



ALWAYS NEW LIFE AT SMC

In this third and final article in the 'New Life' series of the Principal's Bulletin, emphasis is placed upon the new life that permeates our College on a constant basis. Of course, each year there is new life as Year 7 students begin their Monican journey, older students transfer from other Colleges, new staff are employed, and new families are placed on the family roll.

New life blossoms as Monicans form new relationships with fellow students and their teachers. There is always a new person to meet, a new staff member with whom to grow accustomed, newness during the course of very school year as Monicans are introduced to visitors and alumni and other special guests whom they have not met previously. This brings new experiences, new insights and new understandings to our community.

Our School of Educational Enterprise sees consistent growth and development as facilities are constructed, enhanced, refurbished and made modern. At this time in 2021 we see the construction of the Coinda Building on Dalton Road Campus along with the building of that campus's Science/STEM Centre. What new life these structures will bring to our curriculum and students' experiences. Already, the recently constructed Building of the Sacred Heart has brought new life to the Davisson Street Campus and the results are fantastic.



always to maintain and enhance our art collection through wise procurements. *Angelic Hearts* (as pictured) has recently been acquired for the Mary Duffy sgs Esplanade.

On 2 June we shall pay tribute to the College's second Principal, Sister Mary Duffy sgs when the new Esplanade on the Coulstock Street side of DSC is blest and opened. Always, we are endeavouring to introduce better facilities, better levels of comfort, and we seek



New life is derived from a contemporary curriculum and new offerings of subjects. In planning for 2022, the Senior Leadership Group now is considering new courses proposed by Faculty Leaders and others. Each year, Monicans learn new things and deepen their understandings, yet there also needs to be consistent evaluation of

courses, changes made where desirable, and new concepts and skills introduced.

As a Catholic College, new life is a central tenet of our spiritual make-up. Jesus Christ is at the core of our mission and He inspires us to live out ministries that reflect the Gospels. 'I came that you may have life and have it abundantly' Jesus is quoted as saying in the Gospel of St John (10:10). It is that strong belief and assurance that drives our work as a great school, and spiritually and personally forms Monicans.

Shalom – Anywhere You Go. May peacefulness towards each other, the spreading of peace by all of us, and the reception of peace by all Monicans, make our life new at all times, in all circumstances.

Brian Hanley
Principal



YEAR 7, 2023 APPLICATIONS



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Senior Campus Year 10 - 12

16 Davisson Street, Epping VIC 3076

Morning Tea With The Principal

Tours of the junior campus are held regularly throughout the year during school time. This is an excellent opportunity to see our College at work. Bookings are essential.

For tour dates, bookings and further information about enrolment, please contact the College Registrar on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



APPLY NOW: www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply

YEAR 7, 2023 – INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Primary Schools Information Night will be held on the Dalton Road Campus with tours starting at 5.45 pm on Tuesday, 18 May. Come along and receive information about:

- How and when to Enrol
- Our vast curriculum and co-curricular programmes
- Wellbeing
- Educational Support
- Transition into Year 7 and more.

Bookings essential. www.stmonicas-epping.com/2023



YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, 18 MAY

BOOK NOW ONLINE

www.stmonicas-epping.com/2023

Tours Commencing 5:45pm
Information Session 6:15pm



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2021 \$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 2021 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2021 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2020
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

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 (**27 January 2021**) or term two (**19 April 2021**).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **25 June 2021** for eligibility. For more information regarding the CSEF, visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries, please contact the Finance Office on 9409 8800.

