



Our Companions *TREES, PLANTS AND FLOWERS*



God so loved people that within His creative mind he believed that men, women and children would love, treat properly, and appreciate the value of other forms of life – in this edition of the Principal's Bulletin I concentrate our thoughts on plant life. Last time it was animals. How many plants do Monicans grow or admire in their gardens, vases, on window ledges or along their neighbourhood streets?

My wife, Enza, derives much pleasure by cultivating at our home a Japanese styled garden. One recent dramatic sight (last week actually) was the magnificent blossom on the tree beside our balcony. I have included a photograph. It offered us great joy and pleasure to see a tree of such wondrous beauty and we thanked God for it. Similar sights are seen in the College's Our Lady of the Cherry Blossom Peace Garden on Davisson Street Campus.

On our journeys together, plant and botanical life is a source of diverse and ever changing benefit to us. From trees and in our gardens we grow fruit and vegetables for our nourishment – bright oranges, luscious strawberries, plump pumpkins and ruby red beetroot are a collection of food delights.

Flowers brighten our rooms, our garden beds and our hanging gardens. Flowers are generally an important feature at a wedding, a funeral or other special occasion. Flowers reveal magnificent colors, shapes and forms, and perfumes. Monicans admire the color, tranquillity and symbolic importance of their John Bede Polding Rose Garden in Davisson Park. Some flowers can be somewhat dangerous if swallowed, may stain our fingers if touched, may aggravate our eyes and ears if touched or breathed in.



Plants are a source of healing and many skilled medicine practitioners can do marvellous things with the oils from a leaf, the petals of a flower, the medicinal benefits gained from a particular shrub or plant. Leaves are burned for healing or celebration; trees are admired for their height, their girth or their age; plants self-procreate, multiply on an annual cycle; trees provide shelter and shade; flora is extraordinary in its varieties and hues.

The Bible is a source from which the reader can learn about plant life and admire its versatility and many species. The Book of Genesis finds Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, tempted by fruit from the apple tree. We read about Abraham's dramatic experience with the burning bush later in the Old Testament and we discover an abandoned child amongst the reeds in the river. Jesus talks about faith in the form of a mustard tree in one of his most famous lessons, and at Christmas time many of us will create a replica of the Tree of Jesse.

How miserable our travels ahead on our journeys would be without the presence and natural life of trees, plants and flowers. Landscapes would be deserts, the world would be dreary and mostly colorless, our diets would not enjoy the benefits of natural and healthy foods.

May Monicans thank God as they tend their gardens with care, treat their natural environment with respect, use natural life productively and with due respect, and simply delight in the sturdiness of a tree, the hardiness yet gentleness of plant species, and the beauty of flowers.



Brian Hanley OAM
Principal

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLEGE COMMUNITY

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPUS LEADERS 2023 – 2026

September 2022

It is with pleasure that I announce to the College community the appointments of Campus Leaders, a new role in the College. These appointments result from the retirement of Ms Amorina Chirico as from the conclusion of the 2022 school year and the appointment of Miss Paula Di Maria to the newly created role of Executive Deputy Principal as from the commencement of the 2023 school year.



Miss Nicole Meade has been appointed Leader of the Davisson Street Campus. Miss Meade has been a member of staff at St Monica's College since April 2008 and she has served with integrity and fidelity throughout her period of employment here.

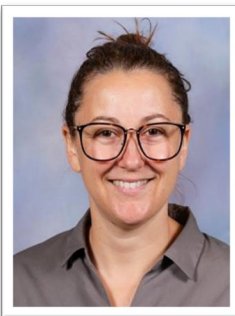
Miss Meade possesses a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physical Education) degree from RMIT University and a Master of Education (Leadership and Management) degree from The University of Melbourne. She has Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School and several certificates and qualifications in sport and health related fields. She has played State representative netball.

Nicole joined our College from Peter Lalor Secondary College and prior to working at that school she had worked at St Monica's College and Trust Education in London in relief and replacement roles.

She was the inaugural Director of the St Monica's College Netball Academy and developed that academy in its formative years. She has served as a Year Level Leader since her appointment to that role in 2015, and Nicole has coordinated and led Years 9, 11 and currently Year 12.

Miss Meade has been involved in many aspects of school leadership and administration over many years, including Campus Leadership Teams, Year Level Teams, Faculties, and pastoral care initiatives. She was instrumental in the development of Health curriculum and VET Sport & Recreation courses.

The College extends best wishes to Nicole Meade as she prepares to assume the responsibility of Campus leadership. We are confident that she will bring extensive expertise, full commitment to Monican education, strong relationships with adults and students throughout the school community, and adherence to and support for Catholic Education and the Mission Statement of St Monica's College, Epping.



