



HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAY



What makes a beautiful day? There are as many answers to this cheerful question as there are reasons for why people believe that a particular twenty-four hours are special and memorable.

Firstly, there is how we are feeling. Should we feel joyful, confident, healthy and alive, then it is likely that the day we are experiencing will be beautiful. We shall have a spring in our step, hold our head high, wear a smile on our face, and around us will be an aura of lovely fun, civility and joviality. We shall be more likely to reach out to friends and family on this day; we shall see the positive aspect of a situation rather than the negative. People will, in turn, like being associated with us.



The weather makes a beautiful day. Sunshine over rain, springtime over winter, a bright sky over dark, gloomy clouds. Of course, our drought-stricken farmers would

absolutely love a rainy day and see that as beautiful. However, for the most of us, a beautiful day is when the sunrise is colorful, the sunset grand, midday is the sunny pinnacle, and throughout the day, there has been a mild temperature and a generally soothing breeze.

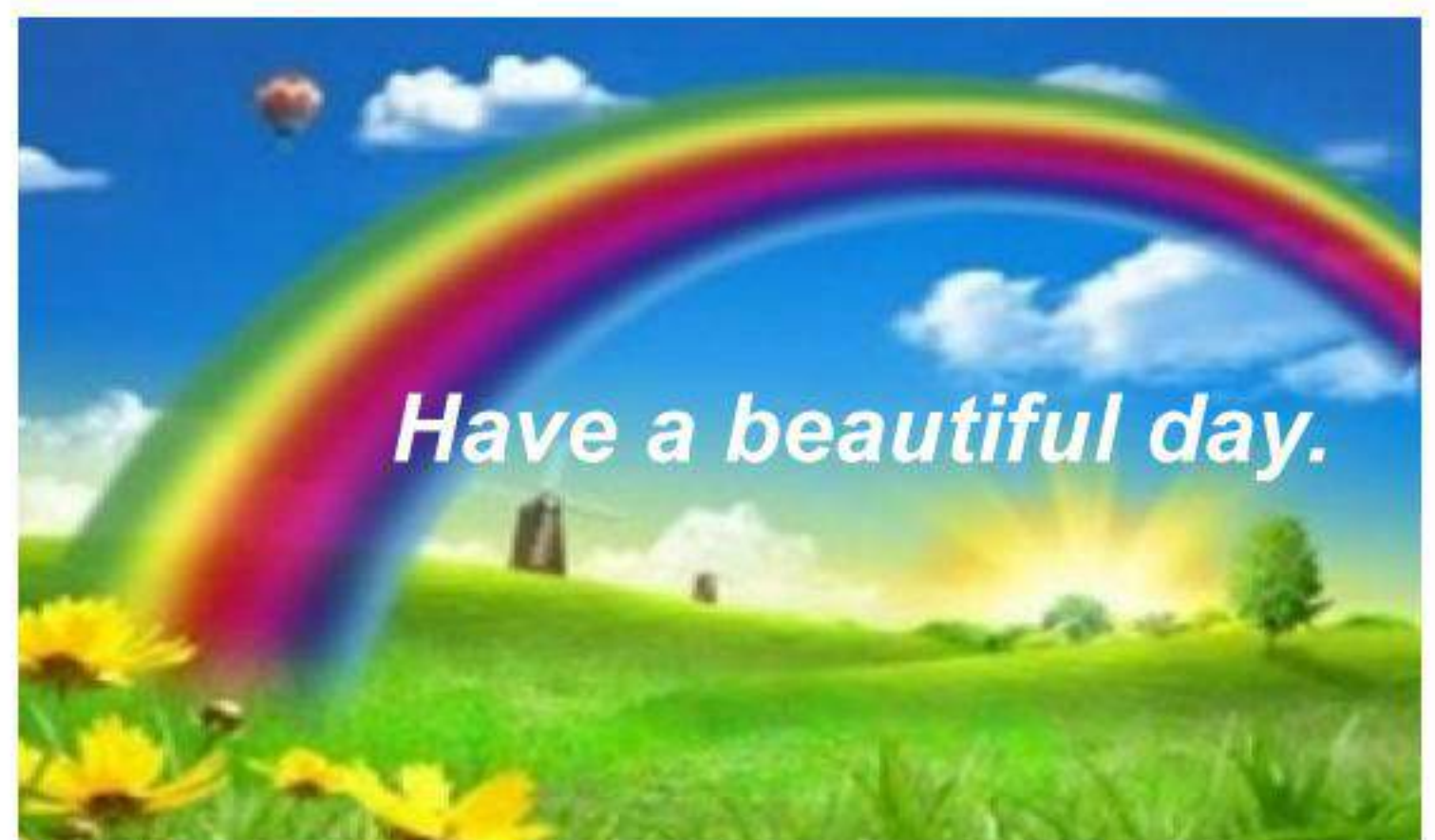
Many will nominate a day when they have met their friends and family as a beautiful day. It might be the normal encounters of family life, a chance meeting, a surprising catching up or unexpected follow-up from the night before. A beautiful day involves nice people who like us and to whom we can relate. It could also be a day when we did a favor for someone and



