



## Celebrations – Important Moments are Treasures

Welcome to St Monica's Week, 2021. This week is deemed the most important one in the life of the College on a yearly basis, albeit cut short dramatically in 2021 due to COVID-19 and restrictions. The same occurred in 2020.



In your mercy, Lord  
You received  
the tears of Saint Monica  
as she wept for her son.  
At the intercession  
of both mother and son,  
give us grace  
to weep for sin  
and to obtain  
Your forgiveness.  
Amen.

Nevertheless, our patron saint's feast day is 27 August, and we shall have a prayer service to celebrate in an online manner this year. Our annual marking and commemorating of this important day is a treasure for all Monicans, past and present. It is that saintly woman of the fourth century who inspires us to be the very special school community we seek to be each day.

Celebrations are joyous times, and most people are delighted when the day of their birth comes around. It is generally marked by greeting cards, gifts, special treats, and maybe even a party if we are particularly young or as adults, we have reached

a landmark time of life.

We celebrate religious feast days such as Easter, Christmas, and in many cultures name sake days are a reason to celebrate. All faiths celebrate particular feasts or significant matters or dates in their beliefs.

Certain events in a person's life are great cause for celebration – weddings, birth of a child, baptisms, purchase of the first home, a new car, or first job. At funerals too, the priest often reminds us that the funeral is a celebration of the life led by the deceased person whilst on earth.

Jesus celebrated, and Gospel stories tell us of the wedding feast of Cana when he turned water into wine, the Passover Meal just before His death, dinners with characters such as Zacchaeus, and Mary and Martha. Celebrations are most often associated with happy times.

Monicans are urged to celebrate other matters such as achieving well in studies. Celebrate skills attained, knowledge gained, grades achieved, victories won, and performances acclaimed. All of these matters of student life are due to an individual's efforts, perseverance, commitment to success, and usage of the skills God has blest them with.



We all have something to celebrate in life if only we look. There is every reason to celebrate the loving presence of our parents in our life, grand-parents, brother, sister and a good friend. It is our responsibility to treat these people with the love and care they show to us and to do so all the time.

We might celebrate our football team's success, a political party's victory at the polls, a trick performed by a pet, an athletic challenge overcome, a chocolate cake baked, or a crime book read. See how simple things are cause for celebration which make us happy? Treasures are never far from us.

Please remember that this week is St Monica's Week despite its 'cancellation' due to COVID. Let us never become despondent as we battle to persevere with this grim time in our life. Indeed, seek to discover a reason to celebrate your coping.

Throughout this special Monican week, **SHALOM, ANYWHERE YOU GO.**

**B.E Hanley OAM**  
*Principal*



**HAPPY**  
**ST MONICA'S DAY,**  
*Friday, 27 August*



## DALTON ROAD CAMPUS BUILDING UPDATE – COOINDA PROJECT





## RE-ENROLMENT – 2022

We invite you to re-enrol your child/children at St Monica's College, Epping for 2022. Re-enrolment 2022 is now open until 8 October 2021.

Re-enrolment into Years 8 – 12 must be confirmed submitting the accompanied Re-Enrolment Family Information Form and payment of \$150 deposit per student, which will be deducted from your 2022 fees. This can be done online or at College Reception at Augustine House.

Please contact the College and speak to the Fees Office or Registrar should you have any questions.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Even COVID-19 could not stop the lead up and selection of this year's Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards!

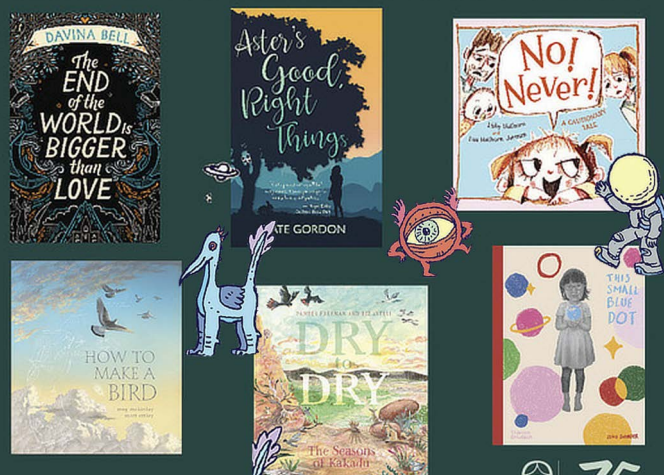
This year's theme, with banners and posters superbly illustrated by Shaun Tan, is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

Each year the LRF purchases the relevant Books of the Year for our students' reading enjoyment.

