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PRAY AND PERSEVERE

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PEACE & HARMONY – IN SPRINGTIME

Winter has moved into its natural recess and Springtime has emerged. This is a time of new life, brighter days, the birth of God's creatures, blossom on trees and the aroma of jasmine in the air.

In the Northern Hemisphere Easter occurs at Springtime when it is autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. But the dawning of Springtime in Australia still reminds us that it is a time for new life. St Paul writes that the Christian life is all about new life – turning away from what hinders and entraps us and turning to Jesus Christ and the message of the Gospel. We are reminded at Springtime that we can reject our wintry selfishness and renew our life through prayer and Christian reflection.

At St Monica's College we come to another type of ending – the conclusion of third term. This is traditionally a very active and busy time for our College with mid-year reports; the Monican month of August; loads of sporting, musical and public speaking events; and the daily grind of waking on cold mornings and making it to school. This third term has been a particularly nasty one for many students and staff in relation to the flu and other illnesses.

On Monday, October 6 (the commencement of Term 4) let us all return with a spring in our step, a smile on our face, and a steely determination to finish the academic year strongly. If it applies, let us be a new and better Monican. We ought to look ahead with confidence and optimism to examinations and all that awaits in these final few months. Let us be Monicans of peace and harmony, ever ready to do a good turn for another person.

Recall the words of William Shakespeare, "*Spring has put a spirit of youth in everything.*" Let us embrace Spring with gusto at SMC.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents are advised that the Parent/Teacher Conference for all students in Years 7 – 10 will be held on the Dalton Road Campus on Wednesday, September 17 commencing at 3.00 p.m. Please ensure that your son / daughter approaches all their subject teachers with the appointment schedule found in the yellow pages of the student planner to make appointments for the Conference. Students from Years 7 – 11 will be dismissed at 1.03 p.m. on this day.

TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that third term concludes for students on Thursday, September 18. The staff will participate in a Spirituality Day on September 19. Office hours during the holiday period are 9.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. daily.

Fourth term commences on Monday, October 6. Students change to summer uniform from this date.



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MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Our students are well and truly out and about and we acknowledge their involvement and participation in College activities:

Youth River Conference in Mildura:

Year 8

Emma Hiho, Eamonn Hart; Nick Janeski; John Lauricella; Samantha Sein.

Year 9

Melissa Gangi; Carol Tai; Bridget Kerr.

Year 10

Rowena Bradford; Joseph Carli; Ryan Dunn; Kristian Hiho; Shane Elders; Frank Rocca.

Hockey Trip to New Zealand:

Christopher Pace; Kaitlyn Auchterlonie; Danielle Horman; Anthony Brennan; Monica Phillips-Rees; Lewis Vihtelic; Mariah Luppino; Rebecca Shepherd; James Auchterlonie; Michelle Eagles.

Takada, Japan, Visit:

Andrew Fisher; Nick Watts; Laura Dempsey; Tania Lai; Tessa Lai; Chloe Jobson; Jenny Luu; Natalie Fung.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION.....

A very busy fortnight: Departure for Japan; Principal's Cup for Song; DAV debate finals; athletics presentation night; DRC lunchtime soccer; Year 8 Premier League; St Monica's Got Talent Show; immunizations; Legacy Public Speaking; Tournament of Minds taping; Year 12 morning teas; Hockey fundraiser; Literacy Week; CAS football finals; Year 8 science excursions; Year 9 Food Technology excursions; Uniquely Year 9 White; Years 3 – 5 information night; Dance Showcase; SACCSS tennis; On the Edge at Ostia; Year 10 reflection days.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. **Staff Member of the Month for August:**

Mrs Andrea Mathios is Staff Member of the Month for August for her total commitment to the Science Faculty as demonstrated by her transferring scientific equipment and other items from the old laboratories to the new DRC laboratories and establishing these areas in an orderly and attractive manner.

2. Condolences are extended to Mrs Carol Hinrichsen and her family on the death of Carol's mother, Phyllis Pini on September 10.
3. Congratulations to Ms Marian Burchell (LJM staff member) on her marriage to John Butler on Saturday, September 6.
4. Numerous staff members return from leave on October 6 whilst Miss Helen Doherty and Mr Dave Britton will be on short periods of leave as from the start of term.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 'IMPROMPTU COMPETITION'

There will be an impromptu public speaking competition early next term on both campuses. Impromptu public speaking is a wonderful way of testing general knowledge and helping students gain confidence. Interested students should definitely enter this competition as there are great prizes to be won, including shopping vouchers and medals. Interested students should attend the sign up meeting.

YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE TALK

St Monica's College invites parents to a presentation by Peter Wearne from the Youth Substance Abuse Service, who will talk about adolescents' use of alcohol and provide you with advice and information about how to support and guide your teenager in their decision making about this important issue. Don't miss this essential evening about your children's well-being.

When: Tuesday October 14
Where: The Gateway Room
Time: 7:30 pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WRITE 4 FUN – WRITERS WANTED COMPETITION

Thank you to all students who submitted an entry to the Writer's Wanted competition. Students were asked to write a short story or a poem on any theme and in any style. Entry was open to students from Years 7 – 12.

