

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (CURRICULUM)

The next phase for the school year has begun, with the Unit 4 VCE examinations beginning. The students have begun in an excellent fashion and are to be congratulated on their attitude and preparedness. We stand at the half way mark of these examinations and at the brink of the remainder of the school examination periods. Year 11 students begin their examinations today and Year 10 on Wednesday November 10. This will then be followed by Year 7 and 8 students in the week beginning November 16. Finally, Year 9 students will complete their examinations in the week beginning November 22.

Examinations can be a time of concern and worry for some students and this should be

addressed during this time. The purpose of examinations in the early years is to give students an opportunity to develop good techniques and skills pertaining to the writing of examinations. Key skill number one is good preparation. These weeks are a wonderful occasion for staff, students and parents to work together to ensure these preparations are well grounded. A time to ask questions, consolidate knowledge and hone skills. A time when we work as a community together, inspired by the recent images and stories we have heard during the wonderful events surrounding the canonization of Saint Mary of the Cross. May her life and example be a source of strength and her blessing be upon us all at this time.

**PARENT NETWORK
END OF YEAR FUNCTION**

OSTIA
WEDNESDAY
24TH NOVEMBER, 2010

COST: \$20

Includes:
Morning Tea
Lunch

Chicken & Salad, Dessert & Champagne
BUS

Bus Departs Augustine House
9.15 a.m. returns 3.15 p.m.

For Bookings
please ring

Mrs Glenda Hay
Tel: 9409 8854

before

Wednesday 17th
November, 2010

**FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. Condolences are extended to Gerard Mahoney and his family on the death of his father, Vincent, on Saturday October 30
2. Congratulations to Mr Frank Farchione and his wife, Ellie, on the birth of their second child, Tony, on October 26
3. Mr Mario Tessari resigned from his teaching position at the College effective Friday October 29. He is wished well for the future
4. Congratulations to the Music Department for an excellent Piano Competition held on Wednesday November 4
5. We wish Ms Jade Miggiani and Mrs Lisa Rigoni well as they commence maternity leave.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Many activities: Junior State Chess; Year 8 excursion to Lygon Street; basketball training; table tennis competition; Scarf Swap; International School Library Day morning tea; Memorial Mass; World Teachers Day; Years 7—12 exams have commenced.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

- a. Year 10 students at St Vincent de Paul: Rhys Antonio; Sara Shaba; Caitlin Cristallini; Jayde Antonio.
- b. Collingwood Cottage Visits: Carla Soccio; Sarah Biscaro; Patricia Boyle; Adrian Gonnella; Johnny Scollo; Josh Altavilla; Julie Ho; Amanda Tran; Melissa Yacoub; Michael Borg; Daniel Fattore; Joshua Beare; Brooke Tucci; James Panther; Jason Van Biene; Jessica Pratico.
- c. Year 9 students at St Peter's Literacy Program: Renae Failla; Nancy Faccin; Vancessa Mercuri; Nicole Stella; Chrisopher Sciberras.
- d. Envirofriends Pizza Lunch winners: Matt Jones; Anthony Bonora; Lauren Harris; Jad Pinnone; Jessica Toma; Emily Watts; Thinh Pham; Christopher Stojcevski; Caitlin Rexley; Loredana De Marco; Hayley Birch; Nathan Cogoi. Well done.

2011 VISITING STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

The College is seeking host families for the students of Takada Junior and Senior School who will visit us from Saturday March 12, 2011 – Wednesday March 23, 2011.

Takada Junior and Senior High School is the sister school to St Monica's College and students from Japan visit us each year and a tour group from St Monica's College visits Japan each year.

Families who wish to host are encouraged to collect an information sheet from Campus Reception on either the Dalton Road Campus or the Davisson Street Campus. Further information about the program can be obtained from either Mr Fulvio Frijó, Campus Director Dalton Road Campus, or Miss Judith Clarke, Senior Teacher (Careers) Davisson Street Campus.

We encourage all families to think about hosting as it can be a valuable cultural learning experience. Families who host do not have to be able to speak Japanese. If you are a host family we encourage you to collect an information pack and return the completed form to the College before the end of the school year as the College needs to confirm the number of students we can host with Takada this year so that flights can be booked.

WORLD OF SPORT

Year 7 Premier League Semi Finals

Netball SMC 34 Emmanuel 27
Basketball (Girls) SMC 40 Caroline Chisholm 16
Volleyball (Boys) SMC 1 CRC Melton 1
Volleyball (Girls) SMC 3 CRC Melton 1
Football (Girls) SMC 0 CRC St Albans 1
Football (Boys) SMC 0 CRC Caroline Springs 1

PIANO COMPETITION RESULTS

This event was held on Wednesday November 3 in Augustine House.

