



EASTER – NEW LIFE in DIFFICULT TIMES



They came to the tomb only to find the Lord risen from death. No longer did the confines of death have authority – Jesus Christ was risen, and the gates of Heaven were open for all those who seek it. Good overcame evil, it smashed it, in modern day terms.

What do we celebrate at Easter and what does Easter mean to believers? Fundamentally, Easter is the religious feast during which we see Jesus Christ conquer all evil and by so doing He delivered humanity from the power of sin. Jesus showed that he was no mere prophet or holy man, in fact, Jesus was the Son of God who gave His life in order to free humanity and bring us into Heaven for eternity. New life dawned.

Easter people are peaceful people, secure and certain that their faith will lead them to the Promised Land of Heaven.

Easter people are hope-filled souls, strengthened and affirmed in the true knowledge that Jesus was indeed the Saviour. Easter people are joyous believers in all that following our God will surely bring them – unity, harmony, fulfilment and blessings.



The Church celebrates extravagantly the feast of Easter. From the Vatican City to the parish churches of Melbourne and extending to the outside gatherings held in the poorest of nations, very special feasts are celebrated, and rituals performed. The East Triduum leads the believer from the first Eucharist meal of Holy Thursday, onto the suffering of Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday, to His Resurrection on Sunday morn. Let the bells ring, the musical instruments resound, the people sing, and the worshippers praise the Lord Jesus.

Monicans should insist that commercial interests are sensible through their relentless pursuit of profits at Easter time. We ought not begrudge those who hope to

make a dollar for their living, but religious practices deserve to come first at Easter for it is the time of salvation, the most important day in the Church's year. Enjoy our Easter eggs and hunting for them – then attend Mass in our parish. May we welcome our relations and friends to our table – but remember to give thanks and praise to Jesus on His Resurrection. Indeed, enjoy the sport, new cinema releases, a few days of recreation, but find time to prayerfully take the word of Jesus into our heart and be wonderful people of peace anywhere we go.

At our College we respect all faiths and their traditions, beliefs and practices. Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian faith. We are a Christian College. It must take its elevated place in our College life.

Warmest and holiest Easter wishes are extended to all Monican families. Be safe during the school holidays. Take Shalom (Peace) Anywhere You Go.



An Easter Blessing

*May the glory and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.*

*And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide.*



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 **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 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.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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

MAJOR TERM 2 DATES

April

- 19 Term 2 Classes Commence
- 30 Principal's Shield for Chess

May

- 3 Year 11 Studio Arts Exhibition
- 5 Year 10 Immunisations
- 6 College Assembly
- 10 Monicans in May Concert
- 11-21 NAPLAN Testing
- 14 Semester 1 Dance Showcase
- 20 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery

YEAR 7, 2023 APPLICATIONS



Enrol Now

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2023
CLOSE ON

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2021



St Monica's College, Epping

www.stmonicas-epping.com

T: 9409 8800

Junior Campus Year 7 - 9

400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076

Senior Campus Year 10 - 12

16 Davison 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.

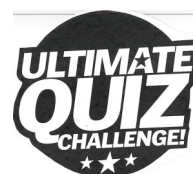
For tour dates, bookings and further information about enrolment, please contact the College Registrar on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



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

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

OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES



Calling all Trivia fans!

Enter the weekly Ultimate Quiz Challenge in the PCL.

A new question will be displayed each morning at the PCL Loans desk.

One entry each for the week (i.e. five answers per entry).

Prize drawn each week. Prize is a voucher for your choice of item from the Pakistan Fundraising sales (\$2 value).

WINTER UNIFORM- TERMS 2 AND 3

All students are to wear winter uniform upon their return and throughout Terms 2 and 3.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

- Regulation wool blend St Monica's skirt worn on or below the knee, in blue, grey & gold check, with grey tights (2TT's brand- light grey) - no socks permitted
- OR Regulation wool blend St Monica's trousers, in blue, white and gold stripe, worn with plain navy or black socks. No short tennis style ankle socks.
- White, long-sleeved, peter-pan collar school shirt.
- College jumper, blazer and school shoes.
- Grey College scarf, beanie and grey gloves (optional). No other items are permitted.

BOYS' UNIFORM

- White peaked collar regulation shirt (Fairmark or Midford), long or short-sleeved, buttoned to the neck.
- Regulation mid-grey school trousers with grey or black socks. Note, shorts are NOT permitted in winter.
- Regulation black leather belt with plain buckle.
- Blue scoop-necked jumper, embroidered with College emblem.
- Pure wool, lined blazer with College emblem on pocket.
- Plain black lace-up school shoes without silver or any colour eyelets.
- Grey College scarf, beanie and grey gloves (optional). No other items are permitted.
- College Tie

Winter Scarves

Students are permitted to wear a regulation grey woolen scarf as part of the winter uniform. This is an optional item. For interested students, an updated College winter scarf, with a new design, is available for purchase for \$32 from Academy Uniforms.

