FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mr Peter Riordan

Dear Parents,

On the final day of Term 2 we held a Whole School Assembly in the St Brigid’s Hall, where we celebrated and acknowledged the achievements and efforts of students from Yrs 7-12 in the academic, sporting and cultural areas.

Importantly, Term 3 has begun very well for staff and students here at Simonds Catholic College with students settling particularly well into their studies. All students recently received their Semester One report which will have given them an opportunity to reflect on their progress throughout Semester One, to take on board the respective teacher’s comments, and to then set themselves some realistic goals for second semester. Third term is a very busy term in schools as planning for the following year begins. In coming weeks, the process of subject selection for Yrs 8, 9 10 & 11 will begin, which will involve Parent Information Evenings and Parent Teacher Evenings for students and their Parents. I look forward to meeting parents at these Evenings.

All staff gathered at the Treacy Centre on Monday 22 July for our Staff Spirituality Day. The purpose of this Professional Development Day for all staff – teaching and non-teaching, was an opportunity for them to reflect on their own spirituality, and also on the different faith journeys the students of Simonds Catholic College are undertaking. The morning session, “Why do we gather to celebrate the Eucharist" was particularly well facilitated by Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB, as was the afternoon session, “Meditation - A Path of Silence for All”. Staff found the day very beneficial as they worked through various activities and workshops.

Last Friday, we held our Inaugural Yr 7-10 Simonds Catholic College House Cross Country Carnival at Princes Park. In ideal conditions students participated very positively for their respective Houses as they completed the 4 km run. Mr Veal, Director of Sport, has included the final results for your perusal within this newsletter. It is terrific to observe the student involvement in the many opportunities that are on offer here at Simonds Catholic College in such a variety of ways.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Riordan
PRINCIPAL
Social Justice

“Sport Jersey Day” was held on Thursday the 27th of June. Smonds Catholic College demonstrated great charitable spirit as the majority of the students and staff wore sport jerseys and donated a gold coin. It was also great to see students who wore uniform still donate money. All profits made were donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne Cancer Department. Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful cause and hope to see you all support more charity fundraisers in the future.

Alfonso Zampogna - Social Justice Leader Yrs 7-10

2013 Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee Competition

On Wednesday 24th of July, Michael Au of 10 Red attended the Victorian final of the 2013 Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee Competition. Michael scored highly in Round 1, held earlier this year, which qualified him to attend the prestigious Neuroscience competition. The competition was attended by students from over thirty schools across Victoria and was held in the Melbourne Brain Centre, Kenneth Myer Building of Melbourne University, Parkville.

Along with competing in the individual competition, Michael and I had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers of esteemed individuals in the science and medical community, such as Professor Sir Gustav Nossal, who was awarded Australian of the Year in 2000. In addition to this, we were given a tour of the DAX gallery, which holds remarkable artworks of many individuals suffering from mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and by victims of trauma, such as Holocaust survivors. After this, we toured through the anatomy museum and the science laboratories, gaining insight into the work life of both university students and academics at the university.

Although Michael did not make it to the next round, we thoroughly enjoyed watching the likes of Mac Robertson Girls and John Monash Science School, Mentone Girls College and Bairnsdale participants battling it out in the team challenge. I was very impressed to see the level of knowledge and understanding in neuroscience held by Michael and all the participants on the day. The student progressing to the Australian and New Zealand finals attends Mac. Robertson Girls and we wish her all the best.

Miss L Fisher – Science Teacher

Tree Planting Day

About a dozen boys gave up half of their Sunday and went tree planting yesterday (28th July) as part of National Tree Day. They helped plant over a 1000 trees at Collingwood Children’s Farm.

Mr R McConnon – Science Teacher

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) part 2

Would you please note that EMA applications can be made in Semester 2 by those parents who did not make an application in Semester 1, who were unsuccessful with their applications in Semester 1, or who are new to the school.