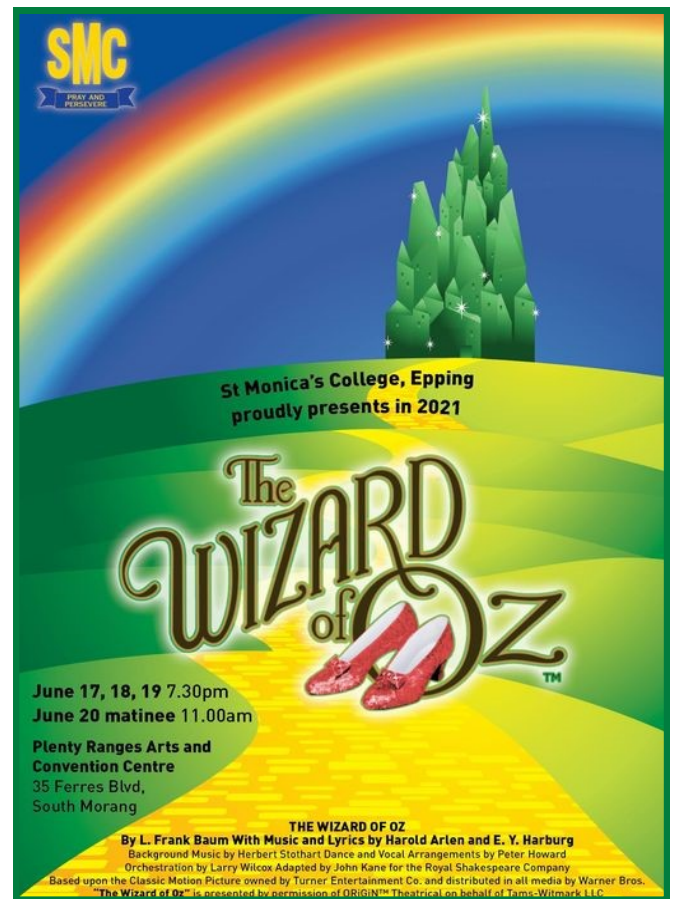
TERM 2 DATES

May

11 – 21	NAPLAN Testing
14	Semester 1 Dance Showcase
20	Principal's Ribbon for Cookery
28	Year 11 and 12 Theatre Production Evening

June

1 – 10	Year 10-11 Examinations
7	Year 12 Studio Arts Exhibition
8 – 10	Years 8 - 9 Examinations
9	GAT
11	Report Writing Day (Student Free)
14	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
15	Changeover Electives 7-10 – Start of Units 2 and 4
16 – 20	College Production
23	Principal's Art Prize
25	End of Term 2



The 2021 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery will be held on Thursday, 20 May 2021 in The Gateway Room on Dalton Road Campus. Competitors from Years 9 to 12 will demonstrate their culinary skills to the distinguished adjudicators. Students have chosen many themes in creating their dish, including nostalgia, culture and sustainability. Family members of the competitors will have received their invitation via email and are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible. Due to COVID-safety, attendance at the event, will be via invitation only. Please wish the following students all the best in their upcoming competition:

Bianca Scuteri Year 9 Brown
Mia Traficante Year 9 Blue
Shannelle Burlat Year 9 Emerald
Vy Dao Year 9 Emerald
Chelsea Fernando Year 10 Blue
Claire Xuereb Year 10 Blue
Helena Popovski Year 11 White
Isaac Montagnese Year 11 Red
Daniel Manglaviti Year 12 Jade

CAREERS CORNER

We are moving into the time of year when decisions are being made about what subjects to study in the next year of school or at University or TAFE. Gathering as much information as possible about study and career options helps make well informed decisions. There are many opportunities being provided at St Monica's to assist in gathering as much information as possible. There are also opportunities to find that information out of school. One such opportunity is the following:

Whittlesea Careers Expo

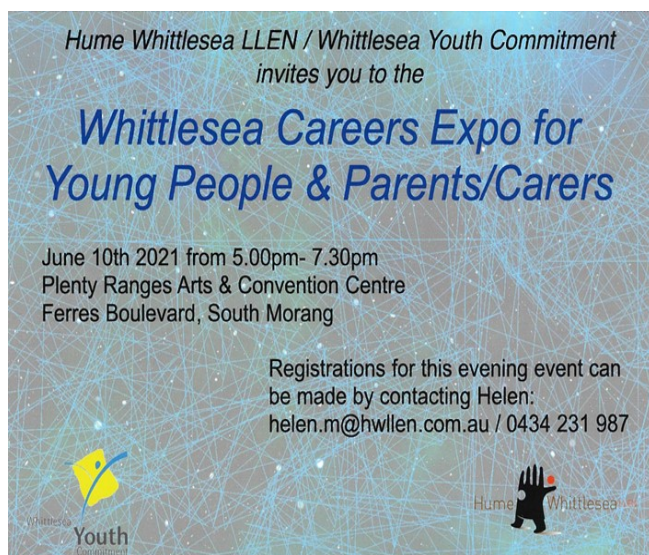
On 10 June, the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN) will be conducting the Whittlesea Careers Expo at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

