

*ADVENT JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS*

The Advent journey towards Christmas has commenced so we prepare with hope and expectation for the four weeks leading to Christmas and the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The word, 'Maranatha' (the Lord is coming) is

the one we use with joyful heart and in joyful voice as the day draws nearer.

Advent is the time to await, prepare and make ready for the birth of Jesus and the coming on earth of the Kingdom of God. We do this through prayer for the world, for those close to us, for those whom we have lost, and for ourselves. Such beautiful prayers are drawn from many sources – scripture, traditional stories, music, art, and liturgical, formal prayers of the Church.

We prepare in Advent by finding ways to lead a better, holier life in anticipation of the Saviour's birth. This may call us to be more humble, more modest in our lifestyle, more aware of the troubles in the world and in peoples' lives, more forgiving, less judgemental, and ever willing to walk the extra distance as we reach out to others, especially the most needy in our society.

Advent ought make us ponder the good people and things with which we have been blest, and to give thanks for them. Our family close to us, our friends of years standing or the friend we met in 2022, our fellow Monicans. We give thanks at Advent for what we have, including our health, our wealth here in Australia, our home, the food we eat, and the clean water we drink and use for our ablutions.

Christmas is the time for joy, sharing our happiness in the birth of our Saviour whose Kingdom was soon to be established. Warm, sunny Christmases in Australia, the snow and ice of European yuletide, Asian Christmas traditions, the wonderful color of Christmas in South America. Christmas is the season to be joyful for its potential to bring the world together. As Christians, we delight in all that Christmas brings into our lives: as non Christians we should respect that happiness being felt by our Christian brothers and sisters and contribute to it.

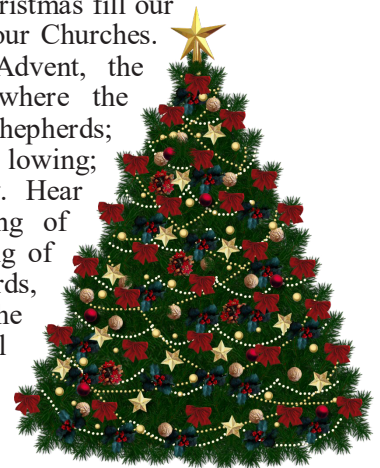
Wondrous images of Christmas fill our minds, our homes and our Churches.

Imagine, during this Advent, the stable in Bethlehem where the Saviour was born; the shepherds; three Kings; the cattle lowing; the star bright in the sky. Hear and join in the singing of Christmas carols, writing of Christmas greeting cards, the preparation of the hearty Christmas meal (with all our cultural traditions being celebrated), and worldly characters

like Santa Claus, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, snowmen, jingle bells, and the tall and decorated Christmas tree.

In this final Principal's Bulletin for 2022, I pay tribute to my co-editor, Ms Pamela Griffin, who retires from paid work this Christmas. Thanks are expressed to Pamela for 30 faithful years of service to our Monican community.

I extend blessings to all readers of this bulletin, Monican students and staff, Monican families, and all who wish us well and good fortune. Indeed, the journey we have travelled in 2022 is bringing us closer as we look forward to the year ahead.



Brian Hanley OAM
Principal



Finalising 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 overdue. Any overdue Tuition Fees can be made in person at Augustine House by the following methods: Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, or Credit Card, alternatively, payments can be made online via the community (fee) portal, or BPAY.

If you are on a standard Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly school administered payment plan, please make note that Friday, 9 December 2022 is the final payment date. Should you have any outstanding balance you will be notified and a final payment for any outstanding balances will take place on Thursday, 15 December 2022.

A requirement of enrolling your child at St Monica's College is that Tuition Fees and General Levy are paid by the due date.

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.

Office Closure

Please make note that the Finance & Business Department at Augustine House will be closed for the holidays from Friday, 16 December 2022 until Thursday, 19 January 2023.

Any queries had during this time frame can be directed to fees@stmonicas-epping.com which will be addressed upon return.

2023 Payment Plans

If you have signed up for a new payment plan or if you have already opted into a payment plan, you will be sent correspondence by Monday, 19 December 2022 confirming the details of your 2023 payment plan.

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%

*St Monica's College Finance & Business
Department wishes all families of the College
community a very*



DATES FOR TERM 4 2022 & THE COMMENCEMENT OF 2023

2022

December

- 6 Classes Conclude for Years 7—11
- 16 Office Closes.

2023

January

- 19 Office Opens
- 27 Teaching staff return

February

- 2 Year 7 Orientation Day
- 3 Year 7 and Year 12 students commence
Year 8 Transition
- 6 Years 8—11 students commence.



DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS

ATARS OUT SOON

Year 12 students can access their VCE Study Scores, ATARS and VTAC Scaled Study Scores from Monday 12 December at 7.00 am. Students need to go to the “resultsandatar.vic.edu.au” website or app to access these. They will receive a statement of VCE Study Scores from VCAA, and those who have applied and paid for course selections through VTAC will be sent a statement of ATAR in the post. Those students who want to receive their results online need to register at the “resultsandatar.vic.edu.au” website. Students need to provide their VCAA student number for registration, and this process has already opened.

