

WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

The Catholic Church has celebrated the important feast of the Ascension this past week. This feast commemorates when Jesus Christ concluded his public ministry on earth and ascended into Heaven to be with the Father.

Unlike the apostles who lived with, walked alongside, shared meals with, and followed Jesus, we Christian people of today are the new apostles of Jesus Christ. At the time of the Ascension (and we do not have recorded how Jesus ascended into Heaven) Jesus instructed his apostles to be his witnesses even until the ends of the earth. We too are called to be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God on earth.

What does it mean to be witnesses to Jesus Christ? In the first instance, it certainly is an act that is something beautiful for God. We are called to be enlivened through the spiritual strength of the Holy Spirit to be people who proclaim the Commandments, who preach the Bible and the way of life it calls believers to live, who work for the good of all peoples, of all cultures, of all faiths, of all nationalities – even to the ends of the earth.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is the salvation of all

people. As evangelists, we are given the responsibility to welcome all into our Church and Christian communities, to reach out to those who have no faith or who have lost their faith, to spread the Good News to people who have never heard of Jesus Christ through no fault of their own.

In a real sense, Jesus Christ calls on his 2010 followers to be missionaries. 'Go out and proclaim the Good News' are words that might ring in our ears. As a Monican family, we do this work as we support financially the work of the Presentation Sisters in Pakistan and the Christian Brothers in East Africa. Perhaps there will be Monicans who will join PALMS in the years ahead and devote a period of time to the missionary work of the Catholic Church.

Jesus neither abandoned nor neglected his followers – of yesterday and today – when he ascended to be with God. The Holy Spirit dwells on earth to provide strength and rich faith support to those who seek to follow closely the Good News of Jesus. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit as we strive to do something very beautiful for God – being witnesses to him in our local and immediate communities; our nation, Australia; and yes – to the far flung ends of the earth.

STUDENT REMINDERS

1. Behavior at bus stops, railway stations and when travelling on buses and trains is to be exemplary. No excuses will be listened to if the College receives reports about Monican misbehavior. Always, students must show respect and exercise etiquette and good manners when on all forms of public transport.
2. Winter uniform is to be worn according to the specific instructions contained in Student Planners. Any items worn that are disallowed (e.g. non SMC beanies and scarves) will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school year.
3. Students may not use mobile phones during the school day. If they do, the phones will be confiscated and can only be collected by parents from Campus Directors.
4. Year 7 students are to place their Netbook in their school bags when off school grounds.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Ms Silvana Pavia will be Acting Faculty Coordinator of Mathematics/Computing and Ms Danielle Nicolaci will be Acting Faculty Coordinator of Visual Arts until the return of the respective Faculty Coordinators.
2. Mrs Ancita Beale has retired from teaching. She commenced at SMC in 1971. A special farewell will be organized for her soon. We wish her well in her retirement.
3. Mr James Lewis (percussion) and Ms Becky Fox (voice) have resigned from the College.
4. Congratulations to Mrs Kirsty Henry and her husband on the birth of their first child, Lachlan James, on May 7.
5. We welcome Miss Alkira Venn to the College as the Trainee Library Assistant, based at DRG.
6. Qualified replacement teachers have been organized for all teachers on leave until end of term. Replacements for staff absent in Term 3 will be announced closer to the time.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Pope Benedict XV1 proclaimed the last twelve months as the international Year of the Priest. Here are some interesting statistics:

The number of priests increased slightly over this nine-year period, passing from 405,178 in 2000 to 209,166 in 2008, an overall rise of 0.98 percent. In Africa and Asia their numbers increased (respectively, by 33.1 percent and 23.8 percent), in America they remained stabled, while they fell by 7 percent in Europe and 4 percent in Oceania.

The number of diocesan priests increased by 3.1 percent, going from 265,781 in 2000 to 274,007 in 2008. By contrast, the number of regular priests showed a constant decline, down by 3.04 percent to 135,159 in 2008. Of the continents, only Europe showed a clear reduction in priests: in 2000 they represented 51 percent of the world total, in 2008 just 47 percent. On the other hand, Asia and Africa together represented 17.5 percent of the world total in 2000 and 21.9 percent in 2008. The Americans slightly increased its percentage to around 30 percent of the total.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN SPAIN

Any Year 9 or Year 10 student wishing to learn more about the upcoming World Youth Day and the way in which Monican students will be invited to participate is invited to attend a brief lunchtime information session. This information session will be held for Year 10 students in room 215, near Campus reception at Davisson Street Campus, on Wednesday, 19th May and in the Our Lady's Chapel at Dalton Road Campus on Thursday, 20th May for Year 9 students.

