



RURAL AUSTRALIA



It was a long held belief (supported largely on facts and figures) that Australia 'rides on the sheep's back'. That is not so true nowadays. However, as we trace the history of this nation

back to the arrival of the British, it becomes obvious that the Australian outback has been critical to the economic growth of the nation. We know that the traditional, first owners of this Great Southern land were people who lived off, worshipped and protected the land for their survival and the welfare of their families.

In Victoria in September 2020, we Melburnians see restrictions eased in country areas before they decrease in the city. It has brought country and rural areas onto our screens and into newspapers with images of relaxed dining, increases in personal services etc.

Rural life (and SMC has a wonderful share of it through our rural property, Ostia) remains a major element of the national economy. The land, the country industries, mining leases, river systems, creeks and waterflows, livestock, major road links, and



country folk too, combine to celebrate life outside major cities.

Life can be beautiful and relaxing and scenic in the bush: equally, it can be harsh, tough and heartbreaking. Just the mention of the words; 'drought',

'bushfires', 'land degradation' and 'climate change effects' casts images of grief, danger, financial ruin and loss of human and animal life into our minds. The poetry of the Australian bush both celebrates and laments the rural experience.

Agriculture in Australia covers a vast amount of rural industries. The dairy industry provides our milk products, the cattle industry puts meat onto our plates, the sheep industry gives fleece and food, the fruit, fresh produce, fishing, mining, machinery and transport industries each play their part in the agricultural landscape.

Our mighty rivers flow with strength but our political leaders are also forced to deal with salination issues, dried up or low flowing rivers, pollution, inadequate irrigation to water crops and to feed livestock, river beds that are dried and shrivelled, and river management that needs to be expertly handled and cleverly administered.

Human services to rural communities are always in need of enhancement. These include health care, adequate hospitals and health workers, education facilities, social welfare agencies, recreation, communication and telecommunication facilities, retail, commercial and industry centres that provide employment and a whole brace of other services that are widely available in metropolitan localities.

As Monicans, we pray for our rural fellow Australians in their good and bad times. We pray that our country will continue to prosper from what we produce, export and trade with other countries. We pray that climate change policies will be introduced and allowed to function and that our water system will be protected and respected and shared equally amongst the regions.

To conclude, a classic image of our beautiful country:





YEAR 7 2022 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for **Year 7 2022**.

Please note that **2022** enrolments will close on **Friday, 9 October 2020**.

Enrolments are open online via the link below on our College website: www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply



RE-ENROLMENT 2021 IS DUE

A reminder that re-enrolment for 2021 closes on **Friday, 16 October 2020**.

You can make your payment through the College webpage. www.stmonicas-epping.com

Follow the steps below:

- MY SMC
- Community Portal
- Enter your username and password
- Click on Events, click on attending and ensure you select quantity '1' for the re-enrolment fee.

Every child needs to be entered separately.

Or, alternatively, you can make payment at Reception, in Augustine House.

Not Returning to St Monica's College 2021?

Contact the College Registrar, Mrs Enza Sinopoli, on 9409 8444 in regards to exiting your child from the College.

TERM 4

Please refer to Parent update No. 20 on the College website for all the details required regarding return to school in Term 4. Please note that the College remains open for business during the school holidays.

CAREERS CORNER

Careers guidance and assistance



Careers guidance and assistance provided by Miss Kneebone or Mr White, continues to be offered remotely (availability during the holidays!). Like others in our school community, we have adapted and adjusted to a new way of operating with great success. Many students (and parents) have continued to use the service and meetings conducted by phone or video conference have been well received and very productive. We look forward to "meeting" with more of you online. Get on to the [Careers Website](#) and make a booking.

Referring to the [Careers Website](#) will also provide you with all the information you require in your search for the best career pathway for you at this point in time (perhaps holiday time, is a good time to do some research!). On the website, you can check out:

- [the job outlook site](#) (do a career quiz, find industries and jobs expected to grow, etc.)
- [short videos and information](#) about 100s of jobs/occupations in your areas of interest
- [career targets](#)
- [Year 12 updates page](#)
- [Search for courses](#)

The list goes on.....

We wish all Year 12 students well as they finalise their plans for next year. For VCE students intending to pursue further studies, University course preferences need to be entered into their VTAC account by 30 September. SEAS (special consideration) applications need to be completed by 9 October. All Year 12 students who are entering course preferences for 2021 should, at the very least, be applying for SEAS Categories 1 and 4.

