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WE PERSEVERE BECAUSE WE HOPE

We all know that our College motto is 'Pray and Persevere' and it has been such since the foundation of this great College. We all know too the value and importance of prayer in our life as we seek to be and do something beautiful for God. Through prayer we communicate with, listen to and spend time with our God.

The importance of perseverance can never be underestimated. Our patron saint, Monica, was a model of perseverance as she followed her wayward son, Augustine, through Europe in her attempts to bring him back to the Church as a Christian. Her efforts were enormously rewarded.

People only persevere if they believe there is hope. Those who battle illness seek medical help and healing in the hope that recovery will occur. Without hope, they might just give up and continue to decline. Those who walk the streets and fill out the forms in order to find employment are also people whose perseverance is based on the hope of success. Without hope, they would

be inclined to spend idle time that achieves little and contributes scarcely anything to the common good.

Hope is the quality that makes sense of constant struggle. It is hope that inspires us to accept failure when it comes but confront it immediately by trying again. Take for instance the students whose grades are low but not without trying. It is in times of such difficulty that perseverance ought to come to the fore. Do not be disheartened, study and try harder and come back again. Reject pessimism and find new ways to approach a subject or particular unit in a course. Abandon despair and search out new people, new ideas, new approaches that might make the learning easier or at least better. Have hope!

Perseverance draws upon our inner courage, our emotional determination, and our physical readiness to 'walk the extra mile'. Ultimately though, perseverance is strengthened and sustained through prayer – and this realization is what will inspire each Monican to be and do something beautiful for God.

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION TO YEAR 7 STUDENTS

On Tuesday, June 8 students in Year 7 will hear a presentation from Greg Gebhart, a cybersafety trainer from the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Greg will speak to students about their use of digital technologies, particularly the internet, some potential risks for children such as cyberbullying, identity theft, and inappropriate contact and content and important tips to help them to stay safe online. Greg is an excellent presenter and spoke to parents on May 12. Please talk to your children about this presentation and share their learning.

TONES OF TINS

If each student on DRC brought in one can of food we could feed three people for one meal for 300 days.

If each student on DRC brought in one can of food we could feed thirty people for one meal for 30 days.

If each student on DRC brought in one can of food we could feed 300 people for one meal for 3 days.

See what a difference your kind act would make!
What will you do?

PARISH MASSES YEARS 7 – 9 FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE

Parents are advised that they will receive a letter with all the details regarding their son or daughter's involvement in the Parish Masses on Friday, 18th June. Students need

to be at the Parish Church listed in the letter no later than 8.45 am. This is an opportunity to celebrate with the local Church community.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION – RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the Australian Schools Geography Competition.

Reece Miller—High Distinction, Intermediate Division
Kevin Lai—High Distinction, Junior Division
Jeremy Gilbert—High Distinction, Senior Division
Ryan Luscombe—High Distinction, Senior Division
Benjamin Richards—High Distinction, Senior Division
Elie Sfeir—High Distinction, Senior Division

Catherine Mina—Distinction, Junior Division
Katelyn Bourke—Distinction, Senior Division
Patrick O'Sullivan—Distinction, Senior Division
Joshua Petrucci—Distinction, Senior Division
Natasha Stoikos—Distinction, Senior Division

Matthew Jones—Credit, Junior Division
Jerry Lay—Credit, Junior Division
Rebecca Boyle—Credit, Senior Division
Patrick Gullaci—Credit, Senior Division
Michael Insolia—Credit, Senior Division
Joseph San Martin—Credit, Senior Division
Daniel Trajkoski—Credit, Senior Division
Luke Vavala—Credit, Senior Division



**For Parents of Young People
FREE WORKSHOPS**

Date and time	Topic	Venue
Tuesday 8 June 7.00 pm 8.00 pm	School Refusal & Truancy How to engage with your adolescent when they do not want to go to school or they are leaving early.	Edge Shop MM1 Westfield Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park
Tuesday 10 August 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Dealing with Adolescent Behaviour How to set boundaries and rules and still get along.	Edge Shop MM1 Westfield Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park

For more information or to book please contact Tennille at Youth Services on 9404 8800, places are limited

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

It's been a hectic fortnight – Principal's Ribbon for Cookery; Morning Tea with the Principal; Year 6 Teachers' visits; Indigenous Awareness Week; Australia's Biggest Morning/Afternoon Teas events; HORIZONS and St Peter's School incursion; DAV Debating; Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award; Plain English Speaking competition; Rostrum competition; VCAL fundraising; Wetlands tree planting; Chess competition. CAS Futsal, AFL and Cross Country; Year 9 Premier League; Trivia Night; Greek excursion; Writers' Workshop; VTAC information session; Year 10 senior studies evening; Board Committees' meetings; VCE Assessments in Music and Drama.

