

## HOLY EASTER TO ALL

I am not sure why, but we seldom (if ever) hear people wishing others a Holy Christmas. Instead, we use words such as 'happy', 'merry' and 'safe'. These are lovely sentiments but they do not reflect the fact that Christmas is indeed a religious feast.

On the other hand, wishing others a 'Holy Easter' is frequently heard and that is what I wish all Monican families. Truly, Easter is a genuine holy time – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart and soul of Christianity. Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday followed by Holy Thursday and then Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This Holy Week is celebrated by Christian people throughout the world (albeit at different times according to calendars).

Easter is the beginning of the Good News – the salvation of mankind and the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. As we journey with Jesus in prayer this Holy Week, 2010, let us pray for ourselves; our

families and friends; other Monicans; and for all people who are seeking meaning in their life. At Easter, Jesus triumphed over death and brought salvation to the world. Those who are lost are lost no more.

We pray for the Church that she may be renewed by the celebration of the Resurrection. We pray for all believers that our faith will be strengthened and grow in the light of Christ. We pray for those who do not believe in God; those who are sick; and those who have lost hope.

Our attendance at the various Easter liturgies is something beautiful for God. Through them we are able to better walk with Jesus, understand His suffering, celebrate Eucharist, and glorify in the Risen Lord on Easter morning.

I hope that your Easter is happy, merry and safe. But I wish you a truly genuine Holy Easter this year.

### COLLEGE CALENDAR

Please note that classes finish for students on Thursday, March 25. March 26 is a student free day. Term 2 commences on Monday, April 12, 2010. Office hours over the holidays are 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. daily except Good Friday and Easter Monday which are public holidays.

#### MARCH DATES

22 SACCSS Senior Day  
22 Year 7 Immunizations  
23 Principal's Art Prize  
24 Years 7-10 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
25 End of term for students  
26 Staff Professional Development Day (Student Free)

#### April

12 Classes commence for Term 2

### WINTER UNIFORM

Please note that the College changes to winter uniform this year on April 29.

### TAKADA VISIT

We have welcomed our visitors from our sister school in Japan, Takada Junior and Senior High School. We welcome teachers, Ms Mana Nakai, Ms Saho Iwai, and Ms Akari Inoue, and eighteen female students from Takada.

### YEAR 7 – 10 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Term 1 Parent Teacher Conferences coincide with the distribution of the Term 1 Interim Reports but these will be only for parents of students in Years 7 – 10. The first night was on Thursday, March 18 and the second night is on Wednesday, March 24 from 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at DRC.

- Parents will be able to make a booking online via our web based booking system **Parent Teacher Online (PTO)**. All parents and staff will have received their login details in a letter explaining how to use the system and how to manage if you do not have access to the internet
- Please also note that teachers will also use the system to request interviews
- Please remember that if you have used PTO before, the old password will not work. New logins will be generated for each Parent Teacher Conference, and these have been advised in a letter sent more than a week ago
- Please be aware that only 10 minutes is made available for interviews. If you can see that the interview is going to go over the allocated time, then please request that the teacher contact you at a later time to continue the discussion. The teacher may also suggest the same
- The dinner break is between 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. with a recommencement time of interviews at 6.00 p.m.

An announcement will be made at 8.00 p.m. to signal the end of the Parent Teacher Conference.

## **INTERIM REPORTS: YEARS 7 – 10**

### **Absences Clarifications for Reporting**

On the front page of the reports in the absences sections, where the term 'Rolls Effected' appears, the numbers which appear refer to **lessons missed** NOT **days missed**.

Section explanations:

#### **'Absent Without Reason'**

refers to a student being absent from a lesson where no reason has been received from parents

#### **'School Related Absences'**

refers to students being absent from a lesson due to being on a school activity when their classes are still running. Eg. Sport, excursions TAFE

#### **'School Acknowledged Absences'**

refers to students being absent from a lesson due to entire class/es being cancelled for a school activity Eg. Assembly, Mass, Athletics Day, St Monica's Day.

## **SINCE THE LAST EDITION**

Last fortnight at SMC: Catholic Education Week; Teen Read Week; College Mass; Years 7 - 10 Parent Teacher Conferences; AFL match versus Marcellin College; Takada visit; SMC Writers' Club; Year 7 band rehearsal; Year 10 Premier League; Year 9 sports training; Year 8 Stepping Stones; Grandparents' visits; Finance, Property & Works Committee; New Staff Welcome Dinner; House swimming carnival; HORIZONS 2011 testing; Sustainability assessment meeting; Years 8 and 9 Public Speaking competitions; Junior Council training day; Values Education Forum; DAV debating; afternoon tea with Year 12 parents; VCAL camp; Year 9 parent evening; Morning Tea with the Principal  
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## **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. We welcome Old Collegian, Miss Belinda Vidos, to the teaching staff in the English Faculty. We also welcome Mrs Madeleine Haddad who is a teacher of ESL and New Arrivals.
2. Best wishes to Ms Renata Dabal who commences parental leave in Term 2. She will be replaced by Ms Sharon Bacchus.
3. We are currently recruiting a hairdressing teacher as Mrs Marcelle Taewa is moving interstate.
4. Other staff on short term leave in Term 2 are: Ms Helen Luppino (all term); Ms Anita Kotiah; Mr Stephen Hobday.
5. Ms Mary Devlin returns from leave in Term 2.
6. Our condolences are extended to Mr Neville Colvin on the recent death of his mother, Mrs Joan Burns.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