TEACHING & LEARNING INFORMATION

As we move to a staggered return to onsite learning, I thought it an appropriate time to provide information about important dates and information about Term 4.

Examinations.

The College has made the decision not to hold End of Year examinations this year for Years 7 to 11. We believe that the students would be better served engaging in face -to- face teaching once they return in order to consolidate key knowledge and skills.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday 25 November.

This was originally scheduled as a student-free day for teachers to undertake examination marking.

The conferences will take place via video conference as opposed to onsite and will run from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The interview will be summative and will provide recommendations to the student to ensure success in 2021 and beyond. As such, teachers will be asked to request interviews with particular students before parents are given access.

The decision was made to wait until after the Year 12 students finish as it was felt they would be benefit more from having as much time in class as possible.

Parents are reminded that they are always welcome to email their child's teacher(s) if they have any questions or concerns.

CONGRATULATIONS, MS LORNA MCLEOD



MUSIC NOTES

"STAND BY ME"

Music students and staff have collaborated throughout Term 3 to produce a number of recordings. The first performance of "Stand By Me" by Ben E. King has included students from SMC Singers, String Ensemble, Concert Band and Guitar Ensemble. We hope you enjoy this performance at a time when it is so important to stand with each other.

Congratulations to the following students and staff who participated in the project:

Students:

Rhea John, Alexandra Matula, Leanne Sebastian, Victoria Scali, Aliya Awad, Aaliyah Mathias, Alaina Santos, Anthony Colman, TJ Fepuleai, Perna Chopra, Kabir Singh, Theodore Pham, Jane Luu, Gabrielle Morales, Catia Di Vito, Joshua Liuzzi, Natasha Kristanto, Nicholas Jong-Nguyen, Shagun Saharan, Abigail Flordeliz, Anthony Meilak, Kristian Nadera, Nina Trimcevski, Alessia Di Gregorio, Lachlan Denham, William Taylor, Matthew Montalti.

Staff:

Mrs Gabrielle Crowley, Ms Leonie Rizzi, Mrs Jane Murone, Mr Jack Beeche, Mr Ed Chan, Mr Dion Hatherell.

You can watch the Music Performance here:

<https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/performances/>

The original video can be viewed on this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hD3yjKXAId6gzNieXtFvUqJIHFUaaRva/view?usp=sharing>

ASEAN Bridge Partnership Zoom Meeting



Despite our isolation it is exciting when Monicans can connect with their wonderful and valuable friends overseas. Recently, on 18 August, a zoom meeting was conducted between three SMC staff members: Maryanne Theodosios, Jessie Cheriyan and Denis Zucchet who connected with our ASEAN Bridge partner teachers in the Philippines Blesilda Abrera Necio and Jheny Villacruz. Jheny and Blesilda represented the Moreno Integrated School, Camarines Norte, Philippines. The partnership between the two schools commenced in March 2018 and is continuing strongly. The discussion centred on both school communities' experiences with the COVID 19 pandemic and the challenges and successes both communities were having in dealing with online remote learning.

Despite the challenges and limitations of online learning it was clear that both our school communities have adapted to online teaching with resilience and creativity. The

meeting proceeded to discuss the future direction in the relationship between the two schools. Maryanne and Blesilda have been working on a joint online google magazine titled Kaibigan (Filippino), Friend in English. The magazine will enable both schools to share stories, ideas, and achievements in real time. Denis and Jheny discussed ongoing cooperation between her schools Be More and that of SMC. Such cooperation will involve zoom meetings to discuss Social Justice issues.

FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

The St Monica's Archive is a dedicated space, where we keep, preserve, protect and access historical records relating to our College's story.

In the Helen Lombard Archives Centre, uniforms, banners, trophies, photos and other memorabilia representing our past are on display. These are selectively chosen and relocated for special displays at school events.

Due to the currently challenging circumstances, the Archivist continues to work from home, actively focusing on processing past records by cleaning, arranging, repairing when required, describing and labelling.

The recent, most important project being undertaken, is a systematic digitization of our collection. It will become available on-line for easy access by the school community and, as a backup of all paper and hard copies, such as artefacts. A team of St Monica's staff are assisting with this task, prior to the Archivist describing and entering the records onto a new digital catalogue.

