



Easter Blessings to all Monicans

We are approaching Easter Sunday, the greatest day in the calendar year for Christians. On this special day, Christians shout, 'Alleluia, He is Risen' as they commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

In 2022, Easter Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, 17 April, and I extend Easter blessings to all members of our Monican community. Easter Sunday is the culmination of the Easter journey which starts next Sunday with Palm Sunday, followed later in the week by the Easter Triduum which commences on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, extends into Good Friday when the Lord is crucified, and onto Sunday when the rock is gone revealing the empty tomb. 'Alleluia, He is Risen'.

Easter is the sure sign of salvation for all Christian believers. The Resurrection of Jesus was His conquering the power of evil and death and opening the gates of Heaven. Our faith teaches us that Heaven does exist and is the eternal reward after our life on earth has finished. The original sin of Adam and Eve and evil satanic forces were wiped away with the Resurrection. New, eternal life reigns: death is conquered forever.

In Australia today, people celebrate Easter through various means. Many who do not belong to the Christian faith recognise its importance through national holidays in the Easter weekend. The forty days of Lent have ended; the Passion of the Lord has been experienced by Him and remembered by us; the lifeless body of Jesus hung on the cross, was removed to a tomb, and on Easter morning the Lord emerged victorious and alive. Church services are to the fore during the days of Easter as the journey of Jesus is commemorated through attendance at Mass, prayers, music, and ancient beautiful liturgies.

On the other hand, the season is recognised in the wider community through non-religious practices and what a collection of oddities some are. Think for a moment what happens at Easter: the arrival of the Easter Bunny with chocolate eggs; Hot Cross Buns consumed on Good Friday; camping expeditions; household tasks tackled; heightened football matches are played; parades occur with people donning Easter bonnets; the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital is an annual event; many families still gather for a family meal at Easter; and others observe the tradition of abstaining from meat on Good Friday.

Those matters are all fine, no harm there. However, the richness, spirituality, sheer joy, and the praise to God on High are equally important for Christians. These can never be underestimated, they are Christian traditions and beliefs, our special features that all religions observe in their own manner.

For Monicans, the feast of Easter in 2022 will occur in the school holidays. I extend best wishes to all and hope that the fortnight (followed by Anzac Day on 25 April) is a time for renewal and relaxation.

The journey we travelled in Term 1 was often uncomfortable, unpleasant, and difficult. For many it was made worse by illness. I thank every Monican for the effort put into making the first term bearable, sustainable, and yes, happy for so many. God bless our Monican community.

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TERM 2 (FROM 26 APRIL) ORGANIZATION

Term 2

April

- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Term 2 Classes Commence
- 29 Principal's Shield for Chess

May

- 2 Year 10 Immunisations
- 3 Principal's Art Prize
- 10 Monicans in May Music Concert
- 10 - 20 NAPLAN Testing
- 12 College Assembly
- 19 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery
- Year 10 Formation Day
- 31 Year 10 - 11 Exams

June

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

UNIFORM AND GROOMING

At St Monica's College we pride ourselves on our uniform standards. Our uniform and grooming expectations ensure that Monicans are well presented in the community, taking pride in themselves and the College they represent.

All students return for Term 2 in Winter Uniform.

For girls:

- Regulation wool blend St Monica's skirt worn on or below the knee, in blue, grey and 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
- 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.

For boys:

- 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
- 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
- College Tie
- Grey College scarf, beanie and grey gloves (optional). No other items are permitted.



THE VALUE OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 can apply to complete one week of work experience during allocated times. Students benefit from these short-term industry placements, gaining more understanding of the working life, and specific careers.

Year 10 Pre-VCAL students will undertake work experience during mid-year, and end of year exam period. Their first placements will run from 30 May – 10 June. Miss Maloney and Careers Department staff have been working with the students to prepare them for their placements. These students are very excited as they anticipate going out into the workplaces.