### **Year 7 First Band Rehearsal**

The Year 7 Band of 2010 commenced rehearsals at

lunchtime on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in the band room in the upstairs music area. Students brought their lunch and instrument along at the commencement of lunch. Year 7 students who play the following instruments were invited to attend: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Drum Kit/ Percussion.

### **MARY POPPINS the Musical**

The Friends of Music have organized tickets to a special preview performance of Mary Poppins on Wednesday, 21 July at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are A Reserve at \$90 instead of \$110, a saving of \$20 per ticket. A flyer and order form can be found on the SMC Student Portal/Performing Arts. For any queries please phone Val Box on 9409 8939.

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The Entertainment Books are available again for 2010/2011.

The cost remains the same at \$65. Forms are available from the reception counter of both campuses as well as the Music Office on Dalton Road. For any queries please phone Val Box on 9409 8939.

## **DALTON ROAD CAMPUS MATTERS**

### **Dismissal Times**

We need to make sure that dismissal times are staggered. This is especially important because we currently only have one student gate for student exit of an afternoon and this exit point can get extremely congested. This is how the staggered dismissal times occur:

Year 7: 3.15 p.m. as soon as possible at the end of Period 7 roll call is taken and students dismissed.

Year 8: At 3.20 p.m. dismissal commences.

Year 9: At 3.25 p.m. dismissal commences.

### **Behavior at Crossing**

The City of Whittlesea has contacted the College expressing concerns regarding the dangerous behaviour of students whilst crossing the road at dismissal time. Students are running across the road against the red Don't Walk sign causing problems for the supervisors and motorists but also risking their lives. The Council has requested the Police to attend and fine any student behaving in this manner. We have been fortunate that no accident has occurred to date and we want to keep it this way.

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST**

This event was held on Friday, March 5 and was extremely well attended. All present agreed that the talks by the Mayor of Whittlesea and the Cancer Council representative were informative. A donation of \$412 was sent to the Cancer Council. Congratulations to Mrs Glenda Hay and her team of staff helpers.

## MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

1. Year 10 at St Vincent de Paul: My Tran; Ebony Tsingoidas; Alex O'Neill
2. Year 9 St Peter's School literacy helpers: Chantelle Attard; Alana Caico; James Fry; Sara Furlano; Joshua Lobombarda; Amy Lee
3. Years 10 and 11 students at Collingwood Cottage Program: Sarah Mastrolorito; Eric Tenuta; Angie Sassano; Nelson Lai; Danielle Treglia; Samantha Trigilia; Sheridan Paterno; Jessica Herman.

## SUSTAINABILITY AT SMC

On Friday, March 5 the College had its Rubbish Free Lunch Day and it was a great success! Many students and staff brought their lunch in a re-usable container which meant no rubbish was generated. This day marked the start of a campaign to **Reduce** (the amount of rubbish generated and power used), **Reuse** (as many resources as possible) and **Recycle** (using the appropriate bins provided by the College.)

We ask for parental support, especially regarding the re-usable lunch containers as having all students use them will make a huge difference as less rubbish is generated and you save money – another precious resource!

Congratulations to Year 7 Mauve at DRC and Year 12 Mauve at DSC. Both groups have won a free Pizza Lunch for their great rubbish free lunch efforts on Friday, March 5.

## BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

- a) On Monday, March 15 Jessica de Bont of Year 10 White presented her 2009 Legacy finalist speech at Victorian Parliament House as a guest of the Victorian Women's League.
- b) On Sunday, March 14 Haynes D'Souza of Year 11 Purple, Adrian Muzzi of Year 11 Red and Jeffrey Miller of Year 12 White competed in three debates as part of Monash University's Economics Faculty annual Viewpoint debates. The debates related to topics specific to economic issues. The students competed well losing 2 debates and winning 1.
- c) The first round of DAV debating was held on Tuesday, March 17 at Loyola College. The results were:

### **A grade**

St Monica's 1 230 points defeated Montmorency Secondary College 224 points  
St Monica's 2 228 points defeated Viewbank College 1 225 points

