



Our Companions FISHES OF THE SEA

In this third and final reflection on non-human companions on our life journey, I invite readers to turn their thoughts to the fish of the sea, and all creatures of oceans, creeks, rivers and seas. Remember that fish were the first animals that God created in the Book of Genesis, and the symbol of the fish often appears in a religious setting or on liturgical and episcopal garments.

Fish exist in all forms of water, many in the great depth of the world's oceans, others in rivers which meander through countryside and even cities, some swim in creeks on small properties or deep in forests, tropical fish find a home in reefs, whilst the simple goldfish swims round and round in bowls, dependant on the morsels of food we humans give to them.

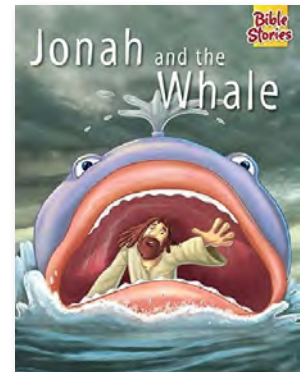


Fish are amazing creatures and the discussions that could be held about their complexities, benefit to humankind, their unique characteristics and their life cycles are infinite. Fish must reside in the protection of the waters created by God, waters that humans need to keep clean if sea life is to survive and thrive. We ought to respect the habitats of fish.

Fish have been created and they evolve in so many different forms, making them intriguing companions on their and our life journeys. Humans stand in awe of their complexities and diversities. For instance, we have the huge whales that dominate the oceans and thrill humans as we watch their annual migrations. Sharks might be fearsome and dangerous, but harmless if we but respect them and maintain a sensible distance. There are an enormous number of species of fish, some only existing in particular waters of the world whilst others are internationally known and harvested for food.

Put simply, enter the traditional Australian fish 'n' chip shop and marvel at the varieties on offer – flake, John Dory, barramundi and flounder to name a few. Let us not forget the fishy gifts God created for our enjoyment (both visual and edible) such as types of sea life represented by prawns, scallops, oysters, sardines, tuna, mussels.

Fish have the honor of being first non-human companions created by God and ever after they feature in biblical passages and stories. Jonah's three days in the belly of a whale is well known and that God placed him there. The apostles were fishermen – of fish, and men and women. Jesus took a few loaves of bread and two pieces of fish and fed the assembled crowd, preparing for the Eucharistic meal which was soon to follow.



Thank God for these beautiful non-human companions on our journeys ahead together in 2022. Praise God for the glorious color of tropical fish, the serenity of humble goldfish, the might and power of hump back whales, the smooth transitional journey of salmon and the natural beauty of the fishes of the sea.



Brian Hanley OAM
Principal

UNIFORM – BLAZERS

All students are to wear the correct uniform daily, formal uniform and sport uniform on days when they have Physical Education classes.

It is a rule of St Monica's College that the school blazer is to be worn every day to and from home to school. No exceptions. Punishment will follow if this rule is not followed by any student in Years 7 to 12. Only on proclaimed days when the heat is such, is exemption from wearing the blazer permitted.



2023 Tuition Fees

Tuition Fees have been announced for 2023, please refer to the correspondence sent to you on 21 October 2022.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	General Levy Per Family	TOTAL
7	\$7,090	\$600	\$7,690
8	\$7,200	\$600	\$7,800
9	\$7,420	\$600	\$8,020
10	\$7,640	\$600	\$8,240
11	\$7,920	\$600	\$8,520
12	\$8,250	\$600	\$8,850

The tuition fee does not cover extra-curricular, optional subjects or activities. Additional charges may apply as required. These will be charged on a separate fee account.

Families with more than one student currently at the school will receive the following discount.

Second child's tuition fee	10%
Third child's tuition fee	25%
Fourth and subsequent children tuition fee	100%

2023 Payment Plans

St Monica's College will continue to offer both Direct Debit and Credit Card payment options in 2023. If you are currently on a 2022 Payment Plan, this will be carried over into 2023 with no further action required.

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

If you choose the payment plan option, your school fees account can be paid by way of Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or Quarterly payments via a

nominated Credit Card or Bank Account. Please note, some payments may fall on a public holiday, therefore these payments will be deducted the business day prior.

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

2022 Tuition Fees

We would like to kindly thank those families that have paid their 2022 Tuition Fees. If you are not on a school administered payment plan, we would like to remind families that any remaining Tuition Fees are now considered overdue. 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.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Fees Office on 9409-8800.

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.

Finalising 2022 Tuition Fees

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:

- School Administered Payment Plan (Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or Quarterly) - Parents/Guardians are reminded that it is not too late to sign up for a payment plan to get a further extension to pay up to 9 December, 2022.
- At College Reception (Augustine House) - Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card.
- Online Payments via the community (fee) portal, or via BPAY.

LIBRARY NEWS

If you thought we sat around and read books all day....please read on!

As we near the end of the school year, it is lovely to take the opportunity to look back over 2022 to see all that has been happening within the SMC Libraries.

