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# Lumina

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*There has been excitement and a flurry of activity around the College this week as we prepare for our first Open Day. On Sunday 21 March we welcome all to our College. This much anticipated event has seen unprecedented interest with over 800 pre-registrations. Our teachers have all prepared engaging subject exhibits, hear from our Principal, Year 7 and Year 9 leaders and School Captains, there will be music, food and fun activities, we hope you will join us and bring your friends.*

**Director of Development | Elaine Doyle**

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# From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Dear Parents and Carers

A fortnight is a long time in a school, particularly so in Term 1 which always feels quite frenetic with so many varied activities on. It was lovely last Thursday to conduct the first Talk and Tour since the commencement of the pandemic last year. After such a long break where we were unable to host visitors, we finally were able to welcome a group, expertly hosted by some Year 8 students.

It was a delight to attend the SCSA Swimming Carnival last Wednesday where our girls competed under the banner of St Mary's College for the first time, and I am delighted to say created history with the first winners ribbon for the school. I think our competitors were rather surprised with how competitive we were!

Our Outdoor Education department under the supervision of Mr David Joyce has recently returned from the Year 7 Coastal experience where our newest and youngest students continued their journey of orientation into their new school. A quick turn around and a Year 10 group headed off this week on a mountain bike camp making up for missed opportunities from 2020.

Meanwhile, depending on the morning of the week, we have the joy of hearing either the College Band or our College Choir practicing before school at the Edmund Rice Campus.

This week also our ACC Senior Cricket team ventured to Mazenod College to take on St Bede's in the final, winning the ACC Cricket Grand Final. Our SCSA Girls Indoor Cricket Team had their first outing with the outstanding result of Runners Up in the Grand Final. Finally, to top off a busy fortnight in the life of St Mary's College, we enjoyed the College House Athletics Carnival this week.

As I said, a fortnight is a long time in a school!

**Principal | Terry Blizzard**



## Around the College

**Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are really focused on Open Day. Over the past couple of years we have become familiar with how to best present our school on a daily basis and to prospective parents. This Sunday will be a wonderful opportunity to publicly express who we are as a school and to showcase the diverse talents of our students and staff. With the input of our current families, I'm sure that the wide geographic and cultural groups that see our new College in action will find it hard to consider any other option for their son or daughter.

Please be reminded that next Thursday is Parent /Teacher interview day. The one person missing in the title of this day is the student, which is quite strange as the appointments that you have with your son or daughters' teachers are all about them. For this reason, I'd like to ask all families to please bring your child along to the interview, so that they can hear the direct feedback being provided by each individual teacher. This should form the basis of very productive and positive conversations at home and at school around committing to continuously improving and the development of positive work habits.

**Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire**



# Identity

**Director of Identity | Kate Johnston**

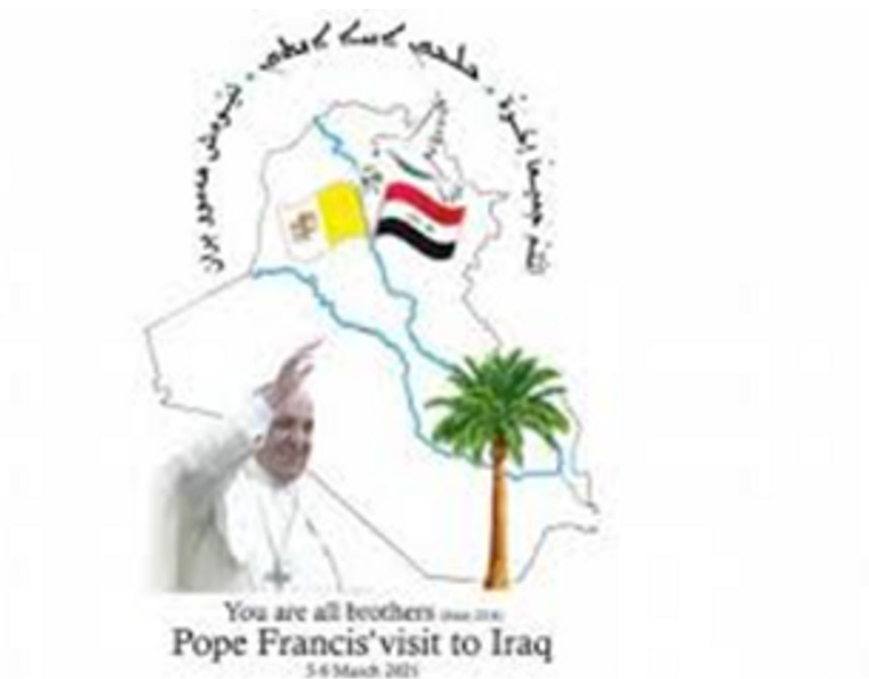
Last week Pope Francis visited Iraq, an historic trip marking the first ever papal visit to the country.

