



## TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS



*St Augustine and his mother, St Monica, are depicted in a stained-glass window at St Augustine Church in Washington.*

We pay tribute to all mothers in the month of May. Mothers brought us into the world, cared and nurtured us in our first years, and journeyed with us through early childhood until whatever age we are today. Mothers deserve our greatest and most grateful and loving thanks. God bless them all. We pray for mothers who are deceased and those who are separated from us for whatever reason.

Jesus knew His mother loved Him deeply. It was Mary who knelt at the foot of the cross, her son crucified for our salvation. Mary is a most significant person in the Bible from the Annunciation when she was asked to be the mother of the Saviour right through to the death of Jesus on that cross. The Church teaches infallibly that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven after the resurrection of her son.

Augustine knew that his mother loved him. It was Monica who left her country, family and lifestyle to literally pursue Augustine through Europe until finally she joined him in Milan and her prayers converted Augustine to the faith in Jesus Christ. Through these dark and long days, in association with Bishop

Ambrose, and with enormous perseverance, Monica was the perfect and devoted mother. How wonderful for this saintly woman that Augustine travelled physically and spiritually with her until the time she entered eternal life at Ostia.



Mothers come in all forms and Mums change through the decades, as they grow older. The young and vibrant Mum becomes the sometimes anxious mother of the teenager, the proud mother of the bride or groom, loving grandma, and mothers grow old in

different circumstances.

Mothers can be the sole parent for a variety of reasons – all personal. We often read about the single mum caring for her children, the abandoned mum left with the responsibility to raise her family singlehandedly, mums who are ill, mothers who find the emotional challenges of life sometimes very difficult to bear. We love them all.

Mothers are wives, child bearers and carers, grandmothers; some are stepmothers whilst others are aunts who love their family members as if each child was her own. Let us hope that Monicans never take their mother for granted and expect from them that which mothers ought not to be asked to give. Be kind and loving to your mothers, Monicans.

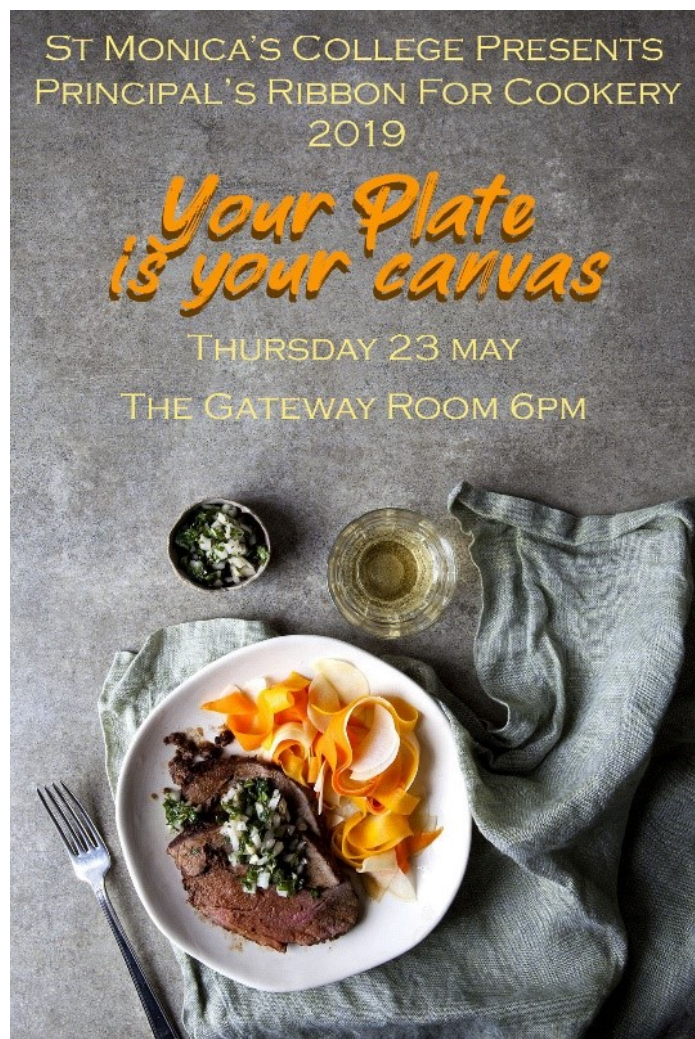


## INDIGENOUS AWARENESS WEEK



Between 20 and 24 May, St Monica's College celebrates Indigenous Awareness Week. Students and staff will be involved in various activities as we align with our Indigenous brethren in word and action.