To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:
- be either a parent or guardian of a student up to the age of 16
- hold a current Health Care card as at July 15, 2013
- submit your application to the school by NO LATER than Wednesday, August 7, 2013

This will entitle you to lower fees in Semester 2.

Application forms are available from the school office. Please note we will require a copy of your Health Care Card.

No action needs to be taken if your EMA application was successful at the start of the year.

Mr A Watts - Finance Manager
The Principal’s Award is a new award at Simonds. It is designed to promote and acknowledge academic excellence. The recipients received a certificate and badge from our Principal, Mr Riordan, at the Whole School Assembly at the end of Term 2.

To be eligible for the Principal’s Award students in Year 12 will have achieved an average of 90 or above in 3 or more subjects in Semester 1.

The 5 best performing students in each of the other year levels also received the Principal’s Award.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the inaugural Principal’s Award:

**Year 7**
- Shane Phan
- Benjamin Ly
- Francesco Pacioni
- Ethan Choi
- Simon Liu

**Year 8**
- Vincent Vong
- Zachary Ghanbari
- Cholo Viray
- Lawrence Huyhn
- Kevin Wong

**Year 9**
- Tony Nguyen
- Anthony Tan
- Kerry Aing
- Kuong Daniel Som
- Jacky Chen

**Year 10**
- Raymond Liu
- Joshua Peng
- Gabriel Gomez
- Stefan Frengos
- Michael Au

**Year 11**
- Tanya Silva
- Denny Truong
- Lecky Tu
- Bryan Talagtag
- Edward Bituin

**Year 12**
- Matthew Cervini
- Johnny Dinh
- Franz Inot
- Xu Wang Liao
- Eamonn Murphy
- Lakshya Tyagi
- Huynh Vu

Mrs H Koutoulogenis – Deputy Principal (Teaching & Learning)

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### Implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Victoria

All Australian States and Territories have been working with the Commonwealth Government since 2008 to develop a new Australian Curriculum. The States and Territories have agreed on many areas of the curriculum, however, there are some important differences in the ways it will be implemented. These differences include the timing of the introduction of the new curriculum and certain aspects of the content of the new curriculum.

The new curriculum for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 in Victoria is known as AusVELS. This represents the integration of the new Australian Curriculum subjects into the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). VELS was the previous Victorian curriculum framework used by schools.

The implementation of AusVELS began in 2013. This included the introduction of the first four Australian Curriculum subjects, English, History, Mathematics and Science and the rest of the learning areas taken from VELS.

Parents and students will notice only small changes because of the similarities between the Australian Curriculum subjects and the previous Victorian curriculum. For example, in the AusVELS English curriculum, there is slightly more emphasis on grammar, and more specific content is included in the AusVELS History curriculum. In some areas of Mathematics and Science, the VELS curriculum was more demanding than the Australian Curriculum. Where this was the case, the higher Victorian standards have been maintained in AusVELS.

Student achievement for Foundation–10 English, History, Mathematics and Science will now be reported against the new achievement standards.

At the senior secondary level, the introduction of the Australian Curriculum will have no impact on the delivery of VCAL or VCE.

Studies in the VCE in the learning areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science will be reviewed as part of the normal review process. These reviews will include consideration of both the Australian Curriculum senior secondary subjects and subjects from leading international jurisdictions. This will ensure that Victorian students continue to have access to the highest quality senior secondary education. Revised studies in the VCE will not be implemented until 2016.

ACC Sport Update – Round 1

**Year 8 Table Tennis vs. Whitefriars**
SIM defeated WFD 13.60 to 2.15
Best – Thomas Rendle, Jacky Dang, Gerard Phoa

**Year 10 Table Tennis vs. St Bede’s**
SIM defeated STB 14.64 to 1.11
Best – Andrew Bui, Josh Peng, Don Nguyen

**VCE Table Tennis vs. St Bernard’s**
SIM defeated by SBE 3.24 to 12.51
Best – Mikki Quinn, Vu Trinh, Tony Nguyen

**Year 8 Basketball vs. Whitefriars**
A Team
SIM defeated by WFD: 16 – 50
Best – Akot Akot, Natneal Haile, Ben Young
B Team
SIM defeated by WFD: 14 – 63
Best – Ayuak Chol Tebir, Billy Dingle, Joel Meany

