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PEACE & HARMONY – BULLIES BE GONE!



We know what Jesus thought about and how Jesus treated bullies – with total disdain! Whether it was the Pharisees who were religious bullies or merchants who stole religious space or whether it was the beguiling Devil himself who tempted Jesus in the desert – Our Lord rejected bullying and intimidation in all forms.

So does this Monican community.

The occasional word spoken in anger is not bullying; the odd observation that is hurtful and cruel is not bullying either. Disagreements (as unacceptable as they are) are a part of life – unfortunately. However, some children and adults are dreadful bullies who seek constantly and repeatedly to bring down people for no other reasons (I believe) that they are innately jealous and envious of another's personality, achievements, expertise and/or strength of character. I have never confronted a situation where the bully could argue the stronger case.

Positive relationships are hallmarks of this Monican community - the overwhelming majority embraces this with passion and commitment – but some of us fail. Bully and be gone! That is my message to students, staff and parents. SMC must be a school where we all can flourish and be happy and feel safe and secure.

Bullies are ugly, cruel and very, very unacceptable. Let people live their life in peace and harmony. Mind your own business and allow others mind theirs. I often have encountered bullies who mistakenly and ignorantly believe that they are superior, more popular, far more strong and even more perfect than the rest of us. Bullies be gone, you are wrong and misguided. Goodness will prevail. Attitudes and actions can always change and SMC is ready to be a reconciling and restorative community – but only to a point!

It is crucial that all Monicans are resilient, ready to develop skills that enable them to 'stand up for themselves' and tell bullies (not physically but most fervently) when to *shove off*. Parents need also to tell SMC staff if their child is really bullied.

Our Peace and Harmony theme (we know it well by May, 2008) must not be a cliché. Instead it is lived out by whom we are and how we come together on a daily basis.

Therefore, bullies be gone – or repent and be true Monicans!

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART – MAY 30

By now all parents of students of Dalton Road Campus will have received a letter regarding this important celebration of Mass in student home parishes. This is one important way the College encourages student parish involvement. St Peter's students will be having their Mass in the Sports & Assembly Hall because we have so many! Please also support our 'Tonnes of Tins' collection of non perishable food items to support the needy in our local communities.

TONNES OF TINS CAMPAIGN

We have the opportunity to assist those in our community who are less fortunate than us. Each Dalton Road Campus student is asked to bring a can of food which could help feed a family. Please bring along cans of vegetables, soup, fruit or other foodstuffs so we can take these to St Luke's Outreach to distribute. The campaign will run from Tuesday May 20 until May 30. Please bring your contributions to campus reception and put them in a crate.

THE VICTORIAN PARENTS COUNCIL

A voice for non-government school parents

2008 INAUGURAL VICTORIAN PARENTS COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM

The Victorian Parents Council is excited to announce its inaugural symposium. Held on **Wednesday June 25 at Holmesglen Conference Centre**, this symposium focuses on *"Supporting our children's educational outcomes!"* through positive family school partnerships.

ONLINE PARENTS CONFERENCE 2008 - MAY 26 TO JUNE 1

PARENTS of primary and secondary students are warmly invited to take part in the online conference to be held by Victorian Parents Council and Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6.00 a.m. Monday May 26 to midnight Sunday June 1. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

For further details contact Mrs Glenda Hay on 9409 8854 at St Monica's College.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

SMC happenings: Principal's Award for Public Speaking; SACCSS athletics carnival; VTAC information session; senior studies information session; staff seminar; Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser; Music concert; Trivia Night; WYD Ambassadors commissioning; Parent Network morning tea; senior AFL games; CAS AFL; immunizations; NAPLAN testing; PISA testing; Year 10 Emerald at Ostia; Year 12 retreat; CAS cross country; DAV debating; Year 9 premier league; Year 10 class captains' social justice seminar; amongst other activities.

PAKISTAN APPEAL UPDATE

Congratulations to all students who have brought a diet drink or healthy Zinger yoghurt icy pole from Pakistan sales bins at lunchtime.

You have raised \$14,416 since last St Monica's Day and an incredible \$45,679 since we commenced selling these items on May 31, 2005.

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

At this stage of the year we are \$750 ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

Thank you for your support and remember to buy a diet drink or a Zinger icy pole at lunchtime. Thanks also to staff who regularly help sell these items and/or make donations of boxes of soft drinks.

