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## Stay Awake – The Prince of Peace is Near

Let us stay awake and alert during this Advent, waiting as Christmas draws near and, in the words of the prophet, Isaiah, 'A Child is born to us...and He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'.

May all Monicans do their very best to be ready to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, Jesus, our strong and loving Prince of Peace.



Throughout the weeks of Advent, and a lead up to Christmas Day on Saturday, 25 December, let us say our prayers, do good works of kindness and mercy, open the windows of our Advent Calendar daily giving thanks to God, and light our Advent candles each week in a spirit of hope, peace, joy and love.

We pray, "Shalom – Anywhere You Go", and we greet our family, friends and fellow Monicans with, 'Shalom Alechem'.

I pray that all Monicans will grow in peace this Advent and be ready spiritually to welcome the birth of the Prince of Peace on Christmas morning.

*Image: Im Lande des Christkinds (traditional Austrian Advent Calendar)*

# THIS MONTH IN

# Mission

2021

2 November	Online All Souls Day Prayer Service
4 November	Meeting with Whittlesea Community Connections
12 November	Christmas Cards to St Vinnies by Be More Students
19 November	DRC Youth Ministry Meeting
22 November	Commissioning of 2022 Student Leaders
23 November	Student Council 2022 Retreat Day at Ostia
24 November	DRC Youth Ministry Meeting
24 November	Dedication of Mary Duffy sgs Esplanade
29 November	Generation Global Dialogue on Climate Change
November	Toy Drive for the St Vincent de Paul Society
2 December	Online Advent Prayer
2 December	Generation Global Dialogue on Rights and Inequalities
2 December	St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal concludes
7 December	Student Archives Committee Book Launch
8 December	Youth Ministry Student Spirituality Day
8 December	Generation Global Dialogue on Rights of Girls and Women
8 December	Delivery of hampers to St Vincent de Paul Society
9 December	Year 12 Formal
15 December	End of Year Staff Liturgy
December	Christmas visits to the Good Samaritan Sisters
December	Donation of baby goods to Caroline Chisholm Society
December	Toiletries Collection for Good Samaritan Ministry, Philippines





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# Library

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*Hot Desking...it is a relatively new thing... although not new to the LRF staff, as we have been doing it for some time!*

Each week, a number of staff move from the Pamela Coyne Library to the Sister Julian Quaine Library, assisting colleagues, students and staff with numerous work routines. Bridging our two campus Libraries has been an important role for our faculty, as at the beginning and end of each school year, it can offer the students transitioning from DRC to DSC familiar faces in a safe space.

So, as we move into the new academic year, work practice fluidity and flexibility in the LRF is both a bonus for the Libraries and a benefit for the students

## A note to parents regarding Overdue items

A recent addition to our Library Management System, has allowed us to more easily contact parents/guardians via their family emails.

This is occurring once per week now, so if you are receiving emails from the Library, please be sure to assist your child to locate their overdue book and return it as soon as possible. Our aim of course, is to have all books that are overdue returned by the end of this school year, to avoid charging replacement costs. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

*The staff of the Library Resources Faculty wish our students, families and colleagues a safe, happy and very Holy Christmas and a peace-filled New Year.*

## Secondary Open State Chess Final



On Sunday 5 December, five students represented St Monica's College in the Open Secondary State Chess Final: Nigel Dcunha (Year 7 White); Angella Dcunha (Year 8 Emerald); Cruze De Giorgio (Year 8 White); Trajco Nikolov (Year 9 Orange) and Edwin Joby (Year 11 Red).

This online event consisted of fifty players from twelve competing schools, who had qualified due to their success at zonal tournaments held in 2021.

St Monica's College finished in third place overall behind Suzanne Cory High School and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar.

Individually, Cruze won five of his seven matches to finish in seventh place overall and in equal first place (second on countback) in the Years 7—8 Division. Trajco finished in equal second place (third on countback) in the Years 9—10 Division and Angellia finished in second place in the Girls Division.

Congratulations to all players on their wonderful achievement.