### **B grade**

St Monica's 1 227 points defeated Catholic Ladies College 1 222 points

### **C grade**

St Monica's 1 228 points defeated Eltham College of Education 227 points

### **D grade**

St Monica's 1 224 points lost to Marymede 2 226 points  
St Monica's 2 230 points defeated Eltham High 1 229 points  
St Monica's 3 224 points defeated Loyola College 2 222 points  
St Monica's 4 223 points defeated Lalor S.C 2 220 points  
St Monica's 5 224 points defeated Eltham College of Education 1 223 points

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

- d) **Year 12**  
1<sup>st</sup> Talia Pulis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katerina Petkovska and 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Dempsey
- Year 11**  
1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Chamoun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Haynes D'Souza and 3<sup>rd</sup> Celeste Mitsiou
- Year 10**  
1<sup>st</sup> Jessica de Bont, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex O'Neill and 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Hosri
- Year 9**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lauren De Iacovo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Gusman and 3<sup>rd</sup> Astrid Mayne

Congratulations to these students as well as all the other students who competed in these competitions. The speeches were of excellent quality and all competitors are commended on their fine efforts.

## ICAS COMPETITION

The ICAS competition is running in Science again this year and ALL students are invited to take part.

The competition will take place during the school day on Wednesday, June 9.

If interested then download the letter from the Student portal under Science and Competitions or ask your Science teacher.

The cost is \$4 and entries must be in by Friday, April 30.

## WORLD OF SPORT

- a) **Year 10 Premier League 24/03/2009**  
St Monica's V CCCC

### **SPORT**

	<b>SMC</b>	<b>CCCC</b>
Cricket	<b>7 for 163</b>	7 for 115
Netball	<b>49</b>	2
Basketball (Boys)	<b>67</b>	3
Basketball (Girls)	<b>67</b>	3
Volleyball (Boys)	<b>3</b>	1
Volleyball (Girls)	<b>3</b>	1
Football (Boys)	<b>2</b>	1
Football (Girls)	<b>7</b>	0

SPORT	SMC	Marymede
Cricket	5 for 131	69
Netball	27	17
Basketball (Girls)	68	23
Volleyball (Boys)	1	3
Volleyball (Girls)	3	0
Football (Boys)	3	1
Football (Girls)	18	0

**b) Catholic All Schools Tennis**

Congratulations to Year 11 student Andrea Arar on winning the Senior Girls State Championship in the Catholic All Schools Tennis on March 15.

**c) SENIOR AFL CAPTAINS**

In 2010 Milad Zakkour will captain the Senior SMC AFL team. Milad was voted in by his teammates and will be supported by deputies Josh Beare, Ricky Mercuri and James Mercuri. Luke Mamone of Year 10 also makes up the 5-man leadership group. Good luck to coach, Mr Whitford, and all squad members for this season.

**Australian Catholic University**

**Arts Industry Day Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The Arts industry day has been developed to provide Years 11 and 12 students with an opportunity to experience media and visual arts and design in a tertiary setting. This is provided through a series of short interactive workshops register at [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

**Be a Student Nurse for a Day Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**

You are invited to enter a day in the life of a student nurse. You can participate in a variety of hands on nursing workshops, talk with nursing students and teaching staff and discover what nursing is all about. To register go to [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

**University Experience Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July**

This is a free full day program designed to allow future students the opportunity to interact with academic staff and current students, to try out courses they are interested in and to experience life at ACU. To register go to [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

**EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE – EPPING PARISH**

	St Peter's		St Joseph's		St Mary's		Annunciation	
	Time	Venue	Time	Venue	Time	Venue	Time	Venue
Passion Sunday	7.15 pm 9.00 am 10.30 am	Great Space	6.00 pm 8.00 am	Church	10.00 am	Church	5.30 pm	Chapel
Holy Thursday	7.30 pm	Great Space	7.30 pm	Church	7.00 pm	Church	7.00 pm	Chapel
Good Friday	3.00 pm	Great Space	3.00 pm	Church	3.00 pm	Church	3.00 pm	Chapel
Easter Vigil	7.30 pm	Great Space	7.30 pm	Nazareth Centre	7.00 pm	Church	7.00 pm	Chapel
Easter Sunday	10.00 am	Great Space	8.00 am	Church	10.00 am	Church	No Mass	

**MARVELLOUS MONICAN**

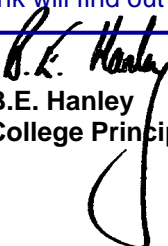
Year 11 student, Frank Brisevac, has been blitzing his chosen sport in the past few months. Frank's chosen area of sporting expertise is the triple jump.

Frank jumped a personal best of 14.04m to win the Victorian Under 18 State Championships and qualified for the National and Oceania titles in Sydney last week.

Frank's form continued to improve and he shattered his personal best with a massive 14.22m jump. This gave Frank the Australian Under 18 National Title and the Oceania Regional Title.

Frank's name has been shortlisted by the Australian Olympic Committee to be part of the Australian team to compete in the inaugural Youth Olympics in Singapore.

Frank will find out if he makes the team in the next two weeks.

  
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