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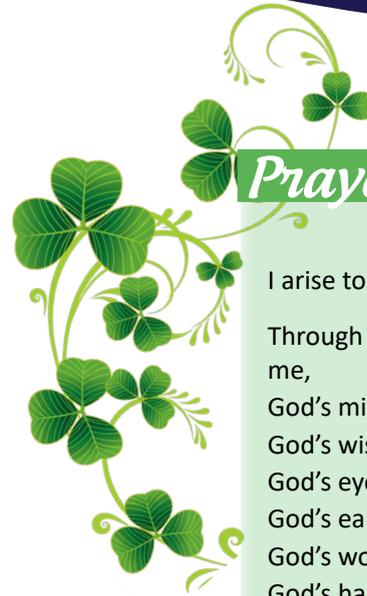
Principal's News

Dear Parents / Guardians, Staff, Students and Friends of St Mary of the Angels,

Last Friday our College community celebrated St Patrick's Day. St Patrick's Day is always a highlight on our annual College calendar. The week's prayer is from the 'Prayer of St Patrick' whose feast day we acknowledged on the 17th March.

Our 1961 'Originals'

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of hosting the 1961 reunion at the College. Many people will be aware that the College opened in 1961 thus this reunion involved our original students. It was my privilege to become the student for the afternoon and listen to the many stories, memories and anecdotes from those early years. I found out where the bell tower was situated, where the horse stables were situated and which of the FMDM Nuns were quite lethal with the leather strap. It is always great to welcome back past students, however last Saturday to join the 1961 class was particularly enjoyable.



Prayer:

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today



BACK (FOURTH) ROW, pictured left - right: Bernard Hicks, Clare Liew (nee O'Shannessy), Maxine Bottaro (wife of Vic), Sue Sullivan (nee Bourke)

THIRD ROW: Loretta Lilford (nee Gundry), Vic Bottaro, Maria Bottaro, Mary Hicks, Maureen Bemrose (nee Hicks), Mick Bourke, Helen Gundry

SECOND ROW: Christine Sewell (nee Ross), Maree Teague (nee Bourke), Catherine Taylor (nee Gray), Helen Convery (nee Gray), John Dinsdale, Pam Dinsdale (wife of John)

FRONT ROW: Kathy Rowell (nee Carstensen), Di Darlow (nee Price), Kristine Anderson (nee Carstensen), Trisha Shelton (nee Turner), John Turner, Peter McCann.

Attendees absent for photo: Chris Bourke, Rodney James

1961 'ORIGINALS'

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Principal's News

On Thursday and Friday of last week I had the privilege of joining our year 7 staff and students on camp at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville. I was greeted by an enthusiastic, energised group of students who were getting to know each other and thoroughly enjoying the activities on offer. Thank you to Mr Andrew Storer for his leadership and coordination, thank you also to the year 7 staff for providing such an awesome opportunity for our students. I was particularly impressed by the students ability to articulate the 5 elements of SPARK and recognise those who were igniting their SPARK to assist and support others. After only one term at secondary school our year 7 students are doing a fantastic job!

St Mary of the Angels College is very fortunate to be a part of our local and wider community. This week, our Pathways Leaders, Mrs. Maggie Booth and Mr. Barry Norton have placed in excess of 85 Year 10 students on Work Experience. An amazing achievement! Thank you to Barry and Maggie but also thank you to the many employers in our region for accepting our students for the week. I am sure the students will enjoy a challenging, rewarding and enjoyable week of Work Experience.

Congratulations to Mr David Booth who was again elected as our College Board Chairperson at Wednesday nights AGM. Welcome also to Mrs Sarah Iddles and Mr Michael Tymensen who have joined our College Board. Mrs Sue McCallum is continuing as our staff representative and Mrs Julie Cobbledick is continuing as our CEO Sandhurst representative. I look forward to working with our College Board over the next 12 months plotting a strategic path under the guidance of our College Vision Statement.

This Saturday is quite significant for a number of senior students in our College community. Good luck to Ayla, Jess and Riley who are participating in the Rotary Debate Grand Final in Yarrowonga. Thank you to Mrs. Jane Hando, Debating Coach extraordinaire for your diligent preparation of the team. Good luck also to our Debutantes and partners for this weekends Parents and Friends Debutante Ball. Sandy and I are looking forward to both the debate and the Deb Ball and I am sure both occasions will be memorable for family, friends and all involved.