*And the 2021 CBCA Book of the Year Winners are...*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## CBCA 2021 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



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# CAREERS CORNER

## DON'T FORGET!

As we remain in remote learning, please be aware that Careers staff are still available for careers appointments.

Simply go to the [Careers Website](#) via the St Monica's home page and go to the 'Book an Appointment' tab.

As the meeting will be conducted by phone or video conference, please include a relevant phone number which can be used to make contact for the meeting.

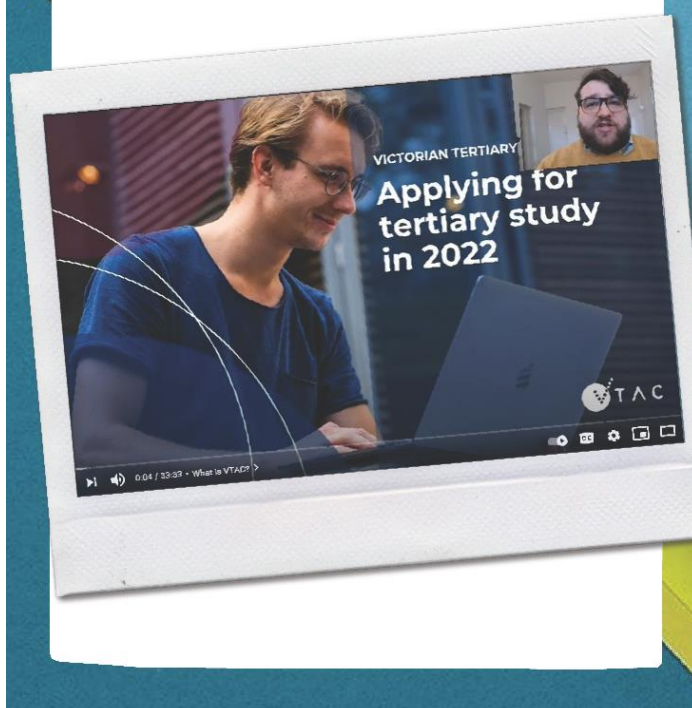
Oh, and did you know that under the 'Important Info' tab on the [Careers Website](#), there is a page titled 'Year 12 Resources' (students in other year levels will also find items of interest!).

This page is being constantly updated, and along with emails sent to Year 12 students, they will have all the information they need to remain fully informed. One of the links on the page takes you to the VTAC YouTube Channel. Here you will find some excellent videos explaining everything from VTAC account registration, to the scaling process.

This 33 minute video, [VTAC guide to applying for year 12 students and parents \(2022\)](#) is well worth watching and can also be accessed via a link in the 'Year 12 Resources' section of the Careers Website.

For students in the younger years, who might want to explore various careers, there is an excellent collection of 3-5 minute videos on the Careers Website. They can be accessed through this link which takes you to the relevant section on the website:

<https://careersdept.stmonicas-epping.com/job-and-career-search>



**KEEPING ACTIVE DURING LOCKDOWN**

**GIVEAWAY**



**1ST PRIZE - \$100 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER**  
**2ND PRIZE - \$50 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER**  
**3RD PRIZE - \$30 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER**

Head to our Instagram page [@smcepping.sport](https://www.instagram.com/smcepping.sport) for more details.