## FINANCE CORNER

### Finalising Tuition Fees 2021

This is a reminder that all accounts not on an approved extended Payment Plan are now due and payable as at 26 November 2021. (An extension was provided due to COVID).

Final Fee Accounts were emailed to all families last week and a copy sent via the post.

Should you wish to enter a Payment Plan or require assistance, please contact the Fees Department on 94098800.

### 2022 Tuition fees and payment plan options

St Monica's College offers several payment options to enable parents to meet their fee obligations.

St Monica's College will continue to offer both Direct Debit and Credit Card payment options in **2022**.

- a Direct Debit Payment Plans (**Recommended**) – You can authorise the College to automatically debit an instalment amount from your nominated bank or credit card account on a Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or Quarterly basis

*For all families that opt into a payment plan an additional extension to pay school fees until 9 December 2022 will apply*

Payment plans will be automatically entered into for those families on a plan in **2021**. Should you wish to sign up for a plan, please return your application form either to [fees@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:fees@stmonicas-epping.com) or in person to the College Reception at Augustine House (400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076), this form has been emailed and mailed to you accordingly. Application forms for Direct Debit or Credit Card can now also be completed online using the link: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/payment-plan/>.

- b At College Reception (Augustine House) – Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard
- c Online Payments via the community portal (located in the Finance tab, Fees) or via Bpay

Please note: The annual Tuition Fee and General Levy invoice will be issued at the start of the school year and it is expected that it will be paid consistently throughout the year.

*All tuition fees and levies are due and payable by Friday, 14 October 2022.*

Tuition Fees have been announced for 2022 with no fee increases from 2021.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	General Levy	Total
7	\$6820.00	\$600.00	\$7420.00
8	\$6930.00	\$600.00	\$7530.00
9	\$7140.00	\$600.00	\$7740.00
10	\$7350.00	\$600.00	\$7950.00
11	\$7620.00	\$600.00	\$8220.00
12	\$7930.00	\$600.00	\$8530.00

The tuition fee does not cover extra-curricular, optional subjects or activities. Additional charges may apply as required. These will be charged on a separate fee account.

All queries can be directed to the Fees Office on 9409 8800 or at [fees@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:fees@stmonicas-epping.com).



# CAREERS CORNER



School life is now over, and our Class of 2021 go their separate ways, following many different career pathways. It has been great to hear of the many successes already.

A number of our students have got apprenticeships that have already started or will be starting in the New Year (after a well-earned break!). It was pleasing to hear that several of these apprenticeships came about as a result of a successful Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) which they did as part of their VET/VCAL program.

Quite a number of our VCE students will be feeling rather satisfied as they await their ATAR results knowing that they already have a place at university. 6 students have an ACU guaranteed place. 29 have a VU guaranteed place and 26 have a La Trobe University Aspire program place.

There are also 4 students who have secured a traineeship in Education Support at local primary schools for 2022. The majority of students will be waiting for ATAR results which they will receive on Thursday 16 December.

We all hope that their ATAR is what they need to get into their preferred courses. If students need to, or want to, change their university preferences, read on.....

## CHANGE OF UNIVERSITY PREFERENCES.

Many universities who normally hold Change of Preference sessions on campus will be doing it online again this year. If Year 12 students are at all concerned about their preferences for 2022, we recommend reaching out to the universities directly, as they can answer all questions.

We have already sent all Year 12 students the information they need about the 'Change of Preference' period. They have been informed of availability and contact details of the Universities and St Monica's College careers staff. If needed, they can make their inquiries once ATAR results have been received.

