

# St Mary MacKillop

Compassion ~ "Be of good heart" (St Mary MacKillop 1876)

## NEWS

### INSIDE

#### Vision

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

#### Mission

At St Mary MacKillop College we are people who affirm the dignity of every person, who act with respect and compassion, who reverence relationships, who have hearts for generosity and forgiveness.

*We celebrate our Catholic identity.*

*We respect the unique dignity, faith and gifts of each person.*

*We value learning, aspiration and connectedness and we work together to create a positive future.*

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Today I had the pleasure of hosting Mr Tom Sexton, Executive Director of Catholic Education Ballarat, at our school. Mr Sexton took up his position as Executive Director on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This is not the first time Mr Sexton has been to our school, however, it is the first time in his role at Catholic Education Ballarat.

Mr Sexton's visit today was planned so that I could present to Catholic Education Ballarat on our college master plan vision for the future of St Mary MacKillop College and Catholic Education in Swan Hill. Technology has been utilised so much this year, and so we took advantage of this to allow many of those to whom we presented to join us online. I will share more of this with you in a future newsletter.

#### Year 12

I can't believe that it is already two weeks since we farewelled our Year 12 students on their last day of classes. The End of Year Mass and Year 12 Assembly is now available to watch via the St Mary MacKillop College YouTube channel. The link to the files will be shared with families via Operoo.

It was great to see our Year 12 (and some Year 11) VCE students begin their VCAA exams this week. I pray that our students continue to study and apply themselves to the best of their ability over the remaining weeks of exams. Our Year 11 students also begin their internally assessed exams next week, before completing Year 12 Orientation week and beginning their final year of secondary education. Let's pray for a much smoother and "normal" year for our 2021 Year 12 students.

Friday, 13 November 2020

- Faith Matters
- 2021 School Production
- Exam Timetables
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**ABSENCE NOTIFICATION**  
**PH: 5032 9771**  
**Press 2**

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>  
Year 11 Exams

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup>  
Senior School Transition  
Interviews Year 11 into  
Year 12

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup>  
Senior School Transition  
Interviews Year 10 into  
Year 11

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup>  
Year 12 2021 Orientation  
Week

#### DECEMBER

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup>  
Year 7-10 Exams



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **School Fees**

Now that the CSEF Government Funding program has closed for 2020, the Finance team are working hard to apply the rebates for the Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 camps to family's fee accounts. We hope to be able to provide updated fee accounts to families in the next week. If you have any concerns in regards to your fee account, please make an appointment to see me, or Kerry Kean (Assistant Business Manager). I am grateful to all families that have maintained their fee payment plans.

## **Booklists**

We have learned this year, like no other, that things change. This year the booklist company that we have worked with for many years has been bought by major booklist company Champion Books. Due to this change our booklists will not look the same as they have in the past. Students will not receive a personally itemised booklist, but rather a booklist that contains all of the subjects for a year level.

For students in Year 7 & 8, this means that you need to ensure that you purchase the correct LOTE requirements; all other subjects are compulsory.

For Year 9 – 12 students, students will receive an additional page that will list the subjects that they will be studying in 2021. It is important to check the booklist carefully and purchase all requirements for each subject that your son/daughter is studying in 2021.

An additional change is that the booklists must now be pre-purchased online. If you have concerns about this, please speak to our Front Office staff. Students whose books are purchased through scholarships, Opening the Doors Foundation or other wellbeing support, please bring your booklist to the Front Office and we will assist you in submitting your order.

Please make note that it is cheaper to pre-purchase through Champion Books in December. The cost increases and options for delivery change if you wait until January to order. Again, if you have concerns, please speak to the staff at the school.

Book collection will occur as it has in previous years, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

## **Student Leaders in 2021**

The student leadership process has been running for a few weeks now. I announced the School Captains in the last newsletter and today I am happy to announce the following students as House Captains in 2021.

### **Solomon**



Mackenzie Kelly & Jordyn Elford

### **Tenison**



Hayden Everett & Milla Wilcox

### **Woods**



Tulsi Jenkins-Jaiswal & Olivia Closter

### **Xavier**



Lachlan Burns & Mena Keighran

The Student-led Committee Captains and Junior House Captains will be announced in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Michelle Haeusler**  
Principal

# FAITH MATTERS

**Catholic Social Teaching** offers us a way of thinking, being and seeing the world. It provides a vision for a just society in which the dignity of all people is recognised, and those who are vulnerable are cared for.

On Monday, November 2nd, all teaching and non-teaching staff took part in an online PD on Catholic Social Teaching (CST) - Words in Action. Staff listened to Bernadette Tolan (Secondary Religious Education Consultant, CEO Ballarat) as she gave us an overview of what Catholic Social Teaching is, the themes and principles, and what our responsibilities as an individual and community are in regard to the issues of social justice.