BARRY WOOD VIEU AWARD

St Monica's College was presented with the annual Barry Wood Award for Social Justice by the General Secretary of VIEU, Ms Deb James, at a staff meeting on 6th May. This recognized all our fund raising work for Pakistan.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

It's been a busy and interesting fortnight: ADAPT Year 8 workshop (ambulance service); DAV debating; DRC chess competition; NAPLAN testing; Monicans in May music concert; AFL football; basketball matches; SACCSS and CAS cross country; Year 9 premier league; Dance Showcase; College Board meeting; Primary Principals' luncheon; Science Faculty Review; French incursion; Italian poetry competition; Year 11 breakfasts; Student Leadership Training Day; Year 11 parents' afternoon tea; Netalet Parent workshop

POWER MONITORS

All classrooms have been assigned power monitors to help the College save on energy costs. Well done to students who have volunteered for this valued work.

SCIENCE FACULTY REVIEW

This faculty is currently under review. Any comments about the faculty can be emailed to admin@stmonicas-epping.com

BOARD NEWS

At its May meeting the College Board reapproved with changes the Human Relations Education Policy; the Fee Structure Policy; and the Fees Collection Policy. All College policies are available upon request to parents.

The College Board welcomes applications for the position of Honorary Accountant. Written applications should be addressed to Mrs Liz Dempsey at the College.

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

Round 2 DAV Debating results:

St Monica's had another successful round of debating. Eight out of our nine teams won their debates. The results are:

A Grade

St Monica's 1 won by forfeit against Bundoora Secondary College
St Monica's 228 defeated Eltham High 1 224

B Grade

St Monica's 1 228 defeated Viewbank 2 225

C Grade

St Monica's 1 226 defeated Marymede 225

D Grade

St Monica's 1 226 lost to Eltham College 1 231
St Monica's 2 230 defeated Mill Park SC 2 227
St Monica's 3 224 defeated Eltham College 4 221
St Monica's 4 225 defeated Mill Park SC 1 224
St Monica's 5 225 defeated Loyola 1 222

Congratulations goes to all the coaches on their fine work in preparing their teams.

PRINCIPAL'S RIBBON FOR COOKERY – MAY 20

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in the Principal's Ribbon for Cookery.

Year 12

Andrew Kis-Rigo
Michael Camilleri
Laura Dempsey
Joel Joseph

Year 10

Roslyn Bruno
Kerensa Fernandes
Nick Janeski

Year 9

Lilian Tran
Ranae Failla

Year 11

Ariana Magliozzi



WRITE4FUN RESULTS

I am pleased to announce the results of the SMC Write4Fun Art Competition.

Dalton Rd Campus Competition

- 1st Place - Claudia Frittitta 9 Silver
- 2nd Place - Joshua Farchione 9 Indigo
- 3rd Place - Melody Kwok 9 Silver

Honourable Mentions

- Tanya Vong 8 Brown
- Dhilini Ranasinghe 8 White
- Anne Jalandoni 7 Purple
- Amy Lee 9 Orange
- Lauren De Iacovo 9 Indigo
- Claudia Dimasi 9 Indigo

Davisson St Campus Competition

- 1st Place Amanda Jackson 12 Purple
- 2nd Place Jonathon Newton 11 Purple
- 3rd Place Tessa Lai 12 Red

Honourable Mentions

- Veronica Mellere 11 Brown
- Trixie Do 10 White

Congratulations to these students. Entries have now been sent to be judged as part of the national competition. Thank you to members of the Visual Arts Faculty for supporting this competition.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

1. Well done to all students involved in the Dance Showcase and the Monicans in May music concert recently. Superb achievements by all involved.
2. Year 10 St Vincent de Paul: Luca Barrasso; Lisa Saltalamacchia; Vy Ha; Larissa Volpe; Adolph Lekkas; Jesse Gencarelli; Jessica Borg; Eamonn Harte; Roslyn Bruno
3. Red Cross blood donors: Ryan Ferraro; Sarah Hay; Paul Seidl; Shaun Henderson

FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN

The Australian Government Fair Work Ombudsman has asked schools to inform parents and guardians of young apprentices and trainees of a new website that educates young people on their workplace rights and conditions by informing them about children's and young peoples' rights in the workplace.