helped a person in need. A beautiful day may be so designated after moments of spiritual renewal. We look round and see the beautiful world God created. We experience nature and appreciate just how beautiful the seasons are, each with their own colors and aspects of growth or renewal. On a beautiful day, we praise God for all the gifts He has bestowed upon the earth and our stewardship of them is our response of 'Thank you, Lord.'

Jesus would have enjoyed many beautiful days as He walked around the countryside of Palestine and other places. How wonderful the day must have been when he saw a sinner repent, a child being healed, happiness when He changed the water into wine at Cana, and when Jesus beckoned the little children to His side and used them as the true example of happiness and purity.

In our School of Many Colors in 2019, I pray that we all enjoy many days which are beautiful. Our special occasions will bring great happiness, our holy days will lead us closer to God, and may every day be beautiful as we bond together and develop our Monican spirit.



TUITION FEES, 2019

Fee accounts will be mailed out to all families this week.

Please note that fee payments are to commence immediately. Our Billing cycle is from 4 February to 7 October, 2019 (unless paying via direct debit).

St Monica's College payment options are:

Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly and Quarterly and can be paid via the following options:

BPAY, Eftpos, Credit Card-Visa/Mastercard, Cash/Cheques and Direct Debit.

Please note that payments must commence each year in February. All fee payments are to be made at the Augustine House Administration Office Reception only. All queries are to be directed to Miss Andrea Moon on 9409 8800.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2019 \$225

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, Veterans Affairs or pension card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

| Year Level | Tuition Fee | General Levy | Total |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 7 | \$6620.00 | \$500.00 | \$7120.00 |
| 8 | \$6730.00 | \$500.00 | \$7230.00 |
| 9 | \$6930.00 | \$500.00 | \$7430.00 |
| 10 | \$7140.00 | \$500.00 | \$7640.00 |
| 11 | \$7400.00 | \$500.00 | \$7900.00 |
| 12 | \$7700.00 | \$500.00 | \$8200.00 |

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Accepting applications

Parents (including guardians) no longer need to submit a new application form each year in most cases.

Parents only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2019 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2019.
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (**29 January, 2019**) or term two (**23 April, 2019**).

Closing Date:

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 21 June, 2019 for eligibility . For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORNING TEAS with the PRINCIPAL

Friday, 1 March 2019
Friday, 15 March 2019
Friday, 22 March 2019
Friday, 29 March 2019

All Tours commence from Augustine House College Administration 9.15 am.

To make a booking online visit

www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8444

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7 2020 — 2023

Please note that **2021** enrolments will close on **Friday 23 August, 2019.**

COLLEGE BOARD NEWS

A vacancy exists for a parent representative on the College Board. Interested parents can make an enquiry through Mrs Joanne Depetro. The College also has a vacancy for a representative parishioner from Holy Name, East Preston. Please contact either Father Joseph or Mrs Depetro.