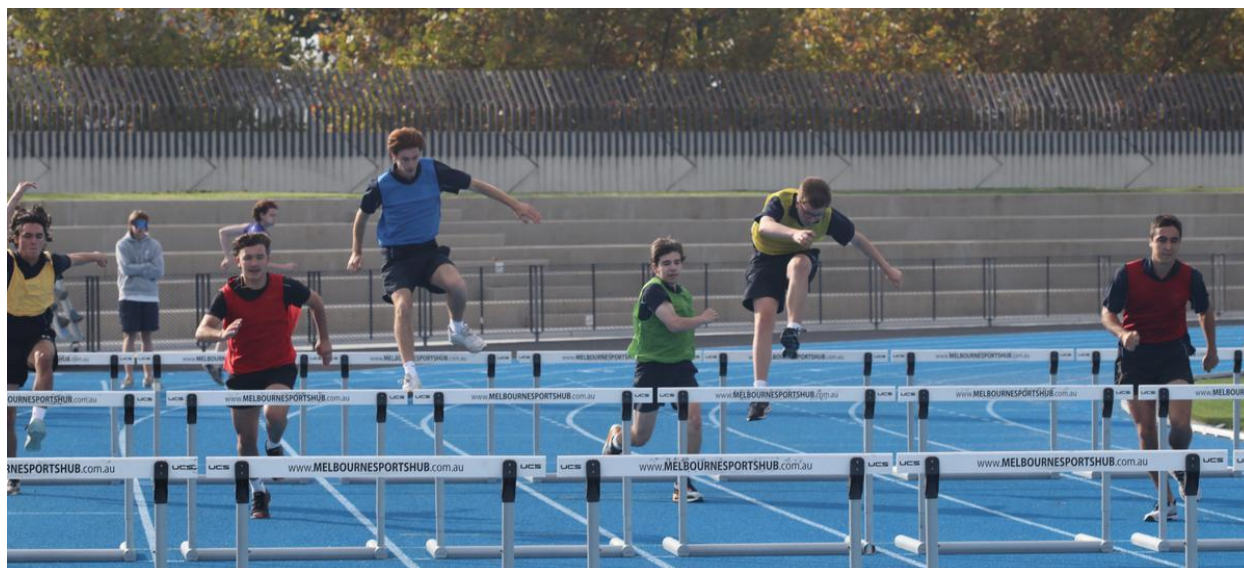
The aim of his pilgrimage was to stand in solidarity with long suffering Iraqi Christians. The Christian community grows smaller each year after decades of war and Islamic State. Today, they number less than 1% of the country's population. Christianity has been present in the Nineveh Plains, between Mosul and Iraqi Kurdistan, since the first century AD. During the four-day trip, Pope Francis called for peace and reconciliation for the Iraqi people and improved relations between Christians and Muslims.

The Pope visited Ur, which the Bible records as the birthplace of Abraham. Abraham is revered by Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. At this interreligious gathering Pope Francis said "Hostility, extremism and violence are not born of a religious heart; they are betrayals of religion". His hope is that religion can be part of the solution in the Middle East rather than part of the problem.

It was the Pope's first international trip since the start of the pandemic and it carried the motto from the Gospel of Matthew, *you are all brothers*. Matthew 23:8. This motto can be seen over the top of the logo for the trip. "You are all brothers and sisters", appears in three languages Arabic, Kurdish and Chaldean. Arabic is Iraq's official language, Sorani is spoken among the northern Kurdish minority, and Chaldean is spoken by Christians in the Nineveh Plains.