After this, staff “zoomed” into different workshops. Our presenters were:

Dr. Linette Etheredge - Team Leader, St. Vincent de Paul Society Education Programs

Sr. Rita Malavisi sj - Sisters of St. Joseph

Karen Oxley - SOSJ Sydney

Romina Martiniello - Caritas Social and Ecological Justice Animator Vic/Tas.

The feedback from staff was very positive and we hope to see some developments in ideas that have come from many of the sessions! I am hoping some ideas may be developed within our students committees in 2021.



Sisters of Saint Joseph  
*of the Sacred Heart*



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

**Alison Wright**  
Director of Mission

## 2021 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are very excited to announce that we will be producing Little Shop of Horrors as our school production in 2021. The opportunity to be involved in this fun musical is extended to all students and we have already had lots of interest. Our show will be presented to our school and the wider community in August 2021.



## **BETTY CURRIE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW CLOSED**

**Late applications may be considered in exceptional circumstances.**

**Please contact Mrs Kerry Keam, Assistant Business Manager, on 5032 9771  
if you wish to apply.**

# 2020 YEAR 11 VCE SEMESTER 2 EXAMS

Please be advised that Year 11 exams will run from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. All Year 11 VCE exams are conducted in the Jubilee Centre. Students must wear their correct school uniform to each exam.

Students are not required to be at school during the exam period unless they have an exam. If they need to remain on the college grounds students must be in the LRC. Students in Year 11 VCAL classes should ensure all required outcomes have been completed by the due dates set by their teacher.

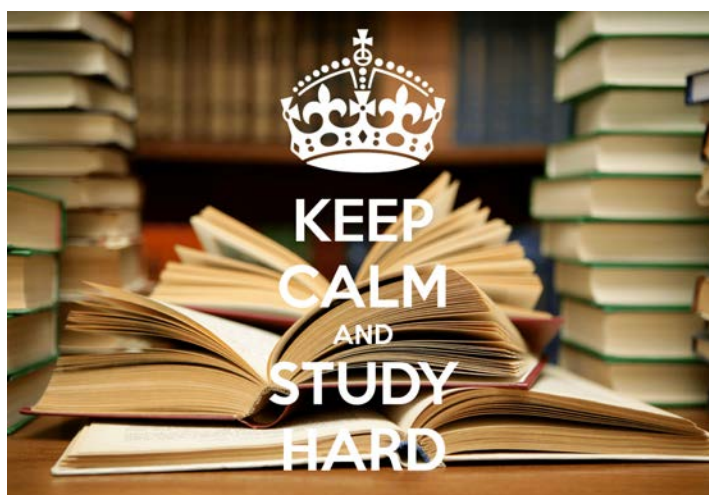
**Any students with an exam clash must email Mrs Rogers to make alternative arrangements. Year 11 students completing a Unit 4 Exam must attend the VCE Unit 4 examinations as a priority.**

Please advise Mr Lane should you have any questions or concerns.

## **Subject Selection Counselling Interviews for all students entering Year 12 in 2021**

Interviews involving parents, students and staff from the St Mary MacKillop College Pathways Team will be held throughout the Year 11 Examination week. Please book your interview time through the Parent Access Module (PAM).

	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>9.00am to 10.45am</b>  <b>(English and Literature finish at 11.10am)</b>	<b>English</b>  <b>Literature</b>	<b>Health &amp; Human Development</b>  <b>Legal Studies</b>	<b>General Maths</b>  <b>Maths Methods</b>	<b>Accounting</b>  <b>Psychology</b>
<b>BREAK</b>				
<b>1.30pm to 3.15pm</b>	<b>Business Management</b>  <b>Chemistry</b>  <b>Physics</b>	<b>Biology</b>  <b>Visual Communication &amp; Design</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>  <b>Studio Art</b>	