Board Members, 2019

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| Chairperson | Mr Mario Bernardi (Alumni) |
| Deputy Chairperson | Mrs Vanda Palamara (St Luke's) |
| Secretary | Mrs Rita Lekkas (St Clare's) |
| Executive Officer | Mr Brian Hanley (Principal) |
| Parish Members: | Mrs Melinda Cicitta (St Gabriel's/St Stephen's) Mrs Daniela Krstevski and Mr Stephen McMackin (St Francis of Assisi) Mr Floyd Harold and Mr Rangababa Raju (St Peter's/St Mary of the Cross MacKillop) Mr Gerard Lucas (St Clare's) Mrs Elizabeth James (St Luke's) |
| Canonical Administrator: | Rev Luciano Toldo CS |
| Staff Representative: | Mr Damian Monaghan |
| Student Representative: | Mr Simon Todorovski |
| Minutes Secretary: | Mrs Joanne Depetro. |

WITH THANKS

The College is grateful to alumnus, Mr Angelo Manglavitti, who has built a beautiful hand crafted sarrah side table for the Patricia Thame Boardroom. It will be admired by all who see it.



TERM 1 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES YEARS 7 – 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Years 7 – 12 will be held on Tuesday 19 March and Monday 25 March from 2.30 pm – 8.00 pm on Dalton Road Campus. Bookings can be made by using the Parent Access Module (PAM) system from 11.00 am on Tuesday 12 March using your log on details received previously – please refer to your fridge magnet. If you require any assistance, please contact the College on 9409 8800. Students will conclude at lunchtime (1.13 pm) on both days.

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINATIONS in 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Years 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for **Year 7 students**
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for **Year 7 students**
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for **Year 10 students**

Parents/guardians of Years 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Whittlesea Council Immunisation Service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to

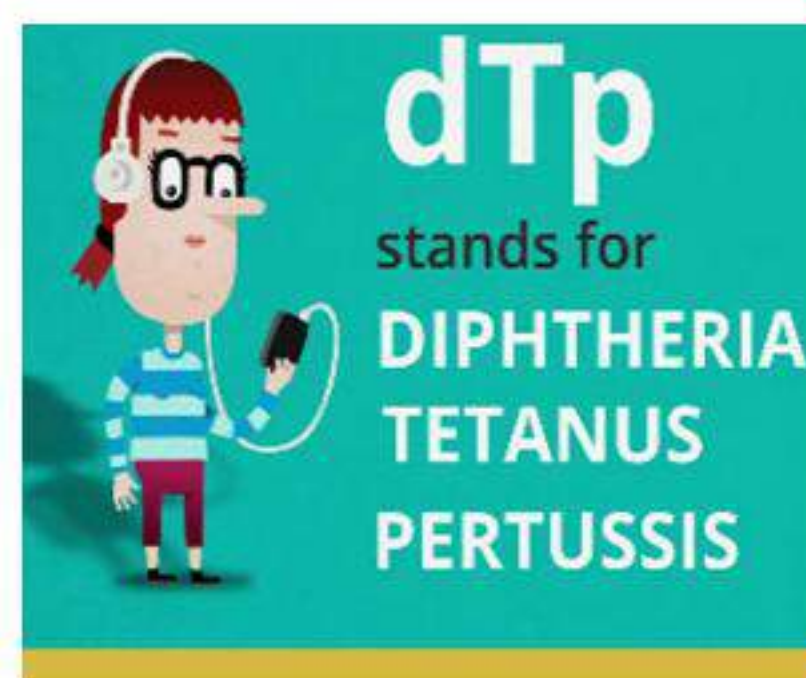
<http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au>



Meningococcal Vaccine



HPV vaccine



DTP vaccine

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2019 SMC House Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6 March at indoor Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre, Craigieburn,

A 50 metre events will take place for all Years 7 – 12 swimmers and there will also be novelty events and fun to be had on the slide and water play area. Students will receive points for their House when

participating in events, which will go to the overall aggregate score for 2019.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION.....