Ms Alicia Xerri has been appointed as Leader of the Dalton Road Campus. This appointment sees the return of Ms Xerri to St Monica's College after she has served Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Braybrook as the Director of the Sacred Heart Campus (senior school) in the 2022 school year.

Ms Xerri first joined the St Monica's College, Epping teaching staff in 2012 after having worked for two years in the senior school of Haileybury College. Prior to her entering the teaching profession, Ms Xerri was an accomplished Head Chef and Senior Chef De Partie in renowned restaurants in Melbourne and London.

Alicia possesses a Bachelor of Education degree from Victoria University, a Graduate Certificate in Vocational Education Training from Victoria University, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and a Masters of Educational Management degree from The University of Melbourne. She has served as Year Level Leader at St Monica's College at Years 9, 10 and 12, and she was for a brief period the Interim Leader of the Personal Development Faculty in 2014.

Ms Xerri has been a leading member of staff in the subject and vocational areas of Food Technology, Health and Hospitality. She has served the College on Campus Leadership Teams, Year Level Teams, Faculty groupings, and with the development of VET curriculum planning.

The College extends best wishes to Alicia Xerri as she returns to our College in a leadership position on the Dalton Road Campus. Ms Xerri has faithfully lived out her reaching out to the students of Melbourne's northern suburbs, her constant belief that Monican adults and students deserve commitment of the highest order, her willingness to walk the extra mile and lead with all the attributes of a servant leader. She recognizes and celebrates in word and action the ethos of Catholic Education and the Mission Statement of St Monica's College, Epping.



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College Principal

PIANO COMPETITION

I am very pleased to invite all members of the College community to attend the Piano Competition.

Date: Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Venue: Theatre of All Nations

Time: 7.00 pm.

We are very much looking forward to the return of this event and it is always an entertaining evening of piano repertoire.

Please email l.malorni@stmonicas-epping.com to reserve a seat.



2022 Tuition Fees

We hope that your family had a restful school break and are settling well into Term 4. We kindly remind families of their fee obligations. 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:

Should you decide not to sign up for a school administered payment plan, please keep in mind that finalisation of tuition fees and levies are due by 14 October 2022.

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

Tuition Account Statements were sent earlier this week via email 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 Methods

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 College 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.

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.

TERM 3 COOK UP



A committed group of staff and students worked together to produce meals for families experiencing food insecurity in Whittlesea.

The evening saw the team cook, package and label over 160 meals; a mix of Maghmour and Chicken Kottu. Our selection of dishes reflects those accessing the service and is to ensure their dignity is upheld.

The food was picked up on Friday morning and currently sits in the fridges at The Food Collective, waiting to be taken home by families in need.

We would like to thank the students and staff who contributed to the evening as well as kitchen staff who helped prepare the ingredients for the evening.

LIBRARY NEWS

Displays run on a regular calendar in the Libraries at St Monica's, and we work constantly to make them relevant to our students and the curriculum. Over the past year we have seen everything from the school theme, Travel Together on our Journey Ahead, to Indigenous recognition, Harry Potter, Roald Dahl, Commonwealth Games, student's book reviews and dioramas and articles written by our Horizon students studying the book *Runner*. We love our displays and will soon be able to share displays in our third Library, the Cooinda Bridge Library.



A special note to parents:

Have you recently been charged a replacement cost for your child's non-returned item? LRF always prefer to have books returned rather than charge you the replacement cost. The email we sent home to you, when there is a long overdue item, is your opportunity to avoid this charge to your school fees. We ask that you simply help your child to locate and return the book. Importantly, we can organise the reimbursement of the book to your school fees, if it is returned within a 3 month period.



MELBOURNE
ROYAL

23 September 2022

Mr Stefan Luca
St Monica's College
16 Davisson Street
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Dear Stefan,

On behalf of Melbourne Royal® I would like to extend our thanks for participating in the 2022 Melbourne Royal Art, Craft & Cookery Competition.

Your exhibit will contribute to stunning displays within the Art, Craft & Cookery Competition and Exhibition, and is a key element in achieving our goal of providing an engaging and dynamic experience for Show patrons in the Spotlight Makers Pavilion.

Please find following a copy of your results notification including any comments from our judges on your entries.

Exhibits, non-cash prizes and certificates will be available for collection **from 12:00pm until 7:00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2022**. For your convenience, any prize money will be paid directly into your bank account.

Once again, thank you for your participation. We trust it has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. We look forward to welcoming you at the Show.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing artcraftcooking@melbournroyal.com.au or by phoning (03) 9281 7444.

