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WELCOME TO TERM FOUR

As the year progresses, a new season has finally begun to assert itself. The days are slowly growing longer, we have shifted to daylight savings time, and the weather is becoming fairer. Everywhere we look we see signs of new life and regeneration which reinvigorate our spirits. Just as the changing seasons in the world around us break the monotony of the year and mark the passage of time, so too within the Catholic Church there are special times in the year which are set aside to emphasise different aspects of the Christian story.

The month of October is set aside by the Catholic Church as a month of reflection on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's faith and determination to do God's will gave her the courage to do what she knew to be right throughout her life; to say yes to the archangel Gabriel's invitation to be the Mother of God, to make the long journey to Bethlehem with her husband Joseph while heavily pregnant and to flee with him to a foreign country when the infant Jesus' life was threatened.

As a Monican community, we admire the way in which Mary's faith helped her to persevere in holiness and grace despite these difficulties and so live a life completely free from sin. Not once did Mary's faith waiver, not during the three days she spent searching for Jesus in Jerusalem when he was just a young boy, nor when she became a widow at a young age, not even when she witnessed her son's agony in the final hours of His life. In all things, Mary simply clung closely to her relationship with God and placed all of her hope in His love.

Knowing the joy which faith brought Mary when, after mourning Jesus for three days, she encountered Him once again after His resurrection, let us all spend some time in prayer this month asking God to increase in our faith so that, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we too may always listen for God's heartbeat and strive to always act in accordance with the love which it expresses, no matter what difficulties we may face.

FARWELL TO OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We proudly farewell our Year 12 students on Thursday, 27 October with the annual Costume Parade in the morning, followed by breakfast for the students and then their Graduation Ceremony in the evening.

Parents of Year 12 students are welcome to attend the Costume Parade; however we discourage siblings in Years 7 to 9 from missing classes to attend.

For further information about all end of year matters for our Year 12 students please contact the Year 12 Level Leader, Mrs Sharon Daley.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION.....

Opening and Blessing of the VCAL Hub; Principal's Cup for Song; Inter-Faith Seminars; Year 7 Parent Afternoon Tea; Year 10 Purple 'On the Edge' retreat; Year 7 Premier League; Business Expo; Takada High School Japan tour; Year 12 Parent Evening; Visit to Children's First Foundation, Kilmore East; Staff vs Students Hockey match; SACCSS Athletics Carnival; Year 12 Morning Teas; Years 7-10 Parent- Teacher

Conferences; Impromptu Public Speaking Competition; Staff Spirituality Day; Dance Show Case.....

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The St Monica's College Memorial Mass will be held at St Peter's Church, Epping at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2 November. This is an opportunity to pray for deceased Monicans and to pray for family or friends who may have lost a loved one.

UNIFORM REMINDER

In Term 4 summer uniform is worn. Girls are to ensure that dresses are on or below the knee. Boys may wear the official College shorts. No scarves or beanies are allowed.

DANTE ALIGHIERI POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Joshua Mezio who recited his own poem with such precision and expression. To the students of Year 12 Emily De Biase, Arianna Magliozzi, Celeste Centioli, Giulia Santamaria and in Year 11 Katia Caiazza wonderfully represented the College.

KEY DATES

- Week commencing October 17 - Year 7 Camps
October 25 – Year 7 Immunisations
October 26 – College Assembly commencing at 9.30 am bookings essential
October 27 – Year 12 Parade, Breakfast and Graduation
October 31 – Mid term break (Student Free Day)
November 1 – Melbourne Cup Day- Public Holiday
November 2 – Annual Memorial Mass

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Our condolences are extended to Ms Khanh Nguyen on the death of her father on 19 September. We also extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Cristina Masciangioli whose father, Pietro (Peter) Gusatto passed away on 25 September.
2. We welcome Miss Paula Di Maria, Ms Sylvia Emirzian, Ms Lorna McLeod, Ms Sylvia Pasahidis, Ms Anita Kotiah, Mrs Nella Grech and Mr Stephen Baker back from Long Service Leave.
3. We said farewell to Mrs Mary Marcuccio and thanked her for her work over two terms at the end of Term 3.
4. Staff member of the month for September is Mr Denis Zucchet for his coordination of Public Speaking and Debating at the College.