With Peace and Goodwill,
Matt Carver



**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
DEBUTANTE BALL
will take place this
Saturday 24th March, 7.45pm
at the Cobram Civic Centre.**

**Viewing tickets will be available
for purchase at the door for \$5 each**

Caritas News

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”.

Galatians 6:9



A JUST FUTURE STARTS WITH EDUCATION DITOSA, MOZAMBIQUE

Ditosa is a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding.

Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia and Caritas Regional Chokwe (CRC) helped Ditosa's family to build a new house and assisted with transport fees, school materials and fees, to help Ditosa to stay at school.

Ditosa attended the Matuba Children's Centre (set up by Caritas in 2007) which provides vulnerable children, like Ditosa, with lunch, study help, and computer and income-generating skills training.

In 2018, Ditosa has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future.

“Without the support of the people from Australia and Caritas I would not have been given this opportunity to continue my schooling.”

Ditosa dreams of going to university to continue studying and secure an even brighter future.

Deputy Principal's News

Chris Dainton

Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

On Friday 23rd March Sandhurst Switches Off. This collective action supports Earth Hour, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness for the uncertain future of our planet. The challenge requires us as a community to flick the lights off in our classrooms and office spaces in the hope that we can all realise the power of our voices and our choices in affecting change.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si* (Praise be to you) made it clear to our Catholic community that the health of the world's ecosystems is greatly affected by our actions. The planet is not ours to merely chew up and spit out and as written in Genesis 2:15- "The Lord God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." This requires all of us to gain a greater understanding of the workings of our planet and where we impact the fine balance. *Laudato si* points out that whilst our actions may not have a direct impact on our neighbourhood, there is an urgent need to protect the interests of the least fortunate in our world so that they may exist and thrive. This is the key Catholic Social Teaching Principle of subsidiarity.

Further to the Pope's insights, we as a Franciscan community must surely acknowledge Saint Francis' legacy in the glorification and guardianship of God's creation. He would be a proud supporter of Sandhurst Switches Off and would undoubtedly see this act of solidarity as a starting point for all of us to review our impact on the world around us.

As a Catholic community, the role of prayer in our daily lives is both crucial and powerful. It is a beautiful moment when staff and students can join in quiet moments of prayer, placing before God our needs and the needs of our world. Starting in Term 2, we would like to pray for you and your needs. If you have a prayer request you can email it to prayer@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au. If you would prefer your prayer to be anonymous, just include anonymous as the author of the email.

Prayer examples:

Please pray for my family members, Tom, Lorna and Jack who are travelling overseas at this time.

Please pray for my son/daughter who is studying for an upcoming exam.

Please pray for my Grandfather Bill who died around this time last year.

Ephesians 6:18- "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."



SANDHURST
Switches
OFF!

Friday 23rd March 2018

Join Catholic Schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour in the day!

Project Compassion Update

Our Social Justice group decided that they would open a Caritas Cafe offering students and staff delicious lunch options over the week.

So far the efforts from by the Social Justice Group and the homeroom fundraisers has raised \$3403. Please keep up the good work by seeking sponsors for Caritas Ks and returning your Easter Egg raffle tickets.



Josh Woods and Harry Altoft happily served in the Caritas Cafe over lunch.



Add food to your Project Compassion fundraiser and you are guaranteed success.

12 White had a sell out in the first five minutes of recess when they sold 'Chips in a Hat'.

Mac Soule was a very happy customer.

‘KEEP IT SIMPLE’ TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR PROJECT COMPASSION

Year 7 Gold and Year 11 Red have teamed up to raise funds for Caritas by having a “Keep it Simple” lunch for any students, staff, parents and friends who wish to participate in this activity in any way they wish (by participating, joining in, donating money or donating rice).

By keeping it simple, we will all be standing in solidarity with the world's poor to experience what it is like to live on the absolute basic of foods, rice.

