at www.engcareerexpo.org.au A full details sheet can be obtained from the Careers Centre.

WORLD OF SPORT

Swimming Championship

The SACSSS Swimming Championship were held at the MSAC pool on St. Patrick's Day. The Junior Girls' Squad and the Senior Girls' Squad won their division. Best individual performances on the night were from Erin Di Marco, winning Best Female swimmer in her age group and Claudia Fruscalzo also winning Best Female swimmer in her age group. Claudia's performance is very commendable given the fact that she swam in a higher age group.

SACSSS Senior Day Results - Senior Round Robin

Congratulations to the Girls Indoor cricket squad, winning the cricket undefeated at the Senior Round Robin Day.

Results

Girls Cricket	1st	Girls Softball	3 rd
Boys Cricket	2 nd	Boys Softball	3 rd
Girls Basketball	3 rd	Boys Basketball	4 th

Hockey Institute

A reminder that hockey training continues to run on Thursday after school until 5pm. You must be in attendance this week to receive important information about the Training Camp. If you cannot attend, you must see Miss Suter or Miss Beasley in room 499.

Year 10 Premier League

St. Monica's V CCCC 24/03/2009

SPORT	St. Monica's	CCCC
Cricket	112	111
Netball	40	10
Basketball (Boys)	79	26
Basketball (Girls)	94	12
Volleyball (Boys)	3	1
Volleyball (Girls)	0	3
Football (Boys)	12	0
Football (Girls)	15	0

2009 SMC Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 24th April

At the Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium, McDonalds Road, EPPING.

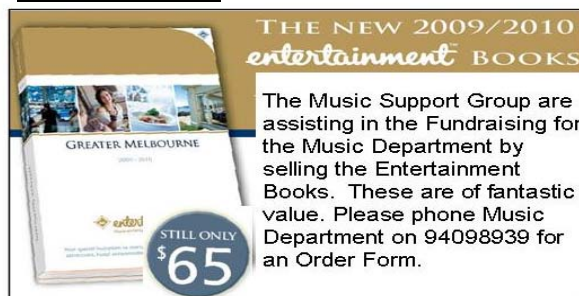
The day will begin at 10:00am and finish at approx. 2:30pm.

Parents are more than welcome to attend this annual event.

PRO WRITING

If you have a wild imagination and enjoy putting pen to paper, senior writing sessions are about to begin! Please see Ms Prince in Room 260 for further details.

MUSIC NOTES



THE NEW 2009/2010
entertainment BOOKS

The Music Support Group are assisting in the Fundraising for the Music Department by selling the Entertainment Books. These are of fantastic value. Please phone Music Department on 94098939 for an Order Form.

STILL ONLY
\$65

MOBILE PHONES

A number of students in Year 7 are having their mobile phones confiscated because they are not following the simple rule that these are not to be taken to class. I ask that parents support this simple rule so that classes are not interrupted by students receiving messages or calls during class time. If the students are caught with the phone in class it will be confiscated and only returned once a parent has contacted the Dalton Road Campus Director.

BOOK BAGS

A reminder for all students that blue envirobags are again available for students to purchase at campus receptions for \$2.

These may be used to carry extra books home (no other bags are permitted) or to carry books between classes.

TUTORING AVAILABLE

Old Collegian, Mr Mark Gabriele is tutoring students in Italian and Music. He has a WCC and a Liberal Arts Diploma from ACU. Contact number: 0448917900.

CYBER SAFETY – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The College is offering a night for parents to talk about how to help young people to use the internet safely. The internet offers a range of exciting possibilities for learning and social contact. However there are also **potential problems and risks** with internet use – for example, cyber bullying and stalking, unwanted contact from inappropriate people, unsuitable content, invasive online marketing and advertising, spending hours online in chat rooms or games sites.

Greg Gebhart from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Cybersafety Outreach Section) will address these issues and more on **Monday May 4, at 7.30 pm in The Gateway Room.** Put this date in your diary now and look out for further information in the near future.

SEASONS

A PROGRAM FOR GRIEF AND LOSS

Seasons is a peer support program for young people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. This loss and change is essentially because of death or separation and divorce within the family unit.

When we experience the loss of a significant person in our lives, we may look for support and encouragement as we adjust to the loss. The changes in our lives that occur because of this loss challenge us to find 'inner and outer resources' to help us to cope and reconcile our lives.

The Seasons peer support program provides an opportunity for young people to express, acknowledge, normalise and integrate their grief. An adult companion is trained to guide the process.

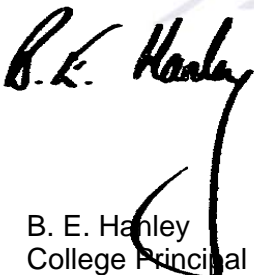
Seasons is based on the concept of the 'seasons of the year' as an image, not only of the particular moments in time when grief and loss is experienced in a specific way, but also the changes and movements of grief over time. It is important to note that Seasons is a process of companioning individuals as they seek ways to adjust to the changes in their lives because of the loss they are experiencing.

The Seasons program is offered at SMC on both the junior and senior campus. If you would like to know more about the program or feel that your child would benefit from such program please contact Emma Roderick on ext 435.

MARVELLOUS MONICANS

An important part of a casual clothes day fundraiser was the selling of sausages and drinks. These Marvellous Monicans were cooks and sellers:

Robert Amerena, Stacey Bubis, Jamil Chaban, Jamie Chavez, James Clohesy, Larrissa Curcio, Kayla Del Monte, Rocco Falcone, Ricky Li Rosi, Andrew Lozanovski, Bridget Mitra, Natalee Mutimer, Anthony Palazzolo, Hollie Scott, Joseph Zakkour, Milad Zakkour, Monique Zammit


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