



THE GOOD SAMARITAN INSIDE US ALL

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan established our College in 1964 on behalf of a group of parishes in the northern region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Sisters' foundational work has been recognized in numerous ways by our Monican community and it is still valued and honored today. Well known areas of the College such as the John Bede Polding Rose Garden, the Sister Julian Quaine Library, the Our Lady of the Cherry Blossom Peace Garden, the Sister Helen Lombard Archives Centre, and the Samaritan Chapel are all named for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

The Sisters' Rule of Life is drawn from the writings of Saint Benedict and their reaching out to others, their deep prayer life, their commitment to hospitality, and the high value they place on education all flow from Benedict's inspiration and direction. Today, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan work primarily in Australia, but they have Sisters in Japan (the first foundation outside of Australia), Kiribati, the Philippines and East Timor.

Our SMC association with the Sisters is through our active support of the Samaritan Inn in Preston (particularly Year 8 students), our assistance at the Collingwood Cottage, our visits to the Sisters in residence at *The Mews* in South Morang, and the membership of one Sister of the Good Samaritan on our College Ethos Focus Group. Sister Michelle Reid SGS who is the Manager of the Samaritan Inn attended school at St Monica's College.

These few words about the Sisters' influence on our College remind us of the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. It was the care and concern and active ministry of the Samaritan to the man in need on the roadside that led to the eventual naming of the Congregation. For the Samaritan, that good person, giving aid to the man in distress was always the only option. The fact that others walked on by, closed their eyes to the man's plight, or pretended to not see his circumstance – this was of no consequence to the Samaritan. The Good Samaritan extended compassion and love and backed this up through practical support.

We are truly blest to have the Good Samaritan as a Biblical source for us, this Monican community. The Good Samaritan's actions call us to be persons who look beyond our own small world to reach out to others less fortunate. Our mission as fully alive individuals and as a fully alive College community is to be aware of need, respond to needs, and act with a heart that burns with love of God and our fellow human beings.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please note that all students will be dismissed at lunchtime on Wednesday, September 16 prior to the Parent/Teacher conferences.

Term 3 concludes for students on Thursday, September 17 at the normal finishing time. The following day is a student-free day with staff attending the annual Spirituality Day.

Students return in summer uniform as from Monday, October 5. I request that all girls ensure that their dresses meet the length requirement and that all students pay attention to their grooming before returning to school.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The College Office will open at 9.00 am daily and close at 4.00 pm during the school holidays.

PTO ONLINE

The College has used this new online booking system for the first time in relation to this week's Parent/Teacher conferences. Mr. Fulvio Frijio is interested in any comments about this new system.

PARENT PORTAL

Parents will shortly receive a letter informing them of a College initiative to improve communication between the College and parents using our College website, www.stmonicas-epping.com. Starting on Monday September 28, parents will be able to have access to their very own website, we call it the Parent Portal, your gateway to news and information within the college. The letter will contain important logon details. Please try this out and provide us with any feedback you might have to help us improve this new service for parents.

WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE

By now all Famine Booklet and sponsor donations should have been returned. If you have not already done so, please place your booklet and money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and homeroom and return it to Mrs Glenda Hay in Room 330 (DSC) or Ms Helen Doherty in Room 480 (DRC). Alternatively, envelopes can be left at Campus Reception. Please check the middle page of your Famine booklet and if you are eligible for an award or the Youth Ambassador Program please complete the necessary section before returning the booklet.

If you were unable to complete the Famine you must still return your Famine booklet.

COMPUTERS

Computer woes continue: a further 14 computers were stolen early on Saturday, August 29 from DSC (same cupboard).

