

**FROM THE CO-ACTING PRINCIPALS**

Last Thursday we farewelled our Year 12's class of 2010. Ms Susan Pascoe AM addressed the students and developed the simple message of being part of their local community in order to rebuild and to re-create community. This was conveyed quite powerfully with reflections from survivors and volunteers of Black Saturday 2009. This positive message was then complemented by some marvellous presentations in song, image and dance by various Year 12 students reflecting on their years at St Monica's College. The night was capped off with a farewell speech from College Captains, Shane Elders and Belinda De Vincentis: their tribute to their fellow students, their teachers, a particular tribute to the Principal, and most of all their

parents was a beautiful reminder to us all of how much these students valued the support they have received over the years. A touching moment in their speech was when they drew into a beautiful thread the 6 College themes which have been so much a part of our spirituality for each year they were here – these themes not only touched their lives but the lives of us all. Shane and Belinda, you and your fellow Year 12 students have made us truly proud. May the blessings of Mary of the Cross Mackillop inspire you all in perseverance and prayer as you complete your exams. God bless you at this time and always, knowing how much you have been at the heart of our community.

**PARENT NETWORK  
END OF YEAR FUNCTION**

OSTIA  
WEDNESDAY  
24TH NOVEMBER, 2010

**COST: \$20.00**

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. I thank Mrs Sharon Daley and Ms Danielle Nicolaci for supervising our student visitors on a most successful tour to Japan.
2. Mrs Kath Williams (College Receptionist) retire as from December 17, 2010. Kath has worked at SMC since June, 1986.
3. Ms Jennifer Maher and Mr Andrew Luscombe have also resigned from the College effective as from the end of the 2010 school year. We wish all our colleagues well for the future.
4. Mr Frank Farchione will be on leave from October 26 until December 3 (Miss Bernadette Harris will be responsible for Year 9) and Dr Maria Kanelopoulos will commence leave on November 8 until the end of the year.
5. Ms Amorina Chirico along with students Nellie Wilson, Theresa Chamoun and Paul Heywood have now returned after representing our College at the canonization of Mary MacKillop in Rome.

## SMC – SENIOR STATE CHESS FINALS

For the second year running the St Monica's College Senior Chess Team made it to the State final. The final this year was held at Brighton Grammar School on Tuesday, of October 12.

Each school team consists 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 is awarded half a point while a loss fails to score.

Our senior team consisted of Luke Baldassini, Adolph Lekkas, Alex O'Neill, Dylan Thomson and Anthony Menna. Our boys played particularly well finishing in 10th place.

### Individual placing as follows:

Adolph Lekkas	5.5/9	29 <sup>th</sup> place
Alex O'Neill	5/9	37 <sup>th</sup> place
Dylan Thomson:	6/9	27 <sup>th</sup> place
Anthony Menna:	2.5/9	111 <sup>th</sup> place
Luke Baldassini:	2.5/9	113 <sup>th</sup> place

## JUNIOR LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION STATE FINAL

On Monday October 11, Kurt Cauchi of Year 8 competed in the Junior Legacy Public Speaking state final. Amongst a field of nine other students from across Victoria Kurt was awarded second place. As a result of Kurt's fine performance he has qualified for the prestigious national final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition to be held on Monday November 8 in Melbourne. Kurt will compete against eleven other students from across Australia.

## SWINBURNE ITALIAN JUNIOR POETRY COMPETITION

More SMC success at the recent Swinburne Italian Junior Poetry Competition. Congratulations to Erika Centioli and Carla Italia on receiving equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 7 Italian section. Considering 993 students from 13 different schools across Melbourne participated in this competition, this was a fantastic result. Well done to all other SMC participants also (30 in total across Years 7 and 8). Your behaviour and conduct on the day was a credit to the College.

## SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our Solar Car Team who represented SMC at Scienceworks over the weekend. The SMC Clear Solar Bullet won a heat but then lost to the current champions, Box Hill Secondary. Well done Jason Notaro Year 7 White, Samuel Petrecca Year 7 Green, Kurt Cauci Year 8 Blue, Daniel Pennacchia Year 8 Green and teachers, Mr Macnaughton and Mr Tessari. Next year they will be building two cars and possibly a boat and will need more students, including girls, to participate. Come one, come all!

## 2010 STATE CHESS FINALS

The following students will be competing in the State Chess finals on Monday October 25 at Monash University. We wish them well as they compete against Chess Champions from other schools in Victoria: Daniel Giusti, Tony Huynh, Jordan Hiho, Kevin Lai, Jason Notaro.

## SPORTS REPORT

### Football Federation Victoria, All Schools Championships

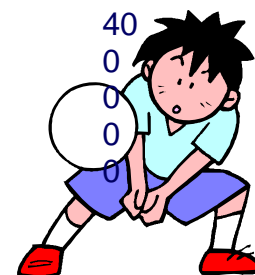
Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls squad who were successful in the Football Federation Victoria, All Schools Championships, Tuesday October 12.

