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Welcome to Issue 8. As we head toward a cold Melbourne winter, amid the AFL season, Year 7 students were learning AFL skills in PE today. Our co-educational College offers boys and girls the opportunity to learn alongside each other. They were having a great time out in the sunshine today on our beautiful Edmund Rice Campus Oval.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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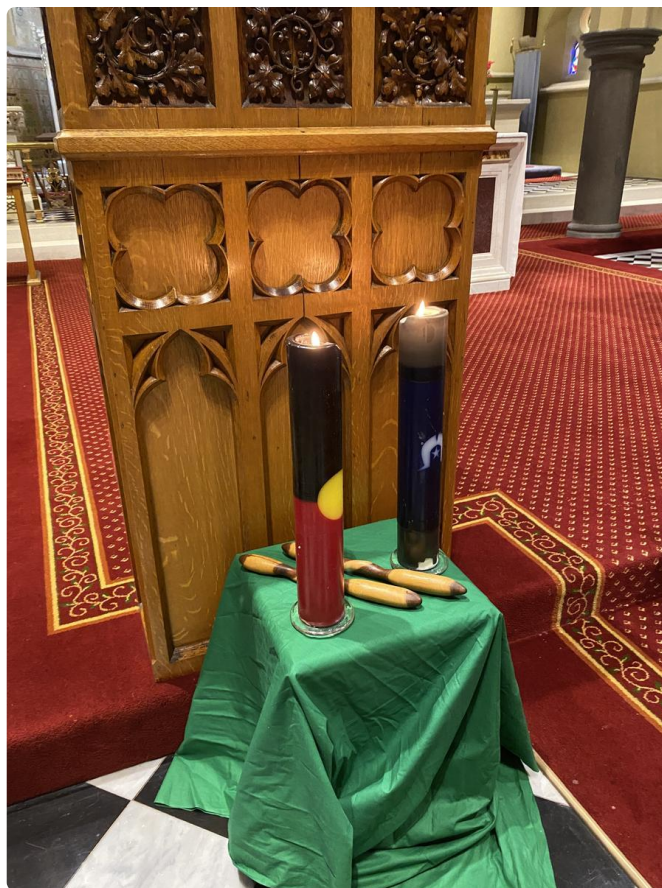
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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Next week at our College Assembly, we acknowledge National Reconciliation Week (NRW). NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June.



These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision, respectively.

The notion of Reconciliation is steeped in the message of the Gospels, and must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all of us as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This will be very much alive in the minds of the St Mary's College community later this year when Mrs Johnston leads a group of students to Lake Mungo on our [Indigenous Immersion](#).

In a conversation with a student recently, I shared my rather simple view on life in an attempt to help this young person to act in a more appropriate way. I suggested that people judge us by the way we act and the things we do, irrespective of whether they know us or not.

Whenever I share this with students and ask them what kind of person they would want others to see them as, they always respond with words such as friendly, with integrity, honest and so on, all the words we would hope our young people aspire to. At times the irony needs to be pointed out!

I mention this because of the fine examples exhibited weekly by our various sporting teams, sometimes in spite of what is going on around them, and as a collective our ACC and SCSA representatives should be justly proud of the way they have acted and the things they have done. The guidance of the many dedicated coaches should be acknowledged also, they provide a model and guide our students to act with good sportsmanship, integrity and respect.

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Dear St Mary's families,

When thinking of what to cover in my newsletter article this week, our College calendar that adorns my office wall, reminded me of the full and enriching experiences we offer our students and share with our College community.

On the morning of Friday 7 May we had a wonderful celebration of the Mum's and women in the lives of our students in the Presentation Campus Hall. A lovely breakfast, guest speaker and College Captain's contribution meant that all students and women present were treated to a 'second' Mother's day.

The following Tuesday, we had the annual Year 7 Mother/Mentor – Child evening in Logue Hall, facilitated by Bill Jennings of 'Time & Space'. Bill has been running these evenings for more than a decade at the College and once again the evening was a great success.

On Friday we participated in the SCSA athletics carnival at Lakeside Stadium. With a relatively small cohort of girls participating, there were successes on the day and another

fantastic opportunity to fly the St Mary's College banner high in the girls' sporting competition.