CHANGES TO TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS – WEDGE STREET

The Council of Whittlesea has installed on a trial basis, a drop off zone on the Wedge Street side of St Peter's School, Epping. This has resulted in reduced parking in this area. A number of St Monica's families use this area to drop off their sons/daughters and need to be aware that this is a 3 minute standing only area that must be accessed from the west-end of Wedge Street (U turns entering or leaving this area are illegal); that parents are not to leave their vehicles and that children need to be waiting as their parents pull in to the bay to avoid any interruption to the flow of traffic.

St Peter's School thanks you for your goodwill and patience in assisting them with this trial aimed at alleviating some of the traffic congestion around our schools.

Remember that if you are finding Wedge Street more problematic than normal at the moment that you might need to explore other options for access to the school.

PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG

Thirteen finalists were selected, via audition, to participate in the 2011 Principal's Cup for Song held

on the evening of Monday, 12 September. An enthusiastic audience witnessed many fine vocal performances ranging in style from country to contemporary ballad. The singer/songwriter "Adele" proved to be popular amongst this year's performers with no less than four "covers" presented for our enjoyment. The adjudicator, Miss Eva Anagnostou, awarded Nicole Stella of Year 10 the Encouragement Award whilst Madeline Perrone of Year 11 was the outright winner. Congratulations to all of the participants. The overall standard of the competition continues to exceed expectations each year.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SITE FOR PARENTS

A new site for parents has been added to the Parent Portal under 'Parents and Student Wellbeing'. It is called Equal Opportunity and it is a duplicate of information for students on their portal. The site provides parents with a variety of information about areas such as Sex Discrimination, Harassment and Workplace Bullying and may be a support to you as your children enter the work force or may have questions about the issues covered under Equal Opportunity legislation.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last week the College celebrated Mental Health Week. Mental health is part of our general health and we need to look after ourselves so that we can enjoy our lives and get the most out of our work, our friendships and our family life. It is also important to look after our friends and check that they are OKAY. There were a number of activities for students and staff in this week including physical theatre and circus performers who entertained us, and our own students played and sang for us at lunch times. Information about mental health was shown on the display monitors and placed around the campus that outlined helpful ways to feel positive and more relaxed in life. We must thank the following sponsors and supporters who contributed to the success of the activities:

Liz Dempsey, Chairperson of the College Board
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Beyondblue
Independent Education Union
Sisters and Mistresses singing group

Many thanks to the College leadership and to various staff members and students who supported and contributed to the activities via their own talents or through their organisational skills.

EATING DISORDERS

Eating Disorders Victoria is conducting the **Caring About Recovery (CARE) events** throughout Victoria to provide information to families and carers who may have a loved one at risk of developing an eating disorder. The aim of these preventative education events is to provide information and tips to assist parents and carers with identifying and reducing body image problems, self-esteem issues and/or unhealthy and restrictive eating practices in their loved ones. On Thursday, 3 November, one of these events will be held in South Morang.

Those who would benefit most from attending these events are people who have a child, young person or partner who may be showing some worrying signs (poor body image, anxiety issues, unhealthy eating practices), but who do not yet have (or have not had a diagnosis of) an eating disorder. Those who feel somewhat out of control with their eating habits may also get a lot from the event. All CARE events are free.

Full details, including how to register, can be found at www.eatingdisorders.org.au/events

SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

Saver Plus has recently re-opened recruitment in the area of Hume and Whittlesea.

The program's impact in our local community and across Australia has been significant. *Saver Plus* assists people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and save for educational costs. Saver Plus participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs for themselves or their children, including school uniforms, textbooks, excursions, a laptop, music tuition, instrument hire, dance classes, sports fees, lessons, uniforms and equipment.

For more details contact the Brotherhood of St Laurence on (03) 8339 6517.

