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PEACE & HARMONY – PERSEVERANCE

In recent days we said goodbye to our Year 12 students through their costume parade, breakfast and the Year 12 Graduation with Associate Professor Sue McNamara from Australian Catholic University. These students departed with dignity and grace and we now wish them well as they prepare for and then attempt their VCE examinations. For VCAL students they prepare for the world of work and I am sure that they will be wonderful contributors to workplaces across Melbourne.

So now the teachers and staff can focus even more closely on the remaining students. At the recent assembly I outlined for all students of the five year levels left what they should be doing from this week to the end of year. Perseverance is the key. For most students examinations are on the horizon and they should be increasing the hours they give to study at home. Lack of effort is more a determinant of failure than any other matter. Students will do well when they persevere in their homework study timetable; their use of every opportunity to do practice examinations; their revision of class work.

It remains an expectation that students will persevere in their efforts to behave in class at all times. Foolhardy behavior disadvantages the students, other students and the teachers who are trying to complete courses of study. Greater attention will be given to students whose actions in class deteriorate as the year draws to its conclusion. The need to persevere in achieving high standards equally applies to deportment, use of manners, appropriate language and respect for self and others.

When reading the Term 4 College calendar it is clear that there are many activities and functions still to occur. SMC is never a school that winds down and takes things easily and idly. That is not our culture. I urge all students to engage in everything that is planned from now until end of year. Even if they tire and yearn for the final dismissal, I call on every Monican to persevere, act in peace and harmony, and make these final weeks the crowning glory of our 2008 achievements.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Parents are reminded that the College takes a mid-term break by making Monday, 3rd November a student free day.

UNIFORM

Students are to wear the correct school uniform at all times. Certainly as the warmer weather approaches it is clear that uniform standards are much more difficult to maintain. The support of parents in ensuring that the uniform is worn well and according to regulations is absolutely crucial.

Please note that all sports shoes must have laces – no canvas slip-ons are acceptable.

ENGLISH FACULTY REVIEW

The College is currently undertaking a review of the English Faculty. Comments are invited from parents and students and they should be sent to the Assistant Principal (Curriculum), Mr Stephen Baker as soon as possible.

CONDOLENCES

The College community extends sincere condolences to the Zanelli family (Renee, Year 10) on the recent death of Renee's father Richard Zanelli. R.I.P.

COLLEGE MEDALS

Each year the College Board is pleased to present College Medals to persons for their outstanding contribution to Monican life. Nominations from all school members are invited. Please contact the College Office for nomination forms. The medals are: St Monica's Medal (student); Samaritan Medal (parent or friend); and Polding Medal (staff member or chaplain).

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join with the St Monica's College community to remember departed loved ones on the evening of October 30th at 7.00 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Chapel at the Davisson Street Campus. For seating purposes please RSVP to Santina Giannetta on 9409 8473.

OSTIA TREE PLANTING

Congratulations to the students of EnviroFriends. From Year 7: Michaela Toppi; Jacqueline Kuruppu; Joshua McFarlane; Rebecca Cachia; Giuseppe Calipari and Daniel Vindigni. From Year 8: Katerina Anastasiou; Eamonn Harte and Nick Janeski and Year 9: Carol Tai and Michelle Eagles who along with a group of VCAL students worked to plant 250 trees at Ostia as St Monica's College's contribution in 2008 to Junior Landcare and the National Schools Tree Planting Program.

Over the past few years St Monica's College students have now planted over 1000 trees at Ostia which are contributing to restoring native vegetation links to King Parrot Creek and providing habitat for six bird species identified as being endangered.

SENIOR IMPROMPTU SPEECH COMPETITION

The 'Senior Impromptu Public Speaking award' was held on Friday, October 17th. Students were given five minutes to prepare on a secret topic. I am very impressed with the high level demonstrated by the students under such high pressure conditions. Thank you to Ms Parker, Miss Grace and Miss Prince for conducting this competition. Results are as follows:

1st place:

Kelsey Turner (Year 11)

2nd Place:

Katerina Petkovska (Year 10)

3rd place:

Nathan Slevin (Year 12)

These students will be presented with a gold, silver and bronze medal at an upcoming year level assembly, and Kelsey as the winner of the event will also receive a shopping voucher. Well done!