The new website can be found at www.fairwork.gov.au/apprenticestrainees and as well as providing information for apprentices and trainees it also has a *My Employment Checklist* which is especially for students in Years 10-12 who are in part time employment or considering part time employment. The checklist asks questions and provides answers about the basic workplace rights and rules for every employee and as such is a must for all young people involved in employment.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. Senior AFL and Netball

The senior Boys AFL and senior Girls Netball played their final round of games before the start of Finals in the SACCSS competitions.

AFL

SMC 15.15. 105
PCC 1.8. 14

Goals Kickers SMC: Beare 5, Zakkour 3, Fiore 2, Di Battista, Mercuri, Bonaddio, Palumbo and Ioannidis 1

Best Players: Beare, Zakkour, Di Battista, Sammit, Condello, Borg

Umpires Votes:

3 Michael Borg SMC
2 Michael Di Battista SMC
1 Joshua Beare SMC

2. Netball

SMC 62
PCC 2

Umpire Votes:

3 Hailey Birch SMC
2 Chloe Wilson SMC
1 Bridget Canals SMC

3. Year 9 Premier League

St Monica's V Emmanuel

SPORT	SMC	Emmanuel
AFL	12.15.87	9.6.60
Netball	28	20
Basketball (Boys)	45	35
Basketball (Girls)	67	8
Volleyball (Boys)	1	2
Volleyball (Girls)	2	1
Football (Boys)	3	0
Football (Girls)	14	0

4. Sport Association of Catholic Co-Educational Secondary Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys and Senior Boys squads on winning their section of the SACCSS Cross Country, May 4. There were some outstanding individual results. Intermediate Boys; Gerard Sutton 1st Dominic Bruno 2nd Senior Boys Matthew Bruno 3rd Intermediate Girls Bianca Licovski 3rd



CAREERS CORNER

Swinburne University has developed two great resources for students which provide information on where the degree and TAFE qualification will take them at the end of their study. This information is applicable to other Universities and TAFE institutions and their courses. Check out where a student could go with an Arts Degree, a Science Degree, a Business Diploma and many more.

For TAFE qualifications:

http://www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/careers/What_can_I_do_with_Tafe.html

For Higher Education qualifications:

http://www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/careers/What_can_I_do_with.html

RMIT Get Real Experience school holiday activities

Events designed to give students real insight into the world of science, engineering and health.

Health and Medical Sciences (formerly Hands on Health)

Audience: Years 10 and 11

Explore the diverse world of health and medical sciences through a series of hands-on workshops in: Nursing, Chinese medicine, biomedical science (anatomy), laboratory medicine, medical radiations and pharmaceutical science.

Date: Tuesday 29 June

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Bundoora campus (west). A free bus service will be provided from the City campus to Bundoora west

Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)

Registrations close: Tuesday 15 June. Be quick as places are filling fast!

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Audience: Years 11 and 12

Engineering technologies have had a significant impact on modern society. Learn more in workshops focusing on a broad range of areas from computer systems,

networking and communications, through to electrical, biomedical and electronic engineering.

Dates: Wednesday 30 June and Thursday 1 July (identical days)

Time: 9.30 am – 4 pm

Location: City campus

Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)

Registrations close: Wednesday 16 June.

Environmental Science and Engineering

Audience: Year 10 and 11

Discover more about environmental science and engineering through field work and interactive workshops in; environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental modelling, geospatial science and surveying.

Date: Tuesday 6 July

Time: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Location: City campus

Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)

Registrations close: Tuesday 22 June.

Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering

Audience: Years 11 and 12

Build your understanding of engineering through a series of hands-on workshops, in aerospace, automotive, mechanical and mechatronics engineering.

Date: Thursday 8 July

Time: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Location: Bundoora campus (east)

Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)

Registrations close: Thursday 24 June.

Registrations are now open and places are limited.

For more information or to register, visit www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience

Advertising and Public Relations Careers Days

Audience: Years 10, 11 and 12

Students can register online to attend:

Advertising Careers Day, Saturday 21 August

www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/ad

Public Relations Careers Day, Saturday 4 September

www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/pr

MARVELLOUS MONICANS

Allanah Savvides - Year 7 Marvellous Monican. She was crowned the Year 7 female athletics champion at the recent College Athletics Carnival and has participated in House Swimming and SACCSS Cross Country events. Allanah plays basketball for the Mill Park Blazers as well as netball. Allanah was part of a group of students who spoke earlier at this year's Year 7 Transition Evening and has helped at other Year 7 events. Allanah is a bright and cheerful student who is always participating in class discussions and activities.



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