

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

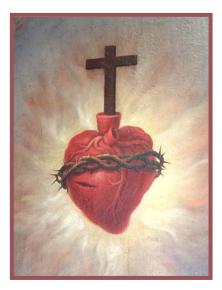


ST MONICA'S COLLEGE – A SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE SERVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY AND TOMORROW

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SACRED HEART AFLAME WITH LOVE

June is the month of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. On 19 June 2020, this feast will be celebrated throughout the world. It will be very special for Monicans this year as on 19 June the Davisson Street Campus Learning and Teaching Building will be blest and opened by Father Luciano Toldo CS.



The Sacred Heart is depicted (see image) bound by a circle of thorns that represents the crown of thorns that was placed on Jesus's head. Sometimes, the image of the heart has a cross to commemorate the Crucifixion. A flame, or sometimes a light, surrounds the heart to signify God's loving heart.

In 1899 Pope Leo X11 dedicated the whole world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was first initiated as a feast in 1865. Today, the Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us with passion and assurance of the love God holds for each person, his call to

conversion and reconciliation to us, and this feast has traditionally been associated with social justice action in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

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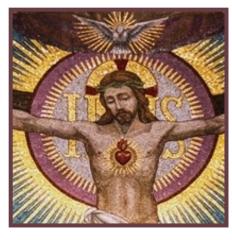
Let us pray that our new building on the senior campus will provide experiences and opportunities for Monicans to show their passion for goodness and the healthy wellbeing of fellow Monicans. May the Harmony Bridge as we stroll across it, be true to the inscription that appears under the graphic 'Peace through Unity'.



The message of peace and love that radiates from the Sacred Heart is the chief reason why so many organisations and establishments have been named in honour of it. These include countless schools, many hospitals throughout the world, religious congregations for men and women, and so many parishes and Churches bear the name' Sacred Heart'.

As Monican students and staff settle back into routine and a peaceful rhythm after the period of remote learning, it is important that we persevere to ensure that our school experience is a positive and happy one for all members of our community. This will call us to be tolerant, compassionate, joyful, hopefilled and faithful to the culture of St Monica's College, Epping.

In this next fortnight I urge all Monicans to work hard and reestablish effective study and work habits, to concentrate and cooperate in face-to-face lessons, to observe Coronavirus restrictions as directed, and pray that this pandemic will be eliminated, or at least controlled, in every corner of the world.



PUPIL-FREE DAY

Please note that Friday, 19 June is a pupil-free day to allow for the writing of reports home to parents.

CAREERS CORNER



We are now back on site and the Careers Centre is certainly becoming very busy. Many Year 11 students are dropping in to discuss their subject selections and making subject changes for second semester. Great to see a lot of students are now using the Careers website to make appointments to discuss things such as work experience, structured workplace learning, school based apprenticeships or traineeships. We are now also receiving appointments to discuss pathways to desired courses, university and TAFE options and queries regarding ATARS.

We have also begun weekly, Wednesday afternoon workshops for Year 12 students held in the Careers Centre. Workshop 1 was titled "Uncertain about your career path?". Workshop 2 was titled "What if I don't get the ATAR I need?". Upcoming workshops: "Traineeships", "I'm not sure how to become a", "how pathways work". An invitation to the workshop is sent out to all Year 12 students at the beginning of each week. We look forward to seeing many more Year 12 students attending and gathering the information they need to make well informed decisions about their career.

PAPERLESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED



Throughout the month of May, the Senior Leadership Group endeavored to work in a paperless manner. I am proud to inform staff that the Senior Leadership Group members did very

well and this attempt by the Senior Leadership Group will be extended until end of term.

However, it will also be expanded, and I have called on Year Level Leaders and Assistants, Curriculum Coordinating Chairpersons, and Faculty Leaders, in association with their Administrative Assistants, to work in a paperless manner from 3 - 26 June.

MUSIC NOTES



Music Ensemble Rehearsals

A reminder to all Music students that all Music Ensemble rehearsals have started again. Please contact your Ensemble Director if you have any questions regarding rehearsals.