This week all Year 10 students have been completing exams for most of their subjects. These have been held in Logue Hall, with the notion of 'exam experience' discussed and promoted with our Year 10 students. The students have applied themselves really well to the content of each exam they have sat, and have impressed all staff involved with the way they have quickly come to terms with the formalities of exam procedures.

Finally, last week, our Year 7 and 9 students were involved in NAPLAN over four days. This assessment is not new to our students, having completed them in earlier years and at primary school. This was evident in the seamless way that they used their laptop computers, followed directions and cooperatively sorted through issues as they arose.

Well done to all of our students at all year levels for participating and responding to some of these challenges and opportunities.

In the weeks ahead leading up to the Walkathon 2021, the Prefect Team, students and staff are busy preparing for and promoting the event, to ensure we raise as much money as possible for our ongoing commitment of compassion and justice for those who are marginalised. This year our fundraising will be donated to the Fr Bob Maguire Foundation and our continued support of charities for school children in India who so desperately need our help during these COVID times. At the time of publishing this Newsletter our fundraising total is \$7933. As a community we can do more to increase this amount, by inviting friends and extended family to support our students by donating.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Identity

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston



Introducing our new Pastoral Care Worker, Wren Smith.

St Mary's College was successful in its application for the Commonwealth Government's National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP). The aim of the NSCP is to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community by providing pastoral care services and strategies. The NSCP provides Victoria with approximately \$12.79 million per annum for this role to be fulfilled in Victorian schools.

Wren comes from a background of youth engagement and intervention focused education work. In joining the St Mary's College community, Wren will offer her skillset and passion for teenagers, to provide a space for the students of St Mary's College to engage in further development of their social and education skills.

Wren aims to be involved in both the Religious Identity team and the Wellbeing and Respectful Relationships projects, with a focus on increasing students' awareness and engagement of their own identities within these spaces and of the community around them. Wren passionately believes that education is one of the most important keys for growth and development of young people, and is excited to see what her St Mary's College journey will hold.

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston



Learning

Year 8 Camp

In Term 2 all Year 8 classes have taken part in their annual class camp, with the final group attending this week. The four day camp is based out of Blores Hill Camping Park near Lake Glenmaggie and accesses Mount Hedrick Scenic Reserve and the Avon River.

The camp provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience a new and different environment, to learn new skills or consolidate those learnt in Year 7 and to experience some new and exciting activities. The camp is a four day multi-activity program with students rotating through a three day/two night bushwalk along the Avon River and a one day mountain bike ride in the Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park.

Through this experience our students developed:

- An introduction to Victoria's sub alpine environment, visiting National Parks and well-established recreation facilities in State Parks
- An understanding of the skills and equipment needed to safely enjoy recreation in cooler climates
- Learning and reflection on sustainability and the environment
- Built personal and social capability; teamwork, relationships, resilience;

- Awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and Cultures.

An enriching and memorable experience for our Year 8 students.





St Mary's College boasts a vibrant and talented arts community. View the creative work of our students at the ACC Art and Technology exhibit at Federation Square 20-26 May - free entry.

We congratulate St Mary's College student Zane Greenham who designed the event logo.





VCAL

VCAL Award



On Wednesday 19 May, current Year 12 VCAL student Zane Greenham was awarded the Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network (IELLEN) 'Student Recognition Award' for 2020.

Zane was acknowledged for his hard work, perseverance and leadership throughout the COVID period and beyond in 2020.

This award was presented to Zane, with his mum and Deputy Principal, Shaun Lancashire present. St Mary's College is very proud of this achievement Zane, well done.



Sport

Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2 were again action packed.

Athletics



On Friday 14 May, 30 St Mary's College girls represented the College at the SCSA Athletics at Lakeside Stadium.

Destiny (Yar) Kuek was a standout, winning the 100m and 200m sprint heats.

Annecy Homberg racked up multiple ribbons on the track and in field events.
Tyra Williams took out first place in Triple Jump after a strong finish in the relay event.

Each athlete represented the College with exemplary sportsmanship and poise, with students taking the opportunity to try new events.

Soccer

Intermediate Soccer beat De La Salle 5-2 and then steam rolled St Joseph's Ferntree Gully 14-1.