College Documents of the 1960s and the 1970s are the main focus at the moment, progressing to the 1980s, and then successively working through the decades to the present.

When we think about the 1960s, three names come to mind: Sister Patricia Thame, Sister Mary Duffy and Father Frank Chamberlin. They commenced the pioneering work to establish a new Girls' College in the northern suburbs and made major contributions to the logo, uniform and the curriculum framework.

The three of them faced enormous difficulties in applying for Commonwealth and State Grants to build classrooms, library and science laboratories. Therefore, the first two decades of our records are represented by countless letters – sent and received, grant applications, signed contracts and architectural plans. All of these offer a fascinating insight into our history and are a testament to their dedication and vision.

Working away from our offices and colleagues can be challenging at times, but this time also offers an opportunity to concentrate on and progress the valuable task of digitization, description and preservation of our history and our ongoing story.



SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL AWARDS

The Principal's Awards 2020

The prestigious Principal's Awards are a highlight of the St Monica's College Calendar and have begun in Term 3. Four of the seven Principal's Awards have taken place and have all been online in these COVID-19 times.

The Principal's Ribbon for Cookery was held on Thursday 31 August and the skill levels of students with regards to producing home videos, editing, adding music and showing their cooking skills was totally amazing. There were a variety of recipes and the students demonstrated resilience when asked to provide their own food for their entry due to the sudden lockdown. Our guest judge, Lisa Bolle, gave much of her time watching the video submissions and recording her announcement of winners with some really valuable feedback to our students. We thank Mrs Amber Dal Cin and her team for this highly organised event. Congratulations to David Chessari who is the winner of the Principal's Ribbon for Cookery. He made a scrumptious carrot cake and Daniel Manglaviti who was the recipient of the Principal's Encouragement Award. Daniel made Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli with Sage Butter.

Congratulations David Chessari - Winner of the Principal's Ribbon for Cookery 2020.

The Principal's Cup for Song was held on Monday 7 September and all thirteen finalists adapted well to the online format. The finalists did an excellent job recording their own performances with limited experience and equipment. Some students were quite nervous about their videos but they had reason to be proud of their performances. The video of the performances on Facebook received over 3.2K views. The Adjudicator, Belinda Parsons, easily adapted to the online format and spoke highly of the overall standard of all finalists. We thank Mr Dion Hatherell and his team for their organisation in allowing this event to bring the community together. We congratulate Rhea John as the winner of the Principal's Cup for Song and Aaliyah Mathias for the Principal's Encouragement Award. Rhea John (who also won this Principal's Award in 2018), sang "Better Days" by Donn, Lorrach and Reeves.

Congratulations Rhea John – Winner of the Principal's Cup for Song 2020.

The Principal's Shield for Chess was an inaugural event held on Thursday 10 September. Twenty-four students accepted the invitation to participate in this new event for the 2020 Calendar. The online format went smoothly and students had practised using the Tornelo online platform prior to the event. We congratulate Jake Vasilevski in winning the Principal's Shield for Chess. This event was a perfect opportunity for our students to play Chess competitively and we look forward to this tradition continuing at St Monica's College in future years. We thank Mr David Strantzen and his team for his skilful organisation. Well done to all our winners:

2020 Principal's Shield for Chess: *Jake Vasilevski*

Senior Division Award: *Pino Mascetti*

Junior Division Award: *Cruze De Giorgio*

Year 12 Award: *Shreshth Saharan*

Year 10 Award: *Hitesh Suneja*

Year 9 Award: *Jeremiah Susi*

Year 8 Award: *Vansh Kumar*

Year 7 Award: *Eric Tun.*

Congratulations Jake Vasilevski - Winner of the Principal's Shield for Chess 2020.

The Principal's Art Prize virtual exhibition opened on Monday 14 September at 9.00am. It was an extraordinary effort to build this virtual gallery displaying the work of our talented students. Within two days, the Facebook views reached over 2K. We congratulate Anela Go from Year 10 in winning the Principal's Art Prize for 2020. Anela's acrylic painting was titled "Billie". Our Judge for this year was Ms Leah Santilli. Ms Santilli was a former teacher and alumna at St Monica's College. Ms Santilli now is an educator at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Congratulations to all our students who were shortlisted to showcase their Art for this event and well done to those who won awards. This event signifies how engagement in the Arts allows our students to appreciate and understand the diverse cultures and values of our society. Well done to Ms Laura Bradley and her team in producing such a professional event with high-quality artworks.