## PRINCIPAL'S RIBBON for COOKERY



## FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Our condolences are extended to Mr John Bau and family on the death of Mr Bau's wife, Judith on 9 May. R.I.P.
2. On Monday 20 May, we welcomed Mr Robert Prendergast back to SMC after a long bout of recuperation due to an accident.
3. Congratulations to Ms Maryanne Theodosios on her marriage to Sasho on 11 May.
4. Mrs Coralea Simpson has returned to the Finance Office after her family leave.
5. Mr Daniel Pattison has commenced an apprenticeship at SMC in joinery. Daniel, an Old Collegian, is the first person to be offered an apprenticeship by the College.
6. I am pleased to welcome two new staff members in the Education Support Faculty: Miss Sofie Butler and Mr Steve Krstevski.

## SINCE THE LAST EDITION.....

A busy and active time: NAPLAN Testing; Term 2 Assembly; Year 11 Breakfasts; Generations in Jazz Festival; Monicans in May Concert; Dance Showcase; Mother's Day Afternoon Tea; College Board meeting; Board Executive and Committees meetings; Captains and Vice Captains Workshop; Senior AFL; Visits to primary Schools; Chess Tournament; DSC Be More; Stepping Stones for 8 White; On the Edge for 10 Blue, Red and Emerald; Uniquely Year 9 for 9 Mauve; SACCSS Cross Country Carnival; Morning Tea with the Principal (x2); Year 7 Premier League; Junior DAV Competition; Years 7 – 9 Theatre Evening; Year 10 Immunizations; HORIZONS Afternoon Tea.....

## ONLINE FEES PAYMENT ON COMMUNITY PORTAL – **BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!**

The College is pleased to advise that online fees payment is now available on the St Monica's College Synergetic Community Portal. Just log in and click on the 'Finance' tab. As well as seeing your invoices, there is now the option to make payments. The default payment shows your total current balance; however, you can overwrite this amount and choose the amount you wish to pay. Once payment is made you will receive a receipt by email. As well, you will also be able to view all receipts of payments made in the past. While you are there, why not check out the 'My Details' tab and see if you need to update any element like change of email address or mobile number and the like? Any queries relating to the Synergetic Community Portal please do not hesitate to email us on [communityportal@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:communityportal@stmonicas-epping.com)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND 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 **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, 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.

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](http://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.educationvic.gov.au/csef](http://www.educationvic.gov.au/csef)

#### CAREERS CORNER

##### St Monica's College Course and Careers Expo



##### Year 7 – 9 Parent Evening ‘Careers of the Future’

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting your child and their career pathway we would like to invite interested parents from Years 7 – 9 to an information evening on ‘Careers of the Future’.

The evening will be held on Wednesday, 5 June 2019 from 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. in the Theatre of All Nations on Dalton Road Campus.

The aim of the evening is to provide you with information about the changing nature of the Australian workforce and the skills necessary to successfully navigate a future career.

By the end of the evening, we hope you will:

- Understand the post secondary school education pathway
- Have an understanding of the workforce in 2025 and beyond
- Know where to find useful resources to help support your child in their career journey
- Understand the important role you play in their decision making
- Be able to identify the future workforce skills they are already developing.

The evening is targeted towards developing parental understanding of the future workforce but students are welcome to attend.

#### BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

##### Kilmore Junior Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Kilmore Junior Public Speaking competition!

Students progressing to the semi-final and their average scores are listed below. Full details and a list of wildcard entrants will be sent at the beginning of Term 3.

Manju Vettrivel Malathi	SMC	75.67
Anika Nicholapillai	SMC	75.33

The scoring range for the competition was 50 - 90, with an average score of 70.

Manju Vettrivel Malathi	SMC	76	76	75	75.67
Anika Nicholapillai	SMC	78	73	75	75.33
Bianca Ssebuufu	SMC	76	75	70	73.67
Summer Keovong	SMC	75	76	69	73.33
Julia El Halabi	SMC	74	72	72	72.67
Tricia Rodrigues	SMC	72	69	68	69.67

##### Year 9 Interclass Debating

Round 2 of the Year 9 Interclass Debating competition concluded on Monday 13 May. Results were:

Year 9 Brown defeated Year 9 Mauve  
 Year 9 Blue defeated Year 9 Red  
 Year 9 Purple defeated Year 9 Green

Well done to all teams on the quality of debating across this round. The competition now enters the semi-final stages.