2008 WRITERS' RETREAT

The following fourteen students were selected to attend the 2008 Writers' Retreat held at Ostia campus on June 19 and 20. Congratulations to these students, as the competition this year was very tough, with many students missing out.

Selected Participants

Patrick Gusman	Ashleigh McFarland	Rhys Antonio
Michael Nguyen	Jemma Dempsey	Julia Watts
Lauren De Iacovo	Kimberly Wright	Nick Janeski
Stephanie Debono	Jessica De Bont	Bethany Higgins
Elodie Lee Fok Tong	Stephanie Apostoloudas	

FROM THE STAFFROOM

- Mr Joseph Registro will be Acting Year 9 Level Leader in the absence of Mr Frank Farchione (on leave) for the period commencing June 10 and extending until 1st August, 2008.
- Congratulations to Dr Denton Thomas (Music Department) who has completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts (Trombone Performance) from the University of Texas.
- Congratulations to our two Assistant Directors of Sport, Mr Mark Torcaso and Mr Ben Shelton who have been appointed Coach and Manager respectively of the Football Federation Victoria, Youth Girls Futsal squad.

CHESS AT SMC – DSC REPORT

Chess at DSC began last week with some very exciting games. Please see below for results:

Frank Lekkas defeated Luke Larobina (last Wednesday)
Kristian Hiho defeated Shane Elders
Albert Nguyen defeated Robert Tran in a very tight, nail biting contest
Julian Misurelli defeated a tenacious David Kim in the dying seconds of the game.

Many thanks to Mrs Luppino, Ms Stolz and the DSC Library staff for helping to ensure all ran smoothly.

FEATURED WEBSITE

Not just one of Australia's finest places of worship but undoubtedly one of the most notable structures in the land, St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne is a true national landmark. A new website for the Cathedral, which is also a Minor basilica, has just been launched.

The Cathedral is the mother Church of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and this new site, designed by Catholic Communications Melbourne, portrays it as being at the spiritual and civic heart of the city.
<http://www.stpatrickscathedral.org.au/>

CAREERS CORNER

Victoria University Portfolio Partnerships Program

Victoria University's Portfolio Partnerships (PPP) is an alternative entry scheme available to Year 12 and VETIS students attending a secondary school that has a confirmed PPP agreement with the University (St. Monica's College).

The scheme is designed for consistent achievers in the secondary years who have the potential to succeed in a university or TAFE course.

Year 12 students who are interested in applying for a course at Victoria University are encouraged to also apply for the course through VTAC and through the PPP. The program is available for both degree and TAFE level courses. Interested students are encouraged to collect an information sheet from the Careers Centre.

Year 10 – 11 Students

Reece Plumbing, in partnership with Murray Mallee Group Training, are offering students a great opportunity to gain a qualification whilst they are still at school, via T&L Australian School-based Apprenticeships (ASbA) nationally.

With over four hundred Reece branches nationally, Reece are looking to give students an opportunity to participate in ASbA's and gain a Certificate II in Transport and Logistics - Warehousing.

The program in summary:

- They are paid above ASbA \$Award rates.
- Positions exist Australia wide.
- There are several hundred positions available.
- Students will learn a broad range of warehousing skills such as using computer systems, goods handling, customer orders etc.
- Students register and apply on-line at <http://www.reece.com.au/careers/asba> (the website contains other information such as brochures, video's, branch locations etc.).
- Upon completion of the registration form, students are contacted by a Reece coordinator for a phone interview. In turn interviews are conducted by a Reece branch manager at the respective location/s.
- Reece will work in with the student/s school and accommodate days that suit the school best.
- Students will generally work two days per week. They can work thirty eight hours/week during school holidays.
- It is preferable in most states that one of these days is Saturday.
- An offer of full-time employment and a career with Reece, on successful completion.
- All available ASbA's at present are in warehousing only.
- All trainees will be engaged via Murray Mallee Group Training.
- All training is done 'on-the-job'.

Students interested in applying for an ASbA with Reece Plumbing should speak to Ms Vicki Poke (Work Education Coordinator) before making an application to discuss what changes will need to be made to individual students programs to accommodate this opportunity.