# YEAR 9 AND 10 EXAM TIMETABLE

	Tuesday 1 December	Wednesday 2 December	Thursday 3 December	Friday 4 December
Lesson 1	<b>Year 10 English (JC)</b> <b>9.00am - 10.30am</b> Mr Leary Mrs Bookham	<b>Year 9 English (JC)</b> Miss Curtis Mrs Robinson	<b>Year 10 Science (JC)</b> Mr Waterson Dr Jim Mrs Doherty	<b>Year 10A Changing World</b> Mr Lane (Rm 11)  <b>Year 10 Anatomy of Sport</b> Miss Gurnett (Rm 10)  <b>Year 10 Psychology</b> Ms Dalton (Rm 1)  <b>Year 9 Maths (JC)</b> Ms Gomez Mrs Haley Mr Murphy
Lesson 2		<b>Year 10 Maths (JC)</b> Mrs Haley Mr Howison Mrs Looney Ms Miceli	<b>Year 9 Money Markets</b> Mr Hickmott (Rm 10)  <b>Year 9 History</b> Miss Curtis (Rm 18)  <b>Year 9 Good Health</b> Mrs Crow (Rm 5)	
Lesson 3	<b>Year 9 Science (JC)</b> Mr Waterson Mrs Doherty	<b>Year 9/10 Art Explosion</b> Ms Stewart (JC)  <b>Year 9/10 Studio Recording</b> Mrs Wright (JC)  <b>Year 9/10 World's People and Environment</b> Miss Curtis (JC)  <b>Year 10 History of the Modern World and Australia</b> Mr Lane (JC)  <b>Year 9/10 Metal Magic</b> Mr Scholtens (Rm Tec 1)  <b>Year 9/10 Money Markets</b> Mrs Watt (Rm 8)		
Lesson 4				<b>Year 9 Design Communication</b> Mr Wood (Rm GR)  <b>Year 9 Italian</b> Mrs Salvo (Rm 18)  <b>Year 9/10 Japanese</b> Mr Lane (Rm 19)  <b>Year 9 Good Health</b> Mr Crow (Rm 8)  <b>Year 9 Technology – Food for Entertaining</b> Mrs McCallum (Rm FT1)  <b>Year 10 Healthy Choices</b> Mrs Crow (Rm 11)

# YEAR 7 AND 8 EXAM TIMETABLE

**Year 7 Exam Timetable: English, Maths, Science**

	<b>TUESDAY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>THURSDAY</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>FRIDAY</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Lesson 1</b>		<b>7B Maths</b> E. Doherty Rm 7		<b>7A Maths</b> F. Gomez Rm 2
<b>Lesson 2</b>			<b>7D Maths</b> N. Miceli Rm 1  <b>7C Science</b> J. McDonald Rm 8	
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>7B Science</b> G. Harrower S3	<b>7D English</b> T. Henderson Rm 15  <b>7A English</b> L. Rogers Rm 14	<b>7A Science</b> E. Doherty Rm 5	<b>7D Science</b> J. McDonald S4
<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>7C English</b> E. Dalton Rm 8		<b>7B English</b> J. Alderuccio Rm 9	<b>7C Maths</b> F. Gomez Rm 2

**Year 8 Exam Timetable: English, Maths, Science**

	<b>TUESDAY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>THURSDAY</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>FRIDAY</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>8C Science</b> G. Jim S4  <b>8B English</b> K. Bookham Rm 15			
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>8A English</b> L. Crow Rm 14	<b>8C English</b> T. Henderson Rm 9  <b>8A Maths</b> G. Jim Rm 5	<b>8B Maths</b> C. Watson Rm 2	
<b>Lesson 3</b>		<b>8B Science</b> J. Clark S3		
<b>Lesson 4</b>		<b>8C Maths</b> F. Gomez Rm 2	<b>8A Science</b> C. Smith Rm 17	

# 2021 YEAR 12 ORIENTATION WEEK

	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	Year 12 - Study Skills & Succeeding in the VCE & VCAL R8 & 9	English (2) R13  PE (1) R16  Psychology R17	Accounting R11  Chemistry S2  English (1) R17  Physics (SHC)	English (3) R17  Health & Human Development R12  Literature R5
<b>Lesson 2</b>	Biology S3  Business Management R12  Literature R17  Vis Comm GR  VCAL Work Skills/PD R6	Further Maths (1) R11  Maths Methods R10  Studio Art SA	Biology S3  Business Management R14  Vis Comm GR	Accounting R9  Chemistry S2  English (1) R5
<b>Lesson 3</b>	English (2) R9  PE (1) R14  Psychology R17  VCAL Numeracy R6	English (3) R12  Health & Human Development R17  Religion and Society R13	English (3) R12  Health & Human Development R13	English (2) R17  PE (1) R2  Psychology R13
<b>Lesson 4</b>	Accounting R11  Chemistry S2  English (1) R17  Physics (SHC)  VCAL Literacy R6	Further Maths (2) R17  Legal Studies R5  PE (2) R12	Further Maths (1) R2  Maths Methods R1  Studio Art SA	Further Maths (2) R2  Legal Studies R17  PE (2) R16

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

## **2020 VCE Examinations**

VCE external examinations for Unit 3/4 subjects commenced on Tuesday 10 November and will continue for some students until Tuesday 1 December, with the final exam for those studying Drama and Religion and Society. We wish all students undertaking a Unit 3/4 exam all the very best over this time and hope they gain the rewards from their years of learning at St Mary MacKillop College.

We are very confident that our amazing teachers have prepared our students very well for these exams. Full details of examination timetables, rules and the VCE Navigator are available on the VCAA website at <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/index.aspx>

Dr Chelsea Hyde from the University of Melbourne has written the article in the link below outlining 5 tips for Year 12 students preparing for exams.