Winners were:

Junior Category

Winner: Stephanie Merheb (7 Green)
Highly Commended: Myriam Missailidis (7 Silver) and Dhillini Ranasinghe (8 White)

Intermediate Category

Winner: Sarah Maiolo (10 Blue)
Highly Commended: Melissa Um (9 Indigo)

Senior Category

Winner: Ian Mercado (8 White)
Highly Commended: Lauren Tomlinson (11 Mauve)



“Sounds of Spring” Music Ensemble Concert

The Semester Two Ensemble Concert will be held in the Sports & Assembly Hall on Tuesday November 9 commencing at 7.00pm. This concert will showcase all the College ensembles and their achievements throughout 2010. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend and have not returned a RSVP please phone the Music Secretary on 9409 8939.

SMC JUNIOR STATE CHESS TEAM

For the second year running the St Monica's College Junior Chess Team made it to the Victorian state Chess Final. The final this year was held at Monash University on Monday October 25.

Each school team consisted of five players, with the top four scores accounting for the overall team score. Each match won received a point, whereas a draw or stalemate was awarded half a point, while a lost fails to score.

Our Junior Team consisted of: Daniel Giusti; Tony Huynh; Jordan Hiho; Kevin Lai and Jason Notaro.

Our boys played particularly well finishing in 12th place.

Congratulations to our entire Chess Team on a fine effort playing to the best of their ability.

2010 SMC DRC TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Brandon Mijovski Year 7 Mauve on becoming the Year 7 Table Tennis Champion for 2010. Well done also to Nelson Lay Year 7 Blue Runner up in this competition.

All Year 7 participants will receive certificates during Year Level Assembly. Brandon and Nelson will also receive their prizes.

Congratulations to Daniel Lauricella Year 8 Red on becoming the Year 8 Table Tennis Champion for 2010. Well done also to Anthony Montefalcon Year 8 Blue Runner up in this competition. All Year 8 participants will receive a certificate and winners will receive their prizes in upcoming Year Level Assemblies. All Table Tennis competitions were a great success. Thank you to all participants for their team spirit and thank you to Year 9 House Captains for their assistance.



PRINCIPAL'S TROPHY FOR TECHNOLOGY

Date : November 25, 2010
Time : 7.00 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Where : Davisson Street Campus

Also showing Works from VET Interactive Digital Media

Year 8 Interclass Debating Grand Final

Date : Friday November 12, 2010

Time : 9.00 a.m. – 10.28 a.m.
(Periods 1 – 3)

Where : Sports & Assembly Hall

Year 8 Green - Affirmative

vs

Year 8 Brown – Negative

Topic : Cosmetic Surgery should be banned

The debate will be preceded by the annual staff vs student debate.

Please contact Mr Dennis Zucchet, Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator by email to confirm attendance.

Raffle Jewellery Displays Games

St Monica's College VCAL

Present to you:

TWILIGHT FAIR

All proceeds go to the Northern Hospital's Emergency Department.

Thursday 2nd December

3:30-8:00pm

16 Davisson Street, Fpping

(On the basketball court in between Hospital
Center & P.E rooms. Entry via car park)

Gold coin donation entry

Entertainment Glowsticks Pic throwing

Fairy Floss
Showbags
Sizzles
Face Painting

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the Report Writing Day has been changed from Friday November 26 to Friday November 19.

Parents are advised that this day is a student free day.

HELLO 2011

On Monday November 22, students in Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 will commence the *Hello 2011* Transition Program. They will receive their timetables for the program on this day. The program will run for two weeks until December 3. Students will begin course work from 2011. Students are expected to attend school as per normal, in full school uniform each day. They are required to bring all materials including pencil cases, planners, calculators and Netbooks. Students will also need a folder or some exercise books for note taking. Text books are not required for this two week period.

Attendance is mandatory for all students on all days and rolls will be marked for each period. Students who do not attend the *Hello 2011* classes may find it difficult to meet attendance

requirements for their VCE or VCAL and will begin 2011 at a distinct disadvantage having missed out on essential course work. Work from this program will not be repeated in 2011.

Current Year 9 students will commence the following week on November 29. Year 9s will also commence course work for 2011. They will have the opportunity to spend the day on the Davisson St Campus to familiarise themselves with it and to meet some of the staff they will be working with next year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to make a positive start to their 2011 course work. Students are expected to make the most of it by participating fully.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Rachel Davies of Year 7 competed in the Victorian Championship qualifiers at Maffra Gymnastics Club. She qualified 1st in the bars event and 3rd overall into the state finals where she was in the top 32 in the state compete. The Victorian championships are held on November 15 in Geelong. Congratulations Rachel.

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