Police are investigating. Also, an air conditioner malfunction saw an extensive amount of water flooding into the computer cupboard near JQL, effectively destroying 60 computers. Some Library stock was also damaged. Insurance claims are being prepared for all losses.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

DAV Debating finals; Year 12 Farewell Morning Teas; Years 3-5 Information Evening; Board Executive meeting; Year 8 parents' afternoon tea; MADD Night; Personal Development Faculty Review; Principal's Cup for Song; Year 8 Premier League finals; Business Expo; SACCSS tennis; Chess Championships; junior Italian poetry competition; Football Federation All Schools competition; Impromptu Public Speaking trials; cricket trials

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to the Peters family (Nathan in Year 12 and Natalie in Year 9) on the death of their father, Malcolm. We also extend condolences to former staff member, Mrs. Kathryn Woods, on the death of her mother, Monica Evans.

St Monica's College, Epping
Adults too can study @ SMC

Courses are open to all.

In Term 4 2009, St Monica's College will provide high quality, low cost short courses in a range of interest areas, including ICT training, health and well being, vocational and business skills.

These courses will be delivered by qualified experts at the College. Update your skills now! Courses from \$39

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limited places available

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limited places available

MAKEOVER - Professional Makeup Application

limited places available

BYOPC - Build Your Own PC

INTERNET - Internet for the Beginner

JAZZY PHOTOS - PhotoStory

EBAY - Buying and Selling on eBay *limited places available*

ITALIAN - Italian for Travellers

JAPANESE - Japanese for Travellers

REMEDIAL MASSAGE *limited places available*

RELIGION - World Religions at a Glance

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More information about short courses, pricing and enrolment can be found at

www.shortcourses.teachersbeehive.com

Contact: Emad Attie on 9409 8897 or 0433 002 919

via email e.attie@stmonicas-epping.com

Enrolments close 1 week prior to the commencement of the advertised course starting date.

PLEASE NOTE: Course offerings will depend on class numbers

ST MONICA'S DAY CAN RECYCLING COMPETITION WINNER

Duy Pham of 7 Orange won the jar of jelly beans from the Envirofriend's Stall on St Monica's Day. After recycling an aluminum can Duy's estimate of 873 jelly beans was the closest to the actual number of 887. Remember to place your can and plastic litter in a yellow bin and everything else in a green lid bin when out in the yard.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

After another outstanding result in the regional Chess Competition held in late August, St. Monica's College qualified for a place in the 2009 State Chess Championship which was held at Brighton Grammar School on Wednesday, 2nd September.

Our senior team consisted of *Frank Lekkas, Adolph Lekkas, Alex O'Neill* and *Dylan Thomson*. The boys played particularly well, especially considering Adolph, Alex and Dylan are Year 9 students, the team finished in tenth place. Special mention to Adolph Lekkas for finishing in equal fourth position with 7.5 points out of a possible 9, resulting in the achievement of a high distinction certificate. Frank Lekkas scored a commendable 6 points to achieve a distinction certificate, finishing 17th overall. Alex O'Neill scored 4 points, achieving a certificate of participation and finishing 86th overall while Dylan Thomson scored 3 points, achieving a certificate of participation and finishing 129th place. Well done to the SMC State Chess qualifiers.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

- a. Mrs. Cathy O'Brien returns to the College this week after Leave. Other staff will take approved and accumulated leave this week and in early Term 4. All classes will be adequately covered and work left for students to complete.
- b. Best wishes to Ms Mary Tomaino who has resigned from the College's teaching staff. She will continue to lead On the Edge at Ostia this year and in 2010.
- c. Mrs. Elizabeth Forde will commence maternity leave as from the start of Term 4 and Mrs. Leonie Laughlin and Mrs. Judith Bon will take Long Service Leave for Term 4.
- d. Welcome to Ms Katy Destro who now teaches Italian and Spanish at SMC and to Ms Rita Mouchacca who will replace Mrs. Laughlin.
- e. Staff Member of the Month for August –
The Staff Member of August is Marie Bagh for the organisation and coordination of the lecture series that advance teachers' achievement of Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School. The quality of the lectures is very high and beneficial to teachers professionally and personally.