CAREERS IN SPORT FOR THOSE UNSURE ABOUT UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Richmond Institute of Sport Leadership

The Richmond Football Club and Swinburne University work together on this. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a Dual Diploma in Sports Development and Leadership and Management.

More information and open days: <https://richmondinstitute.com.au/>

Carlton College of Sport

The Carlton Football Club and La Trobe University are partners in this program.

As part of the 12-month program, students will study a University diploma in Sports Coaching and Development or Elite Sports Business. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.

More information and open days: [Home Page | Carlton College of Sport](#)

TERM HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the College will be opened Monday 11 April until Friday 22 April. Operating hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm.

The office will be closed Friday 15 April for Good Friday and Monday 18 April for Easter Monday.



EASTER HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Fees Office will remain open throughout the school holidays between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Any queries can be directed to 9409 8800 or fees@stmonicas-epping.com.

All payment options will remain available during this time:

- a) Direct Debit Payment Plans (Recommended) – If you are on a School Administered payment plan, please make note of your 2022 Direct Debit schedule for any outlying dates over the Easter long weekend.

If you are not already on a school administered payment plan, you are invited to contact the Fees Office to receive the application form. This form will authorise the College to automatically debit from your nominated bank account 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.*

- b) At College Reception (Augustine House) – Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm.
- c) Online Payments via the community portal (located in the Finance tab, Fees) or via Bpay.

Finalising Term 1

As we have now approached the end of Term 1, we kindly remind families of their fee obligations.

It is a requirement of the College that you make regular payments throughout the school year, due by the second week of each Term. If you have not made an instalment on your Tuition account at this stage, we ask that you please attend to this.

If you wish to discuss this with our fees office please contact fees@stmonicas-epping.com or directly on 9409 8800.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2022 \$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, 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

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 2022 if any of these changes have occurred.

- 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.

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 (31 January, 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 24 June, 2022 for eligibility. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries please contact: 9409 8800.

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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Library

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How well do you know your Fairy Tales?

Recently, under the auspices of Teacher Librarian, Mrs Leonie Johnson, the Year 7 students were invited to enter the Pamela Coyne Library's "Fairy Tales Competition".

In conjunction with their Library Wide Reading Classes, students had to search the Library to find posters with visual clues and work out which Fairy Tale each poster related to. Clues were scattered around the Library, and it was great to see so many students participate.

All thirteen clues were quite cryptic, and over a period of two weeks, we daily saw groups of students working together to come up with what they thought was the correct answer.

Over sixty students entered, and the overall winner was Natania Kumerapperuma of 7RE, who won a lovely hamper put together by Mrs Johnson.



Finally, the Library Resources Faculty (LRF) would like to wish the students and families of SMC a very happy and safe Easter.

VEGGIE GARDEN ADVICE courtesy of SMC

Do you believe you do not have a green thumb? I believe there is no such thing, everyone can learn to grow their own fruits, vegetables and plants in general. The key is getting into the habit of checking on your plants daily as you develop your understanding of the plant needs.

Growing your own food is one of the most powerful things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and improve your general health. Now is the perfect time of year to plant the following seeds and seedlings.

Leafy greens:	lettuce, silver beet, kale and spinach
Roots	carrot, beetroot, radish, swedes and turnips
Brassicas	cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and brussel sprouts
Legumes	snow peas, snap peas, garden peas and broad beans.



2022 ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARDS

Students in Years 7 - 12 are invited to enter this year's *ANZAC Day Schools' Awards*. Students are to research the role and stories of Australian Peacekeepers and share these stories and experiences through podcasts, virtual museum or gallery walk, videos or websites. Entries close 30 June 2022 and there are great prizes on offer.

For more details access the link below, speak to your Humanities teacher or email Mrs Turner (c.turner@stmonicas-epping.com)

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards>



ST JOHN AMBULANCE SMC YOUTH DIVISION

The St Monica's St John Youth Division continues to thrive in the College. On Wednesday 30 March, approximately fifty students attended and were taught the basics of CPR.

Like our many other co-curricular programs, the SMC St John Youth Division offers an opportunity for students to connect with their school. Please continue to encourage participation in co-curricular.