An active start to the year: Year 7 Information Evening; Academic Honors Ceremony; Music Information Evening; Term 1 Assembly; Morning Tea with the Principal; College Board meeting; Visit of Sisters Anna Warlow sgs and Val Deakin sgs; Year 12 Formation Day; Information Evening re Athlete Development Program; College Photographs; Year 7 Settling In Evening; Youth Ministry Gathering; Chess Club; Year 10 Premier League; Senior Netball and Cricket; SACCSS Golf; Year 10 Parents Interviews; Stepping Stones (8 Silver and Emerald); Uniquely Year 9 (9 Brown)

CAREERS CORNER

University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)

This test replaces the University Medical Assessment Test (UMAT).

What is UCAT?

UCAT stands for University Clinical Aptitude Test. UCAT is a two-hour computer based test consisting of multiple-choice questions. It is divided into five sections: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Situational Judgement.

What are the Key dates for the UCAT 2019?

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| Registration and booking opens | 1 March 2019 |
| Registration Closes | 16 May 2019 |
| Final Booking Deadline | 17 May 2019 |
| Testing Begins | 1 July 2019 |
| Last Testing Date | 31 July 2019 |
| Results Delivered to Universities | Early September 2019 |
| Deadline to Apply to Universities | September 2019 |

How can I register to sit the UCAT?

You are required to complete a two-step process using the Pearson VUE online registration system to register and then book a test. Further details are available at www.ucatofficial.com

What courses require UCAT?

You will need to sit UCAT if you are interested in applying for any of the following courses:

State University Course(s)

(Victoria)
Monash Uni Medicine

(NSW)
UNSW Medicine
Newcastle/UNE Medicine
Western Sydney Medicine
(Queensland)
UQ Medicine (prov. entry) Dental Science
(South Australia)
University of Adelaide Medicine, Dentistry, Oral

Health

(Western Australia)
UWA Medicine and Dentistry (direct pathway)
Curtin Uni Medicine

(Tasmania)
UT as Medicine

(New Zealand)
Auckland Medicine
Otago Medicine, Dental Surgery

FROM THE STAFFROOM

Our condolences are extended to Mrs Glenda Hay, her father and family on the death of Glenda's mother, Beryle Taylor, on 15 February 2019.

The College welcomes LJM staff member, Mr Suhrajo Dijias, to the role of Systems Engineer.

OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Library Monitors

Would you like to find out more about being a Library Monitor? If your answer is yes, then contact a staff member of the Pamela Coyne Library.

DRC Reading Club

The Reading Club meets at lunchtime in the Library Research Room. New members from all year levels are welcome to come, try it out and join in the celebrating. Members can bring their lunch to the meeting.

DSC Book Club Sign-Up

Register your interest in being part of the Davisson Street Campus Book Club. We meet twice a term at lunchtimes in the SJQ Library. Our meetings might include:

- a chance to select books to purchase
- creation of a QR code for a book review
- raving about our recent favourite reads
- chances to be part of competitions and panels

Come to the Library to add your name to our growing list so you can share your thoughts on and love for all kinds of reading with like-minded people.

College ID Cards

Students in Years 8 – 12 must retrain their 2018 ID card until they receive their new 2019 card. The new student ID card will not be available until some weeks after all students have had their photos taken. The card is a vital tool to use for resources at school in the following areas:

- As a library card for borrowing – quick and easy to scan
- As a photocopy/print card for easy access to facilities with scan and print – saves time in manually logging username and password
- As an ID card beyond the school

Students are strongly encouraged to have their ID card with them at all time while at school.

Reading Club Competition Winners

Congratulations to Lina Abdo (Year 7 Blue) who was our winner in the Nominate your Favourite Australian author competition. Lina was invited to collect her prize from the Pamela Coyne Library – a book by her favourite Australian author – Andy Griffiths. Congratulations to all our other prize winners also. Reading Club will run more competitions throughout the year.

