



WURUNDJERI PEOPLE of the KULIN NATION

Our Monican community pays its respects and honours the Wurundjeri People as we appropriately focus our attention on our indigenous brothers and sisters and address particular indigenous matters this fortnight.

Australia is an ancient land and its first inhabitants have the closest ties to it spiritually, physically and emotionally. Deprived of their rights and frequently their dignity after the arrival of the English in the eighteenth century, for too long were the aboriginals of Australia treated in the most appalling manner, cruelly, savagely and mercilessly.

Be it the conditions in which the first peoples were forced to endure for so long, or the way in which their families were separated (note the Rudd 'Apology to the Stolen Generations', 13 February 2008), the continuing decline of their living standards over two centuries and longer, or the relentless possession of their traditional lands, only in recent times has there been a commitment by many people in Australia to reconcile with the first peoples.



St Monica's College has always sought to respect the first inhabitants and traditional owners of this land. On 25 May 2011 the College Wetlands (at the rear of Dalton Road Campus and down towards Darebin Creek) were

blessed by Father Maurie Cooney P.P. and opened by the Chairperson of the College Board, Mrs Elizabeth Dempsey. These magnificent wetlands were created and are maintained by Monicans and they are an absolute treasure to our school community. The plaque commemorating the blessing and opening states that The Wetlands are dedicated to 'the original indigenous community in the Epping area'.

We approach The Wetlands by passing The Embrace, our timber and rock sculpture that is located at the entrance to The Gateway Room and which was commissioned for the College in 2008. It features timber from an ancient gum tree formerly planted in The Wetlands and rocks from there. Its embracing arms



welcome all visitors to The Gateway Room and to The Wetlands.

Many Monicans over the decades have been initiated into the role of FIRE Carrier. FIRE is an acronym for 'Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education' and links us with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. Our student participants in the recent Lake Mungo Immersion trip were made FIRE Carriers just prior to their departure for home. All FIRE Carriers have an important ministry at SMC.

At St Monica's College we have calendared Aboriginal Perspectives Weeks for a very long time. Beginning 23 May, this week is now Indigenous Awareness Week. It will be followed by Reconciliation Week. On each day there will be events, activities, prayers, information sharing and reflective considerations of indigenous issues in Australia, and a sensitive response by this Monican community will be encouraged.

I am also pleased to announce that preparations are being made for our College to establish the Indigenous Australia School Fellowship. This will be a way for all schools in Mill Park, Epping, Lalor And Thomastown (MELT) to come together to discuss and consider indigenous issues and history in these four northern suburbs. Further information will be shared as this year progresses.

'Travel Together on our Journeys Ahead' is an inclusive theme in all aspects of its interpretation. Specifically this week, we remember and strive to travel the journey ahead with all Australians as we build a just, peaceful and reconciled nation.



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"The basic design is that of a chalice with, above and behind it, a cross and, between the two, the outstretched hand of Christ with the middle finger pointing and leading to the Trinity at the base. Superimposed on the cross is the dove, the Spirit of God, under whose outspread wings are the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament which merge into the one law of the New Testament given mankind at the hand of Christ"

- Brian Moore, S.J.

Brian Hanley OAM
Principal

THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2022	
26 April	DSC Be More Meeting
27 April	Youth Ministry Meeting
28 April	DRC Be More Meeting
2 May	DRC Values Education Meeting
2 May	Alumni Committee Meeting
3 May	DSC Be More Meeting
3 May	Lake Mungo Reconciliation Workshop
4 May	Youth Ministry Meeting
5 May	DRC Be More Meeting
6 May	Junior Student Council Meeting
6 May	20 Year Reunion - Class of 2001 and 2002
9 May	Junior Council Formation Day
9 May	Senior Student Council Meeting
9 May	Liturgy Planning Meeting
10 May	DSC Be More Meeting
11 May	Youth Ministry Meeting
12 May	Values Education Excursion to Sikh Temple
12 May	DRC Be More Meeting
16 May	DRC Values Education Meeting
17 May	DSC Be More Meeting
18 May	Youth Ministry Meeting
19 May	DRC Be More Meeting
20 May	Road to Reconciliation Conference
20 May	Junior Student Council Meeting

TERM 2 ORGANIZATION

Term 2

May

31 Years 10 - 11 Exams

June

1-9 Years 10 - 11 Examinations
 7 - 9 Years 8—9 Examinations
 9 GAT
 10 Report Writing Day (Student Free)
 13 Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
 14 Changeover Electives 7—10 – Start of Units 2 & 4
 15 – 19 College Production
 24 End of Term 2.



Year 11 Subject Change

From Monday, 16 - 30 May, students may apply for a subject change.