**'Change of Preference' period is from 16 December 2021 until 20 December 2021.**



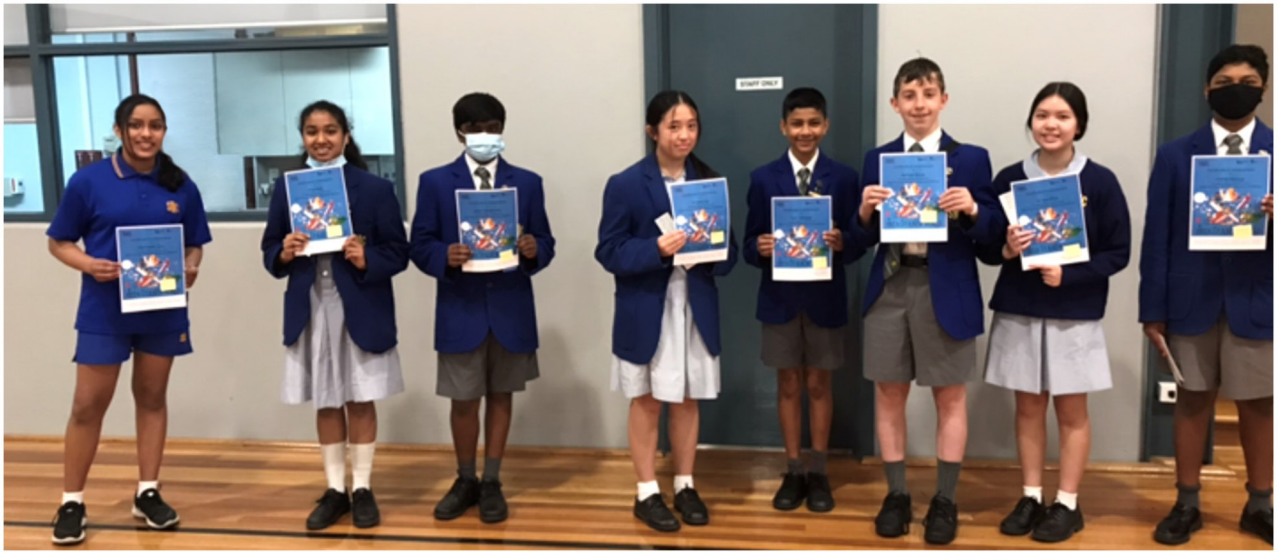
## Jewish Cultures and Traditions

We thank the East Melbourne Synagogue who welcomed us into their community. Some staff were fortunate to tour their Synagogue and treated to an informative, insightful, and engaging introduction to the Jewish faith led by Rabbi Gutnik. The attendees were fascinated by the traditions of the faith community and amazed by the antique Torah scrolls which are still used today (pictured).

