



JFK – JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY



Our major historical figure (third and final in the series) is a modern day man, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America from 1961 to 22 November 1963. President Kennedy is the youngest person ever elected President and the only Catholic. He represented the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives and the USA Senate before being elected into the White House. JFK was a unique and very special man, revered and acclaimed for many of the finest human qualities.

I recall my mother 'loving' JFK. She saw in him a young, handsome, powerful man, a Catholic who achieved enormous elevation in the world of American politics, and he was a family man with a young, beautiful wife, Jackie, and two young children, Caroline and John Junior. His reign as President, and in my mum's eyes, was like Camelot of the twentieth century.

Personally, I vividly remember being at home early on the Saturday morning (Australian time) when vision came on the black-and-white television of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, Texas on Friday, 22 November (American time). It was shattering to see a loved and brave man shot in the head and killed in such tragic circumstances.

What can Monicans learn from John Kennedy, the man and politician? Firstly, being Catholic ought never to hold us back from success and acclaim. Our faith will sustain and strengthen us, be our moral and civic guide, prayer will energise us and the sacraments will be our spiritual food.

Youthfulness should drive us forward, not draw us back because we might be considered too young, naïve, inexperienced or irresponsible. Jesus died in his early thirties, we know of many young Australians who are renowned in their individual field of endeavour (arts, sport, academic etc.), often when we are young are we the most enthusiastic

and idealistic. They are fine qualities.

JFK established the American Peace Corps (existing today) and thus many Americans volunteer in the world in education, health, farming and construction. He encouraged the exploration of space travel – Monicans, reach for the stars! He identified in his inaugural address the common enemies of tyranny, poverty, disease and war. Kennedy was astute and courageous as he confronted the military might of Russia and nuclear war threats; he sought to eradicate racial segregation in public schools; and JFK was always optimistic about the future.

His brutal death that day rocked and shocked the USA and the world. This man who promised so much and was only partially through his delivery of humane and diplomatic aims and accomplishments was dead. With him, so too died the chance for a better, kinder and more equitable world.

Monicans, heed the famous words of President John F. Kennedy during his swearing in as President on 20 January 1961, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Transfer that sentiment to this school called St Monica's College, Epping, and our future will be endlessly wonderful.

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can do for you — ask what
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RETURN OF SENIOR STUDENTS

How pleasing to see the return of our senior students on 26 May 2020. They have settled back to their environment in all ways and our support and care for them will continue.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 return on Tuesday, 9 June. Their return is eagerly anticipated.

BLESSING & OPENING OF LEARNING AND TEACHING BUILDING (DSC)

This event was postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis and restrictions. However, I have been uneasy not to have such an important venue that serves students and staff so well remaining not blest.

Therefore, it will be blest and opened by Father Luciano Toldo CS, PP, Chairman of Canonical Administrators, on Friday, 19 June 2020 in a closed and small ceremony attended by a limited number of guests. A full photographic record of the event will be shared with the College community.

OSTIA

Please note that our country property, Ostia at Strath Creek, is closed until further notice. It will reopen when Government regulations permit.

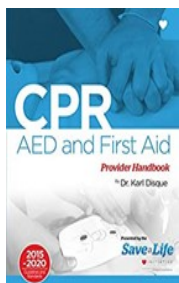
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The College will be closed on Monday 8 June for the Queen's Birthday holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 9 June.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that students are to wear the College winter uniform upon their return on Tuesday 9 June.

FREE CPR and First Aid Training



SaveALife.com is offering FREE First Aid and CPR training. This is a great initiative that can be done online at your own pace. This is an optional course for you. Please follow the following Link for details and choose CPR-AED and First Aid. The others are Advanced and for Health

Professionals. You only get ONE free course when signing up.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2020 \$225.00

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 **camp**s 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, Veteran's 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.

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 2020 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 2020.

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 1 (28 January, 2020) or Term 2 (14 April, 2020).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June, 2020 for eligibility. For more information regarding the CSEF, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries, please contact Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

ENROLMENTS



Enrol Now
For Year 7, 2022 And 2023
Limited Places Available For
Years 7 - 12 For 2021.

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Junior Campus Years 7 - 9
400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076
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CAREERS CORNER:

We welcome back Mrs Bianca Martin who has returned to the College after maternity leave. Bianca's contributions to the Careers Department are on display weekly as one of her roles is the production of the Careers Newsletter. If you have not accessed this excellent resource, click the newsletter banner below to access previous editions.



ANTICIPATED DATES FOR PRINCIPAL'S AWARD in 2020

Principal's Award for Public Speaking – 16 July
Principal's Art Prize – Week of 20 July
Principal's Ribbon for Cookery – Week of 17 August
Principal's Gift – 27 August
Principal's Cup for Song – 7 September
Principal's Shield for Chess – 10 September
Principal's Trophy for Technology – 17 November.