##### Rostrum Voice of Youth



Grace McFarlane

Nicholas Grammenos

Leanne Sebastian,

Theodora Mandaza

Mila Spirovski

On Sunday 19 May, five St Monica's College students competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Senior Public Speaking Competition held at St Monica's College. Grace McFarlane and Nicholas Grammenos (Year 11), Leanne Sebastian, Theodora Mandaza and Mila Spirovski (Year 10). All these students qualified for the semi-final and St Monica's College speakers were awarded the top two places. Grace McFarlane was awarded second place and Leanne Sebastian was awarded first place. Leanne will compete in the state final to be held at St Kevin's College, Toorak on Sunday 23 June. Well done to all these students on the exceptional quality of their respective performances.

##### Rostrum Voice of Youth Junior Public Speaking



Year 9 student Sienna Bartolomeo competed in the regional final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Junior Public Speaking Competition on Sunday 19 May at St Monica's College. Sienna competed against five other secondary students and came first in her heat to qualify for the semi-finals. In both sections Sienna presented her 6 minute prepared speech to the topic 'A genuine treasure' and in the semi-final Sienna presented an impromptu speech of 3 minutes' duration to the topic 'Keep smiling'. Well done Sienna on a wonderful performance.

## AGENDA of DSC BE MORE MEETING (17 May)

1. Fundraiser for Children First Foundation
2. Supporting Indigenous Awareness Week
3. Raising awareness during Refugee Week
4. Exodus Community excursion
5. Soup Van excursion

## OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

### Binding in Library

Mid-year exams are not far off and many students will be planning on binding their notes. We suggest you start doing that now, to give yourself plenty of time, and to avoid having to wait in a queue. Binding can be a slow process and you will feel more prepared and less concerned if you beat the crowds. Buy your comb and covers from the Library staff for \$1.50.

### PCL Star Wars Competition Winners



Congratulations to the many students who participated in our two Star Wars competitions held in the PCL. Winner of the word search competition was Christian Khosho (Year 7 Brown).



Winners of the Star Wars Trivia Competition were Cyrus Tulio and Gemma Apps (Year 7 Green). Thomas Gladman (Year 7 Orange) is to receive a prize for his wonderful entries in both competitions.



Bookmarks and stickers are still available for participants and interested students. Congratulations again to all participants and remember to join in with future PCL competitions.

### New Books

Here is a selection of newly received books that you can borrow from our Library:

- “The Year of the Farmer” by Rosalie Ham who wrote “The Dressmaker”
- “No Friend But the Mountains” by Behrouz Boochani, winner of the Victorian Premier’s Literary Award
- “I Love Poetry” by Michael Farrell (yes, new poetry)
- “The Rosie Result” by Graeme Simsion (last book in the Trilogy)
- “Windhaven” by George R R Martin (a graphic novel).



### NAIDOC WEEK 2019 ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Students are invited to enter the following competitions for NAIDOC Week:

Years 7 – 12: Essay Writing Competition: “Explain the importance of reconciliation and detail the progress that has been made, and how best to achieve these results.”

Years 7 – 9: Write an Editorial for a Newspaper: “How has Australia progressed through the reconciliation process between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous.”

Entries close Tuesday, 25 June 2019. There are great prizes on offer.

For more information, please see the values Portal or contact Mrs Turner.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Monicans will be visiting Perth from 7 – 12 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Years 9 – 12 students interested in participating are invited to submit an application to campus reception by Friday 24 May. In 200 words or less, tell us, “Why do you want to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival?” Contact Mrs McLaurin for more information and visit: <http://www.cam.org.au/acyf19>

## MONICAN ACTIVITIES – BECOME INVOLVED

### Anime Club

The Anime Club is held in Room E08 (Visual and Performing Arts Building, Ground Floor). All are welcome. Contact Mr Topolcsanyi.

### DSC Self Defence

Students interested in joining the St Monica's College Fitness and Self Defence classes are welcome. For more information, please contact Mr Issa.

### EnviroFriends Veggie Garden



It is time to plant new autumn and winter veggies! Come along to EnviroFriends to help us plant some cauliflower, broccoli and silver beet. We will be meeting at the veggie patches outside J Building. See you there!