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

- Legacy Public Speaking Regional Final**
On Monday, 23rd May St Monica's hosted the Legacy Public Speaking competition regional final. This competition is a popular and prestigious event with both a place in the state and national finals up for grabs. St Monica's entered four students: Patrick Gusman (9 Mauve), Lauren De Iacovo (9 Indigo), Kurt Cauchi (8 Blue) and Brandon Borg (7 Purple). They competed against students from Aitken College and Kolbe College. All students represented the College with distinction. Kurt Cauchi was awarded first place with Lauren De Iacovo coming second. Kurt Cauchi will now proceed to the Preliminary Final round in September.
- Plain English Speaking Award**
On Friday, 28th May Talia Pulis (12 Brown) and Katerina Petkovska (12 Mauve) participated in the regional finals of the Plain English Speaking Awards at Brunswick Secondary College. Talia was awarded 1st place and will proceed to the semi final round to be held on either 28th or 29th July.
- DAV Debating**
Congratulations to all St Monica's teams on a fine effort in round 3 of DAV debating. The results were:

- A Grade**
St Monica's 1 228 points defeated Viewbank 1 226 points
St Monica's 2 won on forfeit against Bundoora SC
- B Grade**
 St Monica's 1 223 points lost to Lalor SC 1 225 points
- C Grade**
St Monica's 1 228 points defeated Parade C 1 222 points
- D Grade**
 St Monica's 1 227 points defeated Parade C 2 225 points
St Monica's 2 226 points defeated Marymede CC 1 223 points
St Monica's 3 224 points defeated Loyola C 6 223 points
 St Monica's 4 221 points lost to Eltham C of E 3 226 points
St Monica's 5 223 points defeated Bundoora SC 1 219 points

The teams marked in bold are at this point of the competition undefeated. Congratulations to all coaches and students on their tireless efforts and commitment.

4. Rostrum Voice of Youth

The Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition metropolitan heats were held on Sunday, 30th May. St Monica's College had three students entered in the Junior section, Kurt Cauchi, Lauren De Iacovo and Patrick Gusman, as well as three students entered into the Senior section, Jessica de Bont, Haynes D'Souza, and Alexander O'Neill. All students represented the College with distinction. Lauren De Iacovo won her heat and progressed to the semi final where she finished second place. Well done to all those students on the work they have done in preparing and rehearsing their speeches for what is a very prestigious and highly competitive event.

**ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING
PRESENTS**

Dates: Thursday, 17th June
 Friday, 18th June
 Saturday, 19th June
 Time: 7.30 p.m.
 Tickets: \$22 adult
 \$16 student
 \$8 children under 6
 Address: Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
 Contact: Ms Cavallo at CAVTEK Room 322
 Phone: 9409 8800



MOBILE MUSTER: SMS MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING CHALLENGE

St Monica's College is involved in the 2010 Mobile Muster Mobile Phone Recycling Challenge to recycle your old mobile phones.

Please bring to school old mobile phones with their batteries and chargers to Campus Reception on either DRC or DSC.

Before recycling your handset please ensure all personal information is deleted from the phone and the SIM card is removed.

What can be recycled from your mobile phones:

- Over 90% of the materials in mobile phones can be recovered and used as raw materials for new products
- Batteries include nickel to make stainless steel and cobalt and cadmium to make new batteries
- Circuit boards include small amounts of gold and silver that are used in jewellery and other applications
- Handset housings and casings include plastics that are shredded and used to make fence posts and pallets
- Accessories include plastics and metals that are shredded, sorted and then used to make new plastic or metal products.

PRINCIPAL'S RIBBON FOR COOKERY

Congratulations are extended to all ten finalists who vied on Thursday, 20th May for the Principal's Ribbon for Cookery.

The standard of competition this year was tremendous with students producing dishes equal to those prepared in fine dining restaurants.

The winner of the Encouragement Award selected by the Principal, Mr Hanley, was Lilian Tran of Year 9.

The winner of the Principal's Ribbon for Cookery selected by the panel of judges was Michael Camilleri of Year 12.

Thank you to all the entrants and we welcome your entries to the 2011 competition.

MUSIC NOTES

1. Recommencement of Vocal Ensemble at DSC

Singers of all abilities are invited to join a new style of Vocal Ensemble. Mrs Rizzi has further details.

2. Group Singing Lessons

Students are advised that Ms Vidos will be commencing group singing lessons on DRC. Interested students should collect an enrolment form from the Music Office in Cottage 1 or the Music staff room, 459. Please return the forms promptly to ensure your place.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

St Vincent de Paul (Year 10) – Tessa Bruno; Lauren Palumbo; Katia Caiazzo.

Year 11 at Ozanam House – Phuong Le; Rodi Marcus; James Zakarian; Marcel Matti.

Collingwood Cottage helpers: Marinella Manzanal; Michelle Gaggiano; Deanna Conte; Marianne Golub; Rachael Furgal; Zoe Kirkopoulos; Monica Spiteri.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Ms Marian Butler (LJM) departs St Monica's College on June 1st and will take up consulting work with the company. Marion will be replaced by Mr Collin Madin. We thank Marion for her great contributions to SMC over the years.