The “keep it simple” idea means that for one day you eat meals consisting of no more than two ingredients per meal. Maybe it's bread and butter, or a boiled egg and rice. Here at St Mary's we plan to provide that simple meal at lunchtime by having a boiled rice and water day; for a \$2 (or more) donation participants will receive a bowl of rice and some water. We will join together as a group to eat and share our “simple”.

We are going to keep portions modest to evoke a feeling of what life might be like for people around the world who live on the mere necessities of life, and in many cases do not even get a single bowl of rice a day.

So, we invite the entire school, our friends, family and colleagues to help make a difference by keeping it simple for one lunchtime.

Perhaps parents and friends could join us by doing the same at home or at work and sending the \$2 donation, or the difference between the cost of a bowl of rice and the normal cost of your usual lunch, to school.

It is simple, and by participating in this activity we hope to not only raise funds for Caritas but also raise awareness of those who struggle day to day to have the simple things like a bowl of rice.

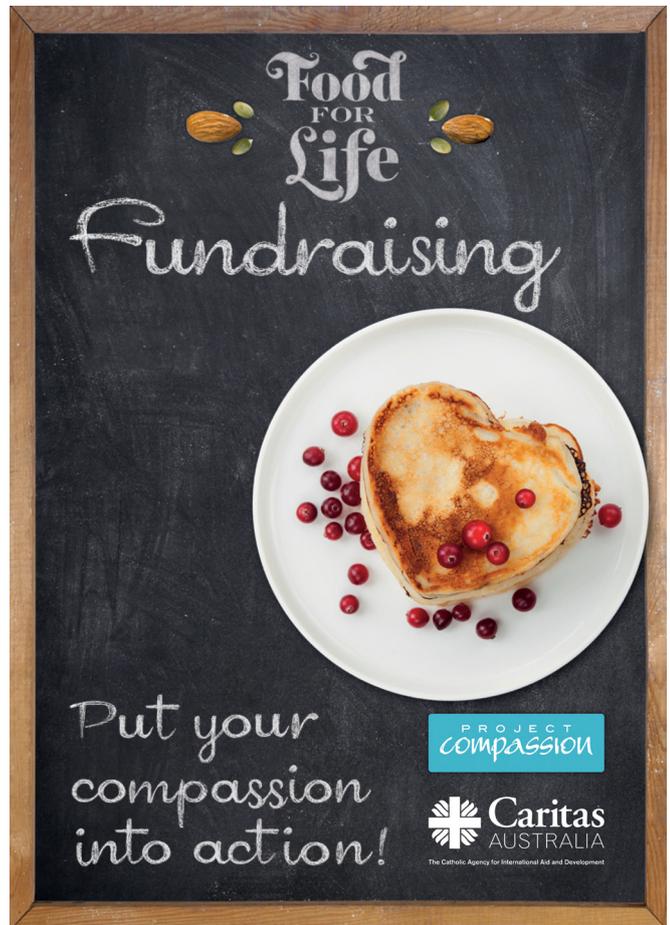
FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Life is very tough for people living in Niger. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

If interested in participating in this activity there will be students coming around to classes during homeroom this week and next week to collect names of those who wish to participate and to collect money or donation. This is an opportunity to stand together to support those in need and experience a little of their burden. Please support us in our fundraising efforts and in doing so support others who are less fortunate.

If you are a parent or friend you are welcome to participate in the ways suggested and send your sponsorship to school.

Year 7 Gold and 11 Red thank you for your support.



MON TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

PICK A DAY

ONLY 2 INGREDIENTS

FOR ALL YOUR MEALS

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Simple Food Lunch for students.
Donate two dollars (or more) to participate, then join in the experience of what it's like to live on the absolute basics, with no variety for your lunch (you could try it for the day) For lunch we are offering a bowl of rice and some cold water.
Maybe for your other meals you could try bread and butter, or a boiled egg and rice. Keep portions modest to get a feeling of what life might be like for Fati and Mariama.

FAST FACT:
Average daily dietary energy consumption:
Australia: 13,220 kilojoules*
Average daily dietary energy consumption:
Niger: 9,670 kilojoules*

Essential Food FOR Life

Every person ought to have the awareness that 'purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act'.