**Year 10 at Vinnies:** Shivon Sarathy; Julia Huynh; Chloe Palantzis; Teresa Ho.

### Girls Dig Tech

This is an invitation to any girls in Years 7 – 9 and female teachers who would like to attend the STEAM Hub each Thursday at lunchtime. This will be a female only event and each Thursday we will have sole access to the STEAM Hub and its resources. Teams will also be created for the following STEAM initiatives/projects:

- Arrunga App Development Team
- Northern Hospital Visual Art Collaboration
- Tournament of Minds Team
- STEM M.A.D. Showcase Team 2019

So, if any of these projects interest you and/or you would like to come and check out the STEAM Hub in general, please feel free to pop in and see what STEAM@SMC is all about.



## 'SMC is ICT'

### Windows 10 1809

Students with ACER laptops who wish to upgrade to the latest version of Windows 10 can initiate an update to Windows 10 1809 via the software centre. It is recommended you be on the latest version, as there are new features that are useful. Please find a suitable time to do this to minimise any disruption. If you have recently had your laptop reimaged, then you are already on 1809 and do not need to undertake this process.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES



A new 24 hour movement guideline was recently launched. Key recommendations from the guidelines for 5 – 17 year olds included:

- Sixty minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day
- Limiting sedentary recreational screen time to no more than 2 hours per day
- Nine to 11 hours of uninterrupted sleep per night for children aged between 5 to 13 and 8 to 10 hours per night for those aged between 14 and 17.

### CHESS REPORT

#### 2019 St Monica's Chess Championships



On Friday 26 April, fifty students from St Monica's College, Epping, participated in the annual Chess Championships held in the Theatre of All Nations. The tournament was held over seven rounds of matches in two divisions, Senior (Years 10 - 12) and Junior (Years 7 - 9).

We again welcomed members of the Northern Football Academy under the guidance of Mr Luca Finanzio.

Congratulations to Jake Vasilevski (Year 10 Orange), who won all seven matches to be crowned 2019 Senior Chess Champion, and Vansh Kumar (Year 7 Silver), who also won all seven matches to become 2019 Junior Chess Champion.

Congratulations also to the winners of other awards:

Best First Year Player:	Edwin Joby (Year 9 White)
Best Northern Football Academy Player:	Domenic Carbone (Year 10 Yellow)
Best Junior Female:	Jessie Zhang (Year 9 Green)
Best Senior Female:	Paris Mascetti (Year 12 Emerald)
Year 7 Champion:	Vansh Kumar (Year 7 Silver)
Year 8 Champion:	Yuvraj Sharma (Year 8 Emerald)
Year 9 Champion:	Jason Cho (Year 9 Silver)
Year 10 Champion:	Jake Vasilevski (Year 10 Orange)
Year 11 Champion:	Pino Mascetti (Year 11 Green)
Year 12 Champion:	Darelle Quevedo (Year 12 Purple)

Full tournament results can be found at the following website:  
<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/none/events/st-monica-s-chess-championships-2019/pairings>

## *ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING* *MUSIC DEPARTMENT*

### VET Music Concert

Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2019  
Time: 7.00 p.m.  
Venue: Theatre of All Nations

*Featuring:*  
Year 12 VET Music students  
Junior Rock Band  
Senior Rock Band

### Upcoming Music performances

#### Tuesday 28 May

SMC Singers, Boroondara Eisteddfod

#### Monday 3 June

Senior String Ensemble, Victorian School Music Festival

Congratulations to Rhea John, Year 10 who won the 18 and Under Vocal Solo section of the Boroondara Eisteddfod on Thursday 16 May. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row Rhea has won this section.



### ART at SMC

The Fred Chamberlin Gallery celebrates the achievements of students work from the Principal's Art Prize held last term. Walk through the gallery and see a selection of artwork from the night.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

A reminder Entertainment Books are available for sale. Price: \$70. Order you NEW 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time. <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/182985q>

Please contact the Music Office regarding any queries.

### EARTH DAY – TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY



Staff and students are invited to take part in tree planting at the Wetlands. Trees are important as they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and convert this into oxygen. Global Warming and Climate Change is a result of humans releasing too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels to create electricity. Every time we switch on a light, turn on the TV and charge our phone, we are releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Reduce carbon footprint and be good stewards of the Earth by coming along at lunchtime!

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME – GLOWREY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WOLLERT



I was pleased to represent the College at the blessing and opening of Glowrey Catholic Primary School. This new and exciting Catholic Primary School is now an official regional feeder school into SMC.

[Welcome, students, Mr Tim Kelly and staff.](#)

## MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Jemma Apps, for competing in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival and placing 1<sup>st</sup> in five of her events. Jemma also won the title of Overall Under 13 Girls Champion. Jemma has consistently attended training and shows great dedication to not only the sport of swimming but to Monican life.

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