PARENT SEMINAR SERIES 2011

Hosted by the Catholic Education Office

'How to Engage Young People In Conversation'

Date: Tuesday, 25 October, 2011
Place: Parade College, Bundoora
Time: 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
Registration: 6.30 p.m.
Cost: \$10

Bookings: Shirley O'Sullivan
Phone: (03) 9464 5225

TAKADA HOMESTAY PROGRAM

On September 29 five students returned from their visit to Takada Junior and Senior High School in Japan. For 18 years now we have maintained a strong exchange program with our sister school and this will continue in 2012.

An invitation is now extended to all students who will be in Years 9 - 12 in 2012 to join a touring group to Takada High School in Tsu City. This is located in the Mie Prefecture south of Nagoya. The Suzuka Formula 1 race track is located in this area. The trip will take place between 15 September and 26 September 2012. Cost is yet to be finalised but this year's costs were \$2800 including airfares, excursions and travel insurance. Please speak to any of the students who were on tour this year - Jemma Dempsey (Year 10), Rebecca Shepherd (Year 11), Amy McPherson (Year 10), Rachael Fenech (Year 10) and Stephine Moisa (Year 9). You can also speak with Lauren Harris of (Year 9) who is also a Takada Captain. Mr Frijo or Ms Morcom can also be contacted to get further details.

We are also now looking for hosts for 16 students from Takada High School who will be visiting us between 17 and 28 March in 2012. Please contact Dr Fulvio Frijo at the College for further information.

SPORT

Year 7 Premier League

	SMC	vs	Kolbe Catholic College
Cricket	2 for 115		7 for 81
Overs	20		20
Netball	33		6
Basketball (M)	45		21
Basketball (F)	30		19
Volleyball (M)	3		2
Volleyball (F)	2		3
Football (M)	6		0
Football (F)	9		0

Year 10 Premier League Finals results

	SMC	vs	Opponent
AFL v Penola	10.9.69		8.7.55
Netball v Emmanuel	54		7
Basketball (M) v Kolbe	32		46
Basketball (F) v Penola	40		17
Football (F) v Nth Keilor	6		0
Football (M) v Penola	0		4

SACCSS Athletics

Congratulations to the Athletics Squad on their results at the SACCSS Athletics. The Intermediate Girls and Intermediate Boys won their respective sections leading to winning the Aggregate Pennant. Individual success came in the form of Best Female athlete in four age groups, Nicole Kotsopoulos, 14 years, Julia Mamone, 15 years, Bianca Licovski, 16 years and Mariah Luppino, 17 - 20 years.

SPORT (continued)

Year 7 Premier League

	SMC	vs	Penola
Cricket	6 for 73		5 for 71
Overs	16		20
Netball	24		10
Basketball (M)	36		39
Basketball (F)	29		17
Volleyball (M)	3		0
Volleyball (F)	3		0
Football (M)	8		0
Football (F)	7		0

PRINCIPAL'S TROPHY FOR TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Department would like to invite all members of St Monica's community to the Principal's Trophy for Technology, to be held on Thursday, 10 November commencing at 6.45pm

The exhibition will be in the Technology Building at the Dalton Road Campus, followed by presentations in The Gateway Room. Awards will be presented at 7.30pm.

It is important that students whose work has been selected be in attendance.

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PARENT NETWORK END OF YEAR FUNCTION



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For bookings please ring

Mrs Glenda Hay

Tel: 9409 8854

Before

Wednesday 23 November,
2011

OSTIA Strath Creek

WEDNESDAY
30 NOVEMBER, 2011

COST: \$20.00

Includes:
Morning Tea
Lunch

Chicken & Salad, Dessert & Champagne

BUS

Bus Departs Augustine House
9.15 am returns 3.15 pm



MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Congratulations to Rachael Fenech of Year 10 Mauve on winning the Swannie Award from the Debaters Association of Victoria. The award is given annually to the highest scoring debaters in the schools competition and is an acknowledgement of individual excellence in debating. Rachael earned her award by virtue of her performances in the C grade section of the Watsonia region. As a result of her performances in four debates Rachael was deemed the best debater in her section and outperformed debaters from 13 other teams from a variety of secondary schools. Rachael has been a consistent and enthusiastic contributor to debating at SMC over the last three years. Rachael will be presented with her award in a formal ceremony to be held on Monday, 31 October at BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne.



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