WORLD OF SPORT

a. **SACCS Athletics Carnival 2008**

St. Monica's College has been competing in the SACCS Athletics since 1983. 2008 turned out to be the bumper year with a clean sweep of the three age groups. The Year 7 and Year 8 squad won the Junior Aggregate Pennant, the Year 9 and Year 10 squad won the Intermediate Aggregate Pennant and the Year 11 and Year 12 squad won the Senior Aggregate Pennant.

Other Pennants collected on the way were the Junior Boys Aggregate, Junior Girls Aggregate, Intermediate Boys Aggregate and Senior Boys Aggregate.

The day's success was a squad effort with eighty plus students contributing on the day; however, special note must be made of four of our athletes who were named best athlete in their age group. Under 14 Girls: Stephanie Zilic, Under 14 Boys: David Chen, Under 16 Boys: Frank Brisevac, and Under 15 Boys Anthony Bonaddio. Other students who placed well in the individual rankings were Michelle Zilic Under 16 Girls 2nd, Kayla Del Monte under 17 girls 2nd, Tina Vrettakos Under 20 Girls 2nd.

A special thanks to Loretta Cocks and Tina Vrettakos who had to step up at the last minute in a greatly weakened Girls Under 20 squad.

The contribution of staff to the success cannot be understated. Well done Mr Andrew Luscombe, Mr Paul White and Mr Mark Torcaso.

b. **SMC Cricket**

Any student from Years 8 to 11 who is interested in playing cricket next season and does not currently play for a cricket club is asked to contact Mr Farchione to register their interest. Students who turn 17 before September 1, 2008 are ineligible. Please note that girls who are already 17 by September 1, 2008 are welcome to apply.

c. **Trials for Futsal National**

All girls interested in registering to trial for the Futsal National Titles in January need to do so by Monday June 9, 2008. On-line registrations can be done via the FFV website – www.footballedvic.com.au. Mr Torcaso and Mr Shelton will be coaching the Victorian Youth Girls team at the championships. Girls born in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 are eligible to register.

d. **Victorian All-Schools State Relay Cross-Country Championships**

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Victorian All-Schools State Relay Cross-Country Championships on Saturday May 10, 2008. Gerard Sutton, Ethan Van Aperen, Dominic Bruno, Matthew Bruno, Dylan O'Connor, Mario Piraino and Simon Harraka.

e. **CAS Cross Country Championships – Friday May 16, 2008**

Well done to all the students who participated in the 2008 CAS Cross Country Championships.

12-13 Year Old Boys

Place	Name	Year	Time
1 st	Gerard Sutton	7	14'52.4
3 rd	Jerome San Martin	8	15'58.7
23 rd	Greg Modica	7	17'23.6
32 nd	Matthew Kundevski	7	18'48.2
48 th	Jonathan Caruso	7	21'44.9

14 Year Old Girls

Place	Name	Year	Time
39 th	Sarah Cooney	8	16'57.6
62 nd	Karla Zacharias	8	-

15 Year Old Boys

Place	Name	Year	Time
3 rd	Matthew Bruno	9	14'49.3
7 th	Simon Harraka	9	15'24.4
8 th	Mario Piraino	9	15'40.4
12 th	Dylan O'Connor	9	16'27.0

15 Year Old Girls

Place	Name	Year	Time
30 th	Monique Zammit	10	-

17 – 21 Year Old Boys

Place	Name	Year	Time
1 st	Dom Sutton	12	20'58.6
3 rd	Darcy Sutton	11	21'16.9

Congratulations to the Boys Squad on winning the Catholic All Schools State Championship.

A special mention for the Sutton brothers Darcy, Gerard and Dom who all competed and finished in the top three for their age groups.

f. **CAS AFL football**

CAS AFL Junior results - St. Monica's Year 7 and Year 8 team were crowned the Central Zone Regional champions on Wednesday May 21 when they defeated both Mackillop and Penola College. The team now heads to the Championship day on Tuesday May 27 where they will compete against other Regional winners.

Game 1 - SMC def Mackillop by 40 points

Game 2 - SMC def Penola by 106 points

Grand Final - SMC again defeated Mackillop by 36 points.

Better players throughout the day were - Anthony Bonaddio, Luke Mamone, Matthew Vincitorio, Mark Cardemone, Luke Borg and Jaydn Short.