- Students are to attend the Careers Office (T35) to discuss potential impact on course pathways before collecting a Subject Change Form. Simply visit the Careers Office to collect a form. Students do not need an appointment to do this.
- Students to take the Subject Change-Form home and ask a parent and/or guardian to sign the form.
- Students must return the Subject Change Form to the Careers Office (T35) no later than Monday, 30 May.
- Students will then be notified via email on Friday, 10 June, as to whether their application has been approved.

Year 10 Subject Change

From Monday, 16 – 30 May, students may apply to change their **Mathematics** subject. Only **Mathematics** can be changed.

- Students are to speak to their Maths teacher regarding their progress and obtain the form from their Maths teacher.
- Students then attend the Careers Office (simply drop in) to discuss the impact of their proposed change.
- Students are to take the form home to be signed by a parent and/or guardian.
- Students are to return the signed form to the Careers Office no later than **30 May**.
- Students will be notified by email on 10 June regarding the outcome.



WEARING OF UNIFORM

It has always been the College's expectation that students wear the official College uniform and the sports uniform correctly, tidily and in accordance with regulations as printed in the College Planner. This applies to grooming as well. Parents' support for uniform regulations is greatly appreciated.

So, well done to the majority of Monicans who comply with the rules. Others have improvements to make immediately. Areas of concern for too many Monicans are general neatness (including length of skirts and shirts tucked in); hair (with girls tying their hair back and boys abiding by length of hair rules and shaving requirements); wearing blazers to and from school and on sports days wearing the College track suit in its entirety.



COPING WITH COVID

I assure all Monican families that the College community is dealing with the significant challenges of COVID to the extent that we can. It is our determination to continue the provision of first class education to our students and to keep the College functioning throughout Term 2.

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

YEAR 7, 2023 & YEAR 7, 2024

Dear Parents,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for Year 7, 2023 please do so immediately as places are limited.

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2024 are now open and will close on 19 August 2022.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website www.stmonicas-epping.com. Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

For enquiries, please call the College Registrar, Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



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2022 Tuition Fees and Payment Options

We hope that your family had a restful school break and are settling well into Term 2.

The College requires all families to meet their fee commitments so we may continue to provide the highest level of education to our students. The College offers a number of payment options to enable parents to meet their fee obligations:

- a) School Administered Payment Plan (weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly) - Parents that would like to enter into a payment plan will have a further extension to pay up to 9 December, 2022.
- b) At Reception (Augustine House) – Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card.
- c) Online Payments via the community (fee) portal, or via BPAY.

Should you decide not to sign up for a school administered payment plan, please keep in mind that payments are due and payable in four equal instalments by the second week of each term:

- Instalment 1 – 18 February 2022
- Instalment 2 – 6 May 2022
- Instalment 3 – 22 July 2022
- Instalment 4 – 14 October 2022.

A requirement of enrolling your child at St Monica's College is that payments are made on a regular basis from the commencement of the school year.

Tuition Account Statements are being sent via email shortly and you will also receive a copy in the mail.

Extra-curricular activities will not appear on your Tuition Account Statement, these charges will be billed via a separate Tax Invoice as and when they fall due, whereby different terms and conditions apply.

Payment Plans

We would like to remind families that it is never too late to sign up for a school administered payment plan. St Monica's College offers both Direct Debit and Credit Card payment options.

Extended tuition account due dates are in place for families on a St Monica's College school administered payment plan.

Application forms for Direct Debit or Credit Card can be completed online using the following link: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/payment-plan/> or can be completed in person at College Reception at Augustine House (400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076).

Should you choose to sign up to a school administered payment plan, you will be opted- in for future years unless you choose to opt-out.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2022 \$225.00

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students
\$225 for secondary school students.

To apply, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the following link www.education.vic.gov.au/csef, a copy of a valid health care card will need to be attached to complete your application on or before the 24 June, 2022 as no late applications will be accepted by DEET after this date.

Parents (including guardians) no longer need to submit a new application form each year in most cases. Parents only need to re-submit an application form in 2022 in the following situations:

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2022 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2021
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.





RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA



WHAT IS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; **27 May to 3 June**.

These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful [1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively.