<https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/5-tips-for-year-12-students-preparing-for-exams>

Please keep our Year 12 students (and Year 11s completing a Unit 3/4 subject) in your prayers, as they work towards achieving their personal best, not just in these exams, but for all their future endeavours beyond their time at St Mary MacKillop College.

## **The Importance of Reading**

Throughout the year I have written in the newsletter on a number of occasions about the importance of literacy. From November 1 to 12, the Australia Reads website invited Australians of all ages to celebrate the joys of reading. The Australia Reads website promotes the importance of reading through four key words: enjoy, learn, grow and connect. The following quotes come from the Australia Reads website ([here](#)).

*Reading is enjoyable and relaxing. Books can be an escape from the worries of everyday life. Reading also reduces stress by 68% – it works quicker than listening to music, playing a videogame or a walk.*

*Books help you learn and explore. Reading makes your world bigger and makes more things possible. Literacy and reading are tools that can help you achieve your goals and help others. So, being able to read can improve your life and the lives of the people around you.*

*Reading helps your mind grow. It helps connect different parts of your brain. After reading a book, your brain activity is boosted for days. It's exercise and nourishment for your mind – good for your health now and down the track!*

*Books create meaning and connect us to others. By reading other people's stories you can walk in their shoes. And in doing so, learn more about yourself, too. Books build empathy, connection and help you feel less lonely. Plus, sharing books, doing bookish activities, and reading together is a great way to stay connected to the people in your life – and of course meet new people too!*



Yesterday, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Australian Reading Hour was celebrated. Everyone was invited to stop whatever they were doing for an hour, pick up a book and read, or read to the children in your life. I hope over the weekend you take the opportunity to take a break and sit down and read for an hour!



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

We are asking for assistance from parents in encouraging students in Years 9 to 12 to make the most of the summer break and read the required novels for their English and Literature classes next year.

As you can appreciate, class time is dedicated to exploring the characters, themes and ideas in the text. Therefore, students must have read the novel prior to beginning their study in order to fully participate in class and to maximise their learning.

The book-listed novels were available for early order so students will have them in time to read over the Christmas vacation. If you missed the opportunity to place an early order for these novels, please contact Nathan Lane at [nlane@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au](mailto:nlane@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au).

Listed below **is the order of novels studied** at Years 9-12 in 2021:

Year 9 – *The Happiest Refugee* by Ahn Do, *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (in-class reading), *The Love That I Have* by James Moloney.

Year 10 – *Lost Property* by James Moloney, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines, *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare (in-class reading).

Year 11 – *Things We Didn't See Coming* by Steven Amsterdam, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Moshin Hamid, *Night* by Elie Weisel.

Year 12 English – *The Golden Age* by Joan London, *Nine Days* by Toni Jordan, *Ransom* by David Malouf.

Year 11/12 Literature - *Foreign Soil* by Maxine Beneba Clarke, *The Taste of Honey* by Shelagh Delaney, *Picnic at Hanging Rock* by Joan Lindsay, *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen.

## **Year 12 Orientation 24th – 27th November 2020**

Students completing Year 12 subjects in 2020 are required to complete an orientation program to ensure they make the best start possible to their final year of secondary schooling. Year 11 students that have accelerated their studies and are completing a Year 12 subject should also attend these classes as timetabled. Students will be set essential holiday homework and introduced to key concepts specific to each of their selected subjects as well as assistance with general study skills.

Attendance is compulsory. Please contact the Senior School Coordinator, Mrs Suzy Haley, if you have any questions. Students will be informed of which English, Further Maths or Physical Education class they are in during the Year 12 Introductory Session, Lesson 1 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Learning Recognition Program**

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for being recognised by their teachers:

Academic Excellence:

Millicent Glowrey, Lillie Wallace, William Tilbrook, Gemma Girdwood, Martha Williamson, Tarkyn Doyle, Maeve Sheldrick, Jodie South, Sima Jafari, Freshta Watanyar, Zak O'Shannassy, Louise Gilbee, Bella Henderson, Koby McMillan, Billy O'Toole, Kelly Mulligan

Effort and Endeavour:

Zoe White, Kye Lucas, Madison McCann, Ava Seymour, Koby McMillan, Montana Davies, Vanessa Hall, Tasha Mason, Paul Tran, Nyakuoth Chuol, Caitlin McKissack, Annabelle Williamson, Rylee Harlan, Rio Barry, Jodi South

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students for being recognised by their teachers:

Academic Excellence: Millie Reed, Amy Jobling, Deandra South, Cody Schulz, Joshua Sutton, Caitlyn Edwards

Effort and Endeavour: Sophie Triplett, Tynan Connellan, Sarah Gillbee, Thy Pham-Nguyen, Alannah Burns, Tianna Molloy, Amy Jobling.