VETiS and VCAL PROGRAMS



We now have over 50 students on Structured Workplace Learning. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved.

Thank you ever so much,



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SACCSS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 TEAM SCORES

BOYS CHAMPION RESULTS

PLACE	JUNIOR - DIV 1	JUNIOR - DIV 2	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 1	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 2	SENIOR - DIV 1	SENIOR - DIV 2
1 st	Mac Killop College 192	Caroline Chisholm 203	Emmanuel College 169	St Monica's College 185	Emmanuel College 96	St Monica's College 105
2 nd	CRC Melton 172	CRC North Keilor 186	Salesian College 160	Caroline Chisholm 144	Salesian College 92	Penola College 30
3 rd	Salesian College 141	St Monica's College 123	Marymade College 127	CRC North Keilor 119	CRC Melton 72	Koibee College 10
4 th	CRC Caroline Springs 97	Penola College 86	Mac Killop College 113	Koibee College 90	CRC Sydenham 66	Antonine College 8
5 th	Emmanuel College 90	Koibee College 67	CRC Melton 73	CRC St Albans 44	Marymade College 43	
6 th	Thomas Carr College 61	Antonine College 36	CRC Caroline Springs 70	Antonine College 27	Mac Killop College 42	
7 th	Marymade College 54	CRC St Albans 34	Thomas Carr College 63	Penola College 14	Thomas Carr College 28	

GIRLS CHAMPION RESULTS

PLACE	JUNIOR - DIV 1	JUNIOR - DIV 2	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 1	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 2	SENIOR - DIV 1	SENIOR - DIV 2
1 st	Salesian College 170	Caroline Chisholm 174	Salesian College 190	St Monica's College 184	Salesian College 110	St Monica's College 116
2 nd	Mac Killop College 138	St Monica's College 135	CRC Caroline Springs 143	CRC North Keilor 154	Mac Killop College 104	Koibee College 70
3 rd	CRC Caroline Springs 29	Koibee College 119	Mac Killop College 133	Caroline Chisholm 135	Emmanuel College 72	Penola College 32
4 th	Emmanuel College 125	CRC North Keilor 113	Marymade College 126	Koibee College 106	Thomas Carr College 66	Antonine College 12
5 th	Thomas Carr College 120	Penola College 103	CRC Melton 79	CRC St Albans 76	CRC Sydenham 41	
6 th	Marymade College 104	Antonine College 42	Thomas Carr College 48		Marymade College 25	
7 th	CRC Melton 41	CRC St Albans 33	Emmanuel College 32			
8 th			CRC Sydenham 11			

AGGREGATE RESULTS

PLACE	JUNIOR - DIV 1	JUNIOR - DIV 2	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 1	INTERMEDIATE - DIV 2	SENIOR - DIV 1	SENIOR - DIV 2
1 st	Mac Killop College 330	Caroline Chisholm 377	Salesian College 350	St Monica's College 369	Salesian College 202	St Monica's College 221
2 nd	Salesian College 311	CRC North Keilor 299	Marymade College 253	Caroline Chisholm 279	Emmanuel College 168	Koibee College 80
3 rd	CRC Caroline Springs 226	St Monica's College 258	Mac Killop College 146	CRC North Keilor 273	Mac Killop College 146	Penola College 62
4 th	Emmanuel College 215	Penola College 189	CRC Caroline Springs 213	Koibee College 196	CRC Sydenham 107	Antonine College 20
5 th	CRC Melton 213	Koibee College 186	Emmanuel College 201	CRC St Albans 120	Thomas Carr College 94	
6 th	Thomas Carr College 181	Antonine College 78	CRC Melton 152	Antonine College 27	CRC Melton 72	
7 th	Marymade College 158	CRC St Albans 67	Thomas Carr College 111	Penola College 14	Marymade College 68	
8 th			CRC Sydenham 11			



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Co-educational Secondary Schools