2. Mr Joe Petruolo will undertake contract work involving Information Technology from May 24th until the end of Term 3.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. CAS Cross Country

Congratulations to Gerard Sutton on winning his age group at the Catholic All Schools Cross Country. Other outstanding results were from Matthew Kundevski, 3rd, Matthew Bruno, 7th and Bianca Licovski, 9th.

2. CAS Futsal

The Senior Boys were runners up in the Catholic All Schools Futsal State Championships losing to CRC Sydenham.

The Junior Boys were knocked out in the Quarter Final by Caroline Chisholm College and the Intermediate boys lost to CRC St Albans in the Semi Final.

3. CAS AFL

St Monica's College fielded both a Junior and Intermediate team at the North West Regional CAS AFL Championships. Our Juniors finished the day with a 1—3 record and the Intermediate team were 3—1 losing to Salesian College in their semi-final.

Best players were Thomas Ralph, Jarrod Rizza, Jordan Cugnetto, Christopher Siderakis, Sammy Sammit and Joey Panuccio whereas for the Intermediate team best players were: Michael Gravina, Luke Borg, Nathan Sammit, James Rizzolio, Anthony Bonaddio, Adrian Gonnella and Jayden Short.

4. Year 9 Premier League

	SMC	Marymede CC
AFL	10.6.66	6.5.41
Boys Basketball	66	16
Girls Basketball	28	20
Boys Volleyball	3	0
Girls Volleyball	2	3
Netball	36	16
Boys Football	No team fielded by Marymede	
Girls Football	25	0

5. Senior SACCSS Netball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Netball team for beating Penola College 60—2. Our next match is a semi-final to be played on Wednesday, 16th June.

SMC HOUSE AGGREGATE SCORES as at MAY 25, 2010

	ALKIRA	BARINYA	GLENORA	LARAPINTA
Swimming	391	414	306	259
Athletics	1,427	1,490	1,438	1,476
TOTAL	1,818	1,904	1,744	1,735

CHESS AT SMC

Congratulations to Shan Galappaththy (7 Emerald), who has gone through to the Year 7 Chess Grand final. Last week was the start of the Year 8 Chess competition. Well done to the following boys who have made it through to the next level of the Year 8 tournament: Tony Huynh (8 Gold), Jordan Hiho (8 Gold), Kyle Dudley (8 Purple) and Kevin Lai (8 Green).

DONATIONS TO THE JOSEPHITE SISTERS

"We are most grateful to all those people assisting the Congregation to fund the significant costs involved in having a worldwide spotlight shone on Mary and the Church in Australia."
Sr Anne Derwin - Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

"Little did either of us dream what was to spring from so small a beginning."

Mary MacKillop (1891)

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CAREERS

"Preparing Secondary Students with Disability for the Transition to Further Education and Employment"

An information session for young people with disability (including blind/vision impairment, deaf/hearing impairment, mild intellectual disability, learning disability, physical disability, psychiatric disability, autism) and their families that will take place at the Northern Careers and Employment Expo 2010.

Date: Tuesday, 22nd June

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Venue: Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre

RSVP by Friday, 11th June to Effie Kapsalos on (03) 9686 2354 or ekapsalos@imvc.com.au

Year 10 Parent & Student Night at Deakin

Deakin University will be hosting a Year 10 Information Evening on Thursday 10th June.

This event is taking place at the Melbourne Campus, Burwood and the Geelong Waterfront Campus.

Registration for this opened on Monday 24th May via the Deakin University website www.deakin.edu.au/year10

Northern Careers & Employment Expo 2010

This will be held on Tuesday 22nd June from 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Cnr Bell Street and St Georges Road, Preston.

At the event will be representatives from TAFEs, Universities, Apprenticeship Centres, Training Providers, Employment Services, Employers and Support Services and they will be able to provide information to students and parents. Careers staff from the College will also be in attendance to assist with any questions and to help students and parents to find the right organisation to speak to about future directions.

Registration is NOT required for the Expo itself and it is a free event so take advantage of having all the post secondary groups together to access information about the future.

YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Please note that there will not be an examination for this elective mid year.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The School Archives keeps many photos depicting student activities in and around the classroom from various years. An interesting photograph that we came across illustrates female students coming off a train at Epping station, heading to school. The Epping station building appears to be quite small in the photograph and it is without the Epping NMIT Campus in the background.

The students in the picture wear a purple uniform which hints that this image was taken in the late 1970s or in the 1980s.

This photos and many others can be viewed on our school website under the Alumni heading.

MARVELLOUS MONICANS

True Monican spirit is alive and well with our Year 11s this year. Three students namely Samantha Papagiannakis, Marinella Manzanel and Michelle Gaggiano volunteered to help in the Ozanam Community Centre last February. The same three girls were back in May volunteering their services for the Collingwood Cottage community project. We strongly encourage community service with our Year 11s. This whole commitment to service for others is a true Monican quality. Congratulations to these three girls and all others in the Year 11 level who are able to make a difference in our world!

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