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 PCL Writers Club

The PCL Writers Club was formed this year and has gone from strength to strength under the auspices of Mrs Bridget Hiho and Miss Emma Hiho. This group has this year put together a wonderful Writers' Gazette!

The students are certainly enthusiastic, full of ideas and write for enjoyment. They continue to relish putting pieces into a collaborative newspaper which gives 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. We look forward to many more Gazettes in the future.

PCL Reading Club

The PCL 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



The Library Monitors group is continuing at PCL throughout Term 4. Pleasingly, our trained students have continued to assist the Library staff with daily chores in the Library. Shelving of books, desk work and occasionally assisting with displays are just some of the activities here, and Mrs Pattison can be found most lunchtimes if students wish to enquire about joining in 2023.

Maker Space Group

Recently, a **Maker Space Group** has evolved at PCL under Ms Elbarbar which has included a session on Journaling. This group has been very enthusiastic and are very open to practices which enhance good mental wellbeing. More information to follow shortly.

Rubik's Cube Competition



Rubik's Cube Lovers...stay tuned!
The **2022 Rubik's Cube Competition** is coming to PCL!

The Cooina Bridge Library



The Cooina Bridge Library (CBL) is slowly taking shape. This beautiful area is now adorned with displays and is awaiting the furniture delivery which will make the space a useable and engaging Library for Year 9 students.

The SJQL Beyond the Book



The SJQL Beyond the Book discussion group offers our senior students the opportunity to come and talk all things book! For the remainder of the year, they will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays at lunchtime, and newcomers are always welcome. We are all looking forward to seeing the beautiful **Books of a Feather** display that the group have been working on for much of the year. These will be a wonderful addition to the SJQL space shortly. Please see Ms Hall or Ms Stratton if you have any queries.

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN WITH ST LUKE'S PARISH LALOR AND
THE ST MONICA'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY TO REMEMBER
AND PRAY FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 2022

7.00 P.M.

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**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE END OF MASS
PLEASE RSVP TO A.VAVALA@STMONICAS-EPPING.COM**



If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact Jordan Hodges at the Promotions and Events Department:

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DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS

Police Information Session in Dandenong

Quite often we see students who are keen on joining the Victoria Police Force one day. Students interested in this possibility might like to attend an information session about the role of a police officer which will run at the Chisholm Institute at 121 Stud Road, Dandenong on Thursday 27 October from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

This event will focus on how students and younger applicants can improve their chances of a successful application and some of the attributes the Victoria Police are looking for. Students will learn about the Police role, the recruitment process, training at the Academy and hear from some local members about their journey with Victoria Police.

To register visit [Police Information Sessions](#). To find out more about the role of a Police Officer, visit [Police Careers](#).

Monash University Teaching Pathways

SMC Students who dream of being primary or secondary teachers but do not achieve the required ATAR can complete the Diploma of Tertiary Studies as an alternative pathway into a teaching career. For more information click here: [Diploma of Tertiary Studies](#).

DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

A reminder that all DRC students from Years 7 to 9 are welcome to make a booking to attend a Careers Session with our Careers staff. Simply follow the link from Simon to the SMC Careers page. Then click on the "make a booking" button to follow the prompts. Please bring your laptop. The Careers Office is upstairs in the new Coinda building.

YEAR 10 NFA

Our Year 10NFA students conducted coaching sessions at St Peter's at the end of Term 3.

It is wonderful that our students were able to have such a positive impact in the community (this being one of the programs goals for 2022).

It has been a challenging year in 10NFA so to receive the email below from St Peter's Primary School was greatly appreciated. The Year 10NFA students have come a long way and their hard work has paid off.

Message from St Peter's Primary School:

I hope that this email finds you well. I just wanted to share some good news following your fantastic intensive soccer programme this term.

St Peter's entered two teams (grades 4 and 5). They both did fabulously but I felt that our middle school students really shone. They confidently used skills that you taught and I was pleased with how they used space and opportunities to confidently win 2 of their 3 games. They held their positions and passed confidently and most importantly their sportsmanship did not go unnoticed by the SEDA and FFV people. I can't thank you enough for all the work your students did. Considering some of the girls today had not even played since this term, the results were great and they had the time of their lives. Thanks again and hopefully we will 'do business' again soon.

Christine Moore
PE/Sport Coordinator
St Peter's Primary School, Epping.



SMC 2022



SPORTS PRESENTATION CEREMONY



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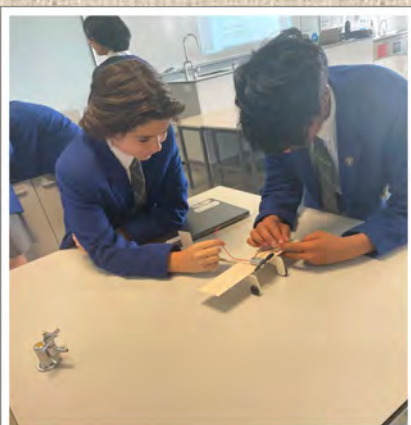
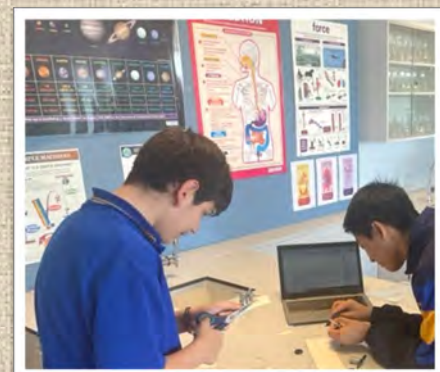
TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