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

## **Spotlight on Learning: VCAL**

As teachers we recognise that we all learn in different ways. The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is an accredited alternative to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), and provides a hands-on study option for students in the senior years. Students who complete the VCAL certificate are most likely interested in going on to training at a TAFE, doing an apprenticeship or obtaining a job once they complete secondary school.

The VCAL gives students practical, hands-on training that combines work-related experience, as well as develops literacy and numeracy skills, and builds the personal development skills that are important for life and work beyond secondary school.

One of the many strengths of VCAL is the flexible nature of the program, enabling students to undertake a study program that suits their interests and needs as a learner. The certificate allows students to complete their secondary education and work towards future employment aspirations and training at the same time, and students can choose modules based on their interests and career aspirations. For example, if a student has a passion for building and construction, they can combine their dream of working in this area with their educational studies.

One of the great opportunities VCAL provides is for students to complete a work placement in the area that interests them, and this may ultimately lead to a new career opportunity. Work placements also offer students opportunities to develop their skills and network with others in the same field of work.

Congratulations to our VCAL students for their participation in the VCAL program this year, for the many successes they have achieved and the new skills they have learnt. We have an established VCAL program at the College and passionate teachers who deliver the VCAL curriculum to our students. Thank you to our committed and dedicated team of VCAL teachers, led by Mr Tony Haley, who provide amazing opportunities for our students.

## **'Gratitude is the memory of the heart'**

Throughout the year we have talked about gratitude to our students and community in the College newsletter. I will finish my article for this week with this interesting infographic I found on 'Ways to Cultivate Gratitude'.

Mary MacKillop reminded us that 'Gratitude is the memory of the heart'. One of the four values of Mary MacKillop is the 'attitude of gratitude'. Do we have an 'attitude of gratitude' – to God and others – for the countless blessings that come our way each day? As we continue to be challenged by the global pandemic, we are invited to express our gratitude for the many blessings we receive.

Each day I walk past the beautiful mosaic near the LRC and I read the Mary MacKillop quote 'We have much for which to be thankful'. This is so true and each day I am so grateful to work in a fantastic school with amazing staff and students.

Today is World Kindness Day, an opportunity to share some joy and kindness. I hope someone has done something kind for you recently, perhaps a random act of kindness, or you have heard a story that made you happy and smile.

**Nathan Lane**

Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

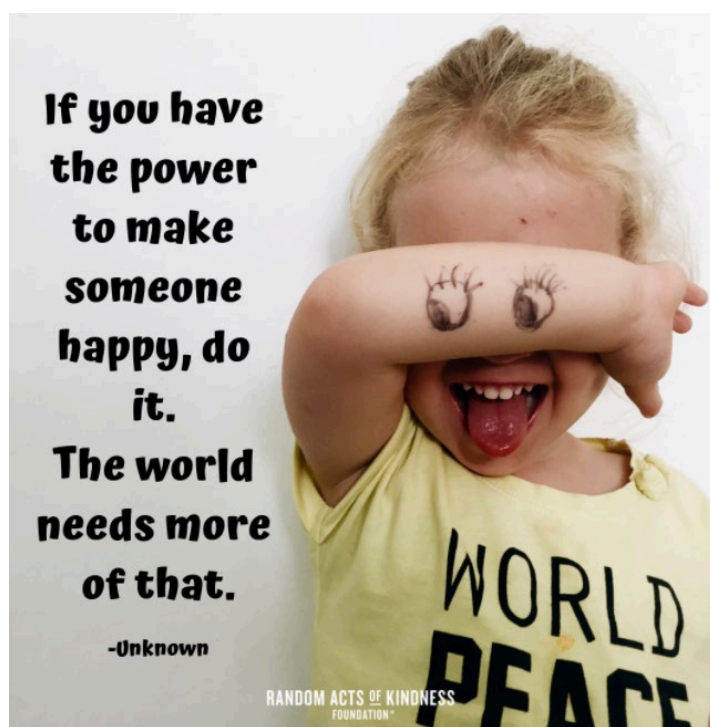


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# TEACHING AND LEARNING



## Spotlight on our Amazing Staff



**Name:** Amanda Henson

**How long have you been at SMMC?** 10 Years, started in 2010

**What is your role at SMMC?** Accounts Payable, reception work, School Registrar and Bus Coordinator

**What makes SMMC special?** The whole school community makes you smile and happy to be a part of

**Which is your House?** Woods House

**What do you enjoy doing outside of school?** Love gardening, playing tennis and laughing with family and friends.



**Name:** Damien Hirst

**How long have you been at SMMC?** Teacher: Since 2012/Student from: 2001-2006

**What is your role at SMMC?** Transition Coordinator, Camp & Activities Coordinator, PE/Health/Sport & Recreation Teacher

**What makes SMMC special?** The amazing students and the hard working staff

**Which is your House?** Xavier

**What do you enjoy doing outside of school?** Watching sport, exercise and going to the beach



**Name:** Damian Howison

**How long have you been at SMMC?** I started teaching here in 2003.

**What is your role at SMMC?** All of the time I am a maths teacher. Much of the time I am head of the maths faculty. Sometimes I am running the school timetable.

