

The Angel

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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



St Patrick Day Jelly Eating royalty Mr Jonah Booth (2016 Graduate) congratulates Year 12 student Bryce Eddy on his overall win in 2017.

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 footage of the green jelly eating competition attracted a Facebook 'reach' in excess of 2000 people. Congratulations Bryce Eddy. I encourage you to visit the College Facebook page to keep up to date with our College events.

The Prayer for this week's volume of 'The Angel' is an extract from St Patrick whose feast day we celebrated on Friday, 17th March.

Thank you and congratulations to Mr. David Booth who was again elected as our College Board Chairperson at Wednesday nights AGM. Welcome also to Mrs Nicole Walpole, Mr Geoff Chester and Mr David Walker who have joined our College Board. Thank you also to Mrs Sue McCallum who has joined the College Board as the staff's 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.

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 80 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.

Finally, good luck to our Debutantes and partners for this weekend's Parents and Friends' Debutante Ball. Sandy and I are looking forward to the evening and I am sure it will be a memorable occasion for all involved.

***Pace e bene,
Matt Carver***

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LOVE is patient,
is kind.

It always **protects**, always **trusts**,
always **hopes**, always **perseveres**.

LOVE NEVER FAILS

Corinthians 13:4-8

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

Over the past few weeks I've experienced a few firsts in life. This week I would like to share one of those encounters with you. Recently I was rostered on to do bus duty. I really enjoy bus duty, especially on a Friday afternoon. The are always happy (and let's face it so am I!), the week is over and the wind down starts. I will always remember this particular Friday because it was the day I had the last 'working' conversation with a colleague. John, after many years of working, retired. As the students boarded the bus he drove, until very recently, he stood at the door and shook their hands. Together we then waved the fleet of buses off. As we waved to the students I mentioned to John that I imagined he was feeling quiet emotional. His reply to me was that he just loved the students. After the buses departed we stood and chatted for a little while and then parted company. I went off to my weekend and John to retirement.

I turned to watch John leave and I was struck by the moment that I was witnessing....the end moment of 'work life'. That moment has stayed with me for a number of reasons. Firstly I had questions about myself. I wonder what the feeling will be like when I finish my working life. Will I be comfortable with the legacy I will leave? What will be the plan for the next chapter of my life? Secondly, and the most haunting was John's comment expressing his love for the students. As a parent of a student, and as a member of the executive team, in our College, I am delighted that the staff love our students and they can articulate that love. What I see with my eyes and feel deep within my soul though is even more powerful. Daily I see and feel that love in action, expressed between adults and children, from adult to adult and child to child. I see it in patience, kindness, protection, trust, hope and perseverance. I see it never failing.

So as we reach the half way point of Lent let us remember that alms giving is about giving to others in need. Perhaps this week you might like to give some patience, kindness, protection, trust, hope or perseverance to someone in need.



L-R: Mrs Bakogianis, Tom O'Sullivan and Mitchell Small

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE

Ruth Bakogianis, 12B Homeroom Teacher

On Tuesday 12 B ran a slavery free chocolate stall. All of the chocolate for sale was free from exploitative labour practices. This was a fundraiser for Project Compassion as well as an awareness raising activity about the slave labour used to harvest much of the World's cocoa. Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age, for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any chance of attending school. The international Labour Rights Forum (LRF) estimates there are half to one and a half million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. A global movement has begun to change this. The movement tackles poverty and empowers producers through trade. 12 B encouraged students to think about the chocolate they buy and look for a label such as "Fair-trade", "Rainforest Alliance Certified" or "UTZ certified" which means that the cocoa has been sourced ethically. That means it doesn't come from the sweat and tears of children, trafficked or in forced labour.

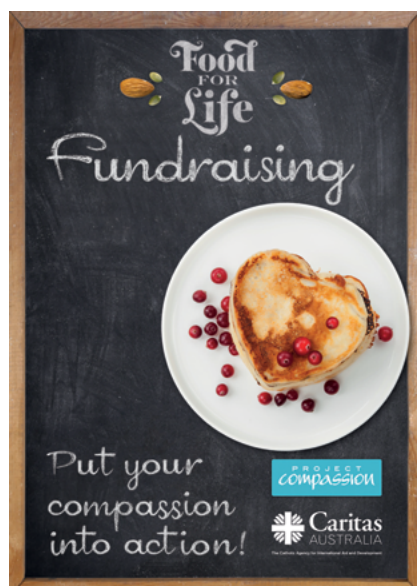


'Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act'. Pope Francis – World Peace Day Message

12B raised \$150.00 (equal to two 'Piggytas' pigs) for Project Compassion from the Fair-trade chocolate stall.