DAV DEBATING FINALS – QUARTER FINAL WIN

The Quarter Finals of the DAV debating competition were held at Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar in Essendon. I am extremely pleased to report that our Year 9 debating team won!! These students now proceed to the State Semi Final. This is an absolutely brilliant achievement, never before achieved in SMC debating history. They have eclipsed the superb results of 2008. This win puts these students in the Top 4 teams in the State. This has been an incredible journey for these students who have won 9 debates in a row to get to this point. Each debate gets fiercer in terms of the depth required and they have really risen to the occasion through hard work, perseverance and a deep desire to win. The winning students are Jennie Nguyen, Olivia Ouraha, Loredana De Marco and Sarah Maiolo. Congratulations to the girls and their coach, Ms Carly Parker.

The Semi Final debate will be held at Ruyton Girls School in Kew, on Wednesday October 7th (first Wednesday of next term) at 8pm. If the students win, they will make the Victorian State Grand Final.

YEAR 12 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Please note several changes as indicated by **

Monday 14th September (Evening):
*"The Road to Exams" - Information Evening
for Parents*

Wednesday 16th September
Guest Speakers: 1.45 to 4.15pm

***Monday 5th October to
Wednesday 7th October:**
*Normal classes and timetable will run
Practice exams will be completed in class*

***Tuesday 20th October**

College Assembly P1-3

***Wednesday 21st October**
*Homeroom, P1 and 2: DSC
Graduation rehearsal P3-6 DRC*

Thursday 22nd October
*Morning: Parade and Breakfast
Evening: Graduation Ceremony*

Friday 30th October
*Exam period begins with English and
Specialist Maths*

Friday 20th November
Year 12 Formal

WORLD OF SPORT

Football Federation Victoria, all schools state championships

Congratulations to the Senior boys for their success in the Football Federation Victoria All Schools Championships. This completion brings together the champion schools in all the School Sports Associations to find the best school term in Victoria. St Monica's were successful in the final 4-3 over St. Joseph's College, Geelong.

Year 8 Premier League Finals Results

SPORT	St. Monica's Opponent	
AFL v Penola	9.5.59	8.4.52
Netball v CRC Melton	37	11
Basketball (Boys) v CRC Nth Keilor	41	21
Volleyball (Girls) v CCCC	1	3
Volleyball (Boys) v CCCC	3	1
Football (Boys) v Penola	0	1
Football (Girls) v CRC Nth Keilor	0	2

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

- a. On Sunday 30 August, 2009, Michael Borg, Year 10 Gold, and a member of the Northcote Park Football Club, was awarded First Best and Fairest U17s; and was also presented with the Club Champion Award. The club didn't have an U15s team this season so Michael was pushed up to play with the U17s team and also played a few U19s games. A great achievement!
- b. Principal's Cup for Song – results
Congratulations to all the vocalists who performed in the Principal's Cup for Song on Monday, September 7. Awards were given to:
Madeline Perrone (9 Mauve) – Winner of Principal's Cup for Song
Michelle Eagles (10 Silver) – Encouragement Award
- c. 2009 Writer's Retreat – selected participants
The following students in Years 7 and 8 have been selected for the 2009 Annual Writer's Retreat.

Stephanie Apostoudos	Astrid Mayne
Lauren De Iacova	Ashleigh McFarland
Jemma Dempsey	Melissa Monteleone
Patrick Gusman	Carly Stockdale
Jacqueline Kuruppu	Michaela Toppi
Elodie Lee Fok Tong	Kimberley Wright
Natalie Licovski	Michael Nguyen
- d. Year 9 St. Peter's Literacy Assistants: Jennie Nguyen, Peter Hosri, Alex Curmi, Ross Multari, Angella Peter, Stephen Solomon, Billy Mazza, Monica Pham, Alisha Plateo, Jessica D'Amore, Jessamine Cadou, Anjelica Karatsoglou
- e. Year 10 Community Service at St. Vincent de Paul: Josh De Rozario, Belinda Tralli, Jackie Sacco, Gerard Callaghan, Lauren Morris-Healy, Julia Mattiuzzo, Jamie Tabacco
- f. Indigenous Literacy Day Attendees:

Rhys Antonio	Elodie Lee Fok Tong
Robert Candia	Dhilini Ranasinghe
Shaun Elders	Monica Tran
Georgina Gough	Joshua Woods
Arshdeep Kaur	
- g. Solar Vehicle Team Members:
Anthony Avenoso, Angelo Avenoso, Christopher Andriotis, Daniel Pennacchia, Sam Markas, Tony Tran, Shane Elders
- h. **MADD** Night Participants

Karen Flores	Lisa Cardamone
Benjamin Hodges	Belinda De Vincentis
Kiralee Mladenis	Sheridan Paterno
Emily Vincent	Katerina Petkovska
Madeline Perrone	Cassandra Ruffino
Emelia Addo	Elise Perri
Jordan Annetta	Elodie Lee
Liana Colauca	Jessamine Cadou
Tania De Stratis	Carly Stockdale
Amanda Ciorra	Jessica De Vincentis
Jhanil Roxas	Samantha Zammit
Celestina Mitsiou	Casey Barbis
Emily Vincent	Nelson Lai
Samantha Zammit	Jess Conner
Tania De Stratis	Chris Cardamone
Cardia Speziale	Anthony Cardamone

Musicians for staff Student Act

Lauren Tomlinson, Celeste Mitsiou, Nathan Ceconato, James Pieri, Matthew Georgiadis

Drowned Affection

Frank Capodicasa, Joshua De Rozario, Matthew Camilleri, Matthew Cattolico

Sound and Lighting

Alexander Curmi, Michael Di Pasquale, Adam Assaf, Matthew Song, Thomas Marinovich, Josh Grinter, Jonathon Gaff

Stage Managers

Melissa Fiorio, Monique Pizzica, Starre Williams

CAREERS CORNER**La Trobe University Talk and Tour**

Talk & Tour allows students and their families to spend a morning getting to know La Trobe University and ask questions about courses, transition to University and hear from current students about their experiences. To attend you must register at www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour.

Talk and Tour will be held during the school holidays on Thursday 24th September at the Bundoora Campus from 9.30am - 12.00pm.

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students.

The Program offers high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to engage with the University and each other through the extensive program of events and activities at the Parkville campus.

Students are selected into the program while in Year 10, with up to 700 students selected each year.

Participants are selected on the basis of their school's endorsement and their own academic performance and leadership skills.

The University of Melbourne will select at least one student from each school that nominates students to participate in the program.

This is a three-year program designed to assist students in realizing their full potential through creating a network and community of students.

Applications open on 31 August 2009 and close on 14 October 2009.

HOW TO CARE! – WHAT NOT TO SAY...

There will be an Interactive Workshop on how to give the best support to someone experiencing Grief & Loss, facilitated by Fiona Gardner, Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University.

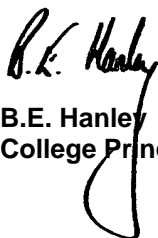
The workshop will be held on Saturday, 19th September, starting at 10.00am in the Small Hall, and there will be a light lunch afterwards.

Everyone is invited.

Bookings: 9407 3171 (for catering).

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Gerard Sutton (Year 8) is a popular student who has a great balance between academic, social and sporting achievements. Gerard is generally well known for his athletic excellence. He recently won SMC cross country in record time, followed up with being awarded Victorian U15 All Schools Champion. Gerard recently travelled to NSW to compete in National Championships returning to Melbourne the following day to participate in his AFL grand final which he captains. The reasons above make Gerard a great example of how a student is fully alive in all aspects of life, a true Marvellous Monican.



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