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MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY

This Principal's Bulletin is published at the beginning of the month of May, a month when the Catholic Church traditionally sets aside time for devotion to Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother.

It was through the willingness of Mary that the Savior, Jesus Christ, was born into life. It was her readiness to serve God that brought the Kingdom of God into this earthly life. Our College has Our Lady's Chapel on Dalton Road Campus and we shall mention Mary often throughout this Marian month.

It is believed that Mary intercedes for humanity and that she sits high in the heavenly Kingdom of God. The Church teaches that she was assumed body and soul into heaven, a spectacular and awesome act of God. No wonder in the popular prayer, the 'Hail Mary' the descriptions and names of Mary are: 'full of grace'; 'blessed art thou among women'; and 'holy Mary, mother of God'.

When we pray to Mary let us pray for all women whose ministry is to work for the spreading of the Kingdom on earth. Thus we have many female

scholars, teachers, community workers and activists from Church agencies, religious sisters, and holy women who pray and act for the coming of Father, Son and Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of all peoples.

Our schools and parishes are brimming with women who lead lives of service as something beautiful for God. Indeed, there would likely be numerous parishes in Melbourne which would not function effectively without the service of female parishioners. Certainly, there are an increasing number of rural parishes that have a female Pastoral Associate conducting the parish as the parish priest resides elsewhere. In Catholic schools the percentage of female staff is higher for women than it is for males.

We pray:

Sweet Heart of Mary, be our salvation.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for us.
Mother of love, of sorrow, of mercy, pray for all Monicans.

St Monica's College
Invites you to
Australia's Biggest Afternoon Tea

Where : Augustine House
When : Friday, 21 May, 2010
Time : Between 2.00 p.m. and 3.15 p.m.
Cost : Minimum \$2 donation

Come and have a cuppa and help to tip the balance in the fight against cancer

R.S.V.P. 17th May, 2010
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BASIC FUNDING PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1. Parental Choice
2. Religious Freedom
3. Funding Equity
4. Educational partnership
5. Funding Certainty
6. Supporting accountability
7. A fair allocative mechanism

Source: National Catholic Education Commission (December 2009)

SINCE THE LAST EDITION:

Activities have included: Term 2 Assembly; Staff in-service; Year 11 Breakfasts; Year 12 interviews; ANZAC Cup (AFL); Senior Netball; Morning Tea with the Principal; Board Executive meeting; Finance, Property & Works Committee meeting; Year 9 premier league; Year 8 Stepping Stones; St Peter's school visit to Wetlands; Café Eppica lunches; Year 10 Hospitality events; Year 10 immunization

INVITATIONS TO PARENTS

1. Dance Showcase

Come and enjoy a night of entertainment on Friday, May 7 in the Sports and Assembly Hall. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. to be seated no later than 7.00 p.m. To reserve a table contact Mrs Jenny Cavallo on 9409 8860. Bring a light supper to share as you are entertained by our Dance students.



2. Trivia Night

Friday, May 28, 2010. DRC Sports and Assembly Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.. Cost is \$10 per person. Children under 12 are free.

Funds raised will be shared with the Friends of Music and the Production team for the staging of this year's musical 'Crazy For You'.

Tickets are available from Mrs Jenny Cavallo (DSC) on 9409 8860 or Mrs Val Box (DRC) on 9409 8939.

A Reply Form will also be available on the Parent Portal. Donation of prizes will also be gratefully received.

3. Family Portrait Expression of Interest

We are looking to organize a Family Portrait Weekend in 2010. \$20 will get you a studio quality 10 x 13 inch Colour or Black and White Portrait – along with a frame, key-ring and key-sized portrait.



If you are interested in having your Family Portrait done, please contact Mrs Glenda Hay on 9409 8854 for more details.

4. 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 **Wednesday May 12, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm in The Gateway Room**. You should have received a flyer and email about this event. If you have not replied, please return the reply slip to the campus office as soon as possible to secure your place.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. I have received the resignation of Ms Kate Stapleton effective as from May 21. We thank her for her work.
2. Mr Wayne Smith, Mr Fulvio Frijio and Mr Phillip DiNatale commence Long Service Leave on May 24 and return at different times.
3. Congratulations to Mr Joseph Registro and his wife on the birth of their first child, Gracie, on April 20.
4. We welcome Ms Giuseppina (Giusy) Graziano to the staff as our Italian Language Assistant for the remainder of 2010.
5. Staff Member of the Month for April is Miss Taryn Kneebone for her management of the Careers Department in the absence of colleagues on leave. Recognition is made of her administrative capability, her work with Year 9 students at DRC, and advice and support provided to senior students.

FUNDRAISING REPORTS

1. Project Compassion

Our Year 7 students raised \$1495.25 for Project Compassion in 2010. The Homeroom who raised the highest amount was Year 7 Red - \$319.90. What a fantastic effort. Well done to all who supported this worthy cause.

The results of our collection are as follows:

Blue (\$50.80), Brown (\$76.45), Emerald (\$15.95), Gold (\$68.30), Green (\$37.70), Indigo (\$89.40), Mauve (\$107.05), Orange (\$0.00), Purple (\$98.80), Red (\$319.90), Silver (\$106.80), White (\$64.30), DRC Staff (\$46.85), Unknown - no names/homeroom supplied (\$61.00), Profits from our Pancake Day on DRC in Term 1 (\$351.95).

2. Pakistan Appeal

Congratulations to all students who have brought a diet drink or healthy Zinger yoghurt icy pole from our Pakistan sales bins at lunchtime. They have raised \$13,722.50 since last St Monica's Day and an incredible \$77,118.05 since we started selling these items on March 31, 2005. A magnificent achievement!