Senior Soccer continue to remain undefeated beating Simonds, St Josephs Ferntree Gully and De La Salle (*see Mr Genovese's report below on this exciting match*)

Junior Soccer was defeated by Emmanuel in Round 3, 0-9, but Round 4 the score was reversed when they travelled to St Joseph's Ferntree Gully winning 9-0.

ACC SENIOR SOCCER REPORT. MAY 19

ROUND 5 – ST MARY'S v DE LA SALLE.

ALMA PARK

3-1

This match saw the top two teams face one another in what was an enthralling game. These two schools have always had fierce contests and this match was no different. St Mary's opened the game strongly with a dominant first half display. Ricardo Esposito worked well with Sam Paradisis to slot the first goal. 1-0 at halftime. The second half saw St Mary's and De La Salle both enjoy scoring opportunities. Our back four worked tirelessly and shut down many DLS attacks. Ricardo Esposito scored again in the 70th minute. De La Salle kept pressing and eventually found the back of the net with 15 minutes remaining. With St Mary's tiring, De La Salle were keen to pounce but were unable to execute thanks to some wonderful defending. Sang Nguyen came on and had an immediate impact. His 83rd minute goal sealed the win. We look forward to our Round 6 clash with Parade College. Best players – Yianni Drossos, Jesse Zborovsky, Kenny Truong, Zac Zborovsky, Ricardo Esposito, Sam Paradisis.

Mr Genovese

AFL

Intermediate Football took a loss against Salesian by 11 points but bounced back with a solid win over Emmanuel.

Senior Football built more momentum beating Mazenod convincingly in Round 3, with Zayne Galea kicking 10 and hammering home their dominance over Salesian in Round 4.

Junior Football narrowly missed out to St Bernard's in Round 4 after a run away win in Round 3 versus Whitefriars.

Golf

On Monday 10 May our won the Open Golf Division 2 Flag, captained by Luca Carboni. Luca will represent St Mary's College at the Victorian Independent State Schools competition on Monday 24 May.



Swimming



The Charlesworth brothers Harry (Year 10) and Joe (Year 7) represented the College and the ACC at VSAC (Victorian State Aquatic Championships) at MSAC. Selection for this team is based on the swimmers times from the ACC carnival. Coached by Mr Kaufman, both performed outstandingly with Harry successful in coming third in the under 15's medley relay; swimming the butterfly leg.



Our Students

The Elephant Education Consent Education Program was brought to the school with the intent of teaching Year 9s about sexual education, specifically focusing on the issue of consent. It highlighted many key aspects of consent, such as indicators that you have consent and how to ask for it.

They used the abbreviation '**FRIES**' to teach about consent, each of the letters, standing for a different aspect of consent. The **F** stood for *freely* given, then **R** stood for *reversible*, the **I** stood for *informed*, the **E** stood for *enthusiastic*, and the **S** stood for *specific*. The program was very informative and enjoyable for Year 9 students, many of them learning a lot of new things.

Students have also said that the program was engaging, showing that the presenters were, at times, able to have a comedic approach to the topic and could still efficiently teach key facts about consent. They taught through music and short videos, as well as verbally, connecting to all forms of learning that students use.

All in all, the program was extremely informative, teaching students important values. Overall, it was a great experience.

Year 9 Student | Tim H



Our Community

At St Mary's College we are active partners in learning with primary schools in our community. This week we invited Grade 3 and 4 students of our Parish, from St Mary's Primary (SMPS) to watch together with our Year 8 and Year 9 students for National Simultaneous Story time, a livestream of a book reading by an astronaut at the International Space Station viewed by over 1.2 million students. This activity was conducted across our two campuses.

With the theme of space we enhanced the students curiosity of science by making Galaxy Playdough. This was a great leadership opportunity for our Year 8 students to lead the activity and enjoy the interaction with the students of our neighbouring primary school.

A bit messy but loads of fun, both the primary students and our students enjoyed this tactile creative exercise. The SMPS students were able to take their playdough home.