6.30PM - 8.30PM

THE SPORTS AND ASSEMBLY HALL, DRC

Science Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Inquiry in Aviation

The success of the rover landing prototype challenge by students in Year 9 Science motivated Ms Heather Newby (Science Teacher) and Mr Andres Toledo (STEM Educator) to further their students. Critical Thinking. The teachers decided to put together an inquiry and problem-based challenge through the activity of flying an aircraft (Aviation). In this inquiry project, students the work collaboratively to build a model aircraft and test its flying capacity using a Centrifugal Thrust Generator (CTG) powered by a single or twin engine. A CTG simulates a flight path using 13-18 voltage of electricity to power the aircraft models. After the students build their basic model, they focus their skills and knowledge to solve a problem posed by both their teachers. The students consistently measure and collect data and then use Critical Thinking to inform their next prototypes. Thereby going through the process of analysis, design, development, and testing. The aircraft models will undergo several modifications to achieve the desired results. Every scientific experiment or inquiry does not always succeed and through this iteration process the Year 9 Science students are able to recognise the areas of improvement. As the students navigate through real-world problems they continue to demonstrate vital as Critical Creativity, skills such Thinking, Teamwork, Communication and, most importantly, how STEM knowledge and skills can be applied to and transferred from one discipline into another.



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Victorian Model Solar Vehicle Challenge

MSV: Model Solar Vehicle Challenge 2022

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who designed, constructed, and participated in the Victorian 2022 Solar Vehicle Challenge held 16 October at Brunswick East Primary School. This year, St Monica's College entered four model solar boats which achieved first, second, third and fifth place.

Students worked well over the period of two terms to finalise their concept designs which in itself is an outstanding achievement.

We congratulate the following students:

Gurmaan Singh, Nathan Sellick, Saathvik Thennarasu, Domenic Mollison, Saurya Prajapati, Arman Hajjhashemi, Zoe Galic, Bradley Storer, Gian Frivaldo and Ethan Ajeesh.



TERM 4 CALENDAR DATES

Please note: Monday 31 October 2022 is a non school day – Mid Term break.

October:

24 – 28 Year 7 Camp
31 Mid Term Break –
Student Free

November:

1 Melbourne Cup Day –
Public Holiday
14 – 24 Year 10-11
Examinations

December


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

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.**



Dear School Staff,

Melbourne's wet weather has the potential to flood subways, areas around train tracks and create slippery surfaces at train stations causing significant safety concerns for students traveling to and from school.



Metro's Community Education Team would like to take this opportunity to remind schools and students:

- To have a 'Plan B' to get to and from the station if the subway or surrounding areas are flooded. **Never cross train tracks unless at a designated crossing!**
- Allow more time when travelling just in case areas are flooded
- Be extra careful on platforms as they may be slippery - no running or pushing and stay far back from the yellow line until the train has stopped
- Follow all instructions from Station Staff or Authorised Officers.

The safety of your students around trains and tracks is our number one priority every day of the year.

Did you know we offer rail safety education sessions that are free for all Victorian Metropolitan schools? We have attached a flyer with more information.

Please get in touch if you have any questions regarding the sessions or would like to book, [using the link on the flyer](#) or by replying to this email.

Safe travels,
Metro Community Education Team

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Daniel Lazarevski (10 Yellow) is an excellent example of a Marvellous Monican. Daniel has immersed himself in life on Davisson Street Campus as part of the prestigious Northern Football Academy in Year 10.

Daniel's positive and determined nature is demonstrated in his enthusiasm for all things football. As well as being a part of the NFA cohort, Daniel plays with the best young players in Victoria as part of the Melbourne Victory Under 17 team. This involves hard work and dedicated training four times a week. This year Daniel was selected as one of the best young players in Australia to play for the National Joeys team in The AFF Youth Championship taking place in Indonesia, although they missed out on progressing Daniel describes this as one of the best experiences of his life.

Daniel has enjoyed being part of the NFA cohort this year, as his studies have complemented his football abilities. He has expressed how his understanding of

the game and his own personal training has been enhanced through his knowledge of sports science and that practical hands-on activities in Maths such as measuring the width of the football pitch have complemented his overall development both on and off the field. His teachers report that Daniel excelled in conducting coaching sessions at both Plenty Parklands Primary School and St Peter's Primary School for his VET sports coaching certificate. Daniel was organised, confident and connected with all students he coached.

We wish Daniel the best of luck in future football endeavours, we have no doubt that with his work ethic, determination, positive mindset and strong family support that he will achieve great things!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B.E. Hanley".

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