SMC HOUSE CAPTAINS, 2009

Applications are now being accepted for 2009 SMC House Captains. If any student would like to apply to become a House Captain in 2009 please collect an application form from either DSC or DRC Reception. Applications close on Monday, November 24th, 2008. If any students have any queries or would like more information regarding the position they can see Mrs Polidano in her office.

FROM THE STAFF ROOM

1. Mrs Maria Medina, Science Laboratory Technician, departed the College on October 23rd. We thank her for her work. This position (3 days per week) is being advertised for 2009 now.
2. Staff Member of the Month for September: Miss Belinda Suter has been awarded this recognition for her development of the Hockey Institute into a skilled and committed group of players and for her outstanding organization and leadership of the Hockey Institute trip to New Zealand.
3. Position of leadership appointments commencing 2009:

Ms Kate Molony (Faculty Coordinator of English); Mr Joseph Registro (Year Level Leader); Mr Phillip DiNatale (Faculty Coordinator of Information Technology); Ms Melinda Keyte (Productions Coordinator).

The following reappointments have been made: Mr Frank Farchione (Year Level Leader); Ms Ester Marcuccio (Faculty Coordinator of Humanities); Mr Warren McLeod (Transition Coordinator); Mrs Linda Lane (Faculty Coordinator of Numeracy).

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Activities have included: DSC Impromptu Speaking competition; Year 12 departure (including Graduation); Term 4 assembly; Public Speaking & Debating luncheon; Ostia tree planting; DRC House soccer; Visit Japan evening; College Board meeting; Year 10 Life Science excursion; Year 7 Science excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium; Year 10 at On the Edge; Uniquely Year 9; St John Ambulance cadet program break-up; DSC lunchtime concert; Year 8 inter-class debating; Year 7 premier league;

Year 10 girls' immunization; CAS cricket; Year 12 morning teas; Morning Tea with the Principal; VET hairdressing information session; swimming training; Adolescents and Alcohol information session for parents

THANK YOU MESSAGE

Recently the College donated \$250 from our fundraising efforts to the Good Samaritan Foundation. Sister Mary Lynn Cochrane sgs from the Foundation has rung to express her thanks. Leadership Group members recently supported the fundraising dinner for the Samaritan Inn.

WORLD OF SPORT

1. Athletics Victoria Schools' Knockout State Final:

On Friday, October 17th St Monica's College competed in the Athletics Victoria School's Knockout State Final. This competition involved the winners of the eight regions around Victoria. The junior boys' team managed a fantastic result finishing 3rd overall behind Caulfield Grammar and Haileybury and in the process defeating schools like Trinity Grammar, The Peninsula School and Geelong Grammar. This team has now been invited to compete at the National Final against the top schools from all around Australia to be held at Olympic Park in December.

The following students were a part of this team:

Year 7: Gerard Sutton

Year 8: Anthony Bonaddio; Matthew Mineo; Jacob Galati

Year 9: Matthew Bruno; John Tardio; Daniel Peluso; Joshua Beare; Frank Briseva.

2. Football Federation Victoria, All Schools Championships:

Intermediate Girls:

Mentone Grammar 3 St Monica's 1

Junior Girls:

Methodist Ladies College 0 St Monica's 0
Methodist Ladies College won the penalty shoot out 3 – 1.

In the eight All schools Finals played since the inception of the competition, St Monica's girls won five finals and were runners up three times.

3. Frank Brisevac heads to Canberra

Well done Frank Brisevac on qualifying for the Pacific School Games in Canberra. Frank will compete in the triple jump and the long jump after smashing the qualifying distance in both. He will compete during the games held in Canberra from November 30th - December 6th.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

St Peter's Literacy Program (Year 9); Kobi Bland; Deandra John; Benjamin Hodges; Emily Waldron; Monique Pizzica; Casey Barbis; Hayley Birch; Sarah Dinakis; Julia Mattiuzzo; Julia Insolia; Chloe Cotela; Laurence Mincone.

