



Good Advice: look before you leap

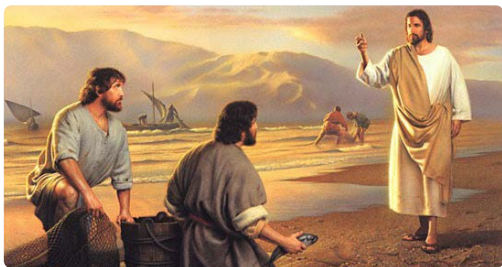
This is the final piece of advice for now, following on from 'in your stride' and 'not dropping your bundle' recent articles. This time, Monicans are strongly advised to consider the possible implications of any action before they commit to it and find themselves in strife or regretting their decision. 'Look before you leap' is an age-old moral and teaching, and it is full of wisdom for persons of any age from anywhere.



Aesop wrote fables to teach lessons to his readers and a popular one concerns a crafty fox and a gullible goat. Both requiring water, the fox urged the goat to jump into the well after him and both would drink. The catch was that the fox launched himself out of the well by standing on the horns of the poor goat thus leaving the wretched animal to starve in the well whilst the fox ran free, thirst quenched. Look before you leap and not be caught in such a dilemma.



Trust is an important quality to possess, but equally a person ought to earn your trust. Do not make an assumption about a person's goodness until you have evidence that they are indeed worthy of your trust. We know that scams, fraud, prankish behaviour, evil schemes, theft, and deception have caused great unhappiness and significant loss to people throughout the centuries and across the nations. It is not only counterfeit coins and notes about which we should be wary but also tempting and alluring 'make money quick' offers which are as crooked and rotten in how they deceive ignorant folk.



Who do we trust and into whose arms can we leap? Individually, we shall determine that, but some indicators include: a close relative or friend who returns our love and affection; a person of good reputation whose actions are always of the highest standard; people who publicly reject evil and promote good will and peace; saints of all religions and faiths; and those whose life is pure and inspirational.

The apostles trusted Jesus as they saw what He stood for and heard what He preached. They looked and they leapt securely. In our Decade of Truth at St Monica's College, people will emerge who can be trusted totally. They will be writers, preachers, evangelists, saints, historical and modern believers in genuine care of others. Many will be fellow Monicans.

Naturally, there are very practical ways also when we need to look before we leap. Ponder for a moment the burning hot saucepan handle; the raging waters to cross; the risk associated with experimenting with unknown substances; the danger of becoming fanatical over an idea or a person; eating too much or not eating sufficiently and preventing growth. This list could be pages long. Consider, Contemplate, Discern, Compare and Contrast, Hesitate, Evaluate, Reflect. These are recommended practices for most situations.

In 2022, we travel together on our journeys ahead. This means we shall encounter many people in various situations, places and conditions. Not everyone is a person worthy of our blind faith. Let us not be naïve. Better safe than sorry, Monicans.

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YEAR 7, 2023 ENROLMENTS



If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into Year 7, 2023 please do so as soon as possible as places are limited.

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.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the College Registrar Lina Sirianni.

registrar@stmonicas-epping.com or 9409 8800.
www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply



STAFF WELLBEING PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

We are excited to announce some changes we will experience in Wellbeing this year.

In lieu of the Wellbeing Staff PD day on the final day of Term 3 (Friday 16 September), our staff instead will be having short, sharp PD workshops during the year.

The research is evident that short, sharp PD workshops are the best way to go for high impact and an effective way for Staff to focus on PD. From the Counselling Services Working Party meeting held in 2021, our research suggests this is true.

To introduce us to these PD workshops, on Monday 4 April, all students will be dismissed from school at the end of Lesson 5, in order for us to begin our Wellbeing workshop. Students will be dismissed at 2.35 pm and staff will immediately work on their PD workshop on Wellbeing.

Date to note in your diaries:

Term 1 - Monday 4 April.

Students dismissed at 2.35 pm.

We are excited to trial some contemporary, relevant PD for Wellbeing in short bursts each term, in lieu of the Wellbeing PD day. The final day of Term 3 will be a normal day of classes to finish Term 3.



DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS

GAP YEAR IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Applications for the 2023 ADF Gap Year are open.

Students can experience life in the Navy, Army, or Air Force, without needing to make a long-term commitment. The skills obtained through the ADF Gap Year program will provide valuable work and life experience and are transferable to other work settings.

- Enjoy a great salary package plus free healthcare
- Live a varied, active, and healthy lifestyle
- Make friends with like-minded people
- Have the opportunity to see more of Australia.