'KEEP IT SIMPLE'

**TO RAISE AWARENESS
AND FUNDS FOR PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Year's 7 Gold, 11 Gold and 12 Gold are teaming to raise funds for Caritas by having a "Keep it Simple" lunch. By keeping it simple, we will be standing in solidarity with the world's poor to experience what it is like to live on the absolute basics. The idea is that for one day, you eat meals consisting of no more than two ingredients per meal.

So at lunchtime in the Senior School area next Wednesday, the 29th March, we will provide that simple meal. We ask that you, your friends and your teachers come along and join us for a simple meal of rice and water. By participating, we hope to not only raise funds for Caritas but also raise awareness of those who struggle daily to have even the simplest of things - like a bowl of rice.

How much you ask? \$2. That's all. Cheaper than a hash brown combo, and you can rest easy knowing that your money is going to a very worthy cause!

So... this Friday we will be coming around to collect names and your \$2. We think this is an extremely important cause and we hope to share a meal with you all next Wednesday because Caritas shouldn't be about all the treats we get to enjoy at cake stalls and the like, we need to make sure that we don't forget who it is we are raising money for. We think the 'Keep It Simple Lunch' is one way to do this!

See you Friday!

Mrs Mithen & Sandy.

COMING SOON!

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Thursday 26th April

6.30pm - 8.30pm

The enduring relationships between mothers/carers and daughters give our girls strength and resilience in the modern world. We would like to invite our students to bring that one special woman in their life; their mum/carer, nan or aunt to come and enjoy SMOTA's Girls' Night Out.

Share a meal, listen to guest speaker, Kristy Hunter, and most importantly spend time with each other in a warm and welcoming environment.

We ask that families RSVP by Friday 21st April to enable us to plan for an evening to remember.

WHEN: Wednesday 26th April, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

WHERE: St Mary of the Angels, Nathalia

COST: \$10 per person or \$25 per family

INCLUDES: Finger Food Dinner & Guest Speaker

GUEST SPEAKER – Kristy Hunter

Kristy is a down to earth person who is passionate about speaking truth into people's lives, to help them become happier, more contented and well-adjusted individuals. She focuses on improving relationships – the connections we all have in life that give our life meaning and purpose – by encouraging people toward personal growth through increasing their emotional intelligence and awareness of themselves within the world around them.

Understanding the power for authentic relationships is non-negotiable for all women and girls, in their relationships as mother and daughter, and to set the scene for future relationships. Learning these skills and attitudes within the safe parameters of a mother/daughter relationship, sets us up for healthy, effective personal and professional relationships in the future.

We would love to attend the Girls' Night Out.
Please send home tickets with:

STUDENT(S)' NAME: _____

NAME: _____

Total tickets required for mother/daughter evening ____

(\$10 per person/\$25 per family) Enclosed: \$ _____

Deputy Principals' News

Tim Campbell, Deputy Principal
Student Wellbeing & Development

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Friday the SRC organised a range of activities to help celebrate St Patrick's Day. With cake stalls on offer, shamrock hunting, coin slides 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. Congratulations to Costa Gillespie on winning the fancy dress competition as our little leprechaun!

Once again, the ever-popular jelly eating contest was the highlight with a new champion being crowned. Bryce Eddy inhaled jelly so quickly during the competition that we had to invite our previous champion ex-student Jonah Booth to compete. Bryce certainly brought his A game and demolished the jelly (beating Jonah) and certainly taking the mantle as Jelly Eating champion for 2017!

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 who 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.

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.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

On Monday 20th March, Fiona Byrnes shaved her head for "World's Greatest Shave". To help raise money for the event, Jacob Brennan, auctioneer extraordinaire (pictured top left), auctioned off the opportunity to shave Fiona's head. The bidding was fast and furious but was eventually won by one of our new teachers Jess Trotman, who took great pleasure in shaving Fiona's head (including starting with a terrific Mohawk!). All money raised goes towards the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done Fiona and Jess on supporting such a great cause!

Pictured right:

The lunchtime event Fiona Byrnes' 'World's Greatest Shave'.



Pictured above our St Patrick's Day Fashion Models.



Deputy Principals' News

Bev Thorp

Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching

LEARNING ADVISOR GOALS

Thank you to the large number of parents/guardians who attended the Learning Advisor interview sessions with their children. We strongly promote and encourage this communication between College and home to provide the best support that we are able to assist your child in their secondary schooling.

Again the reminder to please make an alternate arrangement for an interview with your Learning Advisor if needed, and do not hesitate to get in contact with your Learning Advisor with any concerns throughout the year.