SERVICE and SUPPORT AT SMC
City of Whittlesea



A huge thank you to all the Junior Council students, Values Education students and Class Captains who participated in the City of Whittlesea initiative to help support the elderly community. These students took the time and effort to place their 'gifts on the table' by showcasing their creativity and compassion through writing letters to members in aged care facilities in strict isolation.

Well done to these students.

Student Formation and Leadership

- Encouragement of students to develop leadership abilities
- Fostering positive relationships between students and enhancement of teamwork
- Student voice in their College community
- Encouragement of students to work together with peers and staff to create safe and positive working environments
- Encouragement of senior students to act as mentors for junior students.

Homeroom Teachers

- Monitoring of student wellbeing and behaviour and advising the relevant Year Level Leader of any concerns
- Development of an overall knowledge and interest in the students' academic and social development through consultation with teachers and parents
- Communication, where appropriate, about a student's progress to parents
- Alerting Year Level Leaders to relevant personal matters concerning individual students, e.g. repeated absences, punctuality, home difficulties, uniform infringements
- Communication, where appropriate, about a student's personal problems affecting his/her performance to subject teachers and co-operative work with Counselling and other Wellbeing staff
- Enhancement of home rooms and maintenance of a pleasant working environment in them
- Delivering pastoral curriculum and programs. First line of contact for parents/students.

Principal and Campus Directors

- Promotion of the wellbeing of students through availability to both students and parents
- Provision of pastoral care to students and staff
- Confidential work with staff, students and families.

Student Wellbeing Faculty

- Oversight by the Senior Teacher (Wellbeing) and oversight of the delivery of student wellbeing curriculum, programs and initiatives within the College, Implementation of the National Safe Schools Framework, Health Promoting Schools framework and Restorative Justice framework Initiation, recommendations and reviews of policies, procedures and protocols.



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FUTSAL AND ATHLETICS TEAMS OF THE CENTURY



ATHLETICS TEAM OF 21st CENTURY

MEN'S FIELD		WOMEN'S FIELD	
Frank BRISEVAC (Class of 2012)	LONG JUMP	Aris PATSOURAS (Class of 2019)	
Frank BRISEVAC (Class of 2012)	TRIPLE JUMP	Bianca LICOVSKI (Class of 2012)	
Daniel HAMOUDA (Class of 2016)	HIGH JUMP	Mariah LUPPINO (Class of 2012)	
Mark JANSZ (Class of 2000)	DISCUS	Melissa FIORIO (Class of 2013)	
Kurt D'LASALLE (Class of 2004)	SHOT PUT	Melissa FIORIO (Class of 2013)	
EMERGENCIES			
Gerard SUTTON (Class of 2013)		Stephanie ZILIC (Class of 2013)	
Chase PAGE (Class of 2021)		Cheyenne SCHROETER (Class of 2022)	
Matthew BRUNO (Class of 2011)		Athanasia THEOCHARI (Class of 2020)	
COACH		Mr. Paul WHITE	

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MEN'S TRACK	WOMEN'S TRACK
Ethan LAMB (Class of 2020) 100m	(C) Aris PATSOURAS (Class of 2019)
Lachlan LAMB (Class of 2017) (VC) 200m	Rachel WALKER (Class of 2012)
Darcy SUTTON (Class of 2009) 400m	(VC) Bianca LICOVSKI (Class of 2012)
Dom SUTTON (Class of 2008) (C) 800m	Gemma BENINCA (Class of 2019)
Dom SUTTON (Class of 2008) 1500m	Natalie GRIMA (Class of 2020)
Andrew SCOTT (Class of 2004) 4x100m	Christina PUCCIO (Class of 2000)
Jacob GALATI (Class of 2010)	Michelle ZILIC (Class of 2010)
Lachlan LAMB (Class of 2017)	Rachel WALKER (Class of 2012)
Ethan LAMB (Class of 2020)	Aris PATSOURAS (Class of 2019)

The new Executive Director of Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM)



The Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Rev Peter Comensoli is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Jim Miles as the new Executive Director of Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM).

“The Executive Director of Catholic Education Melbourne leads a school system larger than some public school systems in Australia, and one of the largest globally,” Archbishop Comensoli said.

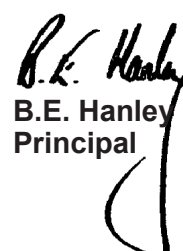
“We cast the net widely and received first class applications from Australia and overseas. Jim has stood out as the leader for us into the future.”

“At heart he is a man of faith, and I am looking forward to working closely with Jim as we make our schools centres of excellence in the Gospel and in education.

“The new Executive Director for Catholic Education Melbourne comes in at a time of great change,” Archbishop Comensoli said.

“This appointment will be a great blessing in Melbourne and Victoria”.

Jim Miles commenced on 18 May 2020.


B.E. Hanley
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