Pope Francis
World Peace Day message



END SLAVERY
in your school and community



Social Justice Leaders L-R Louise McCracken, Riley Wilson and Kate Berend have distributed the Caritas K's sponsorship books for next week's event.



FAIR TRADE (L-R): Social Justice students Amy Hollister, Bridget Seiter, Riley Wilson, Kodi Simpson and Louise McCracken.

SHE'S A GOOD EGG (LEFT): Kirrin Hardbottle with some of the delicious slavery free certified chocolates.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE

Last week the Social Justice Group continued their fundraising efforts for Project Compassion and Caritas with the annual Slavery Free Chocolate Stall.

Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate that we eat. Most are forced to work for minimal or no wages for long hours in dangerous working conditions without any chance of attending school.

Ruth Bakogianis helped the group tackle slave labour and raise awareness in our College community by assisting in the selling fair trade certified chocolate during lunch time and recess in turn raising awareness and funds for Project Compassion.

The stall was very popular with both students and staff raising \$200 profit for Caritas Project Compassion.

CARITAS Ks

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Caritas K's aims to raise awareness and funds for the thousands of children, youth, women and men around the world who have to cover many kilometres each day for basic necessities like food, water, education or healthcare.

Our school community will join these people in an act of solidarity, by running, walking and carrying to simulate what so many people around the world do each day just to survive on Thursday 29th March.

Caritas K's will be held in conjunction with the House Cross Country event on the last day of term 1, Thursday 29th March.

Sponsorship booklets for each student have been distributed during homeroom.

Please collect as many sponsors as possible and run, walk and carry for Caritas.

As this sponsorship is tax deductible all booklets will need to be returned regardless of collection of sponsorship.

There will also be BBQ sausages and soft drinks available for purchase after the event with all proceeds to Caritas' Project Compassion.

Students need to wear their full PE uniform to school with appropriate footwear (enclosed) suitable for walking or running. Students can change into their house colours or add a splash of red, yellow or blue for the Cross Country and Caritas K's event.

Deputy Principal's News

Tim Campbell

Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing & Development

Well done to everyone on a fast and busy Term 1. The positive attitude and vibe around the College is fantastic and it's great to see the wonderful progress and achievements our students continue to make.

WINTER UNIFORM

Week 1 of Term 2 will be a changeover period from Summer to Winter uniforms. Students need to be in either full winter or full summer uniform during the changeover period. Winter Uniforms can be purchased from McPherson's Mensland except for the College Blazer, which is purchased through the College Office. As of Monday 23rd April all students are expected to be in full winter uniform inclusive of tie and blazer. A reminder to all girls that the winter skirts should be at an appropriate length.

BLAZERS

School blazers are to be worn to and from school during Terms 2 & 3. Students who have grown out of their College Blazer can changeover their dry-cleaned blazer for a brand new blazer for \$80. New blazers cost \$130. There are some second hand blazers currently selling for \$50, however sizes are limited and it will be first in best dressed (pun intended).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 1st May. All students will need to be in Full Winter Uniform including Navy College Blazer.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Friday our SRC organised a range of activities to help celebrate St Patrick's Day. With cake stalls on offer, shamrock hunting and our fancy dress parade, the College (dressed in green) embraced the luck of the Irish and the fun and frivolity associated with the day. Once again, the ever-popular jelly eating contest was the highlight with a new champion being crowned for 2018.

Overall, the SRC managed to raise over \$600 – all of which is donated to Project Compassion. Well done to all of the SRC students and the amazing families that donated their time and effort to create such a great day.

SRC REPORT

Well done to the SRC on what has been a hectic Term One so far they have organised events to support Red Balloon Day, Shrove Tuesday and St Patrick's Day with great student participation and involvement. A big thank you also to the tireless efforts of parents and staff that have contributed with amazing cakes, time and money to support our school's fundraisers – all money raised has gone to wonderful causes.





Miss Perston our most knowledgeable Irish expert was on hand to judge both the St Patrick's Day Fashion Parade won by Costa Gillespie (pictured top left and left) for the second year in a row; and the Jelly Eating competition. Ben Armstrong (pictured below) was named the Jelly Eating King for 2018.



Next Term the SRC will be busy again organising more events including the Biggest Morning Tea and of course the annual combined school social, a very important event on the SMOTA calendar.

