



## MARATHONS – IN ALL FORMS *and* FORUMS

The first marathon was when Pheidippides ran from Marathon in Greece to Athens in 490 BC to announce the defeat of the Persians to his fellow Athenians. Since then, marathons have been events that demand a level of fitness, much endurance, and a determination both physical and mental to compete until the end is in sight. The Marathon traditionally is the final track event in summer Olympic Games even in this era.

Marathons come in other forms too. Certainly, our Year 12 students will feel that their marathon of study and work has



been hard, but the challenge is in view and the end is in sight. We wish our senior students the very best as they ready themselves for their examinations following their official Graduation from the College.



Marathons demand peak fitness as we saw recently with the successful competitors in the Melbourne Marathon. This is a good reminder for Monicans to remain in good health in mind and body. Too many diseases and too many deaths in older people occur in this nation due to lack of exercise and the effects of obesity.

To complete the successful marathon of any type in any forum requires perseverance, and Monicans live out perseverance every day. Successful people persevere in their preparation, during the marathon itself, and in their planning ahead for the next challenge. At St Monica's College we use terms such as resilience, effort, determination, commitment and always students and staff are driven forward to attain goals and high levels of achievement. These are very worthy values for life today and tomorrow.

In our spiritual life we can often encounter the need to tackle the hard times and remain faith-filled. Very often our personal faith is challenged, our beliefs are mocked, the Christian values we hold dear are demeaned by immoral legislation and atheistic approaches to governance. Regrettably, our Church can disappoint us through the actions of the institutional Church on occasions and some of its members. The good Christian labours on in faith and draws deeply on the ever flowing fount of spiritual rebirth. We can turn to a loving God.

Saint Paul writes that we are called to run the good race (of life) and to go forward ever confident. This passage of scripture is at the heart of our own Northern Football Academy. The race of life began at our birth and on earth it will finish when we die. However, eternal life is the promise that awaits and this new heavenly marathon will be an experience too wonderful to describe in words.



### YEAR 12 FAREWELL

Our Year 12 students graduate from secondary school on 24 October with their traditional costume parade and the official Graduation Ceremony in the evening. Our warmest wishes go to our senior students (both VCE and VCAL) as they move from daily school attendance at SMC into the wide world. God bless each of them.

The guest for this year's Year 12 Graduation is Hon. Jacinta Collins, Director of the National Catholic Education Commission. We are fortunate to have such an esteemed guest amongst us.

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extend to Mrs Jenny Valeri her daughter, Julia Valeri (8 Blue), and family on the loss her husband and father Frank Valeri (ex Monican) and to Mr Frank Pisano and daughter, Sienna Pisano (7 Red), and family on the loss his wife and mother, Nadia Pisano.

## ALL SOULS' DAY. SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER. MASS TIMES

St Peter's Parish, Epping ..... 6.30 pm  
St Luke's Parish, Lalor ..... 6.30 pm  
St Clare's Parish, Thomastown West ..... 6.00 pm  
St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park ..... 5.00 pm  
St Stephen's Parish, East Reservoir ..... 6.00 pm.

## FROM THE STAFFROOM

- Condolences are extended to Mrs Jeanine Pattison and Daniel on the death of their mother and grandmother, Margaret; to Ms Silvana Parisi on the death of her partner, Ron; and to Miss Sylvia Emirzian on the death of her father, Sarkis. R.I.P.
- Congratulations on new arrivals – Max, son of Mr Paul Barbetti; and Leo, son of Ms Enza Barilla; and Evelyn, daughter of Mrs Kathleen Masters.
- Congratulations to Ms Alex Vavala on her marriage to Dominic.
- The Staff Member of the Month for September was Thomas Wilson for his work in preparing the St Monica's College Athletics squad for the 2019 SACCSS Athletics Carnival. The College's performance was record-breaking and his coaching of the squad is commendable. His contribution to the sporting life of SMC is praised as he undertakes personal high-level training.
- New Staff Members from Term 4: Mrs Lisa Antoniou and Mr Andrew Weinert (Educational Support Faculty) and Ms Sarah Wordsworth (EAL Teacher).

## BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

Round Two of the Year 8 Interclass Debating competition concluded on Wednesday, 11 September with the following results:

Year 8 Mauve defeated Year 8 Orange  
Year 8 Emerald defeated Year 8 Silver  
Year 8 Blue defeated Year 8 Indigo.

Of the three remaining homerooms Year 8 Emerald and Year 8 Mauve have been chosen to compete in the grand final debate to be held on Tuesday 22 October, Periods 1 - 3, in the TOAN on Dalton Road Campus.

Year 8 Blue will receive third place prizes.

The quality of debating was of a very high standard and all English teachers and teams should be very proud of the exceptional quality of debating.

## FEES PAYMENT

Families are respectfully reminded to conclude all 2019 fees obligations prior to the end of the year as soon as possible. This allows the College to plan efficiently for 2020.

## PARENT NETWORK AT OSTIA

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE - EPPING

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN US AT THE  
PARENT NETWORK  
END OF YEAR FUNCTION**



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE - EPPING

R.S.V.P.  
Mrs Glenda Hay  
Tel: 9401 6539  
Before  
Monday 18 November  
2019

**OSTIA**  
*Strath Creek*

**WEDNESDAY  
27 NOVEMBER, 2019**

Includes:  
**Morning Tea  
Lunch**  
Chicken & Salad, Dessert & Champagne

**BUS**  
Meet at Theatre of All Nations  
Dalton Road Campus  
Departs 8.50 am Returns 4.00 pm  
**COST \$25**



## OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

### Scholastic Book Club Issue 7

Book Club Issue 7 has loads of great items, especially for gift ideas. This issue includes extra suggestions for all ages and all interests. Superheroes, popular series sets, nonfiction/information titles, graphic novels and robotics kits, along with wonderful old favourites and fabulous new titles can be found in this issue. Any students who would like to see the Issue 7 catalogue can collect one from the PCL. All orders need to be returned to the PCL by next Tuesday 22 October.

## FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Recently, we came across some information about our first College regional debating competition, which started in 1990. The competition ran once a fortnight and St Monica's College entered two teams - a Year 11 team and a Year 12 team. Some early examples of topics were: "The war against drugs is a lost cause" and "The conservation movement has gone too far". Other schools partaking in the debates were: Loyola College, Catholic Ladies College, Parade College and Our Lady of Mercy.

This information was sourced from St Monica's News, March 1990 in which Mrs Anna Salmic, (former teacher), wrote about debating. If you need more information, you may access the College Archives on DSC (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).



## SINCE THE LAST EDITION.....

A very busy time (including holidays): eSports League of Legends; Chess Club; Finance, Property & Works Committee meeting; Principal's Cup for Song; Piano Competition; Dance Showcase; VET Music Concert; Sounds of Spring Concert; Season of Creation Mass; Principal's Cup for Song; 1989 Reunion; Student Leadership Seminar; Staff Wellbeing In-Service; DSC Book Club; SACCSS Tennis; Morning Tea with the Principal; Australian Reading Hour; Takada Homestay Visit; Netball New Zealand trip; Gold Coast Soccer Competition; 9 Silver and 9 Green at Uniquely Year 9; Years 8 and 9 Premier League; 10 Purple at On the Edge; Mental Health Week; Youth Ministry Breakfasts; Year 12 Morning Teas; Book Week; Debating and Public Speaking Afternoon Tea.....

## CAREERS CORNER

**Are you or do you have a child interested in Veterinary Science?**

The University of Melbourne Werribee Open Day is on Sunday 20 October at the Werribee campus.

Students will be able to learn about courses and careers in the Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, and Food Science, tour the campus, speak to course advisers, see behind the scenes of the Veterinary Hospital, and speak to current students.

They will also be able to speak to organisations such as – Wildlife Victoria, Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria, Box Hill TAFE, Melbourne Polytechnic, Edgar's Mission, Werribee Dog Obedience, Cavy Council of Victoria, plus more. For information on the event, go to <https://bit.ly/2KUusu0>

The Australian Defence Force has an upcoming Defence Careers session in Melbourne on 22 October. If you would like to know more visit <https://bit.ly/2Vovhip>

## 2019 PIANO COMPETITION RESULTS



The Piano Competition was held on Tuesday 8 October in the Theatre of All Nations. Twenty students from Years 7 to 12 competed in one of three sections (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).