Kind regards,

Cath Shelley
Art, Craft & Cookery Event Manager

Congratulations to the following St Monica's students:

Photography:

Category: Architecture/Construction

1st Place: Darren Mathiwathanan

Category: Experimental

2nd Place: Mia Traficante

Textiles:

Category: Fibre, Fabric, Yarn

1st Place: Sienna Pisano
2nd Place: Maria-Teresa Yacoub
3rd Place: Jaymee Dadalis

Category: Drawing with Thread

1st Place: Summer Keovong

Cookery:

Category: Anzac Biscuits Year 10

1st Place: Fotini Ambaras
2nd Place: Alec Assad
3rd Place: Anastasia Pino

Category: Anzac Biscuits Year 11

1st Place: Nicholas Antoniou.

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TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

October:

3 Term 4 Classes Commence
 18 College Assembly
 24 – 28 Year 7 Camp
 31 Mid Term Break – Student Free

November:

1 Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
 14 – 24 Year 10-11 Examinations
 22 Principal's Trophy for Technology
 25 Report Writing Day – Student Free
 28 Assembly and Senior Studies Transition 2023 Launch
 29 – 30 Year 9 Examinations

December

1 – 2 Year 9 Examinations
 2 - 5 Year 7-8 Examinations
 6 Year 10, 2023 Orientation at DSC
 6 Classes Conclude for Years 7-11
 16 Office Closes.

DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS

Year 12 VTAC

Congratulations to all Year 12 students at SMC who needed to complete their VTAC registration, on having done it!

Pathways into Nursing

The occupation of nursing is currently in the news and there are shortages of people to do this very important and well-paid occupation. If this is an area of interest and you are worried that you may not achieve the ATAR to gain admission into a Nursing degree, read on! Students can apply to do the Diploma of Nursing – which is currently a FREE TAFE course. Those students who complete this course may have the option of applying to universities and being granted up to 12 months credit towards most 3-year Bachelor of Nursing qualifications. For example, the Box Hill Institute has connections to the ACU, Deakin and La Trobe University nursing courses. Students need to apply directly to Box Hill Institute for this course rather than through VTAC. Click here for more information about Box Hill's Diploma of Nursing ([Diploma of Nursing | Box Hill Institute](#)).

DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

The careers office is open in Coinda and taking appointments. Make a booking online to come and chat about your future. You are bound to learn something you did not know before. If you forget how to make a booking, just drop in to C111 and I will show you how to do it.

Wetlands STEM Frog Hotel

Early this semester, Year 9 STEM Investigation students conducted an Environmental Science Inquiry Process to report on the biodiversity of the Wetlands at SMC and build their STEM literacy. They collected and analysed the Wetlands Wetland's ecosystem data, leading a group of students to develop an empathy for the tiny common froglet, approximately 2 cm in size. Ekin Dang, Lachlan Ly, Zhanias Susi, Shreya Kuchimanchi learned about the challenges this froglet faces in establishing itself in the filtration pond, due to the presence of the mosquito fish. Their Design Thinking solution to address this problem was to collaboratively research, design and construct a Frog Hotel.

Facilitated by their STEM educators Mr Kalantzis, Mr Birse and Coordinator Sustainability and Environment, Mr Coleman, they placed their Frog Hotel besides the pond, monitored by a wildlife camera, to collect data on the number of frogs that adopt this new habitat, with the hopes of increasing biodiversity and solving a real world problem.



THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2022

3 October	DRC Values Education Meeting
4 October	DSC Be More Meeting
5 October	Values Education Interfaith Excursion
6 October	DRC Be More Meeting
7 October	Junior Student Council Meeting
10 October	Senior Student Council Meeting
11 October	DSC Be More Meeting
12 October	Youth Ministry Meeting
13 October	DRC Be More Meeting
17 October	Youth Ministry Mary MacKillop Heritage Excursion
17 October	DRC Values Education Meeting
17 October	Community Service Exodus Community Excursion
18 October	DSC Be More Meeting
18 October	College Assembly
19 October	Values Education Interfaith Excursion
19 October	Youth Ministry Meeting
19 October	Year 12 Parade, Breakfast and Graduation
20 October	Junior Student Council Meeting
25 October	DSC Be More Meeting
26 October	Youth Ministry Meeting
27 October	DRC Be More Meeting
27 October	DRC Archives Committee Meeting
27 October	Spirituality Online Seminar

THE DIGITAL NEWS

TECHNOLOGY AT SMC OCTOBER 2022

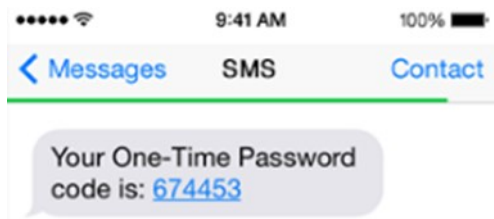


What is Multi-factor authentication (MFA)?