Stay tuned for more information to come.

A REMINDER ON UNIFORM: GENERAL APPEARANCE

Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean and tidy. Hair must be clean and tidy and shoes should be polished regularly. Boys are expected to be clean-shaven; beards or moustaches are not permitted. Ties are to be worn correctly and shirt tails are to be tucked in (winter uniform) unless the shirt is a square-bottomed shirt (summer). The College Blazer is to be worn to and from school and other times as required during Terms 2 and 3. It is to be worn on special occasions and as the alternative to the jumper, if for some reason the jumper cannot be worn during Terms 1 and 4.

- A mix of school uniform and sports uniform (eg; sneakers with school uniform) is not permitted.
- Jewellery is not permitted with school uniform. One pair of either sleepers or studs (not both) may be worn, (sleepers no more than 1 cm diameter, studs no larger than 4mm), but only one in each earlobe and they must be plain silver or gold. Spacers are not allowed. No rings are allowed. No Bracelets are allowed. No necklaces are allowed other than a small plain silver or gold crucifix.
- No visible body piercing or tattoo's—piercings must be either clear (must not be noticeable), taped or removed. All body piercing is to be removed for PE or other activities.
- College supplied scarves are only to be worn
- Combs, hair bands and ribbons are to be in College colours (white, navy blue or maroon) and plain.
- No coloured nail polish or make-up of any kind.
- No extreme unnatural hair colours.
- Black, traditional leather polishable shoes (with no logos) must be worn.
- No coloured T-shirts or long sleeve shirts under any uniform. Plain white singlets or T-shirts only.
- As an Occupational Health and Safety issue, shoes must be fastened at all times, while coming and going, and while at school.

Deputy Principal's News

Bev Thorp

Assistant to the Principal - Learning and Teaching

LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS

How wonderful to see the number of families that attended Learning Advisors interviews in Nathalia this week. A reminder that Learning Advisor interviews will also be held at Barooga Sports Club next Wednesday evening, bookings for which may still be made on PAM. Where you have not been able to meet with a Learning Advisor during the scheduled interview periods, please do not hesitate to make arrangements for an alternate interview time.

Remember that your Learning Advisor is your primary communication conduit with the College, and we place great importance on the communication between home, student and school. We encourage you to contact your Learning Advisor at any time with any concerns, queries or updates on your child's wellbeing and progress at the College.

**LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS:
Wednesday 28th March, 5.00PM - 8.00PM
at the Barooga Sports Club - Garden Room**

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE

Each year the College asks parents and carers to update the medical information that we hold for each student. This is important information that we hold with strict confidentiality in order that we might appropriately recognise and respond to any medical issues that arise whilst your child is in our care. This year, updating your child/children's medical information will be made online through PAM. This online portal will mean that parents and carers can update any medical information throughout the year as needed. Families will receive an email notification requesting that the medical information be updated, and we expect that this will become available within the next few weeks. For families with limited internet access, hard copy forms can be sent home on request to the College Office.

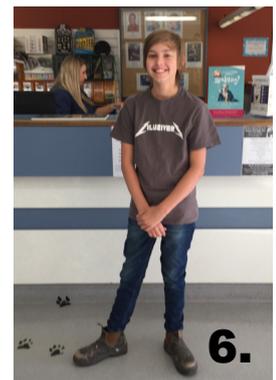
END OF TERM

The end of term is fast approaching, and it is certainly busy in the last few days of term. Congratulations to our Year 7 students and staff who enjoyed fantastic weather and location to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Year 7 camp to Harrietville. It was lovely to speak with the students on their return and hear their reflections - it seems that the high ropes and the bike ride were particular favourites.

Thank you to Mr Andrew Storer and his team for their superb organisation.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students are this week enjoying their first week of Work Experience. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of a range of businesses, both local and further afield, that take in our students for this important opportunity to experience time in the work place. We look forward to hearing their stories and reflections on their return. Thank you to our Careers/Pathways Officers Mr Barry Norton and Mrs Maggie Booth for the incredible work that they put in to place nearly 100 students in their various placements.