Academy Uniforms

238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown

Phone: 9460 8011

Retail hours: Mon-Fri 9.00-5.00 and Sat 9.00-12.00

On line: www.academyuniforms.com.au



This week we are celebrating all those who are involved in the “Walk for Autism? The aim is to walk 10,000 steps each day, this week. We have many of our Staff who will be “Stepping Up” for Autism between Sunday 21 March and Sunday 28 March.

What is Autism?

Autism is a condition that affects how a person thinks, feels, interacts with others, and experiences their environment. It is a lifelong disability that starts when a person is born and stays with them into old age. Every Autistic person is different to every other. This is why autism is described as a ‘spectrum.’

There are lots of myths and misunderstandings about autism but while many Autistic people experience difficulties, with the right support Autistic people can achieve a great quality of life.

It is important to be aware that, for students with autism, living with one or more of the ‘core’ features of autism while navigating non-autistic environments can be stressful and have an impact on mental wellbeing.

How might features of Autism influence mental health?

- Developing social skill
- Communicating with others
- Coping with change
- Sensory processing
- Functioning- including organisation

For more information consult www.autismspectrum.org.au

CAREERS CORNER

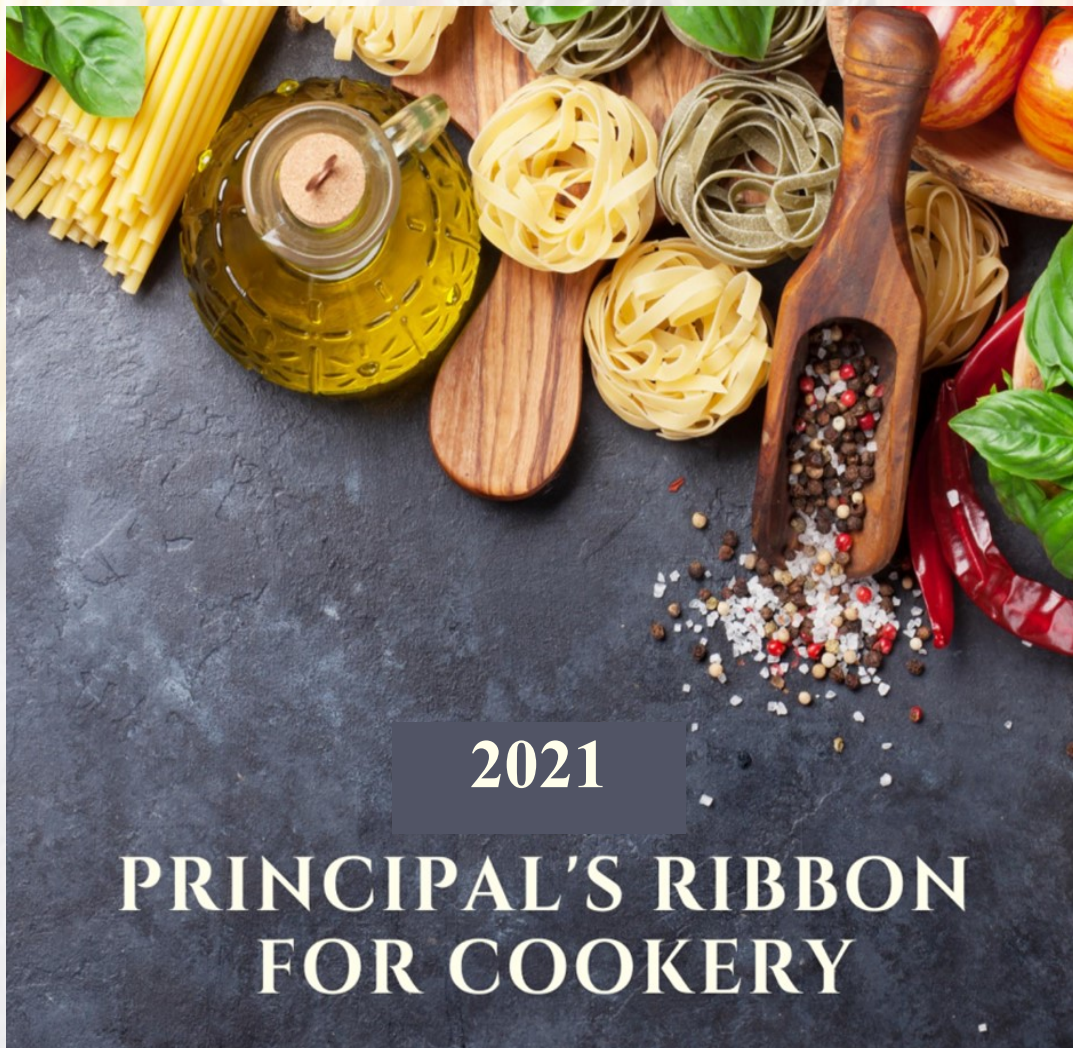


Over the past few weeks during pastoral lessons, Years 8 and 9 students were introduced to the careers website and completed career development activities. The purpose of the lessons was to encourage students to think about what they enjoy and how the activities they like may link to a future pathway or career.