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a security measure that requires the user to provide another form of identification (also known as two-step verification or two-step authentication) to access digital services such as an online bank account. MFA typically requires a combination of something the user knows (pin, secret question), something you have (card, token) or something unique to a user, such as a fingerprint or other biometric (Nanda, Jeong, & Shah, 2022).

Why should you consider using Multi-factor authentication (MFA)?

Data breaches are a common occurrence for both individuals and organisations. Data breaches often lead to disruptions. For example, **Ransomware** is now a common type of malware that works by locking or encrypting files and thus making the files inaccessible (Australian Cyber Security Centre, 2021).

Three commonly used methods of multi-factor authentication:

SMS (texting service)	One-time use code (e.g. 331981) sent via text message (SMS) received on the mobile phone.	
Authenticator	An application (APP) installed on your smartphone generates a code valid for a short time, usually 20-30 seconds. APP can be downloaded from App stores. For example, myGov, Google and Microsoft authenticators.	
Physical Security Key	Physical key uses a hardware security key (such as YubiKey, or VeriMark) that needs to be connected to the device to verify identity, and many of these look a lot like USB (universal serial bus) memory sticks.	

Book a consultation time with the eLearning Team to learn more about MFA via the [Service Desk](#).

Important Dates:

eLearning workshop will be again offered on Tuesday, the 18th of October and mid-November. Details to follow.

Updates:

- Emerging Technologies such as 3D Printers, Laser cutters and VR headsets are coming to SMC (staff and students).
- We are introducing **Mia Zhang**, new to SMC and a member of the Information Technology (IT) Team.
- All-in-one Service Desk IT, eLearning and Maintenance Service Desk via [CIMS](#).

"MENTAL HEALTH WEEK" is coming!

From Monday 10 October to Friday 14 October, students can participate in as many activities from the Wellness Challenge as they can.

Take photos or videos of some of the things you do and submit these to Mrs O'Malley with a small paragraph explaining how the Wellness Challenge has helped you.



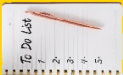
There are prizes to be won for the best and most entries. All entries must be in to Mrs O'Malley (via email) by Friday 14 October.



**MENTAL
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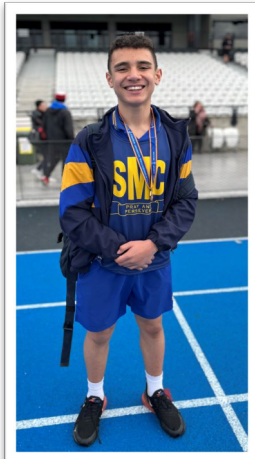
**MAKE
YOUR
MENTAL
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YOUR
PRIORITY
THIS
WEEK**

**10th – 14th of
October**

 Drink plenty of water throughout the day	Help someone else	 Reward yourself for a job well done	Don't complain for 24 hours	Create an upbeat play list 	Persevere, pick up something that you gave up on	Cook a family meal together 
Think of 3 things you are grateful for today and share them with a family member	Contact someone you haven't spoken to in a while 	Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	Give someone the gift of your ear by listening to them 	Seek out your favourite scents	Play a board game with your family 	Share a happy memory with someone
Practice a mindfulness meditation (Smiling Mind) 	Give someone a compliment	Watch a movie with your family 	Write a letter by hand to someone who's made a difference in your life	Do something that you have been putting off 	Create a kindness box to keep a record of kind actions	Make healthy choices of how you nourish your body 
List your strengths and find a new way to use them	Dedicate some time for your favourite hobby 	Give someone a hug	Virtually connect with a friend or family member outside of your home 	Wear your favourite outfit	Tell someone why you love them 	Be respectful. Only engage in positive conversations
Go for a walk 	Try something new today	Have a good belly laugh 	Get in touch with your inner Van Gogh...draw, paint, colour in, be creative	Pick a bunch of flowers and put them in your house 	Social Media Free Day	Enjoy the sunrise or the sunset 

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

MARVELLOUS MONICAN

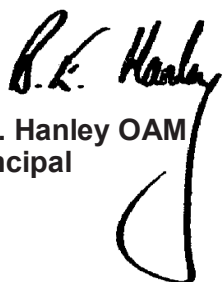


Levi Afitu (Year 8 Brown) is a passionate and dedicated sportsman and student. Congratulations to Levi who was outstanding at the recent SACCSS Athletics Carnival. He achieved 1st place in the 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put and was part of the winning boys relay team. Levi also competed in the Triple Jump where he came 2nd. He was awarded the overall Individual Year



Level Champion for his age group across all schools.

Away from athletics, Levi is a high achieving student who is always polite and friendly. His hard work and enthusiasm has demonstrated that he is a role model to his peers and deserving a *Marvellous Monican*.


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