Pictured above just some of our Year 10 students who are experiencing working life this week:

1. Breanne Walpole with Nathalia pre-schooler Riley.
2. Meg Brooks at Elders Rural, Yarrowonga.
3. Sam Arho at HPB Panel Beaters, Numurkah
4. Chad Littlejohn at BHB Motors, Nathalia.
5. Bryce McIntyre at Sports First, Numurkah
6. Bailey Maskell at Tatura Vet Clinic.

Work experience goes Woof

Stephanie Sparrow, Year 10 Teaching Team



It's no secret that Miss Sparrow thinks if she wasn't a teacher, she would be a professional dog walker. So on Tuesday when Miss Sparrow ventured out to visit her Year 10's on work experience, it's not a surprise that she signed up to visit the students who were on placement at the Vets, the Kennels and the Equine hospital.

On Tuesday afternoon, I had the great pleasure of heading out to the Nathalia Boarding Kennels, to visit Year 10 student Emily Whatman. Emily is one of the Year 10's in my homeroom and although new to SMOTA this year, has become an intrinsic part of 10W, chatting about all things positive each day to Positivity Panda.

On Tuesday though, I realised what I already should have known, Em is a gun inside and out of the classroom. As the sun set on another perfect Nathalia day, I let myself into a large pen and watched as Em confidently grabbed a handful of leashes and attempted to bring in some of Nathalia Boarding Kennels resident rescue dogs.

Some teenagers would think the idea of cleaning dog pens, walking dogs and getting jumped all over was anything less than fun. But Emily appeared to embrace her time at the Kennels wholeheartedly.

Her smile said it all, as several rather large and excitable hounds jumped all over her as she attempted to bring them in for dinner.

As we wandered around, amidst the woofs from the borders, Em and I chatted about her choice to come to Kennels. "It's about having a different experience" said Em, "something that's a change from the norm". Wise words from a Year 10 student.

So to Emily thanks for letting me come and hang out with you and your newly found four legged friends.

To the Nathalia Boarding Kennels, thanks for having our students.

To everyone else on work experience this week, have fun and embrace it.



WELLBEING OF EMOTIONS

Sandy, Rowan & Carmel (Mrs Mithen)

SMOTA Wellbeing Team

The wellbeing of emotions is healthy when you:

- Understand and are in charge of them
- Feel happy in yourself; happiness is a work in progress
- Can recognise different body language for different emotions
- Recognise your emotions strengthening, e.g. sad to dejected to depressed
- Are confident to overcome challenges

As a family, banter around the table just what the above four statements mean!

There is an enormous list of emotions on page 157 of your child's College diary.

From this list, discuss a few positive emotions you each enjoy, negative emotions you don't enjoy feeling and describe the body language you might show for each emotion. Ask the kids what tells them when you are happy or not in the mood to talk.

As a family, talk about how you all can improve or BUILD the wellbeing of your emotions:

- Look for what is right
- Do acts of kindness for others; because they matter
- Use positive self-talk and ask for help when you need it
- When things don't work out, lift your efforts and try new approaches

Parents, this is a great opportunity to bring your years of experience when dealing with "building your wellbeing emotions" and tell your children real life examples on your journey!



Pictured above Year 7 Red in front of the Italian Social Bocce Club, Kyabram



Ciao a tutti

Dani Blain, Italian Teacher

On Thursday 8th March, the students of 7 Red enjoyed an excursion to the Italian Social Bocce Club of Kyabram. This was the first of five classes to be introduced to the game of Bocce during the next few months.

Bocce is a game similar to lawn bowls. The aim of the game is to bowl a kitty and then bowl your own bocce (bowl) closest to it, thereby beating your opponent. The bocce is not weighted so it travels in a straight line and the game is usually played on compacted sand.

The many photos show just how much the students enjoyed the experience. There may even be a budding Bocce player among them.

Thank you to the members of the club who volunteered their time to teach our students this iconic Italian game.

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

Melissa Knight, Senior Teacher

The St Mary of the Angels year 12 Geography class organised and completed a fieldwork excursion to The Winton Wetlands near Benalla. As part of their Geography curriculum they have to investigate a land change. As majority of the students are from a rural area it was decided to investigate a change that was taking place near where we lived.