South Morang Mews Visitation (Year 11); Ashley Raphael; Elle Angeloni.

St Vincent de Paul Service (Year 10); Joseph Zakkour; Frankie Furlano; Alison Dellow; Jenny Luu; Shaun Henderson; Matthew Bennie; Taylah Dickson; Bonnie Romagnano.

MUSIC CONCERT

On October 16th many DSC students and staff enjoyed a music concert in Samaritan Square at lunchtime. The following students performed: Marc Mellere; Michael Di Pasquale; Kimberlin D'Souza; Caitlin Kapolitsas; Shane Elders; James Pieri; Tung Mai; Emma Do; Rosie Fiumara; Bianca Soh; Giovi Waters; Ezra Bon; Adam La Rosa; Demi Kapolitsas; Ebony De Rozario; Kiara Marinovic; Jessica De Bont; Bethany Higgins; Nelson Lai; Jessica Borg; Paula Kapolitsas; Theresa Chamoun; Benjamin Hodges; Celeste Mitsiou; Lauren Tomlinson; Emily Tomlinson; Emily Vincent; Samantha Zammit; Bridget Kerr; Michelle Eagles; Kiralee Mladenis.

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A reminder to all Year 10 students wishing to submit an application for the Melbourne University Young Scholars Program that applications close on Friday, October 31st. On completion of the online application, students must inform Mr Callinan so that the College is able to complete a school endorsement application on their behalf. Please contact Mr Callinan or Miss DiMaria for further details.

SOLAR VEHICLE COMPETITION

Recently, St Monica's College students participated in the annual Solar Vehicle Competition at Scienceworks.

Our students entered two solar cars and one solar boat in races against similar vehicles from schools across Victoria. Although we were not the overall winners each of our entries was successful in winning at least one of the heats.

Congratulations to Year 10 students Ryan Dunn, Shane Elders and Kristian Hiho as well as Year 8 students San Markas and Tony Tran who worked for some months after school on the construction of these vehicles. Thanks are also due to Mr Tessari and Ms Doherty who gave their time assisting in this activity.

YEAR 8 CAMPS SCHEDULE

Year 8 Blue, Brown, Gold, Green

October 27th – 28th Camp
October 29th No class
October 30th – 31st Normal classes

Year 8 Indigo, Mauve, Orange, White

October 27th – 28th Normal classes
October 29th – 30th Camp
October 31st No classes

Year 8 Purple, Red, Silver

October 27th – 28th Normal classes
October 29th No classes
October 30th – 31st Camp

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

To promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, “Curves” women’s gyms are offering a free no obligation health and figure analysis. The Olivia Newton John Breast Exam Kit (Retail \$30) will be given free to all who participate. There is a “Curves” in Miller Street, Epping.

DRC RECREATION SPACES

1. The Soccer and Multi-Sports pitches are now only to be active spaces. No student will be permitted to just lounge around in these spaces. This is to allow those students playing sport the space to do so without worrying about trampling on other students or hitting them with footballs.
2. Students are encouraged to use the landscaped area between the Year 9 building and Science & Technology Buildings as well as the Dorothea Tallon Avenue as passive areas.
3. Whilst the Technology veranda downstairs is permitted to be used as a passive space, the stairs and upstairs veranda are completely out of bound areas for students.
4. The ‘lower oval’ is out of bounds until further notice.
5. The two basketball courts on Dalton Road have been re-opened for student use.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Recently Estephan Guirguis (Year 9) came to the aid of a man who had collapsed at Thomastown Station. In coming to this man’s aid, Estephan was the first on the scene and called an ambulance immediately. Under instruction from Paramedics over the phone and having no first aid training, Estephan calmly performed emergency CPR on this man until the ambulance arrived. This was a brave, wonderful act by Estephan – an act of a true Monican.

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