CAS AFL Intermediate Results – St Monicas Year 9 and Year 10 team were unable to progress from the regional day on Wednesday May 21 where they were outclassed by stronger opposition from Mackillop and Salesian. Results were:

Salesian 4.9.33 defeated St Monica's 4.1.25

Mackillop 11.2.68 defeated St. Monica's 1.2.8

St Monica's 8.6.54 defeated Penola 8.4.52

Better players throughout the day were: Braydn Tagglieri, Milad Zakkour, Nicholas Avenoso, Luke Volpe and Andrew Costanzo

g. Congratulations to Matthew Iuliano, Jacob Colosimo, Anthony Bonaddio and Luke Volpe on their selection for national and metropolitan AFL football competitions.

h. **Year 9 Premier League Results**

Sport	SMC	Penola
Australian Football	9.5.59	6.6.42
Netball	60	20
Basketball (Boys)	67	48
Basketball (Girls)	27	15
Volleyball (Boys)	3	0
Volleyball (Girls)	1	3
Football (Boys)	4	1
Football (Girls)	2	0

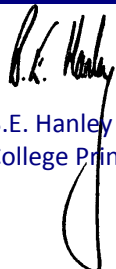
EXAM TIMETABLE JUNE, 2008

Date	Session 1 (EXAMS)	Session 2 (EXAMS)	Session 3 (EXAMS)
Jun-05	Time – 120 min (P1-3)	Time – 90 min (P4-5)	Time – 90 min (P6-7)
YEAR 11	English 1&2	Economics 1&2	LOTE: Italian 1&2
	Eng Lang 1 & English 2	Philosophy 1&2	Studio Arts 1&2
	English 2 Only	Physical Education 1&2	Systems Engineering 1&2
YEAR 10	English	Legal Studies	Hospitality
	English: Foundn	LOTE: Japanese	
YEAR 9	English	Geography	No exams
	English Modified		
Jun-06	Time - 90min (P2-3)	Time – 90 min (P4-5)	Time – 90 min (P6-7)
YEAR 11	Maths Methods 1&2	Maths General A 1&2	Des & Tech (Materials) 1&2
	Paper 1 (120min)		Health & Human Dev't 1&2
YEAR 10	Maths A	Industry Studies	Food Tech
	Maths B	LOTE: French	
	Maths: Adv & Foundn	LOTE: Italian	
YEAR 9	Italian, French, Greek	Food Technology	No exams
	Japanese and Spanish		
Jun-10	Time – 120 min (P1-3)	Time – 90 min (P4-5)	Time – 90 min (P6-7)
YEAR 11	Lit 1 & Eng 2 (P1-3)	Maths: Methods 1&2	Dance 1&2
	Literature 1&2 (P1-3)	Paper 2	Geography 1&2
	Bus Mang 1&2 (P2-3)		Legal Studies 1&2
YEAR 10	Science: Life	History	Maths: General B 1&2 Paper 1
			IT Hardware
YEAR 9	Mathematics	Science	Literature
			Advanced Mathematics/MYNIP
Jun-11	Time – 90 min (P2-3)	Time – 90 min (P4-5)	Time – 90 min (P6-7)
YEAR 11	Biology 1&2	Des & Tech (Jewel) 1&2	Media 1& 2
	Drama 1&2	Des & Tech (Textiles) 1&2	Physics 1 & 2
	M Gen B 1&2 P2 (120 min)	History (20th Century) 1&2	
YEAR 10	Science: Physical	Health & Human Dev	Geography
	Science: Today		
Jun-12	Time – 90 min (P2-3)	Time – 90 min (P4-5)	Time – 90 min (P6-7)
YEAR 11	Chemistry 1&2	Art 1&2	Accounting 1&2
	Environ Science 1&2	Info Technology 1&2	Food & Technology 1&2
	Industry & Enterprise 1&2	Maths: Foundation 1&2	Music Performance 1&2
	Vis Comm & Design 1&2	Psychology 1&2	Politics: International 1&2
YEAR 10	Financial studies	Philosophy	Political Sts

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

This month's Marvellous Monican is Talia Pulis of Year 10 Green.

Talia has been involved in many aspects of College life this year. She was elected as Class Captain in first term and has been a positive and proactive leader of the Year 10 group. She won the Year 10 Public Speaking competition which allowed her to compete in the Principal's Award for Public Speaking and will represent SMC at the Rostrum Voice of Youth later this month. We wish her well.



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