Before sending the entries to the National Competition headquarters, they were all judged as part of a SMC competition.

I am pleased to announce the following results:

Best Junior Campus Entry

Stefan Eracleous, 9 Emerald, for his short story 'Troubled Tyson'.

Best Senior Campus Entry

Angelica Cerizza, 12 Indigo, for her short story 'Mental Fatality'.

Congratulations to these students.

SMC'S GOT TALENT REPORT

Congratulations to Samantha Zammit and Emily Vincent of Year 9 who came first in the talent competition with their rendition of 'For Good' from Wicked; and Lisa Cardamone from Year 7 who was placed second with her dance performance. Runners up were Rhiannon Filippone and Monique Troiani from Year 9 (Karate display) and Sara Furlano from Year 7 (singing). Thank you and congratulations to all students who entered – the standard of performances was excellent. Also a big thank you to Ben Hodges, the Junior Council, Mr O'Keeffe, Mr Spiteri and all other staff who supported the event.

CAREERS CORNER

Year 12 VTAC Applications

The Careers Centre at the College will be open to assist students with their VTAC applications during the holidays at the following times:-

VTAC applications Tuesday, September 16 from 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. (excluding lunch).

VTAC SEAS application Wednesday, September 17 from 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. (excluding lunch)

Applications close on Tuesday, September 30 at 5.00 p.m. Any student who does not have a copy of their student number must obtain it from Mr Hanrahan (Senior Teacher – VCE/VCAL) or the Careers Centre before the school holidays.

Victoria Police Work Experience Year 10-12

Any student interested in undertaking Work Experience in 2009 with the Victoria Police must provide a resume and a statement of approximately 250 words outlining why they wish to undertake this placement and submit it to Miss Poke at the Careers Centre by Friday, October 10. St. Monica's College may only nominate ONE STUDENT for a placement each year, and that student will be chosen from their submission.

PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG

This event was held on Monday, September 8 in the Sports & Assembly Hall on Dalton Road. It was very well attended with a huge support for the singers.

The finalists were : Theresa Chamoun (9 Brown), Emily Vincent (9 Mauve), Benjamin Hodges (9 Emerald), Celeste Mitsiou (9 Indigo), Nathan Slevin (12 Brown), Kiralee Mladenis (9 Gold), Michelle Eagles (9 Silver), Samantha Zammit (9 Mauve), Jessica DeBont (8 Indigo), Anthony Cardamone (11 Green), Sandy Khneisser (12 Emerald).

The winner overall was Samantha Zammit who performed "The Wizard and I" from the Broadway Musical "Wicked".

The Encouragement Award went to Nathan Slevin who performed "Being Alive" from the Broadway musical "Company".

MONOCHROMATIC ART COMPETITION RESULTS

I am very pleased to announce that Deandra John of Year 9 Green is the winner of the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children's drawing competition for 2008.

Deandra submitted a sketch based on the theme 'In Search of Colour – A Monochromatic World'. She will receive a \$50 book voucher and \$50 cash for winning the competition.

Congratulations to Deandra and to all the students who entered the competition. All entrants will receive participation certificates.

ACMF NATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION

The Australian Children's Music Foundation is conducting its annual songwriting competition and your talents could win you up to \$1,000 in prize money.

Students from Years 7 – 12 are invited to write the lyrics of any type of song you like. It could be pop, rock, hip hop, rap or any other kind of song which interests you. You are then to collect an entry form which will be available from Mrs Luppino on DRC or Ms Sheedy on DSC. Your entry must be your own work. No profanity is to be used.

The category will be judged on lyric structure and content. The winner of the national competition will receive up to \$1,000. School awards will also be given for commendable entries and the best entries on each campus.

Entries must be submitted to Mrs Luppino or Ms Sheedy by Friday, September 19.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy is sent to Marc Mirabella (Year 12) and his family on the recent death of Marc's father, Robbie Mirabella.

We also offer condolences to Mrs Enza Hanley on the death of her mother, Rosa Latina, on September 13.

LITERACY WEEK QUIZ WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who correctly answered the Literacy Week quiz question posted in the bulletin. Sabitha Rajaeswaran of Year 7 Red correctly answered 'noun' to Monday's question, Demi Kapolitsas of Year 7 Silver answered 'adjective' to Tuesday's question, Taylah Seath of Year 7 Mauve correctly answered 'verb' to Wednesday's question, Adam Daaboul of Year 7 White correctly answered 'adverb' to Thursday's question and Jacquie Kuruppu of Year 7 Red correctly answered 'paragraph' to Friday's question. They have won a Hoyts movie voucher.

YEAR 9 SPELLING BEE

The Year 9 Spelling Bee champion is Joyce Zupanek of Year 9 Silver. Second was Sarah Byrns of Year 9 Blue and third was Michael Ciccia of Year 9 Indigo. This was a very close competition – congratulations to all contestants.

MONICANS REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

South Morang Mews visitors: Kelly Parker; Elle Angeloni; Chloe Crooks; Lisa Guerra; Emma Wroblewski.