The adjudicator, Ms Penny Tan was very impressed with the overall standard at the College and the audience enjoyed the diverse range of repertoire presented.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

### **Junior Section:**

Highly Commended - Marelle Jayagan (Year 8)  
Winner - Emily Ferronato (Year 7)

### **Intermediate Section:**

Highly Commended - Alana Ngo (Year 8)  
Winner - Adam Galletti (Year 10)

### **Senior Section:**


Highly Commended - Claire Bello (Year 12)  
Winner - Vincent Xue (Year 10).

Well done to all students who participated in the 2019 Piano Competition.

## BE MORE TOPICS

Here are examples of what students at Be More discuss: Generation Global; Teaching English to Refugee Students; Social Justice Statement; Soup Van; Exodus Visit.

## INVITATION TO COLLEGE CONVERSATION No. 4



*College Conversation*  
*No 4, 2019*


**SAINT MONICA:  
SERVANT LEADER**

You are invited to an afternoon with  
Dr Christine Cameron

Monday 28 October, 2019

4.00 pm

Student Forum  
Teaching and Learning Building  
16 Davisson St, Epping



Donations are invited to support the work  
of Good Samaritan WA Rural Outreach [goodsamsfoundation.org.au](http://goodsamsfoundation.org.au)

## RUOK DAY?

This day is dedicated to reminding us to ask, "Are you OK?" and to remember to support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs. The 2019 message encourages everybody to 'Trust the Signs, Trust your Gut and Ask R U OK?'

Use this time to familiarise yourself with the various content (available on [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)), so that you can potentially support others when they experience challenging times.

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We commend the 75 students and staff who submitted entries into the 2019 SMC Photography Competition. Huge congratulations go to the following individuals who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their categories.

DRC	1st: Annamaria Iozzo, 2nd: Jackson Robinson, 3rd: Maddie McGrotty
DSC	1st: Aaron Connor, 2nd: Nelson Tornatora, 3rd: Simar Kaur
Staff	1st: Sue Jenkinson, 2nd: Mari-Anna Reiljan-Dillon, 3rd: John Noonan.

## **FEAST OF ST LUKE INVITATION**

**ST. LUKE'S PARISH**  
1a David Street  
LALOR 3075

TELEPHONE: 9455 2180  
FACSIMILE: 9464 1794

30<sup>th</sup> August 2019

To Brian Hanley, teachers, staff, students and families of St Monica's College,

You are cordially invited to come and celebrate the Feast of St Luke, to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at St Luke's Church.


The celebrations will begin with mass commencing at 11.30am, celebrated by Melbourne Archbishop, the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli D.D.

After the mass you are welcome to join us for some refreshments in the Hall, where you will also be entertained with the multicultural display.

We look forward to seeing you there for this festive occasion.

  
Fr Luciano Toldo c.s.  
Parish Priest

  
Fr Emilio Vaccaro c.s.  
Assistant Priest

  
Fr Luan Lang c.s.  
Assistant Priest

## **PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG RESULTS**

The Principal's Cup for Song was held on Monday 9 September in the Theatre of All Nations. The following students entertained the audience with a wide variety of genres and outstanding vocal performances:

Vy Dao; Alice Xue; Ava Villella; Jackson Robinson; Aliya Awad; Tj Fepuleai; Luzella Costa; Rhea John; Ashly Reji; Aaliyah Mathias; Nicholas Peterson; Mandy Petros; Lisa Shamyarira; Nicoletta Kyvernitakis-Lithari.

The adjudicator, Mrs Joanne Paladino-Scalise, was very impressed with the vocal talent at St Monica's College. Congratulations to Alice Xue who was announced as the Winner of the Principal's Cup for Song for her performance of 'Nella Fantasia' and Nicholas Peterson who was presented with the Principal's Encouragement Award for his performance of 'Tenterfield Sadler'.

Well done to all students who participated.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION RAFFLE 2019**

Raffle tickets for the Good Samaritan Foundation are now available at Campus Reception. Tickets are \$2 each. There are some good prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 12 November, 2019. Please purchase a ticket and support our Good Samaritan Sisters.