On Monday, the 5th of March the group of students gathered their gear and set off with flora and fauna surveys to try and gather primary data with a focus on the biodiversity within the site. We used a guide named Bob who was an ecologist from Melbourne who bedazzled us with his knowledge and passion for birds. Mr Congues also attended being the bus tour operator which saved our legs from the many kms that would have been needed if we were to walk to all of the allocated sites.

The students had to organise their own equipment, breakfast and snacks and we treated ourselves to a counter meal at the local Benalla pub as a reward for our hard work counting animal and plant numbers. After dinner, we went on an expedition with Bob and Henry in charge of the spot lights to discover the nocturnal wildlife. Bob discovered a Boobook Owl then we really saw his passion for bird life escalate.

The students were thoroughly encapsulated by Bobs guidance and hopefully collected enough data to be able to complete their Geography SAC. The students and Ms Knight would like to thank Bob and Mr Congues for their time helping out on this excursion.



Photography for the Geography Fieldwork excursion by Henry Congues, Year 12.

Maths News

Pi Day

Ruth Bakogianis,
Mathematics Domain Leader

On Wednesday March 14th the SMOTA Mathematics department again celebrated Pi Day. This special day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

Maths staff wearing Pi T-shirts could be seen around the school. Brereton’s delicious apple pies were available for those who found a π symbol hidden in their homeroom.

Despite Year 7’s being away on camp, there was still some enthusiastic participants in the writing the digits of Pi competition. Mr Congues created some entertainment by bringing an old sulky to school. Students had to work out the circumference of the wheels. There were also a few entries in the Maths quiz. Well done to everyone involved.



Bob the Jockey' pictured with Maths teachers Nick Bakogianis, Nicole Brown, Paul Congues and Ruth Bakogianis on Pi Day.

Below: A pie for a Pi if you found the symbol in your homeroom.



Left: Year 8 student Albatool Abdulamir put her Maths skills to the test for entry in the competition.



Humanities News

Humanities Happenings

Jo Dryden, Humanities Leader

In the Year 8 & 9 elective, World Explorer, students have been investigating the incredible offerings that are available to those who travel. So far students have explored the continent of Africa mapping out the countries and exploring in depth Namibia and the source of the Nile. Currently students are researching the sights, sounds and tastes that make the city of Florence in Italy such a popular tourist attraction. Students have to design a walking tour of the city covering all major sites like the Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio, Michaelangelo’s statue of David and Duomo. This calls for great research skills, time management and mapping skills.

In addition each Friday students get to sample various culinary delights from around the world. The Irish Stew and Chorizo Sausage from Spain were firm favourites and quickly devoured. Less popular were Chinese steamed buns and spicy chicken feet.

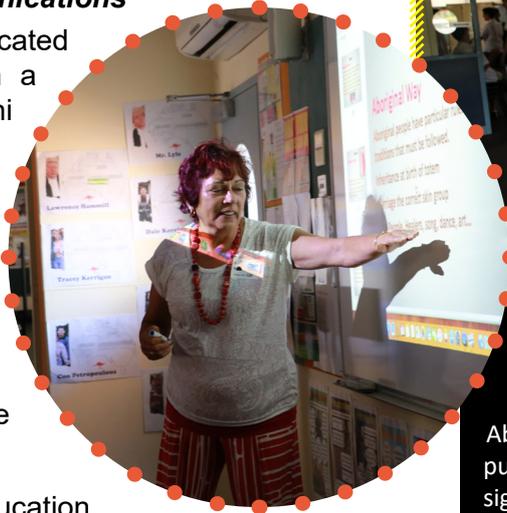


Culture and Country

Julie Moore, Promotions & Communications

Year 9 students began their dedicated Indigenous immersion program with a very special visit from Mutthi Mutthi Wemba Wemba woman and former coordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, Vicki Clark.

Vicki spoke with the students about the journey of Aboriginal people over time as well as running group activities related to indigenous belonging, spirituality and the significance of aboriginal artwork.



Pictured Left: Vicki Clarke speaks to our Year 9 students about her culture and country.