As we enter the fourth week of Lent, I wondered how we can all be brothers and sisters to those who challenge us? Those who make us feel uncomfortable? Those who are different to us? My hope is that as we encounter these people in our community, we can be part of the solution.





# Sport & House News

Sports Co-ordinator | Simon Hawkins

## SCSA SWIMMING

The Girls SCSA Swimming Championship was held last Wednesday night and a range of girls from across the school got involved. It was the first female sporting event for St Mary's College and a true representation of the things to come. Despite there not being enough girls for a junior swimming team, our team still placed 3rd overall in Division 3 which is a great achievement. Our Intermediates, placing 2nd overall for their age group. It was a great night for all and the girls should be very proud of themselves.

Monica V (Swimming Captain)



## SCSA TENNIS

Following the Girls Swimming, Athletics, our College was well represented again by the girls days later at the SCSA Tennis Tournament at Boroondara. We fielded our very first St Mary's Intermediate and Senior Tennis Teams. Our Seniors were a strong outfit getting themselves into a Semi Final but falling short. Thankyou to Mr. Williams for coaching the girls on the day.



## SCSA INDOOR CRICKET



Congratulations to Mr. Paul and his girls who represented the College in Indoor Cricket at Box Hill Indoor Sports on Wednesday this week. Our girls performed really well right until the end, with our Seniors making it through to the Grand Final but losing by 15 runs.

The girls represented St Mary's in brilliant fashion also sang very well (and loudly) all the way home on the bus!

## ACC SENIOR CRICKET GRAND FINAL

We are pleased to announce that our boys took out our first ever ACC Senior Cricket Grand Final for St Mary's College on Wednesday at Mazenod College. The boys had a tough opponent in St Bede's holding them to just 93 runs (Luke Destito 51\*). As a team the side bowled and fielded really well to fight their way back into the game. It was an intense finish to the game, St Bede's needing only 6 runs off the last over, but some individual brilliance from Khoi Nugyen sealed the victory with his rare last minute Hattrick! Unbelievable viewing!

We are extremely proud of the boys and their efforts this season and we thank Mr. Cavolo for his contribution to the team and fostering a positive culture for our New School.







## HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A fantastic effort to all members (staff and students) for their contribution to our very first St Mary's College House Athletics Carnival at Lakeside Stadium. Our students demonstrated great competitiveness, sportsmanship and house spirit throughout the day in all events. They should be very proud of themselves. Our Staff were a great assistance on the day performing a range of jobs to help the day flow. Most importantly everyone enjoyed the day, had fun and was enthusiastic when they participated. That's all you can ask for! We thank the Year 12s for their dedication to House Sport over the years, representing their houses proudly for one last time.

Congratulations to Tevlin house for taking out the Swimming Carnival Trophy but now also the Athletics Carnival. A truly dominant performance!

Results:

1st - Tevlin (1592 points)

2nd – McMahon (1277 points)

3rd – O'Shea (1192 points)

4th – Corbett (1023 points)



**Sports Co-ordinator | Simon Hawkins**

## From our Students



This Wednesday, the girls had their SCSA Indoor Cricket round robin day. The girls began the day in high spirits, blasting music in the bus to get everybody pumped up. The intermediate team had a great day, although they were unable to get a win, they put in an amazing effort for a beginner team. Maya Jess was one of the girls that carried the team and showed much improvement.

As for the Senior team, the day started out with two disappointing losses, as many of us had not played Indoor Cricket before. However, we managed to get the hang of it and were able to win our next two games. Our game against St Aloysius was a standout, with Bridgette and Barbara absolutely smashing their two overs. The end score of this game was 90 runs to 38 runs.

This put the senior team in the grand final against Killester. After a tough game, the girls came away with runner's up. Although this was a little disappointing, the team had a massive improvement from the start of the day to the end.

Overall, it was a very successful day, in which many girls could try out a sport they may not have been familiar with. Well done to Annecy Homberg for leading the girls with her expert knowledge of cricket.

**Year 12 Student | Darcy L**



## New Uniform

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

On Wednesday 10 March we held the second New Uniform Committee Meeting. This meeting included both the Consultative and Focus Discussion Groups, we also invited any interested students to the lunchtime meeting on the day. Results of the survey were discussed and how this input from our community is valuable information in creating a design brief.