During the lessons, students were required to create their own personal account on the careers website. This account will be where all of their career related documents will be saved and can be referred to whenever they have career appointments throughout their years at St Monicas.

Students did some tests and quizzes to explore their interests, skills and abilities. Responses were then saved so that a record is kept and in the future this may help when making decisions on subject choices and future pathways.

If you are interested in doing a career quiz (this is not the one the students did) you could try the one at Job outlook: <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>



The 2021 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery will be held on Thursday 20 May in The Gateway Room on Dalton Road Campus. Entries are now open for the 2021 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery. Emails regarding containing links to the entry form were sent out last week to students in Years 9 – 12. All students in those year levels are encouraged to enter, either individually, or as a pair. There is no theme for this year's event which will allow students more freedom and creativity however there are ideas for inspiration on the entry form. Successful applicants will be notified before the Term 1 holidays.

Good luck to all applicants.



For more information regarding Business Connect, please contact Mr Jordan Hodges in the Promotions and Events Department: J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com



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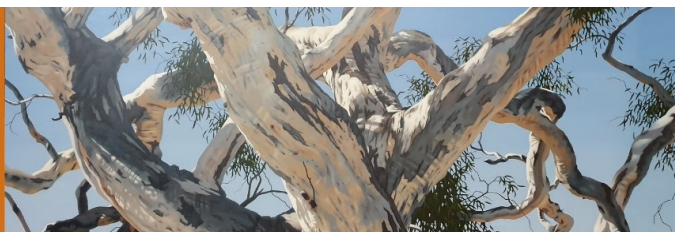
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Listening to Land

An art installation that invites us to rest, reflect and reconnect



School Holiday Arts Program



Grass Weaving and Feather Flowers **C** **Tuesday 6 April** **10.00 am – 11.15 am**
Under the guidance of Ian Hunter, artist and Wurundjeri elder, learn the art of grass weaving to create bracelets and the use of feathers and everyday items to make delicate flowers.
Age: 10 years and upwards. Children under 10 will need to be accompanied by a parent. Family groups welcome.



Wayapa **Y** **Tuesday 6 April** **1.00 pm – 2.30 pm**
Jacara Egan will lead us through a combination of Earth Mindfulness, narrative meditation, and a series of gentle physical movements taking action to look after the planet. Wayapa provides a sense of belonging to the earth while creating holistic well-being.
Age: From 15+ **Skill level:** No experience necessary and all abilities welcome.



Listening and Drawing **C** **Thursday 8 April** **1.00 pm – 2.00 pm**
A wonderful sensory workshop With Daniela Calcagno. You will be invited to listen, move and draw in response to the Listening to Land installation and other natural soundscapes.
Age: 5 years and over. Parents are invited/encouraged to participate with their child.



Natures Creatures **C** **Friday 9 April** **10.00 am – 12.00 pm**
Come and have fun with Gay Chatfield putting together your own "nature creatures"...a little character you can create from an array of natural materials such as seed pods, dried flowers, leaves and twigs.
Age: 8 years and over. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child/children



Hakawati Time **C** **Monday 12 April** **10.00 am – 10.45**
Local artist Aseel Tayah will read children's picture books in both English and Arabic. This session will acknowledge the beginning of Ramadan and travel through themes about land and our connection to it and each other.
Age: 0 – 7 years. Families are invited to join in the singing and storytelling.



Landscape Retreat **Y** **Tuesday 13 April** **1.00 pm – 4.00pm**
Alexandra Leti will guide you through all the steps to paint an acrylic on canvas landscape of beautiful white gum trees with a darker and colourful background.
Age: 15 + **Skill level:** Beginners to experienced.



Small Island Big Song **Wednesday 14 April** **2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**
An epic music journey/documentary that travels through the Pacific and Indian oceans.
Age: Everyone.



Collecting and Collage **C** **Thursday 15 April** **1.00 pm – 2.00 pm**
Find your special leaf, and learn to draw it then create a sun catcher from natural materials with Daniela Calcagno.
Age: 5 and up. Parents are invited/encouraged to participate with their child.