Your Learning Advisors would have discussed goal setting and set goals for achievement with your child. These goals may be academic in focus, they may relate to developing study skills, or may have a more social development aim. Regardless of the nature of the goal, it is an important skill for students to have an aim to work toward. Goal setting helps to provide motivation and to highlight areas of importance to the individual. The setting and working toward goals is critical to further development and success. Both students and parents are able to provide feedback, via SIMON and PAM, on how the goal is progressing in the same manner that you can provide feedback on any assessment task. Please take the time to have a look at SIMON and PAM to make sure that you are comfortable navigating around all the features that it has to offer.

STUDENT DIARIES

Learning Advisor interviews were a timely reminder for many students about the use of their student diary. Every student has access to their own student diary which is intended for use to record homework and tasks set, to record dates for assessment and to assist the student in their planning.

College information including common prayer resources, uniform requirements, homework expectations are available in the front of the diary, and there are study skills and ideas embedded throughout. I encourage all students to make use of their diaries, and to take the time to read the study hints and find some that work for you.

STUDENT SURVEYS

A reminder that each student is asked to complete a short online survey for each of their classes (with the exception of the short Year 7 elective rotation). Administered by Pivot Professional Learning, these surveys take only a few minutes to complete and responses are entirely anonymous. The student survey period will run until the end of term. Student feedback is incredibly important for teachers to be able to review our practice and to complete our own goal setting in order to continually reflect upon and improve our professional practice. Please talk to your children about how important it is to provide honest, reliable information and how important their feedback is to us.

Parents & Friends News



PARENTS & FRIENDS DEB BALL
will take place on
Saturday 25th March
at the Cobram Civic Centre
7.45pm

**Viewing tickets are available
at the College Office
or the door for \$5 each**

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

St Mary of the Angel's Parents & Friends in conjunction with the SRC are conducting their annual Easter Bag Raffle

Each student and staff member is asked to donate an Easter Egg to his/her homeroom.

Additionally each family is asked to sell an Easter Egg raffle book and return the tickets and money to the College Office by Thursday 30th March.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on the last day of Term One - Friday 31st March.



Money raised will be divided evenly between Project Compassion and Parents & Friends. Two excellent causes!

NAVY COLLEGE BLAZERS

**have now arrived at the College.
Cost \$130**

**All students will be required to
wear the navy College blazer with
their winter uniform which is worn
during Term 2 & 3.**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Jacque Payne, Alumni 2005

I started my schooling at St Mary of the Angels in 2000 but have had a long association with the College through my mum, Carmel Payne, who began working at the school when I was only one.

I have always had a love for words so I knew early on in my high school years that I wanted to pursue a career in media and communications. I was very lucky to have a variety of inspiring teachers who were able to nurture these dreams and I still have fond memories of their commitment during this time.

Moving to Melbourne for university had always been my goal, and after graduating in 2005 I was very happy to receive the score required for my first preference to study a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) at Swinburne University of Technology in Hawthorn.

I had three amazing years of study at Swinburne from 2006-2008, including a six month stint at Leeds Metropolitan University as part of their international exchange program, in the U.K.

Graduating during the global financial crisis made it quite difficult to secure a role straight out of university, with many large corporations cutting costs and dropping graduate internship programs. In early 2009, I landed an Online Content Administrator role at CPA Australia in a time when digital marketing was still a new trend and social media was only emerging.

To this day, it has been the best career move I could have made. I continued to work at CPA Australia and was promoted to Online Content Editor in the space of a few years. The role gave me a great opportunity to build my knowledge and skills in digital marketing with

work across web, email and social media, including managing an online newsletter with over 180,000 subscribers.

In 2012, I knew it was time for another challenge and I packed up my bags to move to the UK, travelling across Europe on the way with life-long friends I had made at St Mary's. London was just what I needed to accelerate my career. After an amazing summer of backpacking I landed a Digital Marketing Executive role at Cushman and Wakefield, one of the world's largest commercial real estate agents.

No two days were the same in the role and during my time there I worked on many amazing projects, from a global web redevelopment (launching 49 websites in 27 languages) to running social media campaigns at major events like MIPIM in Cannes, France. Before my two year working visa was up I was offered the position of EMEA Digital Marketing Manager at the firm and given sponsorship to remain indefinitely in London.

During my time in London I was given a chance of a lifetime from Colliers International. I was approached to take on the role of Head of Digital Marketing | UK & EMEA and couldn't have ever expected to be where I was so quickly in my career. I loved my job at Colliers and was so fortunate to be able to guide and advise a network of 42 countries. The role was challenging at times but also highly rewarding. Giving me the opportunity to develop and implement digital strategies; manage an amazing team of experts; and work with so many senior decision makers, from department heads to CEOs. There are too many highlights to mention during this time, but winning the International Building Press 'Best In House Communications Team' award (*pictured below Jacque with her winning team*) in 2016 really topped the cake.