The next steps are to further finalise the design brief and forward this to our Uniform supplier Midford, who will use this information to create multiple designs for our consideration. The design brief should be finalised and sent to Midford by the end of Term 1.

Our College community will have the chance to view and comment on the designs early in Term 2.

 [Uniform meeting 2 - survey results.pdf](#)



# Our Community

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

Our focus and energies in the last few weeks have been on creating the biggest and best Open Day, to showcase and present to the public St Mary's College. We thank our staff and students for their hard work in preparing for the day and our supportive community in their volunteer roles. We thank our Parents & Friends group, we could not do it without you.

We hope you enjoy Open Day and being a COVID safe event we ask all of our College community to use the QR codes at both campus entrances to register with the Government COVID site, to keep 1.5m distance, and if you are unwell to not to attend.

We thank you for the important part you play in welcoming new families into our College community and know our families are proud and excited for St Mary's College first Open Day.



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

**Open Day  
What's On**

**21 March 2021  
12pm to 3pm**

### Edmund Rice Campus

11 Westbury St, St Kilda East

Principal's Address - Logue Hall 12:30  
Science Experiments Rm6 1:15 & 2:30  
Make Slime Rm6 2:00  
Year 8 Rock Band Performances  
St Mary's College Concert Band

Learning Areas:  
English, Humanities, STEM,  
RE, Library  
Year 7, Year 8, Year 10  
Gallery: Visual Arts, Performing Arts  
& Design Technology  
Languages: live conversations & lessons  
in Italian & Japanese; Calligraphy  
PE, Sport & Outdoor Ed activities  
Learning Diversity, Student Wellbeing

Student Ambassadors

Parents & Friends BBQ  
+ Coffee Van

### Presentation Campus

187 Dandenong Rd, Windsor

Principal's Address - Presentation Hall 1:30  
Year 9 Rock Band Performances

Learning Areas:  
Year 9 Nobilitas Program  
VCE Exhibits & VCE Study Centre  
VCAL  
Careers - Pathways  
International Students  
RE & Social Justice, visit our Chapel  
PE & Sport activities  
Food Tech: enjoy fresh baked scones served  
by our students  
Design Technology

Student Ambassadors

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Our two adjacent campuses are located by a short 250 metre walk across the Dandenong Road overpass footbridge.  
Street parking, train to Windsor Station or tram 64 or 5 to the door.



## Notices

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

### 2021 Fee Accounts

All 2021 Fee Accounts are due and payable by **31 March 2021**, unless an approved Payment Plan is in place by this date.

Where a family pays the entire Family Fee Account balance prior to 31 March 2021 a \$350 Early Payment Discount will be credited to the Family Fee Account.

**\*Please note** that the *Early Payment Discount* does not apply to *Scholarship, Bursary and Fee Assistance Accounts*.

Pay the **entire** Family Fee account balance **prior to 31  
March 2021**

Eligible for **\$350** \*Early Payment  
Discount

*Families making a full payment of Fees before 31 March 2021 may deduct the \$350 amount from the payment. Please note that in order to receive this discount the entire Family Fee Account balance for all students within the Family attending St Mary's College must be received into the St Mary's College bank account by **31 March 2021**.*

*For the sake of clarity, deposits received in the St Mary's College bank account on 1 April 2021 will not be eligible to receive the Early Payment Discount.*

Where Families elect to pay by instalments, a 2021 Fee Payment Agreement Form must be completed, signed and lodged with the Finance Office by **28 February 2021**.

All payment arrangements must be finalised by **31 October 2021**.

Documents in relation to Fees and Payment Arrangements can be found in the Parent Access Module PAM (SIMON)

## Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

### 2020 Applications are now Open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is a \$225 annual payment to schools that can be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

To qualify for the CSEF your family must satisfy the following criteria or be an eligible beneficiary of one of the following cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- be a temporary foster parent, or
- the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card).

*A special consideration eligibility category also exists.*

*For more information, see:*

*<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>*

The CSEF is paid directly to St Mary's College and will be credited against your Fee Account at St Mary's College to contribute towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF, please complete and return the CSEF Application Form, which can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

**Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien**



## Dates & Events

[St Mary's College Calendar](#)