Interactive stalls will be hosted by representatives from Universities, TAFEs, RTOs, apprenticeship and Traineeship groups, Australian Defence Force, local government, etc., with opportunities for practical engagement in a range of vocational areas.

During the day, students from schools in the area are invited to attend. The Careers Department at St Monica's will be inviting DSC students to attend this event. As it is the last day of our mid-year exams for Years 10 and 11, the opportunity to attend may not be available to some students.

Students in Years 10 -12 will shortly receive an email with details and registration instructions.

Another option for those who cannot attend during the day is to attend in the evening with parents. Details for the evening session:



Hume Whittlesea LLEN / Whittlesea Youth Commitment
invites you to the

**Whittlesea Careers Expo for
Young People & Parents/Carers**

June 10th 2021 from 5.00pm- 7.30pm
Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre
Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Registrations for this evening event can
be made by contacting Helen:
helen.m@hwllen.com.au / 0434 231 987

Logos for Hume Whittlesea Youth and Hume Whittlesea are at the bottom.

OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

The [LRF \(Library Resources Faculty\)](#) has many online subscriptions that can be accessed via the student portal. The portal is worth exploring to see what is available to support learning, while at the College and remotely. The [What's in the news](#) provides, in one section, our national international daily news, current issues and opinions to support and awareness of societal happenings, these include the following : ABC News, The Guardian, The Conversation, 'The Age', Fact Checker for verifying content and an array of overseas news agencies such as PBS, BBC and India Today.

Another significant section of the portal for students and particularly those in VCE is access to the [State Library of Victoria \(SLV\)](#) the oldest public library in Australia that has a vast array of databases appropriate for students and teachers as well as senior secondary student tutorials. These videos provide useful study tips for VCE students and include how to research academic databases and how to make the most of the State Library study guides. Membership to the SLV is free and easy to join online, information on membership is on their front page and easy to follow.



DSC beyond the Book

DSC Beyond the Book meets at lunchtime in the SJQ Library. It is a group for students who love reading, talking about books, or anything book related. Last week we talked about the short stories we read over the break. If you are new to the group or did not get around to your holiday reading please come along anyway and bring your lunch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Condolences are extended to Mr Chau Phan on the recent death of his father and also to Mr Kane Moroney on his father's death.
- Congratulations to Ms Stacey Schepis and family on the birth of Sienna Grace on 25 April.

(Please note that if a family would like to place a personal announcement of a bereavement in this publication, contact the editor, Ms Pamela Griffin.)

MUSIC NOTES

Senior Vocal Ensemble – Victorian All-State Jazz Championships



Congratulations to the Senior Vocal Ensemble who were awarded with 1st place for their performance at the Victorian All-State Jazz Championships at St Leonard's College on Saturday 1 May.

The students performed two songs; "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Feeling Good", and the adjudicators were very impressed with their overall performance standard.

Rhea John was also recognised for her outstanding solo performance and received the Most Outstanding Soloist award for the division.

As a winning ensemble, the Senior Vocal Ensemble was invited to perform at the "All-State Gala Invitational Concert" on Saturday 8 May.

Many thanks and congratulations to the Ensemble Director, Mrs Gabrielle Crowley and Piano Accompanist, Mr James Ball.

Congratulations to the following students: Luzella Costa Villegas, Ava Villella, Victoria Scali, Rhea John, Leanne Sebastian, Aliya Awad, Angelica Santos, Rosemary Lombardo, Chanel Fiteni and Anoushka Pillay.