## **PRIZES:**

1st Prize: Apple Watch 4  
2nd Prize: \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  
3rd Prize: \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card  
4th Prize: iPad 9.7 (32GB Wifi)  
5th Prize: iPad Mini 5 (128GB Wifi)  
6th Prize: \$250 Coles Myer Gift Card  
7th Prize: \$200 Bunnings Voucher.

## **TUNING INTO TEENS**



**Tuning into Teens™  
at headspace**

When: Mondays from October 14<sup>th</sup> - November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Where: headspace Greensborough  
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Contact: headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200 or Whittlesea Youth Services on 9404 8800

A FREE six session parenting program for parents and carers of young people.


## **MONICANS OUT & ABOUT**

### **Year 8 at Caroline Chisholm Society:**

Katia Mastropaolo; Alyssa Golob; Hassan Al Baghdadi; Jeremiah Susi

### **Year 9 Community Service - St Peter's Literacy Program:**

Jess Rametta; Zak Mylonas; Maria Bobolas; Angie Vogdanis

### **Year 9 at St Peter's School Literacy:**

Sienna Bartolomeo; Julian Tsobanopoulos; Angelica Flavier; Chiara Novembre; Ava Villella; Jess Rametta; Zak Mylonas; Maria Bobolas; Angie Vogdanis; Isabella Atanasovski; Stephanie Mariani; Olivia Infantino; Guilia Noal; Nikita Gruevski; Nicholas Jong-Nguyen

### **Year 11 at Merriang Special Development School:**

Paris Sekuleski; Briana Papathanasiou; Lauren Volpi; Indiana Kalkbrenner

### **Year 10 at Vinnies Shop:**

Claudia Dall Rosa; Lily Maniatis; Erica Messina; Sarah Messina; Aliya Awad; Yashvi Jaswal; Anela Go; Crystal Nguyen



### **Year 10 Green Gables Aged Care:**

Olivia Alberti; Olivia Gentilin; Montana Di Fazio; Emily Marasco; Danielle Barilla; Gianna Anastasiou

### **Takada High School, Japan Attendees:**

Jason Cho; Caitlin Dowsett; Jaimee Lymbouris; Julia Marasco; Helena Popovski; Phoebe Zamparo; Tahlia Donnelly; Yashvi Jaswal; Marko Kanzurovski; Luke Kent; Vivian Ly; Charlotte Petrecca; Shivon Sarathy; Kaliopi Sword; Christopher Jong

### **University of Melbourne Young Scholars Program Nominees (Best of luck, Monicans):**

Ericson Abraham Morkattil; Rhea John; Nicole Oda; Marko Josipovic; Adam Galletti.

Whilst the university will select 1 - 2 students from each school to participate in this programme, it would still be nice for them to be commended on being one of the College's nominees. They will receive public recognition for this achievement at their Year 10 College assembly.

## **HEALTH CORNER**

### **Reported Cases of Influenza**

Please be aware that there have been a few confirmed cases of Influenza A. It is important to be vigilant and look out for signs that may exhibit the following symptoms: lethargy, joint pain, coughing, sore throat, chills and high temperature. It is important to be aware of these signs as we have members in our College community with low immunity.

Remember personal hygiene of:

- Coughing/sneezing into elbow/sleeve
- Disposing of used tissues in bin
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Avoiding close contact with people with Flu like symptoms.

## **WORLD OF SPORT**

Recently the Year 7 basketball players challenged a staff team in an exciting basketball match. It was a close contest however the Year 7 team were too good and won 17 to 12.

Thank you to the staff that played in the game and to those who cheered both teams on. It was a fantastic event that was thoroughly enjoyed by the students that played and those that watched the game.



## MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Ally Mircevski (Year 9 Emerald) is congratulated for being awarded a Gold Medal for her essay on Australia's Reconciliation Movement. This competition was promoted through Values Education during NAIDOC Week, which is held annually across Australia and celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The aim of NAIDOC Week is for Australians to gain a better understanding of the importance of friendship and cultural diversity. Ally acknowledged the endless number of people who have dedicated themselves to create a Reconciliation movement and the belief that it is time to make reconciliation happen and let Indigenous people have a voice for the many generations to come. Ally will be formally presented this medal at College Assembly on Wednesday, 23 October 2019, by Sister Anna Warlow sgs.

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