**What makes SMMC special?** SMMC is a relatively small school, so everyone knows each other. The school has great staff and great leadership that always has the best interests of all students in mind. Students are genuinely friendly.

**Which is your House?** Woods. Gold House. Always will be.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of school?** I'm learning how to play the bass guitar and make sourdough bread. I enjoy swimming and watching rugby. I read James Bond novels.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

## **Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering Year 12 in 2021**

These interviews involving parents, students and staff from the St Mary MacKillop College Pathways Team will be held throughout Week 7, 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November. This is also Year 11 exam week so appointments need to be planned around times students do not have a scheduled exam.

Interviews for students entering **Year 12 VCAL 2021** will be held at St Mary MacKillop College on the following dates:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering **Year 12 VCE in 2021** will be held at St Mary MacKillop College on the following dates:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 1:00pm and 3:00pm – 5:40pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Please check the Year 11 Exam and Unit 4 Exam timetable to ensure students do not have an exam scheduled at the time required for the interview.**

As bookings have now closed, please contact the Front Office on 5032 9771 if you need to make a booking or change your interview time.

Interviews are strictly of 20 minutes duration. If you require more time, or a phone or video interview, please contact Brenda Brady in the Pathways Office to make alternative arrangements.

## **Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering Year 11 in 2021**

These interviews will be held throughout Week 8, 23rd – 27th November. Bookings will be made online using the Parent Access Module (PAM). Please below for more information:

Interviews for students entering **Year 11 VCAL in 2021** will be held at St Mary MacKillop College on the following dates:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

NOTE: Parents of students discussing the VCAL option please book interviews for Monday 23rd at the designated times.

Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering **Year 11 VCE in 2021** will be held at St Mary MacKillop College on the following dates:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:20pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 1:00pm and 3:00pm - 5:40pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 3:00pm

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Login to <http://pam.mackillopsh.vic.edu.au/> and enter through Parent Teacher Interviews to make your booking. Select Pathways Team and book your time.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm**

If you have any difficulty booking your interview online through PAM, please contact the Front Office on 5032 9771. Interviews are strictly 20 mins. If you require more time, or a phone or video interview, please contact Brenda Brady in the Pathways Office to make alternative arrangements.

Interview times may be changed prior to the closing date by re-visiting the PAM website and changing the booking.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

What I learnt today at SMMC...



