



## *Saint Monica, Patron and Guide*

### Welcome to Saint Monica's Week 2022

The College community rejoices in the celebration of the feast of our loving patron and guide, and this joy has been obvious in each of the 58 years of existence of this great College.

Saint Monica - woman of the fourth century; wife, mother and grandmother; woman of Algeria whose childhood and early marriage were challenging; woman of prayer for all whom she encountered; person of perseverance as she journeyed from Algeria to Rome and Milan in pursuit of her wayward son, the saintly Augustine. What an intrepid figure to inspire the youth of the northern suburbs of Melbourne in 2022.

Saint Monica is revered and loved by Monicans because she crossed boundaries and embraces all members of our community regardless of gender, race, culture, color, age, faith background, or circumstances. She relates to the challenges of youth as she knew them through Augustine. Monica relates to cultures so well – African and European were known and experienced by this woman. She mixed with the young of society, the elders, the religious leaders, people of all beliefs. Christian herself, Monica would most certainly have known Muslims and people of other sects and religious traditions in her homeland, her travels and at her destinations.

Monica was a feminist, a woman confident in her own abilities, courageous and forthright. The chapter on Monica in Christine Cameron's book, *'Heralding A Renaissance, Women & Leadership in the Catholic Church'* (Connor Court Publishing, 2019) presents a dynamic and intellectual and outstanding woman of the fourth century, great model of servant leadership for the young males and females of this 21st Century.

Monica was tough and strong, coping with physical, emotional and spiritual challenges throughout most of her life. She travelled a long distance in pursuit of her son; she presented herself to the august Bishop of Milan, Ambrose; she confronted and convinced her son on faith matters; she rested in Ostia, Italy on her intended return to Algeria and there at Ostia her life ended after a miraculous encounter with the divine.

Monica was faith enlivened and belief embodied. She certainly prayed and turned prayers into actions. Great transition. She must have been gritty and sometimes she is referred to as a nagging person. In her defence, perhaps she was just determined and did not take nonsense from anyone!

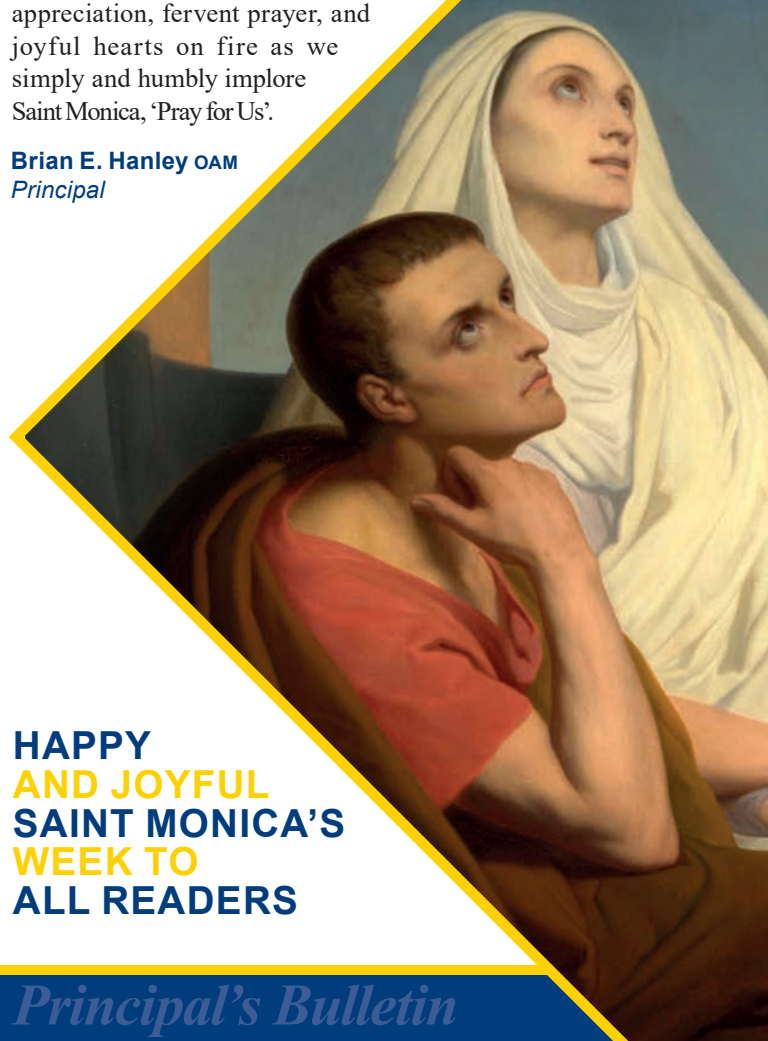
During this very special week at our College, we give thanks for the example that Monica provides for us. Our College is named in honor of a saint, a woman of great esteem in the Christian Church, an ancient woman with modern significance, a person, unlike everyone else, who met God face-to-face in an outer worldly encounter.