Apply at [ADF Gap Year](#).

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

Structured Workplace learning provides students with the opportunity to integrate practical on-the-job experience and learning in industry with a nationally recognised VET certificate undertaken as part of either the VCE or VCAL. The VCAL timetable has set aside one day per week for students to undertake SWL. Staff are now looking forward to visiting students at their worksites and seeing them in action.

DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

Careers staff are currently interviewing all Year 9 students who work within the Arrunga and Educational Support areas of the College. Students are being introduced to Careers staff, being shown Careers resources, and receiving some guidance on future directions. A reminder to all Year 7 to Year 9 students that this term, they can make an appointment with Career staff by contacting their Year Level Leader.



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: Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

VETiS and VCAL PROGRAMS



Structured Workplace Learning

As of week seven, we have forty-six VCAL students out on Structured Workplace Learning placements, with several more to be processed in the coming days. These students attend a workplace with an employer of choice one day a week, as part of their vocational studies. Students are given the opportunity to put their learning into practice, and to develop their employability skills. This is an invaluable part of VET and VCAL studies at the College. We wish all our students well on their vocational journeys and thank everyone involved, including the Careers Department, Mrs Rabenda, Mrs Registro and Mr Krstevski.

TERM 2 UNIFORM

This is a reminder that winter uniform applies as from Tuesday, 26 April. Families are asked to ensure that all winter uniform items are in accordance with the uniform regulations printed in the Student Planner.

COLLEGE ANNUAL 2021

This publication was given to students to bring home last week, if your family was a member of the 2021 cohort of Monicans. The Promotions and Events Office will appreciate any feedback on this document. C.Ragona@stmonicas-epping.com

Rededication of the Beehive

This ceremony took place on Friday 25 March with Mr Mario Bernardi, Chairperson of the School Advisory Council, rededicating the entire centre after substantial refurbishment and extension. This facility on DSC will ensure first class computer resources and their availability to students and staff.



Library

NEWS



Our Very Busy Libraries

It might surprise many of you to know that our Libraries are not just a place for quiet study and reading!

Both the Pamela Coyne Library (PCL) and Sister Julian Quaine Library (SJQL) are spaces that offer not only quiet times, but also individual and group activities such as study, research, games and extra-curricular groups.

The SJQL offers the senior students the opportunity to come and join their “**Beyond the Book**” discussion group. They meet fortnightly (Wednesdays in Blue week, Day 3) at Lunchtime, and newcomers are very welcome. Please see Ms Hall or Ms Stratton if you wish to join.

The PCL offers an array of activities for the junior students.

Reading Club meets every Monday in the Library Research Room. Craft activities, movie trailers, book discussions, quizzes are just some of the many activities undertaken here. Newcomers are welcome, and all enquiries can be directed to Mrs Johnson.

The Library Monitors group has started up again, and here students are trained to assist the

Library staff with a number of chores in the PCL. Shelving of books, desk work and assisting with displays are just some of the activities there. Mrs Pattison can be found most lunchtimes if students still wish to commence training and join this group.

This year a **Writers Club** was formed in the Library that allows students to be part of a team putting a Writers gazette together. The students write for fun and enjoy putting pieces into a collaborative newspaper giving a great opportunity for student voice. There are other tasks in the Club such as the layout crew and illustrators who have also contributed their pieces. Stay tuned for the end result.

And finally, we are pleased to announce that this year the Library is resourcing the **STEM program** through the use of Libguides and presentations that have been worked on by both STEM Teachers and Librarians. Students have had presentations which included how to credit current resources by referencing them correctly. This project will continue to grow in the years ahead.





ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING
COLLEGE CONVERSATION

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

Working for Peace and Justice

**PRESENTED BY
SR JAN BARNETT RSJ**

Tuesday, 5 April, 2022

3.45pm - Refreshments
4.00pm - Conversation begins

Building of the Sacred Heart
Davisson Street Campus

RSVP to Alex Vavala
by Tuesday, 29 March at
avavala@stmonicas-epping.com

or
8401 7660

THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2022

1 March

1, 8, 15, 22 March

2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 March

2, 10, 15 March

2, 16, 23, 30 March

3, 10, 17, 24 March

3 March

7, 21 March

7 March

8 March

10 March

11 March

11 March

11, 25 March

14 March

16 March

18 March

21 March

23 March

24 March

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27 March

Melbourne Youth Leadership Conference

DSC Be More Meetings

Youth Ministry Meetings

Immersion Formation Sessions

Lenten Prayer Sessions

DRC Be More Meetings

Community Cook Up Zoom Session

DRC Values Education Meetings

Alumni Archives Meeting

Community Cook Up

DRC Student Archives Committee Meeting

Young Women's Breakfast

Community Service at Whittlesea Food Collective

Junior Student Council Meetings

Senior Student Council Meeting

Be More Online Formation Session

Class of 2011 Reunion

Harmony Day

Community Services at Merriang Special Development School

Staff vs Student Harmony Week Netball Game

Spirituality Seminar - All About Prayer

Staff vs Student Harmony Week Football Game

Community Services at Whittlesea Food Collective

DSC Student Archives Meeting

Alumni Volunteering - Christmas on the Streets

School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.

Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Starting hourly rate of \$31.04 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 10% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available

Apply now!

TO APPLY

Complete the application form on the reverse side of this flyer or online at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2508 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Apply to become a School Crossing Supervisor

Join the City of Whittlesea and make a difference in our community!

This very rewarding role helps the most vulnerable members of the community, our children. Assist school aged children and other pedestrians to cross the road at designated school crossings.

ABOUT YOU

To be considered for this job you need to:

- be medically fit
- have your own transport
- be of good character
- relate well to children and be able to talk to children's parents and teachers
- be available to work for 1.5 hours per day, generally between 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm on weekdays during school terms
- be able to obtain and retain a Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- be fully vaccinated against COVID-19

If this sounds like you, then you should definitely apply! Complete the application form below or online at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings



Please send your completed form to: City of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1, Bundoora MDC VIC 3083

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email address: _____

Do you have any experience working with children? If yes, please provide details:

Why do you want to work as a school crossing supervisor?

What do you know about being a school crossing supervisor?

Referees: Please provide the names and phone numbers of two (2) referees (cannot be family or friends). Please state briefly, the relationship with each referee (for example, your last employer, a supervisor, involvement in a community group, voluntary work, etc).

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____ **Relationship:** _____

If you have any further questions, please contact our School Crossing Team on 9217 2508.



If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact Jordan Hodges at the Promotions and Events Department: J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com



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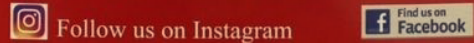
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SPORT

SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Netball team who were champions in the SACCSS Division 2 Netball Competition. After a narrow defeat last year in the grand final, the girls were able to go one better and defeat Kolbe 31-28 to secure promotion.



Back - Jade Minutoli, Steph Rizza, Nikita Gruevski (C), Tahlia Infantino, Ashriti Sharma
Bottom - Jemma Krstevski, Alyssa Cuschieri, Tamia Bergamin.

THE BLOODY LONG WALK
A 35km Challenge to Cure Mito

Parent, Stella Cirrito has signed up for The Bloody Long Walk to conquer 35km in one day from Yarra Bend Park to St Kilda Sea Baths.

This is to support people living with mitochondrial disease (mito), a terminal disease that affects thousands of Aussie kids and adults.

You can support Stella's 35km walk by making a donation through the following fundraising page: <https://event.bloodylongwalk.com.au/fundraisers/stellacirrito>

YEARS 8 AND 10 RETREAT DAYS AND YEAR 9 ACTIVITIES DAY IN 2022

The College has made the decision to limit overnight Camps and Retreats for 2022. This year, Year 8 and Year 10 Retreats will be a full one-day program at Ostia with a variety of activities and the Year 9 students will participate in an Activities Day in the city. More information will be sent home shortly via students.

We look forward to well planned and exciting days for each of these year levels.

MARVELLOUS MONICANS



Stephanie Dimovska (Year 11 Mauve) recently competed in the Victorian State Karate Championships. With an outstanding effort, Stephanie won Gold in the Female Kata – Junior Division. A truly amazing achievement and we believe that due to this, Stephanie is very deserving of being named Marvellous Monican. A true example of strength, determination, and spirit. Well done, Stephanie!



Franz Chatto



Javier Anevski



Aydin Frisina



Jacob Buya

Jacob Buya, Aydin Frisina, Javier Anevski and Franz Chatto from Year 12 are nominated as Marvellous Monicans.

These students are members of the Year 12 VCE VET Engineering Studies class and are trained by Mr Rodney Brown from Educational Living.

Mr Brown describes these students as a pleasure to teach and they are doing extremely well with their practical and theory work. Mr Brown teaches across several educational establishments across Melbourne, and has worked as an Engineer for over 25 years. He describes Jacob, Aydin, Javier and Franz as some of the best students he has worked with.

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