STEM for GIRLS



Please speak to Mrs Ilsley in the STEM Hub (J Building) for an introduction to the annual STEM MAD Showcase. The showcase will be explained as well as how to enter. You can come by yourself or as a group (no more than five students per group). We will also discuss how you can develop a winning project to enter into the showcase. This is a great opportunity for girls to get involved in STEM subjects in a creative and fun way. This is a GIRL ONLY co-curricular. Feel free to bring your lunch.

2021 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY



INTRODUCTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The invitation to "come and see", which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history (cf.

Message for the 54th World Communications Day, 24 January 2020), it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we "already know" certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. "Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life". This was the advice that Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido[1] offered to his fellow journalists.

This year, then, I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to "come and see", which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication. "Come and see!" This has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated, from the time of those first encounters on the banks of the River Jordan and on the Sea of Galilee.

2021 PRESENTATION SISTERS OF PAKISTAN KHIPRO TEACHER SUPPORT CAMPAIGN.

Many of you amongst our College community will be aware of the deep and sincere friendship SMC has with the Presentation Sisters of Pakistan.

Our friends in Pakistan run many schools in the southern Sindh region that educate the poorest and most marginalised. These schools are run by dedicated teachers who are paid approximately \$1100 per annum. As a result of the COVID pandemic the Presentation Sisters will be unable to meet the wages bill of these teachers in 2021. Our friends have asked the SMC community for help. To do this you can donate to this go fund me campaign by going to <https://gofund.me/41a96e97>. Every dollar counts! We aim to raise \$13,000 so please consider donating whatever you can. Individually we need only contribute a little which collectively will amount to a considerable contribution that will enable these schools most valuable resource, their teachers, to continue the fine work they do.



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SPORT

Last week was a busy week in sport with the Senior Boys AFL team looking to bounce back with a win, the annual SACCSS Cross Country took place on Tuesday and the SACCSS Intermediate Girls AFL Gala Day took place on the following day.

The Senior Boys AFL team headed out to Latrobe to take on Caroline Chisolm. The boys started well and never looked back, running away 129 point winners 24.10.154 – 3.7.25. Alek and Sebastijan D'Arro were the standouts in midfield while Khaled El-Leissy and the rest of the forwards had an enjoyable day.

SACCSS Cross Country on Tuesday saw some solid results from SMC. Ashton Conkling and Lindon Kamber were the two standouts of the day, running second with impressive times in their respective races. The Year 8 girls were the best group on the day, followed by the Year 7 boys. SMC finished 3rd overall on the day behind MacKillop College and Salesian College, with a giant number of high calibre athletes missing through injury or other reason.

The SACCSS Intermediate Girls Gala Day was held at Royal Park on Thursday 6 May. The girls defeated CRC Melton in the first game, followed by a loss on the siren to CRC Caroline Springs. A victory against Emmanuel College came after that, before running into a strong Salesian College side who defeated our girls in a good battle. The last game of the day was against MacKillop, who unfortunately ran over the top of our girls. Year 10 Hailey Cordova was the star on the day polling votes from the umpires in every game to be declared the Player of the Series for Division 1, a repeat of her efforts in 2019.



AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROGRAM



The After School Homework Program (ASH) at St Monica's College, Epping was established in 2003. ASH aims to provide a safe and quiet work place for students to complete homework, either independently or collaboratively. Many students take advantage of this opportunity to work after school in a friendly environment. Some students find they work better in this situation which encourages study. The ability to have the extra support of teachers can often assist students who may want that extra support.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Khushi Saini role models to others the importance of having a balance in life. Whilst Khushi is a student in the HORIZONS programme, she ensures she complements the academic aspects of studies with other facets of school life. Khushi is part of many clubs and co-curricular programmes at the College. Such as; being the Junior Music Captain, a member of the College choir and Junior String Ensemble. In addition to her musical talents, Khushi is in Debating Club, Be More and most recently Chess Club. Khushi is a keen soccer player and plays as defence or midfield for Mill Park Soccer Club and the girls SMC soccer team. Khushi embraces vast aspects of College co-curricular opportunities and is a strong advocate for them, she sees it as an "opportunity to not get lost in work". Well done Khushi on being a Marvellous Monican.

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