It is fantastic to note the number of students from our College who support this fund raising activity and regularly make extra donations of small change to help the less fortunate children and their families in Pakistan.

Staff and students are encouraged to view the poster on the window of the Pamela Coyne Library showing some of the children in Khipro, Pakistan and read about their lives.

Don't forget we sell every lunchtime from 1.03 p.m. outside the Sports and Assembly Hall.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

1. St Peter's School Literacy Program:
Erin DeMarco; Sarah Filippi; Grace Franzese; Christopher Sciberras; Joshua Farrugia; Adrian Boglis.
2. Community Service at Collingwood Cottage:
Alannah O'Connor; Caitlin Kapolitsas; Melissa Yacoub; Stefanie Kanaan; Vivian Lay; Elizabeth Cabuhat.
3. Assembly Vocalists:
Jessica Beninato; Theresa Chamoun; Anthony Contessa; Jessica de Bont; Michelle Eagles; Bethany Higgins; Benjamin Hodges; Cassandra Iranios; Demi Kapolitsas; Paula Kapolitsas; Bridget Kerr; Brooke Kotsos; Nelson Lai; Kiara Mirinovic; Celeste Mitsiou; Unathi Miya; Kiralee Mladenis; Laura Monaco; Melissa Monteleone; Madeline Perrone; Lauren Tomlinson; Monica Tran; Emily Vincent; Samantha Zammit.
4. The following students will attend an Enhancement Program at Camberwell Grammar School in May:
Paul Abdallah; Tara Alvarez; Stephanie Versaci; Jessamine Cadou; Jessica Borg; Peter Hosri; Sarah Maiolo; Dinithi De Alwis; Jacob Iskra; Stefan Eracleous; Eamonn Harte; Nelson Lai; Olivia Ouraha; Michael Soosaipillai; Rebeka Khaw; Nicholas Doumtsisis; Cassey Barbis; Jennie Nguyen.

5. Year 11 Community Service – Ozanam House: Luke Ammendola; Valeria La Valle; Natalie Chiera.

MUSIC NOTES

1. Monicans in May Ensemble Concert

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 in the Sports and Assembly Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

This concert will feature most of the College Bands and Ensemble groups including the new Year 7s.

The students love to perform for family and friends and it is the chance to showcase their talents.

2. 'Mary Poppins' Tickets

We still have tickets available for Mary Poppins on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. Tickets are available at the reduced price of \$90 each, so if you would like to order tickets please order as soon as possible as they are selling fast. Order forms are available on the College website or by contacting Val Box in the Music Office 9409 8939.

No ticket orders will be accepted after Friday, May 7 so don't miss out, get in and order now.

COMPETITIONS

1. Write4fun Competition, 2010

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2010 Write4fun Art Competition! We encourage students to enter their most creative piece of artwork and compete for the awesome first prize of \$1000 and the choice of either an Apple iPod Nano, Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS Lite or Sony Digital Camera!

Entrants are encouraged to let their creativity run wild as artwork can be in the form of a painting, drawing, photography, collage, charcoal art or computer designed original art (please no three dimensional pieces). Entries are to be no larger than A4 size.

There is no theme to the competition this year so entrants can choose to create their masterpiece as they please!

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in to Ms Sheedy on DRC by Friday, April 30. Entry forms are available on the Write4fun website. Entries will be judged as part of an SMC competition (junior and senior campus sections) before being sent to the national competition.

PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Senior Study Options Information Night

Very shortly your son or daughter will receive a letter regarding a very important information night on Wednesday May 19 at 7.30 p.m. The purpose of this night is to commence the process of Year 10 students making decisions about how they wish to complete their remaining time in secondary education. We therefore request that all parents and students of Year 10 attend this evening. The R.S.V.P. slip at the bottom of the letter must be returned to homeroom teachers promptly. All other details of the night are contained in the letter.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. Year 9 Premier League

SMC vs Kolbe

Sport	SMC	Kolbe
AFL	24.9.153	2.1.13
Netball	60	1
Basketball (Boys)	29	48
Basketball (Girls)	58	6
Volleyball (Boys)	3	0
Volleyball (Girls)	3	0
Football (Boys)	3	0
Football (Girls)	8	0

2. ANZAC Cup

Last week SMC and MacKillop College played for the traditional ANZAC Cup as part

of round one for the SACCSS season. Results are: MacKillop College 13.7.85 def SMC 6.8.44.

Best players for SMC on the day were: Michael Di Battista; Miland Zakkour; Simon Harraka and Ricky Mercuri.

Our next game will be against Penola College on May 12.

3. Well done to the senior girls netballers on their strong victory over MacKillop College, Werribee on the day of the ANZAC Cup.

CAREERS CORNER

Undergraduate Medical Admission Test

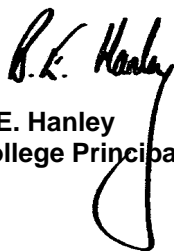
Year 12 students who are interested in applying for a course at University in 2011 requiring the UMAT test as part of the admissions process are reminded that the closing date for registrations is June 4th. Full details of courses requiring a UMAT are available on the UMAT website at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>

Year 12 University & TAFE Entrance Information Evening

On Tuesday, May 18 at 7.30 p.m. all Year 12 students and parents are invited to an information evening in the Sports & Assembly Hall which will outline the process for student applications for University and TAFE places in 2011. This is the only evening at which this information is presented and it is recommended that all students and parents attend.

MARVELLOUS MONICANS

Victor Dicello of Year 12 Silver must be congratulated for the time, effort and expertise he put into designing the invitations and programs for the Year 12 Principal's Dinner. He produced a stylish and eye catching invitation that was fitting for this wonderful event. Victor's planning and execution of this task was meticulous and we thank him for sharing his talent and skills with the Year 12 community.



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