Monicans through the years have visited and prayed at her resting place in Rome. We have walked in her footsteps at Ostia. We have seen countless images of her, each beautiful in their own interpretation of her. We bear the title 'Monican' with pride and accept all the responsibilities and blessings that this title brings upon us.

In this special edition of the *Principal's Bulletin* may we join together in deep appreciation, fervent prayer, and joyful hearts on fire as we simply and humbly implore Saint Monica, 'Pray for Us'.

**Brian E. Hanley OAM**  
*Principal*

**HAPPY  
AND JOYFUL  
SAINT MONICA'S  
WEEK TO  
ALL READERS**



### RE-ENROLMENT -2023

We invite you to re-enrol your child/children at St Monica's College, Epping for 2023.

Re-Enrolment 2023 is now open until 30 August, 2022.

Re-Enrolment into Years 8-12 must be confirmed by submitting the Re-Enrolment family information form together with payment of \$150.00 deposit per student to secure your child's place, this fee will be deducted from your 2023 Tuition Fees. This can be processed on online using the following link: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/re-enrolment-update-details/>

Alternatively, you can obtain a Re-Enrolment Form at Augustine House, Dalton Road Campus office, or have your student(s) obtain the re-enrolment form from their Campus Reception.

### 2022 TUITION FEES

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. Please keep in mind that payments are due and payable in four equal instalments by the second week of each term if you are not on a school administered payment plan:

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

To those families who are up to date with their fee obligations, we thank you for your continued support.

If you have not made payment on your Tuition account in Term 3, we ask that you please make a

quarterly instalment. Should you need assistance bringing your account up to date, please feel free to contact the Fees Office on 9409-8800 or contact us via [fees@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:fees@stmonicas-epping.com).

*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.

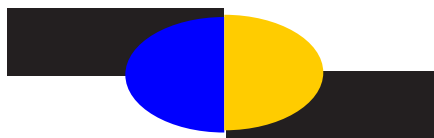
Application forms for Direct Debit or Credit Card automatic payments can be completed online using the following link:

<https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/payment-plan/>

Alternatively, Payment Plan Request Forms can be completed in person at Augustine House, Dalton Road Campus office.

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.

For any queries, please contact the Fees Office on 9409-8800.



## ST MONICA'S WEEK 2022



### Monday

Blessing and Opening of the Cooina and STEM Buildings

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### Tuesday

Youth Parliament

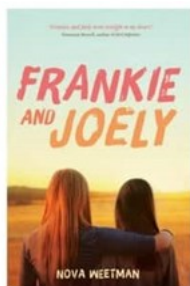
Features debate and discussion of ideas pertaining to the College and student body



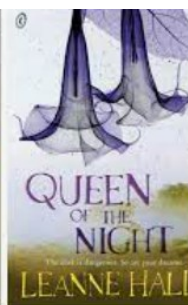
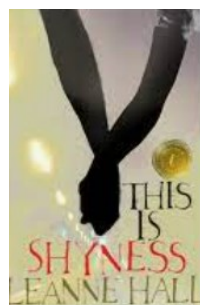
# LIBRARY NEWS

During our recent Book Week celebrations, the Library Resource Faculty was delighted to have two guest authors visit and speak with our students.

PCL had the very popular Nova Weetman come and talk to our junior students about her career as a TV writer and YA fiction writer. Nova was engaging, funny and informative, and soon had the students coming up with a character and story line. It was great to see our readers and future writers so enthusiastically coming up with ideas, and we know many of them will undoubtedly use the skills Nova talked about in their future works.



**SJQ Library** hosted the popular teen writer, Leanne Hall, who talked about her teen years and the subsequent development of her writing career. She explained how much of her writing revolves around diversity, due to growing up Asian in Australia. Our senior students were engaged and interested, posing relevant questions leading to very interesting discussions.



Books by both authors are available in our junior and senior libraries for borrowing.