Mosaic Workshop **Friday 16th April** **C** **10.30 am – 12.00 pm**
Come along and make a set of nature-themed coasters
Y **1.00 pm – 2.30 pm**
With Lucy Cleary, this year's winner of the New Futures Exhibition.

Key: Workshops suitable for: **Y** Youth **C** Children



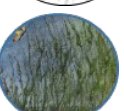
Arts Activities Program
A program of creative workshops, intimate performances and cultural activities will be delivered within this installation. Activities are FREE and open to everyone but bookings are essential.



Cultural Journey Through Art **Wednesday 24 March** **10.30am – 12.30pm**
An interactive workshop educating participants about Aboriginal art, culture and storytelling with Enrham Sultan.
Age: Adults **Skill level:** Beginners to experienced



Weave a Vessel **Tuesday 30 March** **9.30am – 12.30pm**
Learn the art of random weaving with local artist Gay Chatfield, and create your own sacred vessels using local natural materials.
Age: Adults **Skill level:** Beginners to experienced.



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Drawing the Environment **Tuesday 20 April & Tuesday 27 April**
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Catherine Blakey will explore drawing with conventional and non-conventional materials and you will explore extensive and exciting mark making opportunities, offering a new insight to creative ways to express imagery.
Age: Adults **Skill level:** Beginners to experienced.
Ticketing: You can attend either or both of these sessions, however, you will need to book for each session.

LandscapeRetreat **Thursday 22 April** **9.30 am – 12.30 pm**
Alexandra Leti will guide you through all the steps to paint an acrylic on canvas landscape of beautiful white gum trees with a darker and colourful background.
Age: Adults **Skill level:** Beginners to experienced.

All workshops will be held in the Great Hall at the Civic centre
25 Ferres Blvd South Morang
For more information and to book: Arts.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
or email connectingcommunity@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



SPORT

Last week Sport consisted of a Senior Cricket game against Penola, Year 10 Premier League at Salesian and a massive Senior Sports Day on Wednesday.

Senior Cricket took place on Monday and it was a close game that went right down to the wire. Penola were sent into bat, and it was a good contest for 20 overs. Penola finished 8/103 after great bowling from Ben Gibson and Digvijay Digvijay who both finished with two wickets each. Digvijay followed up his good work with the ball, making 31 runs in a great knock with the bat putting SMC in a great position to chase down Penola's total. The run chase came right down to the last ball of the innings, but Penola's clutch bowling was just too good as SMC finished 6/101 falling two runs short. The squad looks to bounce back on Wednesday as they travel to Salesian.

The annual Senior Sports Day was held on Wednesday, with great results all round from all competitors. Senior Boys Volleyball were crowned Champions, going through the whole day undefeated on their way to winning the Grand Final. Captain, Ben Chen, was awarded the MVP (Most Valuable Player) after a fantastic performance on the big stage. Senior Girls Volleyball unfortunately missed out on the grand

final due to percentage. The team played great volleyball throughout the day, and are held in good stead for the future as they are still a young team with many Year 10 students. Mixed Netball had a day full of mixed results out on the court, with a couple of close losses to go with a late win made the day exciting for the team.

Senior Tennis also took place on Wednesday, which was nothing but outstanding for St Monica's. Aleks Bozinovska was once again crowned Girls Singles champion, only losing three games all day on her way to a 5 - 1 victory in the final. Medinah Fuataga and Megan Dyson along with Jordan Nguyen and Julius Garcia were the winners of the Girls and Boys Doubles A champions respectively. The girls were victorious 5 - 2 whilst the boys were down 2 championship points in the tie break, before rallying to win 4 consecutive points. Alexi Tsernakis and Mia Stefanovska won their grand final in the mixed doubles; topping off a great day with St Monica's being crowned the overall Senior Aggregate Champions. Kevin Nguyen was the runner up in the Boys A Singles, but played a superb tournament.

Year 10 Premier League rounded out the week, with another great performance as we won 6 out of the 8 games.

Results:

SMC		Salesian
60	Boys Basketball	38
39	Boys Basketball B	52
60	Girls Basketball	35
11	Netball	51
26	Boys Football	0
11	Girls Football	1
3	Boys Volleyball	2 (25, 20, 25, 14 & 5)
3	Girls Volleyball	0 (9, 9 & 4)

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Whilst Caitlin Dines (Year 10 Orange) is hard working, caring and mature she is much more than that. She is a student who takes it upon herself to help others in and outside the classroom. She exhibited maturity beyond her years when she was recently confronted by a challenging situation in the community and was praised for her cooperation and resolve. For this reason and many others, Caitlin is this month's Marvellous Monican.



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