Above: Andre Fazio-Castle and Monica Gilroy putting their hand print in the ochre sand signifying connectedness to Vicki Clarke's own home country

St Mary of the Angels' Aboriginal Education Leader Vanessa Byrnes said, "Vicki has dedicated decades of her life to increasing understanding of Aboriginal spirituality and defending the rights of Aboriginal people to express their spirituality in its many forms and we were honoured to have her speak at the beginning of our Indigenous Immersion program.

"We've enjoyed a long association with Vicki and continue to be grateful for her involvement in our school and particularly with the generosity and giving of her time with our Indigenous immersion program."

Vicki's work with the school will continue in 2018 with Ms Clarke joining some of the St Mary of the Angels students and teaching staff as a part of the Mungo Immersion experience in Vicki's home country later in the year.

SMOTA Stars

For those who follow our SMOTA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysnathalia> you may have already know what two of our Year 11 students got up to in Shepparton last Friday afternoon.

Year 11 students Kye Roberts and Josh O'Dwyer braved the Shave for the 'Worlds Greatest Shave' to help Aussies beat their blood Cancer. The boys exceeded their original goal of \$250 and were amazed by their sponsors generosity a whopping \$659.

Take a look at their before, during and after images.



Important Dates:

28 March	LA Interviews Barooga
29 March	Last day Term 1 (Please note 2.30pm dismissal) Easter Liturgy Cross Country Caritas Ks
30 March	Good Friday
16 April	First Day of Term 2
19 April	Girls Football
24 April	Boys Football
25 April	ANZAC Day
1 May	School Photos
2 May	Junior Soccer
8 May	College House Athletics
23 May	College Open Day
31 May	College Production
1 & 2 June	College Production
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12 June	Last Day of Term 2

For more important dates visit the College website term calendars at <http://www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/parent-information/term-calendars.html>



St Mary of the Angels Parents and Friends in conjunction with the SRC will be conducting the annual Easter Egg Raffle.

We ask that each student and member of staff donate an Easter Egg for their respective homeroom.

Thank you to the families who have already donated eggs and returned their raffle books.

The money raised will be divided evenly between Project Compassion and the Parents & Friends.

Please return raffle books to the College Office prior to the Easter Raffle draw on the last day of Term 1 - Thursday 29th March.

CULTURAL AWARENESS LUNCH AT DAY CARE NATHALIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL (NDH)

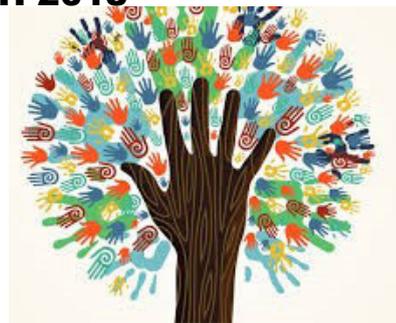
28th MARCH 2018

12noon - 2.00pm

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Refugee Health Nurse
- Louisa NDH dietitian.

Bring a plate to share from your culture and enjoy other's company.

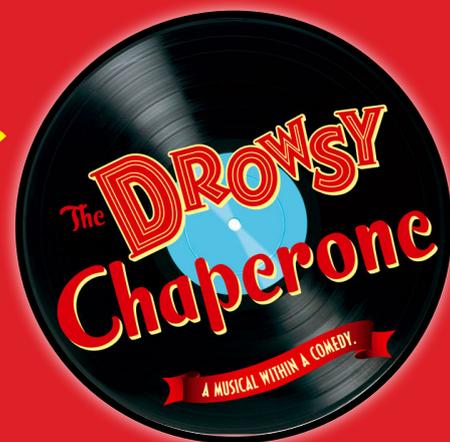


RSVP by 23/03/2018 to Hospital reception 5866 9444

Production News

St Mary of the Angels
proudly presents

'THE DROWSY CHAPERONE'



Show Dates:

- Thursday 31st May (Evening)
- Friday 1st June (Evening)
- Saturday 2nd June (Matinée & Evening)

Tickets are now available for purchase from trybooking click on the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/358946>



'SMOTA Productions' wardrobe department are seeking donations (or loans) of old records, paraphernalia and 1920's style clothing for this years musical production of 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. If you could assist Miss Mills, Mr Orlandi or Mrs Byrnes would love to hear from you. Please contact the College Office on 58662222 if you can assist with this request.