St Peter's Literacy Program: Michelle Gaggiano; Natalie Lombardozzi; Jessica Alberti; Kenny Mai; Rachel Alonso; Lisa Nguyen; Trung Tran; Marinella Manzanal; Tara Alvarez; Deandra John; Patrick Gullaci; Rebecca Vitelli; Starre Williams.

St Vincent de Paul service: Carla Maraventano; Sarah Multari; Jake Turco; James McHugh; James Chavez; Philip Zebrowski; Zena Zeghaib; Carmen Ferrer.

Red Cross Youth Ambassadors: Natalie Boeti; Nicole Birch; **Emily Constanzo;** Luisa DeAngelis; Caitlin Andrews.

WORLD OF SPORT

Gerard Sutton of Year 7 has confirmed his place as one of the top endurance runners in Australia by placing 11th at the National All Schools Cross-Country Championships in Geelong on Saturday, August 23. Gerard was with the leading group throughout the entire run and only finished 20 seconds behind the eventual winner and was the third Victorian to cross the line.

This was Gerard's first of what will be many appearances for Victoria and is a fantastic achievement in his first race at this level. We wish him luck as he now tries to qualify again for the Victorian team this time for athletics so that he can compete with his two older brothers in December.

Catholic All Schools State Finals

St. Monica's College were represented by a Junior Girls, Intermediate Girls, Intermediate Boys and Senior Girls team in the Catholic All Schools State Finals with success in the three female age groups.

Finals Results:

Junior Girls	St. Monica's 2 Wodonga 0
Intermediate Girls	St. Monica's 4 Nathalia 0
Senior Girls	St. Monica's 3 Bendigo 1

Year 8 Premier League Finals

Australian Football v CRC Nth Keilor

SMC

6.6.42

Opponent

4.4.28

SMC

Opponent

Netball v Marymede

37

16

Boys

Basketball v CRC Nth Keilor

46

22

Girls

Basketball v CRC Nth Keilor

64

18

Boys

Volleyball v Penola

3

1

Girls

Volleyball v Penola

3

0

Boys

Football v CRC St Albans

0

3

Girls

Football v Penola

3

0

Tennis – SMC Tennis Squad

Early morning training commences Tuesday, October 14 (week two of Term 4) at 7.00 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS IN SMC VALUES EDUCATION FORUM

Well done to these students who participated in the Forum on September 11:

Year 7

Sara Furlano, Melissa Fiorio, Zachary Galea, Savionna Martin, **Adam Le**, Lilian Tran, Taylah Seath, Dean Foster, Benjamin Nolan, Sabitha Rajaeswaran, John Tullio, Kassandra Baldi

Year 8

Kimberley Meyers, Tanaya Luscombe, Jacob Iskra, Rhys Antonio, Monika Baricevic, Taylah Bourke, Adrian Colaluca, Nelson Lai, Daniel Lentini, Reece

Miller, Christopher Stojcevski, Carice Blinman, Tessa Bruno, Jessamine Cadou, Sarah Maiolo, Giuliana Pavia, Bethany Higgins, Angie Sassano, Joshua Zammit.

Year 9

Tara Alvaraz, Paul Heywood, Ben Hodges, Matthew Bruno, Emma Do, Jennene Osuna, Jacqueline Sacco, Anthony Contessa, Bridget Kerr, Rebecca Caruso, Monique Stella, Michael Macca, Celeste Centioli, Daniel Farrugia, Celeste Mitsiou, Natalie Milidoni.

Year 10

Shane Elders, Emelia Addo, Cindy Phan, Bernadette Dimaculangan, Talia Pulis, Jenna Acquarola, Michael Camilleri, Larrissa Curcio, Laura Dempsey, Daniel Camilleri, Louise Bianco, Jeffrey Miller.

Year 11

Grant Mutimer, Anthony Cardamone, Kelsey Turner, Chris Cardamone, Elise Pulbrook, Chris Rabaja, Cardia Speziale.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES

Sport has always played an important role at St Monica's College, Epping. In the Helen Lombard Room, numerous photographs, past sport uniforms, slides, trophies and descriptions of various team games are kept as a record of sporting events.

Not so long ago, we came across some black and white photographs of a basketball carnival in 1970. Senior girls are depicted playing on the DSC basketball court or accepting trophies. There are also many slides of a basketball competition held in August 1978 near the main building on DSC.

In addition to basketball, students also played netball, softball and participated in an annual Athletics Carnival. If anyone is interested to see the slides of the basketball competitions in 1978, please visit the Helen Lombard Room on Tuesday or Wednesday between 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

“Our Marvellous Monicans this week are the members of the Student Executive of the Values Education Project. These Year 11 students have been very hard at work, planning and facilitating a Values Forum for students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Class Captains, which was held on Thursday, September 11. The Student Executive must be congratulated for running a very successful program. For two years now, these students have been enthusiastically involved in the Values Education Project. They have formed strong supportive networks with student leaders from other schools, spoken confidently at large gatherings, planned student activities, raised funds for worthy causes and led the way as role-models who uphold positive values.”

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