After four and half years in London and visiting more than 37 countries, I decided it was time to move back to Melbourne for the next phase in my life and career. I have recently started a new job as Associate Director | Alumni & Communications at RMIT University. I am enjoying working in an industry I am so passionate about and being able to utilise my skills in a new way.

There are many things that I learnt during my time at St Mary's, but what stands out the most is that hard work and initiative really do pay off.



To all those studying now, remember to do something that you love and what makes you happy!

**Colliers
International
'Best In House
Communications
Team'**



Dear SMOTA,

My name is Luna and I'm one of three kittens that were rescued from the East Quad last week by some kind students and staff. You see, my siblings and I had been calling home a dusty corner under E3 for the past few weeks, after our Mum, who was once someone's pet ran away.

I had been pretty lucky, kids had been feeding my mum, who would sneak out each day for scraps and that meant she had enough milk to feed me. But a school isn't really the best home for a kitten. Lucky for me, Charlette Nielsen in Year 8 knew this and constructed a plan to fix the problem.

Last Thursday, cat cage in hand, Charlette and a group of what Mrs McCallum might call 'bleeding hearts' decided it was time that my Mum, my siblings and I, were removed from SMOTA.

Lucky for my Mum and siblings, Mrs Jess James in year 9, is something of a cat whisperer, so they came wandering out for some food no worries and were placed firmly into the cat carrier.

But I was not so keen to come out from my hiding spot, instead I stayed and watched, as my Mum and siblings left for their new homes. I was lucky though, our AFL trainee Shae knew that there was a third kitten, she had seen us in the fountain a few days before, and so the humans left me some food. But after a long and scary night on my own, I changed my mind and decided to show myself.

Lucky the humans were persistent, I didn't really know if I wanted to be caught. So I sat beneath my building and waited while my new friend Lachie, played me 'Relaxing music for cats and kittens'. Eventually I did show myself and was fortunate enough to land myself in the arms of SMOTA's lovely Dani Davies-Dowling.

I'm currently living with my new friends Dani and Lachie, along with the rest of their family.

As for the rest of our little family, my sister and brother went to join the menagerie of pets at the James' house. While my Mum is living with the Nielsen family, receiving some much needed TLC.

I just wanted to say thanks to everyone at SMOTA who helped with my rescue mission.

But remember to desex your pets, as cute as I am, we don't need more Luna's running around SMOTA anytime soon!



Luna the kitten

Ghost Writer - Stephanie Sparrow, English Coordinator



Luna's Mum keeps an eye on Miss Spence's corrections.



READING CIRCLES

Stephanie Sparrow, English Coordinator

Year 7 students from across all classes, have spent Term One working with Miss Sparrow in a new elective called 'Reading Circles'.

Aimed at familiarising students with the library and our lovely librarian Kylie Palmer, 'Reading Circles' focuses on students spending dedicated time each week reading.

The rules for the class are simple, students must read a printed text (this could be a book, magazine or newspaper) and at the end they complete a book report. It is hoped by the end of this elective a new passion for reading has been sparked.



LION Author: Saroo Brierley

Book Report by Ella Brattle, Year 7 Purple

Why should you read this...

The film that is based on this book has recently hit Australian screens. So before you see the film, read the book.

Why did I pick it up?

I picked this book up because I fell in love with the story and I wanted to really know what Saroo and his family had been through and how tough his life had been without really knowing who his biological Mother is, until he discovered this app Google Earth.

Google Earth is a geobrowser that accesses satellite and aerial imagery, ocean bathymetry

and other geographic data all over the Internet to represent the Earth as a three dimensional globe.

What do you need to know?

Five year old Saroo gets lost on a train station which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in the streets of Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple.

Who should read this?

Read this book if you love a true emotional story. As well as this tale of his quest, he provides an informative and fascinating insight into how Third World families live, and somehow survive their poverty. (yes this book is the saddest book I've read). I honestly think that everyone who reads this will love it so much they'll read it again and again and again and will still cry every time.

My favourite quote from the book.

Lucy: "What was she like?"

Saroo: "Beautiful...Every night I imagine that I am walking those streets home and I know every single step of the way, and I whisper in her ear, "I'm here".

Another quote

Saroo: "Do you have any idea what it's like? How everyday my mother screams my name".

Community Noticeboard

PIANO
POETRY &
PIZZA
NIGHT

Wednesday 29th March, 6pm

Do you play Piano? Do you read or write Poetry? Do you like Pizza? Or are you just interested in a great night out? Then this event is for you!

Book early and put your name down to play the Piano or read a Poem. Tickets available at the G.R.A.I.N. Store or Trybooking. Please note tickets must be booked and Pizza pre-ordered by Tuesday 28 March 4pm. Gluten free available.

\$6 Entry, \$16 Pizza. The G.R.A.I.N. Store Bar will be open. Come and enjoy a night of fabulous food and entertainment!



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