**2021 SACCSS SPORT – UPDATE**

**CANCELLED FOR 2021**

- SACCSS Junior Girls AFL Competition
- SACCSS Senior Hockey Competition
- SACCSS Senior Futsal Competition
- SACCSS Year 9 Premier League Competition
- SACCSS Senior Basketball Competitions
- SACCSS Senior Football Competitions



**SUSPENDED - RESCHEDULED**

- SACCSS Athletics > Potential Term 4 date with modified program
- SACCSS Junior and Intermediate Tennis Competitions > Potential Term 4 dates

**STILL GOING AHEAD**

- SACCSS Chess Competition > Wednesday 15 September (Virtual)
- Year 8 Premier League (First 2 rounds have been moved into Semi Finals and Grand Finals Rounds. This competition will commence Term 4)

*'Strength Through Perseverance'*



**AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students in Years 10 and VCE Geography for their excellent results in the Australian Geography Competition held in Term 1.

**High Distinction:** Alannah Nedanovski.

**Distinctions:** Ashlynn O'Connor, Tiana Spiteri, Gia Thakur, Sienna Galati.

**Credit:** Tina Ly, Aleks Bozinovska, Thomas Kenna, Ajay Peeris, Mya Antonopoulos, Kavindu Gunaasekara, Julian Tsopanopoulos, Isaac Wessley, Aaron Connor, Isabella Kapiniaris.

**ST MONICA'S COLLEGE SCHOOL  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Due to the transfer of governance to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), each school must have a School Advisory Council. This replaces the former Regional College Board.

**Membership of the SMC School  
Advisory Council (2021 – 2022)**

Custodian of Mission:  
*Fr L. Toldo CS PP*

Executive Officer:  
*Mr B. Hanley OAM*

Parent Representatives:  
*Mr S. McMackin*  
*Mrs S. Cirrito*

Parishioner:  
*Mrs R. Lekkas*

Alumni:  
*Mr M. Bernardi*

Deputy Principal (Operations):  
*Mr C. Whitford*

Business & Finance Manager:  
*Mrs A. Pisani*

Staff Representative:  
*Mr D. Monaghan*

Student Representative:  
*To be confirmed.*

**DAV DEBATING RESULTS**

On Thursday 19 August two of our DAV Debating teams participated (digitally) in Playoff 1 of the Finals Series.

The Year 8 SMC D grade 3 team defeated Peninsula Grammar 2.

- Our team argued the affirmative case for the topic: *That the Australian of the Year should be publicly elected.*

The Year 12 SMC A grade 1 team lost to The Geelong College 1.

- This secret topic debate saw our team have one hour to prepare the affirmative case for the topic: *That the government should have banned news articles that raised concerns about the safety of COVID vaccines.*

Congratulations to both teams for qualifying for the finals of this competition, their hard work is to be commended. Best wishes to the Year 8 team who progress to Playoff 2 next week.





# POKEMON CLUB

## WHAT IS IT?

Pokémon is a Japanese media franchise founded by Nintendo in 1995. Since its creation Pokémon has become a global phenomenon engaging people of all ages, through playing and collecting. Ultimately Pokémon's are fictional characters (little monsters) which are controlled by their trainers and do battle. Today, the way Pokémon is played and experienced has evolved. Some of you may recall the recent craze of Pokémon Go.

Pokémon Club came to existence by listening to our students where a huge interest existed. Pokémon Club enabled these students an opportunity to not only discuss their Pokémon collections but play Pokémon together across all year levels. Students of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend, learn and take part in playing with or against their peers. Today, students compete against each other via electronic or physical versions of the game.

Whether you have an awareness or interest, or simply want to learn, come along.

Scheduled 'learn to play' sessions will be advertised for students who want to learn and join this group.

The group is aiming to host a 'St Monica's College Competition' later in the year.

## DETAILS

Pokémon Club meet together on Tuesday's lunch time in room J21 (upstairs Science building). Students of all abilities are welcome.

Students can bring their own collection, laptop or utilise the College's resources.

Look out for the scheduled '**Learn to Play**' which generally occur at the beginning of terms.