Congratulations to all winners:

2020 Winner of the Principal's Art Prize:
Anela Go (Year 10)

Principal's Choice Award:
Crystal Resurreccion (Year 11)

Curator's Choice:
Adam Haygen (Year 8)

Overall Prize DRC:
Julia Marasco (Year 9)

Overall Prize DSC:
Vittoria Cugno (Year 12)

Design Award DSC:
Lachlan Harris

Design Award DRC:
Christina Nguyen

Highly Commended Year 12:
Cindy Vo

Highly Commended Year 11:
Savannah Tamilselvan

Highly Commended Year 10:
Samantha Tran

Highly Commended Year 9:
Jackson Robinson

Highly Commended Year 8:
James Pougioukas

Highly Commended Year 7:
James Nguyen

Congratulations Anela Go - Winner of the Principal's Art Prize 2020.

Term 4 we look forward to the remaining Principal's Awards. We begin with the Principal's Award for Public Speaking on Monday 12 October, followed by the Principal's Gift and the Principal's Trophy for Technology in November.

SPORT

Athletic Development Program 2021

Athletic Development Program Applications for 2021 are now open. The application can be found at :

<https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Application-Form-2021-SMC-Athlete-Development-Program.df>

Applications close on Friday, 23 October.



2020 SMC Valorant Esports Competition Grand final



Congratulations to the Kebab Boyz who won through to be the champions of the 2020 SMC Valorant Esports Competition. Kebab Boyz defeated YHA in a thrilling 2 - 1 best of 3 games on Monday 7 September. YHA was close to match point in Game 2 but Kebab Boyz managed to clutch it and do a reverse sweep to a clean 13 - 2 win in Game 3.

Congratulations to the following players from Kebab Boyz:

William Luong (Year 12 Yellow),
Nicholas Peterson (Year 12 Yellow),
Luis Manfregola (Year 12 Gold),
David Pennacchia (Year 12 Emerald).

Well done to YHA too for being great competitors. The commentators for the competition were amazing.

A big thank you to Theodore Pham, Paul Missailidis and Luke Kent.

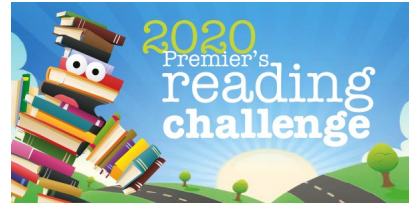
LIBRARY CORNER



What is bibliotherapy? – from the Library of Victoria:
<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/bibliotherapy> and from the LRF home page:

<https://stmonicas-epping.libguides.com/Library-supporting-the-love-of-literature-and-reading-at-all-levels>

There will be 9 episodes, listen to the two episodes that are available.

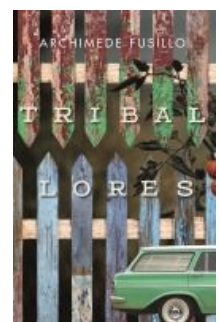
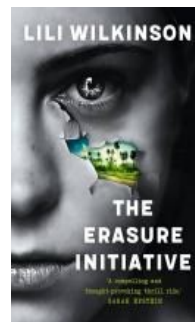
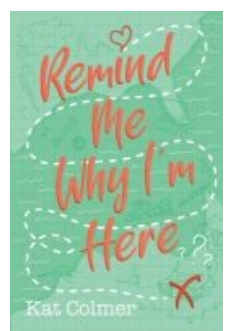
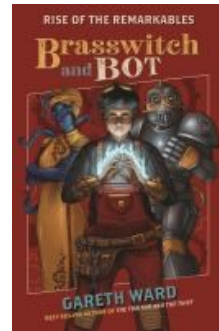
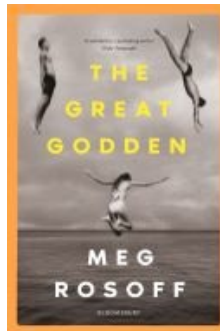


The 2020 Premiers' Reading Challenge is an annual event at the College for students in Years 7 - 9 and will conclude at the end of September in a most difficult year. There have been a number of students who have successfully completed the challenge requirements and others who will reach the challenge requirements over the next week, well done to all the participants. Participation certificates and badges of various levels will be distributed later in Term 4 once numbers have been varied.