Anyone wishing to join a College Ensemble please contact Mr Hatherell for details.

Music Lessons

All Music lessons recommenced again this week. Instrumental Music timetables for the remaining three weeks of term have been sent via email. Please contact Ms Malorni if you have any questions about your lesson time.

2020 PRINCIPAL'S RIBBON FOR COOKERY



The 2020 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery is back. Due to the restrictions of COVID-19 there have been significant changes to the event for 2020. The theme of the event has changed and is now "My Favourite Foods". Successful applicants will be required to produce a short video of themselves preparing their chosen dish and a short speech on how their dish meets the theme. We encourage all students from Years 9 - 12 to access more information and enter via the banner on the student portal. Be quick as the registrations must close on 18 June.

Successful applicants will be notified via email on 19 June. Good luck.

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

The Staff Member for the Month for May is Mrs Mandy Thomson for her outstanding care and supervision of students in attendance at school during the remote learning period. She is commended for the positive relationships she has established and her organisation of recreational activities.



2020 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES



St Monica's College
"Music Support Group"
are once again this year
selling Entertainment
Books and can now be
ordered via the new
2020 Entertainment
Digital Membership (see

link below). You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and at the same time helping our fundraising. Visit the link below for further information regarding how to purchase the Entertainment Book.

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/182985q

.....FROM THE ARCHIVES

Each year on 8 – 14 June we celebrate the International Archives Week. In 2020 the focus is on Empowering Knowledge Communities. Archives Week is a good opportunity to promote records we keep in the College Archives (Helen Lombard Room T45 on Davisson Street Campus).

In our collection we keep and preserve documents, photographs, videos, audio recordings, school publications, uniform, trophies and other memorabilia, anything that contributes to the story of St Monica's College, Epping as a whole.

If you are interested in the school's history, please visit the College Archives.

Access to the Helen Lombard Room can be made by appointment with the College Archivist, Mrs Jolanta Kozlowski: J.Kozlowski@stmonicasepping.com

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 **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, 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.educationvic.gov.au/csef

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

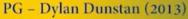
SPORT

To mark the return of all students next week a new Sport page has been launched on the College Portal. It contains news articles, training updates, a new Podcast with Mr Hocking and Mr Capeci, sport photos, strength training videos, information on our High-Performance programs (such as the Talent ID and ADP) and other information on the Sport program.

You can find the new page in the menu bar at the top of the Portal page or try the following link. https://smcepping.sharepoint.com/sites/SMCSport

You can bookmark this page as all information will be posted here in the future. A big thanks to the Matthew Byrne and Tung Tran for their work on this

BOYS



SG - Matt Bruno (2011) (C)

SF - Chase Page (2021)

PF – Jacob Bitzilis (2009)

C - Hayden Annett (2008)

S - Joe Cooper (2012)

S – Sal Mamone (2009)

S - Dom Bruno (2012)

S - Max Tatter (2021)

S – Anthony Mariani (2019)

S - Christian Muzzi (2009)

S – Elie Sfeir (2010)

Coach - Mr John Dorge



GIRLS

PG - Kristina Sa'aga (2019)

SG - Sugar Garcia (2001)

SF - Natalie Davies (2017)

(C) PF - May Sa'aga (2017)

C - Lauren Hay (2007)

S – Ashlee Toll (2019)

S – Athanasia Theochari (2020)

S - Jessica Hay (2011)

S – Lauren Newman (2008)

S – Ayten Ahmet (2007)

S - Lynda Katis (2001)

S - Courtney Newman (2011)

Coach - Miss Elyse Penaluna



MARVELLOUS MONICANS



Congratulations and well done to all our students who have returned to school happy, positive and in some instances quite relieved to be back at SMC. Students have had different experiences during remote learning and in their own words, have learned a lot about how they learn. They have settled back into their classrooms, their attendance is wonderful and their attitude fabulous.



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