## KEY PERSONNEL

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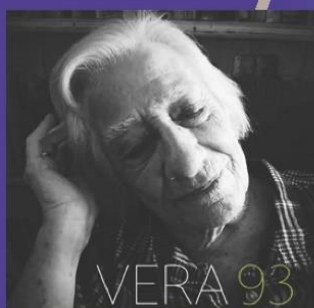




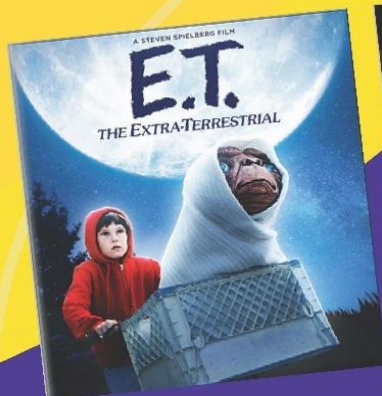


ST MONICA'S WEEK

# Lockdown Art Competition



**FOUR \$200  
PRIZES TO  
BE WON!**  
OPEN TO SMC  
STAFF AND  
STUDENTS



*Beat the lockdown blues by RECREATING a Famous Artwork, Album Cover or Film Cover. For more information please scroll down.*

**Follow the links on the following pages to ENTER!**

# Lockdown Art Competition

Join the global phenomenon and recreate famous artworks, album or film covers for your chance to win a \$200 first prize. See some examples of these images in the flyer below. Get creative and get your families and pets involved in some fun to create the scenes!

## ENTRY DETAILS AND TERMS & CONDITIONS

The recreations must have a **G rating** (no nudity, vulgarity, violence or antisocial content please)

Students/Staff can only use what they have at their disposal at home (eg. costumes, props, face paint/make-up, family members, pets etc. Any 'staging' should be done in or around the home)

Students/Staff can manipulate their finished work using digital programs like Photoshop, but they can't use other people's material to create their work (eg. images they find on the internet)

You may enter up to three recreations, one for each category only (one artwork, one album cover, one film cover)

You must provide an image of the **original** artwork/album or film cover inspiration along with your recreated version, per entry. Please see examples on the following page

The original works must have the following:

**Artworks:** the name of the artist, the title of the work and the date it was produced

**Album covers:** the name of the musician or band/group and the title of the album

**Film covers:** the title of the film and the year it was made

### PRIZES FOR THE BEST RECREATIONS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

Best DRC recreation \$200

Best Staff recreation \$200

Best DSC recreation \$200

People's Choice award \$200

**All selected entries will be exhibited in the St Monica's Week Lockdown Art Online Gallery. Entries close MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Vote for the People's Choice Award NOW!**

For further information please contact Ms D Fiori at: [d.fiori@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:d.fiori@stmonicas-epping.com)  
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# Lockdown Art Competition



Elena Nikolaenko recreated Raphael's 'Sistine Madonna', circa 1513-14, with her husband, mother and three children.



Rembrandt 'Portrait of a Woman with Gloves' circa 1632-1642, recreated using toilet rolls, flexible packing foam and latex gloves.



Jackson Pollock 'Blue poles' 1952 © Pollock-Krasner Foundation. ARS/Copyright Agency. Recreated in LEGO



Sia 'We Are Born'



Queen '2'



Wreck-it Ralph 2012



Taylor Swift '1989' recreated in an English nursing home.



Breakfast at Tiffany's 1961



The Lord of the Rings 2001





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## MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Chantelle Mansour (Year 11 White) is a wonderful student who is well-mannered and personable. She is a shining example of a hard-working Monican as she is currently studying, and excelling in her Year 12 subjects. Chantelle has also applied for and currently attends the Youth Council for Thomastown where she has been able to develop her leadership skills while working with other students. It is for her willingness to be involved in youth issues and her ability to balance and excel in her schoolwork that we believe Chantelle is very deserving of being named Marvellous Monican.

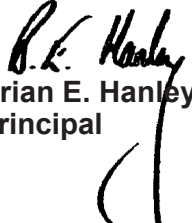
## 2021 College Captains



Thank you for your leadership in 2021



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