Mr Crow's Year 8 Health class learning resuscitation



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

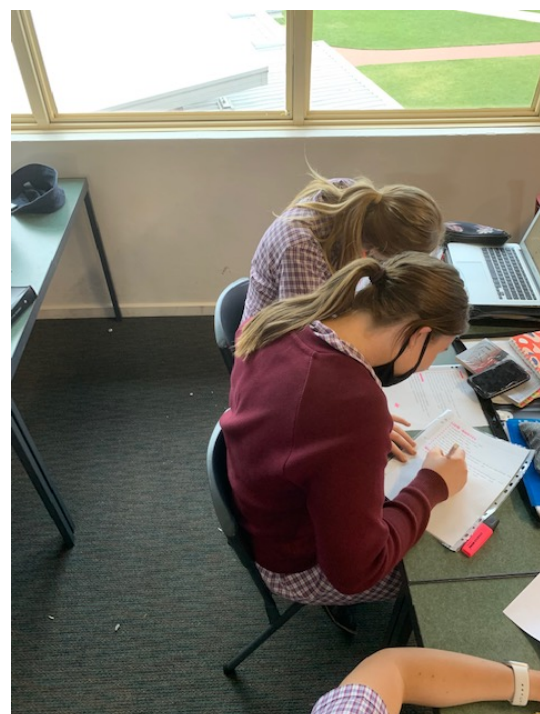


Mrs Alderuccio's Year 7 English class are writing essays



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

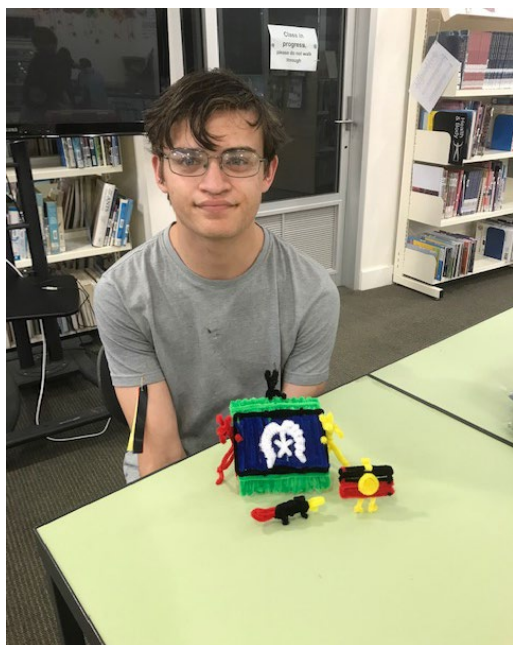
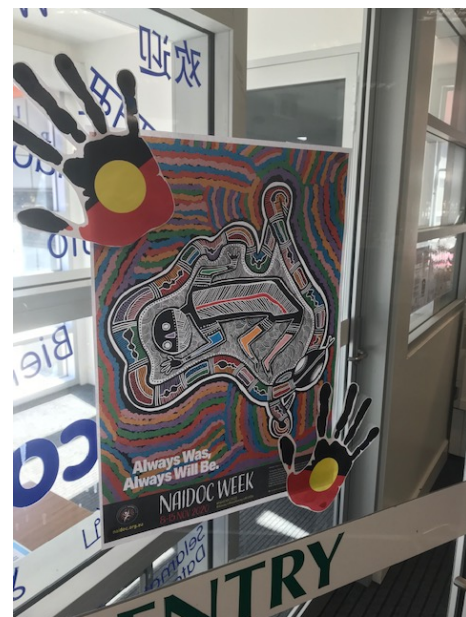
Miss Gurnett's Year 11 English class are preparing for their exam next week





# NAIDOC WEEK

Acknowledgement of Country, prayer and song heralded the start of NAIDOC Week in our Friday online assembly last week. The 2020 Reconciliation theme, 'In This Together', was an appropriate description of the way different year levels, student leaders and staff supported the activities unfolding each day. We had a colouring competition, ribbon lengths being cut and pinned, wooden letters painted, emu feathers to be found for prizes, an online quiz to guess the number of Indigenous AFL/AFL-W players in 2020 and prominent Indigenous profiles acknowledged by each homeroom. We were also blessed with some creative pieces from Michael Anderson to add to our display.



We will celebrate this week with music from the NAIDOC list in the red court area, which will be decorated with NAIDOC posters and adorned with balloons in the colours of the two Indigenous flags.

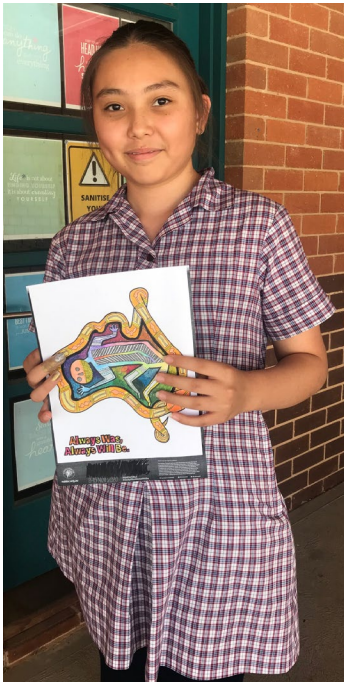
What a week!!

Thank you to all the MacKillop community for their involvement





# NAIDOC WEEK COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS



Sima Jafari  
Year 7 Winner



Benny Cimino  
Year 7 Winner



Miranda O'Sullivan  
Year 8 Winner



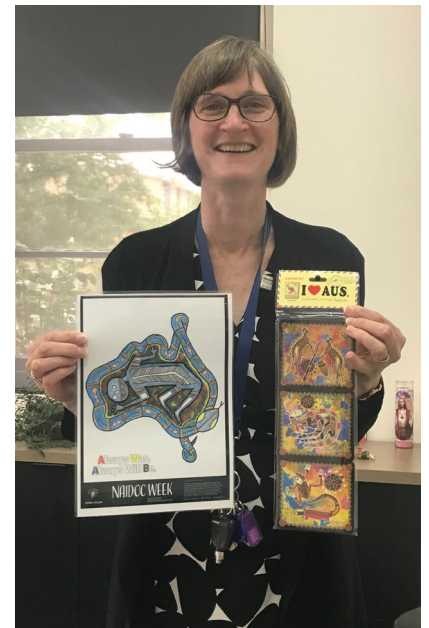
Emily Hall  
Year 8 Winner



Ngaire Harlan  
Year 9 Winner



Ned Ryan  
Year 9 Winner



Michelle Haeusler  
Staff Winner



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**



# NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Planet Ark's National Recycling Week campaign promotes the importance of reducing reusing and recycling! National Recycling Week runs Monday 9 November to Sunday 15 November 2020.