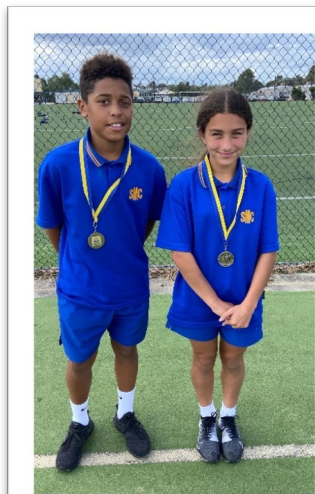
SACCSS INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2022

AGE GROUP	FEMALE	MALE
13 years Division 1	Holly Hume (TCC)	Oliver Dreaver (CRCMEL)
13 years Division 2	Patricia Qariaqus (KCC)	Anjay Lam (CCCC)
14 years Division 1	Tamami Murdock (MACK)	Max Burton (CRCMEL) Ben Hayler (MACK)
14 years Division 2	Haryanna San-Miguel (CCCC)	Jonathan Russell (CCCC)
14 years Multiclass	Div 1- Molly Wright (MCO)	
15 years Division 1	Charlotte Matthews (SAL)	Jack Morrow (CRCMEL)
15 years Division 2	Indyana Sporic (KCC)	Jonathon Qariaqus (KCC)
16 years Division 1	Tess Kelly (SAL)	Will Vavallo (SAL)
16 years Division 2	Cameron Crawford (CCCC)	Matthew James (SMC)
17- 20 years Division 1	Abbey Stockdale (SAL)	James Morrow (CRCMEL)
17- 20 years Division 2	Alanah Ilioski (SMC)	Patrick McGuigan (SMC)
17-20 years Multi Class Champion	Div 1 - Blaise O' Brien (SAL)	Div 2 - Lucas Billeci (KCC)

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

House Cross Country was held on Friday 1 April in very tough conditions. All competitions put in fantastic efforts and some great times were ran! Congratulations to the winners:

Year 7 – Will Kengni and Indiana Cotsis
Year 8 – Jamie Dodevski and Eila Varela
Year 9 – Christian Chiechi and Ashton Conkling
Year 10 – Trajco Nikolov and Adele Conkling
Seniors – Max Filev and Taylar Ebrahim



SACCSS SWIMMING

The annual SACCSS Swimming was held on Tuesday 29 March, with great results achieved by all Monicans. The Marlins Swim Squad were able to secure promotion to Division 1 by winning two age group aggregates (intermediate and senior) whilst also having three individual champions, Patrick McGuigan, Matthew James and Alanah Ilioski.

The Marlins had great preparation for the carnival, with a great training regime put together by coaches Mr Phil Bogoevski and Miss Taylor Panebianco. Well done to everyone involved in a great result for the College!



THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2022

1 April

Youth Ministry, Student Council and Be More
Formation Session

1 April

Class of 2006 and 2007 Reunion

4 April

Youth Ministry Meeting

5 April

DSC Be More Meeting

5 April

College Conversation

6 April

Community Services at Merriang Special Development School

6 April

Youth Ministry Meeting

6 April

Lenten Prayer Session

7 April

College Mass

7 April

DRC Be More Meeting

7 April

Junior Student Council Meeting

MARVELLOUS MONICAN




Akshat Mody (Year 8 Blue) commenced his Taekwondo journey about four years ago when he first saw an international Taekwondo match live on tv. Since then he became very interested in Taekwondo and commenced training the next day. Under the guidance of his coach, Adam Meyers, he realised Taekwondo was his passion but due to COVID his team had to continue training via zoom.

After receiving news that a National Taekwondo Sparring Match would be held in March this year, Akshat commenced training again with his team. The match was to be held in Brisbane, and his fight was the day after his arrival. His fight came, and towards the end of the 2nd round, his score was 27 to 6 and was eligible to compete in the semi-finals. At the end of the third round of the semi-finals his score was 29 and his opponent 34. Even though Akshat did not win he was still awarded a Bronze Medal. Well done Akshat.



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