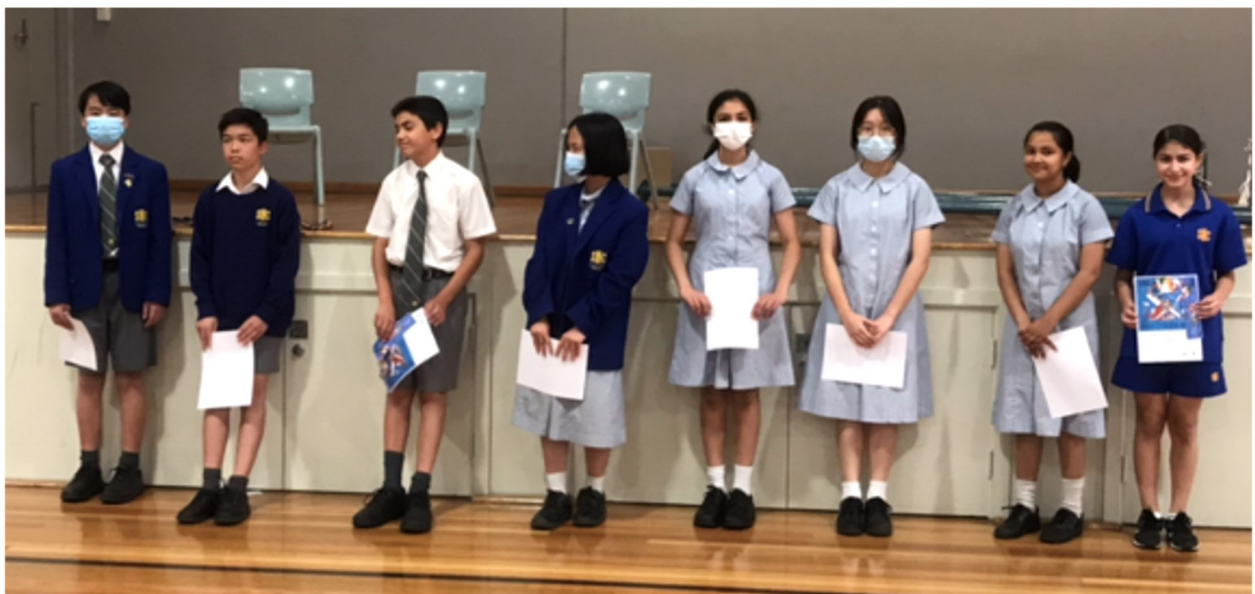




# PREMIERS' READING Challenge



After a very “challenging” year, the Premiers’ Reading Challenge has been successfully completed by fourteen Year 7 students. These students have received their certificates, bookmarks and celebration invitations. Students were Noah James, Tessa Parel, Eloise Hocking and Stiphne Kumarapperuma who each received badges for their exceptional efforts. A further ten Year 7 students attempted the Challenge and made some significant progress and these students also received certificates and bookmarks. We also will acknowledge the successful completion of the Challenge by Sanjita Choudhary (Year 8) and Anna Ma (Year 9) who will received their badges, certificates and bookmarks in the PCL .



# UNIFORM AND GROOMING MATTERS FOR 2022

Parents/Carers/Guardians and Students are asked to attend to the following College expectations in time for the commencement of the 2022 academic school year:

- Only regulation items of uniform purchased from the authorised College supplier may be worn to school
- Students must have the approved St Monica's College school bag
- Make-up and nail polish may not be worn to school. False eyelashes are not permitted. Students unable to rectify the matter at school, will be sent home to address the situation
- Male students must present clean-shaven at all times. Facial hair is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in students being required to shave at school or they will be sent home to address the concern
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times whilst on campus unless engaging in physical play, and whilst travelling to and from school
- Jewellery is worn at owner's own risk. Students are permitted to wear one earring, stud or sleeper only in each ear; a watch; religious medal on a chain. No other jewellery is permitted
- Facial piercing is not permitted. This includes transparent piercings
- Canvas and casual shoes are not permitted
- The College Pin is to be worn by all students on the left lapel of the College blazer
- Students must ensure their hair is neat and tidy at all times. Male students must ensure hair is no longer than the top of their shirt collar. No male student may tie hair back whilst in uniform. Female students must tie their hair up or back, using blue or gold accessories only.
- Extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable, including any unnatural hair colours and shaving hair using a blade below a number 2
- For outdoor activities, students are encouraged to use sunscreen
- All items of uniform and other possessions must be clearly labelled
- The College blazer is the only outer garment permitted for all students and must be worn to and from the College daily
- Jumpers are not to be tied around the waist at any time
- Sports uniform is to be worn only on days when students have P.E. or practical sports lessons. Full tracksuits must be worn to and from school. P.E. shorts are not to be worn to and from school. Students are not permitted to wear skivvies or t-shirts beneath the P.E. polo shirt. Plain white singlets may be worn under the polo top provided they are not visible
- Track suit pants must not trail on the ground or be worn rolled or twisted
- Boys are not permitted to wear black socks with shorts (P.E. or otherwise)
- Full College uniform is to be worn by all students every day. In exceptional circumstances, if a part of the uniform cannot be worn, the appropriate Year Level Leader must be notified
- Blazers must be worn each morning whilst travelling to school (or full tracksuit if P.E. day). On extreme weather days, Campus Directors may call for no blazers required in the afternoon.



## MARVELLOUS MONICAN

Serafina Hana has excelled this year in her dancing as well as an amazing effort during remote learning in all subjects. Serafina has had some major achievements with her dancing this year. She has qualified as a championship dancer for a dance competition and has been given the role of Jean Douglas in the Western Ballet Project adaption of 'Mary Stuart the Escape from Loch Leven'. As well as her dancing achievements outside of school, Serafina was a part of the Wizard of Oz school production. She always shows great enthusiasm and dedication in her performances. Also, Serafina contributed greatly to her classes during remote learning. In all subjects she listened, participated, and tried her very best. Her teachers were very proud of her efforts. She is congratulated on all she has achieved this year.



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