27 May 1967 On this day, Australia's most successful **referendum** saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

3 June 1992 On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

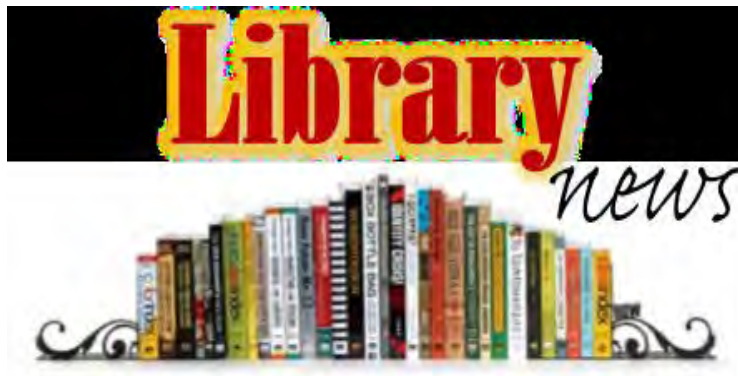


'We should begin by reminding ourselves why reconciliation is not optional, but necessary for our national future'

Former Australia Prime Minister Kevin Rudd
2015 Reconciliation Lecture, ANU



reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/get-involved-in-reconciliation/reconciliation-quiz/



FOR THE LOVE OF EBOOKS!

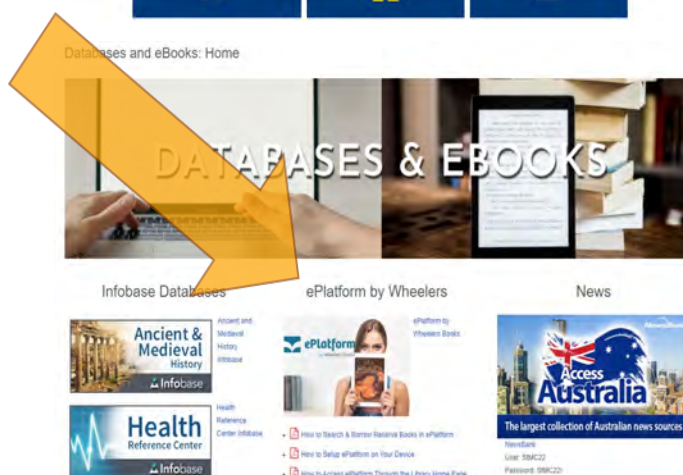
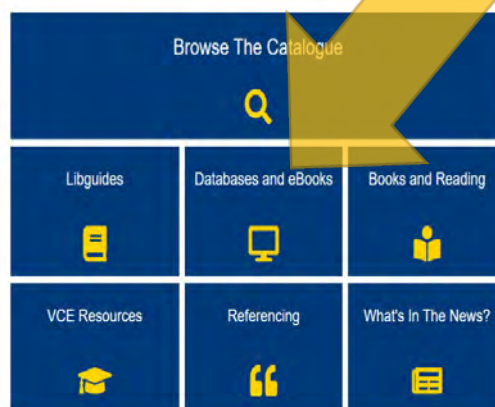
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Students are encouraged to set this up on their smartphone and laptop for convenient use at home, or in class with their teacher's permission.



AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:

There are still a number of students who have not returned their overdue books from the months of February and March.

As is our practice, these items will shortly be invoiced to school fees accounts.

Parents are now receiving a weekly email each Thursday, informing them of these very overdue items.

Should you have received one, please encourage your child to return their book/s to avoid being charged replacement costs.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance.



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ENROLMENTS

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LOCATION

Merrilands Community Centre,
35 Sturdee Street
Reservoir

DATES & DURATION

3 June - 16 Dec 2022 and
10 Feb - 24 Feb 2023 req.
26 sessions, 2 workshops &
100 hour placement
(Excl. public & school holidays)

DAYS & HOURS

Fridays
9.15am - 3.15pm

STUDY MODE

Classroom & remote/mixed mode classes, self-directed offsite tasks & research, practical placement and industry/assessment workshops

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Moderate computer and internet and email skills.
English LLN skills at an industry entry standard

FEES

Gov. subsidised:
Concession \$90
Full \$450
Non-subsidised:
\$5670^a
^aSpecial consideration may apply

+ \$10 Services & amenities fee
^aCourse commencement is subject to variation, sufficient enrolments and eligibility requirements.

Prace encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding.

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ST MONICA'S COLLEGE

FROM THE SIDELINE

SPORTS SHORTS

YEAR 7 PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 1

BOYS BASKETBALL

45 - 55

GIRLS BASKETBALL

37 - 56

BOYS FOOTBALL

9 - 0

GIRLS FOOTBALL

9 - 0

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

3 - 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

3 - 0

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NETBALL

14 - 61

SACCSS CROSS COUNTRY

The annual SACCSS Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday, 3 May at Brimbank Park. Well done to our "Harriers" on a successful day for the College.

Congratulations to Will Kengni (Year 7) for winning the Year 7 Boys race and recording a great time. The Year 7 and Year 8 boys squads performed at a very high level, which resulted in winning the Junior Boys Aggregate.