The Library Catalogue

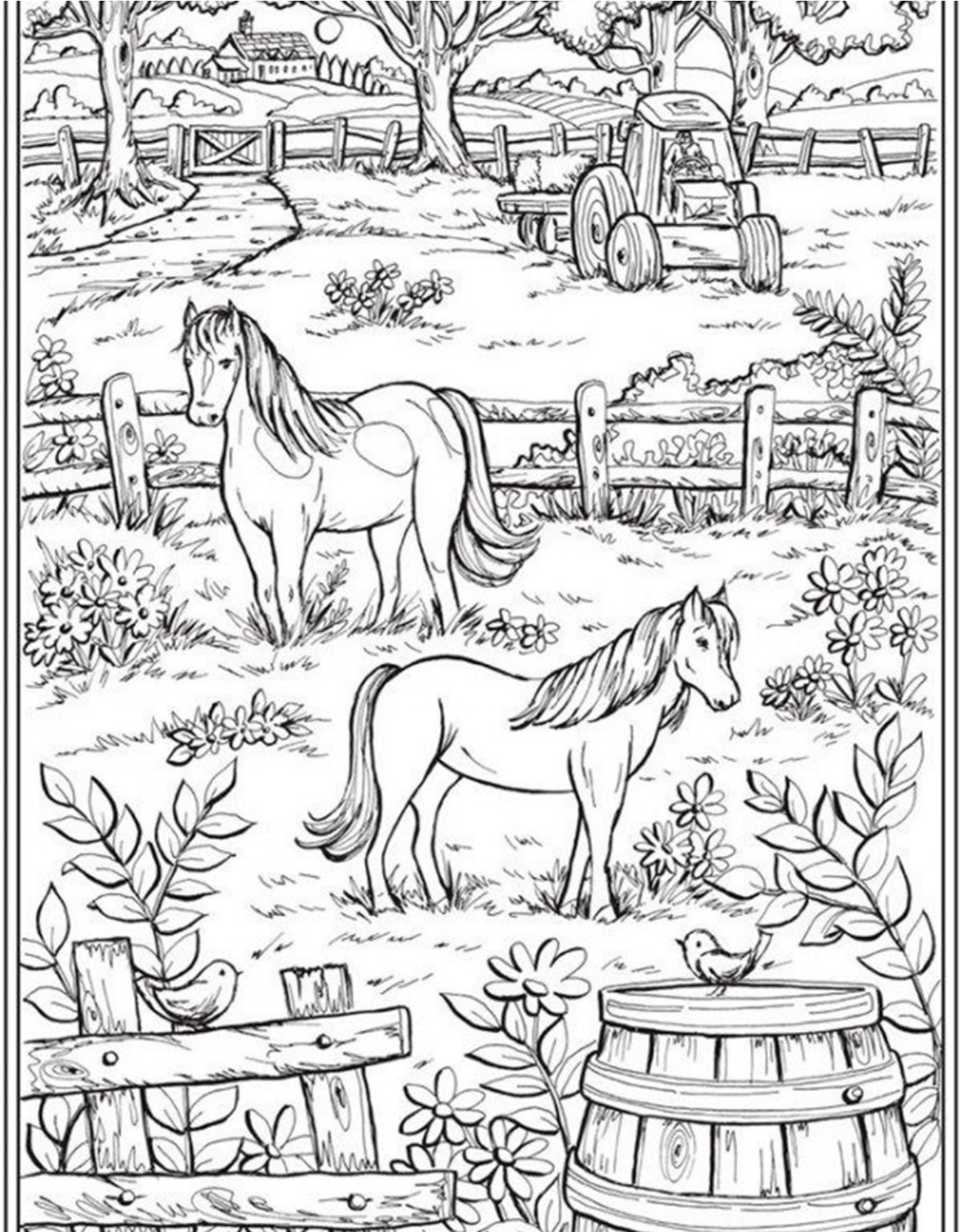
Access the Library Catalogue Here!

Some new fiction titles available once the library reopens to view on the LRF catalogue. Students can reserve any of the titles by using their usernames and password.



<https://oliver.stmonicas-epping.com/oliver/home/browse/list>

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