National Recycling Week helps you reduce your waste and recycle right. This year's theme is 'Recovery - A future beyond the bin', and this week, our community was encouraged to consider how they can value resources, giving them a second life by reducing new resource use, reusing and recycling.



**9 - 15 November 2020**

Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill, it also benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our need for new materials.

On Thursday the whole school participated in an after lunch clean up and waste audit. Each homeroom was given a box to place their rubbish in and it was weighed at the end of the day. All up we recorded 3.6kg of rubbish which is a MASSIVE effort for a quick 10 minute pick up!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

On Wednesday an online service, prepared by Miss Curtis's History class, was held to commemorate Remembrance Day, and remember those who died fighting in wars to protect our country.

Our principal, Mrs Haeulser, also laid a wreath at the Swan Hill Memorial on behalf of the College.

On this day we remember those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. #LestWeForget





## YEAR 9 LAKE BOGA EXCURSION

As part of our year 9 Science unit on ecosystems, Mr Waterson and Mrs Doherty's classes recently visited Lake Boga. Students were required to take observations of the ecosystem as well as taking back various soil and water samples which they will analyse in the laboratory. It was a very successful excursion.



## CUBBY HOUSES FOR SALE

We have two cubby houses available this year.

They are approximately 2.4m long x 1.8m wide and 2.1 m high and are \$900.00 each.

Please contact the Front Office on 5032 9771 if you are interested.





# WALK TO SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE!

Walk to School is all about getting families active. We know that there are a range of benefits when individuals are active every day. Moving our body daily is not only important for children, but it is also essential for teenagers and adults too.

Being active in the morning will help concentration levels at school and/or work, improve mood and overall give you more energy throughout the day!

Most of us are now familiar with the physical activity guidelines but it's always good to have a reminder! Children require a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity every day, while adults are recommended a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity every day. A walk, ride, scoot or skate to school and/or work is a great way to ensure that the family reach the recommended physical activity guidelines every day.

Every October, VicHealth encourages walking to school. This year due to Covid-19 they are extending the promotion throughout all of Term 4. VicHealth have some great walk to school resources to encourage participation:

- Adventure Trail
- Play on your Way
- Strava Challenge

We at eat. move. smile are proud to support this initiative as there are endless benefits to physical activity, including the benefit it has on mental health. During these uncertain times we need to ensure we are looking after ourselves both physically and mentally. Moving our body by walking, riding, scooting or skating to and from school and/or work is a great way to look after our physical and mental health while building healthy habits for life.



**eat. move. smile.**  
fruit & veg      more often      together



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Connected Care. Best Experience.



## SWAN HILL – 2021 COURSES CAMPUS TOURS & INFORMATION EVENINGS

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Mon 30<sup>th</sup> November      Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December      Tues 8<sup>th</sup> December

Campus Tours commence at **6.00pm**  
Course Information presentations from **6.30pm**

*Have you finished year 12 and are wondering what next?*

*Maybe a gap year with a course that provides a pathway to university?*

*Or you are looking to gain skills for employment?*

*Or perhaps you are currently working and would like to update your skills or try a new career?*

Come along to an information session to hear about about the range of courses offered  
and options such as full time, part time or flexible/blended deliver study.

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Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care

Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care

Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged Care)

Certificate IV in Disability

Certificate IV in Mental Health

Certificate III in Community Services

Certificate IV in Community Services

Diploma of Community Services

Certificate IV in Education Support

Certificate III in Business

Certificate IV in Business

Certificate IV in Accounting & Bookkeeping

Foundation skills to improve Literacy & Numeracy

English language courses

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***Please wear a face mask when visiting our campus unless medical exemption applies.***

# VCE Studio Arts Drawing Exhibition

Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

Part of the biennial National Print & Drawing Awards

student exhibition, 4 September – 22 November



Ruby Hollingworth  
Hannah Storer  
Thu Pham-Nguyen  
Bella Howison  
Georgie Roberts  
Madison O'Shannassy



# supporting young people during COVID-19

**headspace Swan Hill in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.**

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

## **When**

Monday 30 November 2020  
7 - 8.15 pm AEDT

## **How do I register?**

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite.

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar on the evening.

## **Contact**

For more information email:  
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Cricket Association

**SEASON 2020/2021**

# ***SO YOU WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?***

OUR SEASON RUNS FROM NOVEMBER THROUGH TO MARCH -  
WITH UNDER 11 UNDER 13 & UNDER 16 COMPETITIONS AND A  
WOOLWORTH CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM (HAVE A GO)

GREAT SUMMER FUN FOR BOYS & GIRLS!

WE ALSO HAVE THREE GRADES OF SENIOR CRICKET

***TURN OVER FOR CLUB CONTACTS***



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