The Year 9 and Year 10 girls also performed strongly, with multiple top 10 performances securing the Intermediate Girls Aggregate. There was a plethora of great times throughout the day from the Harriers!

Well done to Mr Mitch Cooper and Mr Brent Pawley on preparing a great squad throughout term one along with their super efforts on the day.



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STRENGTH THROUGH PERSEVERANCE

SACCSS SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the SACCSS Senior Girls Volleyball squad on winning the Division 1 Grand Final on Tuesday against Kolbe Catholic College. This is the first time ever that SACCSS has conducted a Senior Volleyball season and our girls produced an enormous campaign to be crowned the inaugural champions.

After a rocky start dropping the first set, the girls kept their emotions in check to fight back and run out winners 3 sets to 1. Gabbie Morales (Year 11) was awarded Best On Court in the Grand Final and Angelina Naddaf (Year 11) was awarded the Peer Award on the day.



**YEAR 7 PREMIER
LEAGUE ROUND 2**

BOYS BASKETBALL
60 - 25

GIRLS BASKETBALL
34 - 26

BOYS FOOTBALL
9 - 0

GIRLS FOOTBALL
12 - 0

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
3 - 1

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
3 - 2

AFL
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NETBALL
28 - 8

Contact the Director of Sport, Matt Sheens



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STRENGTH THROUGH PERSEVERANCE

SACCSS SENIOR AFL

The SACCSS Senior AFL seasons are well and truly underway. After the completion of three rounds, our Senior Girls are undefeated and sitting comfortably on top of the ladder. The Senior Boys are sitting in third with two wins and one loss.

The girls opened their campaign with a resounding 78-point win over CRC Melton. After a perfect win to start the season, the girls had tough battles on their hands against Emmanuel College and Salesian College. Trailing at half time in both games, the girls dug deep to come away with an 8-point and a 13-point win respectively.

Katelyn Busuttill, Phebe D'Arro, Hailey Cordova, Chiara Nardo and Steph Rozario have been excellent to start the season, along with tennis star Aleks Bozinovska and NFA10 student Adele Conkling showing off their talents in multiple sports.

The boys have had a great start to our first Division One AFL season in 5 years. After opening up the season with a 104-point win over CRC Melton, the boys followed up with a 107-point victory against Emmanuel College. Unfortunately, the boys suffered their first defeat against a very strong Salesian College side but did not go down without a fight.

Alek D'Arro, Jude Georgievski, Jai Prince and Tommy Vrkic were standouts across the first three games, all who represent the College across multiple sports. Alo Tiatia hit the scoreboard aplenty, with a bag of 7 goals against Emmanuel College putting him in the lead of the goal kicking. With a lot of Year 10 and Year 11 talent coming through, it will hold the College in good stead for years to come.

We continue to wish all students and staff involved the best of luck as they battle away over the next two weeks to push for a grand final spot for both teams.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we gather.

We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this country over many generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of this region.

We would also like to pay respect to their Elders, both past and present, and we extend that respect to all Aboriginal people present.

We celebrate their culture and acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

INTERSCHOOL ZONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Monday 16 May nine students represented St Monica's College at the zonal interschool tournament held at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, Keilor East:

Trajco Nikolov (Captain), Meghana Umashankar, Nigel Dcunha, Lachlan Brundell, Justin Taduran, Luke Gigliotti, Matthew James, Angelo Kakona and Marcus Velante.

St Monica's finished in 3rd place out of the ten competing schools, only finishing behind Xavier College and PEGS, who both fielded much larger teams. This was a tremendous performance by our players and they remained very competitive all day.

Individually, there were some standout efforts from our players:

Senior Division:

Luke Gigliotti 11th place overall and Bronze medallist

Junior Division:

Nigel Dcunha 14th place overall and Gold medallist
Meghana Umashankar 32nd place overall and Bronze medallist

Trajco Nikolov 15th place overall
Justin Taduran 22nd place overall



Those five students have qualified for the State Chess Championships to be held later in the year.

The top seven schools are as follows:

1 st	Xavier College (16 players)	22 points
2 nd	PEGS (24 players)	21 points
3 rd	St Monica's College (9 players)	19.5 points
4 th	Lakeview Senior College (12 players)	8.5 points
5 th	Haileybury College (3 players)	16.5 points
6 th	Catholic Regional College (14 players)	15.5 points
7 th	Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar (10 players)	12.5 points

Well done to all players involved.





MARVELLOUS MONICANS



Congratulation to Isabella Colosimo, Lily O'Neil and Jane Luu who recently spent their Saturday painting faces, making coffees and reading children's books to create a memorable experience for the families accessing the services of The Whittlesea Food Collective. Harvest Festival.

They represented our community and its mission with dignity, compassion and love.

Well done girls.

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