**Monday, 22 August – Friday, 26 August**

## Wednesday

Sports Breakfast

Featuring Special Guests:  
Tony Shaw, Matthew Richardson,  
Katie Brennan, Mark Torcaso  
and Adriana Taranto



## Friday

St Monica's Day Mass  
Followed by Activities

Principal Celebrant of St Monica's  
Day Mass: Very Rev Arch  
Priest Michael Kalka PP







*St Monica's  
Day*





**Friday,  
26 August**







## **DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS**

### **SEAS APPLICATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

All Year 12 students intending to attend university next year should check to make sure they fill in their SEAS applications and have at least ticked the box for Category 1. This may improve your ATAR enough to make the difference between getting into your preferred course and missing out. Year 12 students should check their emails from Mr White for further guidance.

### **VTAC ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

While many Year 12 students have already created their VTAC accounts – an essential aspect of gaining direct entry into university for most – those who need assistance can come along to P103 for some help from the Careers Team. Seminars to help with this are available on 24, 25 and 31 August. You only need to attend once. Check your emails for a link to register.

## **DALTON ROAD CAMPUS**

Dalton Road Campus students can now make booking to see a careers practitioner upstairs in the new Cooida Building. Find the Careers link on SIMON, click on the white “booking” button and follow the links to make a time that is convenient to you. Come and talk about possible careers, subjects, how to apply for a part time job and many other topics career related. Students may have a clear career in mind or no idea – either circumstance is ok! Bring your laptop.



For the first time in College history our SACCSS Senior Girls Hockey team has been crowned Champions of the SACCSS Senior Competition. Our girls had a fantastic day out at Footscray Hockey Club, defeating Marymede and Caroline Chisholm without conceding a single goal the whole day. Standout players were Stella Bernardi, Caitlin Dowsett, Chiara Nardo and Elle Onisiforou. Unfortunately the boys team finished third. An unlucky start of the day losing 1—0 to MacKillop put the boys behind the eight ball, but they fought back hard to draw their next game and finish off with a 1-0 win in their final game. Athan Iliopoulos, Jackson Veljanovski, Ethan Pandov and Ben Gibson were highlights throughout the day.

## **END OF TERM CALENDAR DATES**

### **Term 3**

#### **August**

**22 – 26 ST MONICA'S WEEK**  
 22 Blessing & Opening Ceremony  
 26 **St Monica's Day**

#### **September**

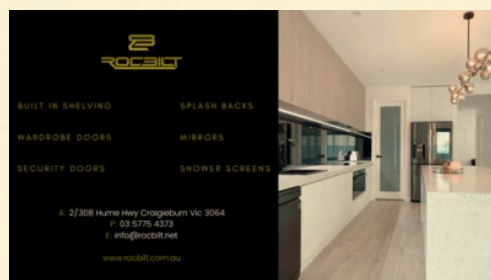
5 Principal's Cup for Song  
 7 General Achievement Test (GAT)  
 16 End of Term 3.



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# MARVELLOUS MONICANS

## STEM Education Awards Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) STEM MAD Showcase 2022 Competition

*The MACS STEM MAD Showcase was held on Thursday, 4 August. Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne came together to acknowledge and promote Science, Technologies (Digital and Design), Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) via integrated learning that addresses real-world problems and makes a difference. Approximately 500 students and their teachers shared their projects with peers and judges.*

*We are delighted to announce that St Monica's College entered two student projects with working prototypes and received two awards.*

*Secondary Award Finalist for her "Call To Compost" STEM in the "National Gallery of Victoria - Artful Ingenuity" project category went to **Sanjita Choudhary**, Year 9 STEM Education.*



*Secondary Award Winners in "The Future Is STEM" category for their "Freeway Wind Power" project went to **Arman Hajihashemi**, Year 7, **Thomas Karageorgis** and **James Nguyen**, Year 9, STEM, Co-curricular Activities.*

*As students were unable to travel to the Showcase due to COVID-19 excursion restrictions, the solution was to video conference with the judges to answer questions explaining their projects. Both projects have been invited to showcase their work at STEM MAD National competition.*

*Special mention goes to **Gabrielle Malaga** and **Yuvaan Pala**, both from Year 9, for assisting with the production of a "Tree Of Life", which was commissioned by MACS. STEM Co-curricular Activities produced this project to display students' workshop activities in the STEM Showcase Studios.*

*Congratulations to all students involved for their initiative, innovation and perseverance in completing and presenting their work.*

*We now look forward to STEM MAD Nationals and SMC STEM Showcase.*



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