UNIVERSITY VOCABULARY

Bachelor Degree: The qualification a student acquires when they have successfully completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification; e.g. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science.

DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

GENERAL UPDATE

Most Year 9 Horizons and Quest students embraced the opportunity to complete the Morrisby aptitude testing which was offered to them over the past few weeks. These students have received their comprehensive Career Profile that identifies their aptitudes in areas such as verbal reasoning, numerical reasoning and abstract reasoning. The testing also provides them with feedback about their personality, preferred working and learning styles, and much more. Most importantly, students received specific career recommendations based on their profile to help them begin their lifelong journey of proactively managing their own careers. Some Year 8 and Year 9 students also sought advice on how to apply for the part time jobs that become available over the Christmas period.



As we ponder our 2022 school theme of “Travel together on our journey ahead” we can certainly see that is exactly what has happened in our Libraries this past year.

Both the Pamela Coyne Library (PCL) and Sister Julian Quaine Library (SJQL) have continually strived to provide our students with safe and engaging spaces to both work and relax. We pride ourselves on this as well as providing a vast range of reading materials, for both pleasure and study.

Our displays have featured strongly and displays from other faculties, Textiles, Be More, Archives, Horizons and EnviroFriends, just to name a few, have also featured all year and shown our commitment to collegiality and working closely with our colleagues.

Beyond the Book at SJQL, Reading Club and the Library Monitors Group at PCL and the new Journaling Group, at both Libraries, have continued to flourish and these students very obviously enjoy their time in our Libraries.

The Cooina Bridge Library is taking shape and looks stunning with new furniture, and we cannot wait to see what is in store for 2023!

Our staff have continued to work together in a still very challenging time. “Hot desking” is now part of our daily life. Most importantly it strengthens and supports our team overall.

As we near the end of the school year (how quickly it has flown by!) a reminder to our students that all books borrowed over the Christmas period will be due back on Friday, 10 February 2023.

A special thank you must be extended to Mrs Judith Bon who has been a wonderful presence in the Pamela Coyne Library over the past two years as a Teacher Liaison. A long serving staff member, Judith has been an invaluable member of our team, working with our staff and students on a daily basis and we are sorry to see her leave, but wish her well and send her much love to her new role.

Finally, we bid adieu to our Faculty Head, Edward Kostraby, who is retiring after 8 years in this role. Edward has been a terrific manager, with a warm and friendly style. There were always laughs to be had at work, along with his extensive knowledge and expertise. Edward, congratulations on your pending retirement, and may you thoroughly enjoy this exciting new chapter ahead.

Finally, to all our SMC community, students, staff and families, we wish you a safe and relaxing break and may the Christmas season bring only joy and happiness to you all.

Merry Christmas and a happy and holy New Year.



SMC STEM SHOWCASE 2022

SMC STEM Showcase is an annual celebration of Monican achievements in STEM Education.

Projects, from across Junior and Senior year levels, displayed innovative solutions to real world problems. This year, over 60 entries produced by individual students and teams took part.

Over 200 parents, students, and staff as well as our special guest speaker from Whittlesea Council enjoyed the evening awards.

All students walked away with transferable STEM Skills and integrated curriculum content knowledge, created with problem-based learning, pedagogy.

Congratulations to all students and well done to all STEM Educator staff.

Judges from across the College selected award winners from the nominated entries in 18 categories, including STEM Curriculum and Co-curricular.



STEM Showcase Award Winners

Year 7

Social Justice Award Winner: Dovestro by Angelica Banquil and Mia Li-Hughes

Sustainability Award Winner: Underwater Awareness App by Elle Kakoliris, Emily Dinas and Jada Beltramello

Best Health App Design Award Winner: FindmyMed by Annie Nguyen, Mya Ciantar and Inayat Josan

Best Community Project Award Winner: LIXIA by Alexia Karovski and Liyansa Mahawanniarachchi

Year 8

Mathematical Design Award Winner: Measurement STEM Project by Takdeer Brar, Christeena Geo and Sarah Jacobs

Best Application of STEM Skills in Mathematics Award Winner: Measurement STEM Project by Carlos Moshi, Ethan Dela Pena, Luca Thomas and Alessio Garcia

Science Inquiry Award Winner: Solar Oven Challenge by Aaliyah Nanov and Julia Imperatrice

Year 9

Science Inquiry in Aviation Award Winner: Electric Plane by Jack Zeng and Bianca Marcellino

Best Use of Sustainable Materials in Aviation Award Winners: Sustainable Materials Aeroplane by Ava Cleary and James Nguyen

The Electric Aeroplane by Isaac Botuyan and Manan Ahuja

Best Environmental Project Award Winner: Call for Compost by Sanjita Choudhary

Best Water Project for the Local Community Award Winner:

Clean Water Filtering Water Tank by Jianna Jimenez

Best Renewable Energy Innovation Award Winner: Sustainable Solar Vehicle by Naomi Deb and Yenuli Peiris

Best Application of STEM Award Winner: Team 2 Modified Wing Area and Camber by Ava Cleary, Yenuli Peiris and Chloe Zhang

Senior Campus

Innovation in Education Award Winner: Student Safety Wellbeing by Mandy Le and Siya Sharma

Innovative Prototype Award Winner: The Marketer by Uday Jaswal and William Taylor

Environmental Solution Award Winner: Eaz - Bin by Kevin Sabu, Joseph Younan and Ajay Peeris

Health and Wellbeing Award Winner: Asthma Alert System by Tommy Truong, Quoc Huynh and Eli Woods

Co-curricular Activities

Best Innovative Co-curricular Project Awards

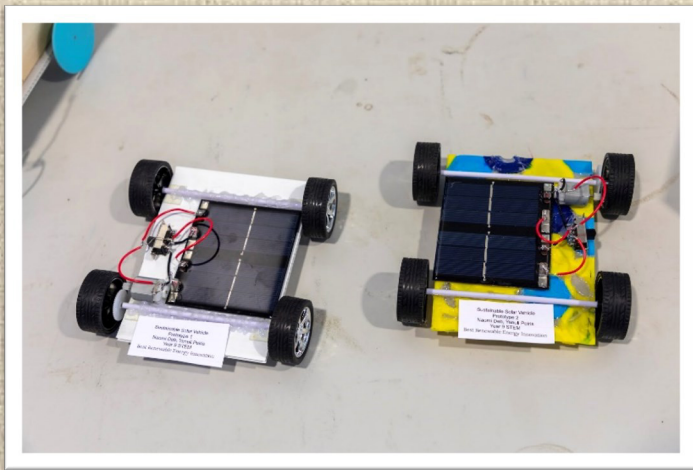
STEM Maker Winners:

Freeway Windpower by Thomas Karageorgis, James Nguyen and Arman Hajihashemi

Chess Board by Gabrielle Malaga

Drone Videography Winner: Wetlands EnviroFriends by Akshat Mody and Shivansh Kumar.





WHITTLESEA TECH SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADOR MAKER FAIRE

St Monica's College, STEM Co-curricular students participated in the Whittlesea Tech School, Student Ambassadors Day, Maker Faire in November.

From Year 7 Arman Hajhashemi and from Year 9, Thomas Karageorgis, Gabrielle Malaga and James Nguyen worked collaboratively with their peers from secondary schools across Whittlesea Council to create their Maker Faire project.

The educational purpose of the Maker Faire Session is for STEM Co-curricular students to develop their STEM Skills and leadership skills along with their peers. They created a STEM activity which they designed, researched and produced using advanced manufacturing technology and shared it with visiting local Primary School students on the day of the Maker's Faire. Congratulations to all students for their innovative and engaging project and sharing it with the Primary students.





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Congratulations to our SACCSS Junior Girls Hockey Squad who were crowned champions earlier this month after defeating Emmanuel College 2-1 in overtime! The girls were undefeated all day on their way to the grand final, where Stella Bernardi scored the golden goal to win the trophy. Stella was named Best on Ground in the Grand Final and Player of the Tournament.

Congratulations to our Year 8 Cricket and Girls Football teams who won their respective Year 8 Premier League Grand Finals. The cricket squad had a challenging season due to the weather, but were able to scrape into fourth

place and qualify for the semi-finals. The team then travelled to MacKillop and Salesian in consecutive weeks, defeating the latter with ease in the Grand Final in what was a complete team performance.



The girls football team only had one blemish on their record throughout the season, a 2-1 loss to CRC North Keilor. They were out for redemption in the grand final and after goals to Jamie Farrugia and Olivia Lazarevska, the girls flipped the score line to defeat North Keilor 2-1 in a great game of football.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Luca Novembre (Year 9 Purple) commenced his journey at St Monica's College, in January 2020 at which time he also took up the challenge of training in Australian Freestyle Martial Arts (AFMA).

Over the course of the year, Luca has trained hard competing in various National All Style (NAS) Martial Arts tournaments winning a bronze medal in his division in August this year and a silver medal

at the NAS Victorian State Championships held in October.

These great results ultimately saw Luca qualify for the Gold Coast National Australian Titles held on 26 and 27 November and assisted the Victoria team to win a gold medal.

Away from Martial Arts, Luca is a conscientious, high achieving student who is respectful, polite, friendly and leads by example. Luca has embraced life as a Monican immersing himself in a range of College initiatives and events such as: recently winning the 2022 Riya Roy Award for Community Spirit and is very proud of this achievement.

Outside of school and Martial Arts, Luca enjoys spending quality time with his family and friends, follows Italian, English and Australian football, enjoys playing basketball, Xbox and supports the Collingwood Football Club.

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