The students dominated a final against Sienna, finally managing to break down a well marshalled defence to win 1 - 0. Kelly Bougas scoring with a pinpoint accurate header from a telling corner from Claudia Fruscalzo.

### SACCSS Premier League - Year 7 results

October 14 2010

SPORT	St Monica's	Marymede
Cricket	2 for 118	6 for 60
Netball	19	12
Basketball (Boys)	27	23
Basketball (Girls)	15	40
Volleyball (Boys)	2	0
Volleyball (Girls)	3	0
Football (Boys)	6	0
Football (Girls)	2	0



**October 22, 2010**

**SPORT**

	<b>St Monica's</b>		<b>Nth Keilor</b>
Football (Girls)	1	def by	2
Football (Boys)	4	def	1
Cricket	5 for 74	def by	4 for 75 (14.1 overs)
Volleyball (Boys)	3	def	0
Volleyball (Girls)	3	def	2
Netball	40	def	20
Basketball (Boys)	12	def by	50
Basketball (Girls)	32	def	13

**Football Federation Victoria, All Schools Championships**

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys squad who were successful in the Football Federation Victoria, All Schools Championships, Monday October 11. The students conceded only 1 goal all day before winning the Final 3-0 against Trinity Grammar.

**MONICANS OUT AND ABOUT**

**WRITERS' RETREAT**

The following students in Year 7 and Year 8 attended the Writer's Retreat on October 11 and 12: Mikhaela Casicas Year 7 Orange, Amanda Sam Year 8 White, Chloe Lee Fok Tong Year 7 Gold, Arshdeep Cheema Year 8 White, Anju Reji Yer 7 Gold, Kimberley Fung Year 8 Red, Alyssa Salvador Year 8 White, Michelle Kieu Year 8 Red, Melissa Monteleone Year 8 Mauve.

**CHESS AT SMC**

The following students represented St Monica's College in the Chess State finals of held at Brighton Grammar School last week:



Luke Baldassini, Steven Paladino, Alex O'Neill, Dylan Thomson, Adolph Lekkas.

Congratulations to Adolph Lekkas (Year 10) who became the overall 2010 DSC Chess Champion last Friday. Well done also to Steven Paladino who was runner up.

**HISTORY TOUR OF FRANCE AND ITALY 2011**

Parents of students who are currently in Year 10 and Year 11 who will be undertaking History Units 1 - 4 in 2011 and are interested in going to France and Italy in December 2011 are asked to contact Ms Marcuccio, Faculty Coordinator of Humanities, at the College for a letter and information. The tour is a specifically Historical and Art Historical tour of Paris, Venice, Florence and Rome.

**YEAR 8 EXCURSION TO LYGON STREET**

Students who study Italian in Year 8 Red, Silver, Green, Gold, Blue, Brown, and Emerald attended an excursion to Lygon Street on Thursday October 14.

**YEAR 11 COMMUNITY SERVICE - OZANAM HOUSE**

The following students participated in Community Service at Ozanam House Community Centre on Wednesday October 13, 2010 : Melissa Yacoub (11 White), Stephanie Kannan (11 Brown) and Samantha Papagiannakas (11 Silver).

**YEAR 10 PLAY- "HAPPINESS RELOADED"**

The Year 10 drama students performed their play in The Gateway Room on October 18 and 19.

The play was about environmental change, the past, the future and hope in an age of climate change, population growth and other issues we face in the changing world around us. The play was also being performed as part of the "Happiness" Malthouse theatre festival where students performed with other schools and were assessed on their interpretation of the ideas and scripts.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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## **NEW VCAL CENTRE, 2011**

The College has made the decision to build a dedicated VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Centre on the Davisson Street Campus in 2011. Plans are well advanced and we are now awaiting a planning permit to commence construction with a possible completion date in time for a Term 2 start-up.

## **COLLEGE MEDALS**

Annually the College Board awards College Medals to individuals who have given significant service to the College. These Medals are: St Monica's Medal (past or present student); Samaritan Medal (parent or friend of the College); Polding Medal (past or present staff member or chaplain). Nominations are now called for potential recipients of the Medals and nomination forms are available from the College.

### **MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER**

**Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence  
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop  
We ask that you grant our request.....  
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and  
openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## **MARVELLOUS MONICANS**

The Class of 2010 Year 12 students celebrated the culmination of their thirteen years schooling in a dignified and fun manner on Thursday October 21. Their fun and sense of humour in the parade was enjoyed by all parents, students and staff. This special day was capped off in a beautiful Graduation ceremony and farewell later that day: their performances in song and dance inspired us all and enabled the large gathering to share this special moment of transition in their lives. Many of them stayed behind after the ceremony to share this special moment with photos, sharing memories and, of course tears. Vale Year 12, 2010.

**F. Frijo  
A. Chirico  
Co-Acting Principals**



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