DOMESTIC RECYCLING

Here is a reminder that at the Sister Julian Quaine Library on Davisson Street Campus, we collect unwanted batteries, DVDs and wine corks on your behalf. If you have an old DVD (or CD), a box of wine corks or any number of useless batteries, bring or send them to the library and we will keep them out of the general waste collection. No matter how few you have, we will take them.

Here are some figures from last year (with 2017 statistics in brackets):

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| Batteries | 18.22kg (26.05kg) |
| Corks | 660g (6.8kg – we had a large number of corks in 2017) |
| DVDs | 3.11kg (2.91kg) |

We can all take some responsibility for reducing our waste and this service will make your efforts easier.

PLENARY COUNCIL SESSION – 28 FEBRUARY

“The Church is not the presence in our society it once way. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly” – Archbishop Mark Coleridge. In 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will be having a plenary council to listen, dialogue and discern with one another about the future, the role and relevance of the Church. As part of this process, we will be hosting a listening and discussion session after school on Thursday 28 February in The Gateway Room. All parents are welcome to attend. You do not need to be Catholic to participate. All voices and experiences are welcome and are valued. If there is something you believe the Church needs to hear, this is your opportunity to say so. Please contact Mr Donahoo for further details.

MUSIC NOTES

Instrumental Music

Lesson enrolments are currently open to all students. Please collect an enrolment form from campus reception and return it as soon as possible. Enrolments can also be made online at www.stmonicas-epping.com/music.

| Ensemble | Rehearsal day | Time | Location |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Concert Band | Thursday | 3:45 – 5pm | G30 |
| Intermediate Band | Thursday | 3:45 – 4:30pm | E27 |
| Year 7 Band | Wednesday | Lunch (starting mid March) | E27 |
| Percussion Ensemble | Wednesday | 8am – 8:45 | G30 |
| SMC Singers | Thursday | 3:45 – 5pm | TOAN |
| Senior String Ensemble | Tuesday | 3:45 – 5pm | E27 |
| Junior String Ensemble | Thursday | Lunch | E27 |
| Stage Band | Wednesday | 3:45 – 5pm | TOAN |
| | Friday | 8am – 8:45am | T18 |
| Senior Jazz Combo | Friday | Lunch | T18 |
| Junior Flute Ensemble | Monday | 8am – 8:45am | E27 |
| Senior Flute Ensemble | Wednesday | Lunch | T21 |
| Saxophone Ensemble | Wednesday | Lunch | T18 |
| Senior Guitar Ensemble | Thursday | 3:45 – 5pm | T18 |
| Junior Guitar Ensemble | Tuesday | 3:45 – 4:30pm | G30 |
| Senior Vocal Ensemble | Monday | 8am – 8:45am | T18 |
| Production Band | Friday | 3:45 – 5pm | G30 |

VISIT TO JAPAN in 2019

St Monica's to Takada Junior and Senior High School in Japan trip available for Years 9 – 12 only travel dates are as follows:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Depart Melbourne: | Saturday 14 September |
| Arrive in Nagoya: | Sunday 15 September |
| Depart Nagoya: | Thursday 26 September |
| Arrive in Melbourne: | Friday 27 September |

Preference will be given to students who have hosted this year if numbers exceed available spaces.

To express an interest, you must first discuss and seek approval from your parents and then email the Deputy Principal (ICT and Innovation). The costs for the trip are \$2800 inclusive of airfares, travel

insurance and excursions. Please check the Takada portal for more information: heep://portal/takada/default.aspx. Your parents may also wish to obtain information by calling Mrs Johanna Micciche at the College.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 10 at Green Gables Aged Care: Samsara Di Nucci; Luzella Costa; Sarah Essery; Madeleine Caputo

Year 10 at Vinnies: Aliya Awad; Mikayla De Santis; Connor Wilson; Alanna Etienne.

SENIOR VCAL

The Year 12 VCAL students will commence their community visits to Mercy Place Aged Care in Keon Park soon. This is part of a senior VCAL unit of study on local community engagement and related career paths. We wish our students well.