Library Technician | Sam Hill



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

Walkathon 2021

DONATE NOW

Sponsor our students

2021 will be the 53rd Walkathon for our College community. Every year we put into action our commitment to support those in our society who are living on the margins by raising funds and advocating for justice. This year our donations will go to the Fr Bob Maguire Foundation and our continued support of charities for school children in India who so desperately need our help during these COVID times.

Walkathon ID Numbers:

Students and staff please use your Walkathon ID number

Parents & Friends use ID 709

Alumni and Community use ID 708

Talk & Tour



Interest is growing about St Mary's College as last week we welcomed over 70 people to our College community for the May Talk & Tour. This group, keen to find out more about inner Melbourne's co-educational Catholic secondary school, enjoyed the Principal's address then toured both campuses with our student leaders.

Our student Tour Guides (your children) did the most amazing job as ambassadors for our College, we received so much positive feedback about them from each group.

The last Talk & Tour for Term 2 will be held on 10 June. If you know anyone who is considering a co-educational Catholic secondary education for their children, tell them to visit our website to book a place.

Did you know you can order online uniforms from the Midford Uniform Shop?

Online orders are welcomed <http://www.midford.com.au/>
(enter **SMC2021**).

Midford Uniform Shop trading hours (during school terms) remain Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00am-4:00pm and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Entrance D, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East Vic 3183

Ph **9520 8519**



Parents & Friends Association

Walkathon 2021



Put your walking shoes on (and your apron) for the annual Walkathon! St Mary's College P & F invite all parents to participate in this whole community event on Friday 28 May.

A BBQ at the finish line will be supported by the P & F. On the day we need volunteers to set up, cook and help pack up. See the volunteer sign on sheet if you are able to assist on the day

Walk with the P & F



Please meet at **8.30am to Lou & co café** 5 South Rd Brighton to have a quick coffee to start our day we then will need to commence our walk at **9am sharp** so that we can get to Port Melbourne by 11am to assist with the BBQ. Please note this year the walkathon will be a little different as we will have a BBQ at the end of the event with P & F are assisting.

If parents find the walk to long there is an opportunity to be picked up along the way to take you to Port Melbourne

Looking forward to seeing you

Enquiries :Jane Leroi 0412632527

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ST MARY'S COLLEGE
Parents & Friends

Fifties Style

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, 24TH JULY 2021

\$35 PER PERSON

DRESS UP 'Fifties Style' (Optional)

AUCTIONS & PRIZES

TRIVIA FUN & GAMES

Drinks at Bar Prices
BYO Food

\$30 EARLY BIRD PRICE
Organise an entire table or purchase tickets individually
(YEAR LEVEL TABLES AVAILABLE)

ST MARY'S COLLEGE
Edmund Rice Campus, Logue Hall

WANT TO HELP ORGANISE AND GET INVOLVED?
JOIN THE TRIVIA NIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE CONTACT: jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

Can you help with the donation of goods, services or experiences for raffles and prizes?

SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:
Vouchers for services, gift cards, a bottle, tickets, behind the scenes experiences, money can't buy experiences, memorabilia, etc. What about contributing a couple of hours of your valuable business skills? (e.g. legal service, an electrician/plumber/handy man house call, or a hairdresser/beauty treatment voucher)

Contact jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au with offers or ideas.

ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

Saturday 24 July 2021 @ Logue Hall, Edmund Rice Campus, 7-11 pm.

Get ready to shake your tail feather, twist and shout at our annual Social Event and fundraiser. Online ticket sales: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRLIB>

Parents; past or present, staff, alumni, are all welcome! Tables of 10 or join a table allocated to your child's year group.

Want to help organise and get involved? All help appreciated. Decorating, donations, set-up, idea generation or whatever you can offer.

Recycled Uniform Shop

Join the team of helpers at our recycled uniform shop on the first Saturday of each month. Please email Julie on gallagherja@hotmail.com to find out more. It is a great opportunity to meet other St Mary's College parents and to make a meaningful contribution to our College community.

Next Recycled Uniform Shop: 5 June 9–11.30am



Notices

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

2021 Fee Accounts

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

All families wishing to enter a Payment Plan arrangement should complete, sign and lodge a 2021 Fee Payment Agreement Form with the Finance Office as soon as possible.

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

2021 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

Click the button below to view upcoming events and our
College Calendar