LOST PROPERTY on DRC

Where: Room G71
When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Time: 3.30 pm – 3.45 pm.

COMPETITIONS

Write4Fun Writing Competition

All students are invited to enter this year's Write4Fun poetry and short story competition. There are excellent prizes on offer. Please speak to your English teacher in class for further details.

Laura Literacy Awards 2019

All students are invited to participate in the Laura Literary Awards poetry and short story competition. There is prize money for the winners. Please see your English teacher for further information.

Esports Meta High School Championship

The Meta High School Championship begins early March. All League of Legends players are invited to Esports training on Monday and Wednesday in R43 (Davisson Street Campus) from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm.

HARMONY DAY: BOARD GAMES REQUEST

As part of our Harmony Day activities on 18 March, we would like to have board games from different cultural backgrounds made available to staff and students on DRC and DSC during the week. These games include checkers, backgammon, jenga etc. If anyone has board games who is willing to loan them for use, please pass onto Jeanine Pattison (DRC) or Mrs Turner.

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

Five evidence-based Ways to Wellbeing (identified by the The New Economics Foundation) which we can build into our daily lives to improve and protect our wellbeing.

- **Connect** – making sure you recognise and take the time to properly connect with who is important in your daily life.

For example, family friends, colleagues, neighbours. Connecting could mean a coffee with a colleague, a meal as a family, meeting up with a friend, a chat with a neighbour. The NEF researchers found that taking time to invest in these connections would support and improve your wellbeing. Yes, it is time to put down your phone and engage with the person in front of you.



Teenage Aggression
Responding Assertively (T.A.R.A.)

Northern Region

A workshop for parents of adolescents who are behaving with aggression and violence



Please join us to discuss the impact of challenging behaviours and violence on families and relationships and to consider the role adolescent development, styles of communication and patterns of relating have in family relationships.

Our intention is that parents feel less alone, better equipped, more hopeful and confident in their ability to respond to challenging behaviours in a way that promotes safety, trust and connection for all family members.

Course runs over two mornings (attendance required for both sessions)
Tuesday 19 and 26 March 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Please call intake to secure a place on the number below

For more information or enquiries, please contact:
TARA Program on (03) 9450 4700
Berry Street
677 The Boulevard Eaglemont Vic 3084

KHIPRO TEACHER SUPPORT FUND

A warm thank you to the eighty-two past and present SMC staff who have made contributions to the Khipro teacher support fund since May 2016. As of January 2019 a total of \$17,000 has been disbursed to support the teachers of 19 village schools working in and around the community of Khipro in Pakistan. The funds are used to pay teachers' salaries and support the employment of more teachers.



TERM 1 COLLEGE ASSEMBLY





St Monica's College, Epping
invites you to the...

*International
Women's Day Breakfast*

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019

7.00 AM - 8.30 AM

GATEWAY ROOM, DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

\$25 PER PERSON

\$5 from each ticket sold will be donated to the
Cancer Council of Victoria

RSVP by Friday 22 February to
Glenda Hay
9401 6539



AUSTRALIAN AIRFORCE CADETS 402 SQUADRON – WATSONIA

Air Cadets are recruiting

No 402 Squadron of Australian Air Force cadets are now recruiting 13 to 16 year olds to join the official cadet service of the Royal Australian Air force. If you have an interest in aviation or a career in the Defence Force, then this is an opportunity for you. Air Force cadets can also learn to fly for free on scholarship.

The Squadron parades at Simpson Barracks on Wednesday evenings during school term. Further inquiries to admino.402sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au until the end of Term 1.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Alana Jancevski (Year 11 Silver) has been heavily involved in football programs within the College since Year 7. She is a strong leader on the field and an excellent role model to her peers. Recently Alana has been selected in the Australian Women's Under 17 National Team and is currently competing in the AFC Women's Championship Qualifies in Laos. We wish Alana well in this tournament.

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