**Year 10 Basketball vs. St Bede’s**
A Team
SIM defeated by STB: 5 – 57
Best – Henok Mebrahatu, Peter Law, Kevin Huynh
B Team
SIM defeated by STB: 22 – 39
Best – Jackson Robb, Bradley Robb, Mapet Khalil

**VCE Basketball vs. St Bernard’s**
A Team
SIM defeated by SBE: 39 – 52
Best – William Autiak, Ashley Harry, Madibu Koko
B Team
SIM defeated by SBE: 9 – 82
Best – Patrick Morel Shields, Patrick Monterso, Xu Wang Liao

**Cross Country Results**

U/13
1st – Maryo Koko
2nd – Raymond Nguyen
3rd – Jack Sammartino

U/14
1st – David Tonkich
2nd – Ben Young
3rd – Nick Ziemkewicz

U/15
1st – Jackson Robb
2nd – Mapet Khalil
3rd – Michael Au

Mr C Veal – Director of Sport

ACC Sport Update – Round 2

**Year 8 Table Tennis vs. Mazenod**
SIM defeated by MAZ 1.9 to 14.66
Best – Simon Liu, Steven To, Godwin Makabory

**Year 10 Table Tennis vs. Salesian**
SIM defeated SAL 15.69 to 0.6
Best – Josh Peng, Alex La, Andy Huynh

**VCE Table Tennis vs. Mazenod**
SIM defeated by MAZ 2.20 to 13.55
Best – Tony Nguyen, Vu Trinh, David Liang

**Year 8 Basketball vs. Mazenod**
A Team
SIM defeated by MAZ: 13 – 52
Best – Natneal Haile, Maryo Koko, Kurt Adamcewicz
B Team
SIM defeated by MAZ: 12 – 68
Best – Joel Meany, Michael Birhane, Deal Suleiman

**Year 10 Basketball vs. Salesian**
A Team
SIM defeated by SAL: 18 – 52
Best – Henok Mebrahatu, Mangok Khalil, Adrian Chau
B Team
SIM defeated by SAL: 22 – 32
Best – Mapet Khalil, Jackson Robb, Bradley Robb

**VCE Basketball vs. Mazenod**
A Team
SIM defeated by MAZ: 27 – 65
Best – William Autiak, Eamonn Murphy, Ashley Harry
B Team
SIM defeated by MAZ: 2 – 60
Best – Patrick Morel Shields, Patrick Monterso, Lakshya Tyagi

**Cross Country Results**

U/16
1st – Zeray Kiflay
2nd – Tom Possee
3rd – Stephan Frengos

U/17
1st – C J Johnson

OPEN
1st – Eamon Murphy
TOPIC: RAISING MIGHTY BOYS | Presenter: Michael Grose  Ages: Primary and Secondary
This seminar will provide a better understanding of the needs of boys so you can adapt your parenting. You will get essential information, strategies and the reassurance to help you raise your mighty boys into mighty fine men.

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TOPIC: HOW TO STAY in TOUCH on the ADOLESCENT ROLLER COASTER | Presenter: Bill Jennings  Ages: Secondary
Whether you are already living in the “teenage laboratory” or you’re in the queue for the ride alongside your child on the adolescent rollercoaster, this seminar will provide:

- the opportunity to practice a skill that will help keep communication strong whether your child is an adolescent now, or will be one day
- the knowledge for each parent role: mother-son; father-son; mother-daughter and father-daughter
- young people’s words and insights
- key ingredients (from Bill’s research) to assist your child in a healthy transition to young adulthood
- practical material to readily begin the practice of strengthening communication with your child.

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TOPIC: DAUGHTERS and DADS | Presenter: Bill Jennings  Ages: Secondary
This seminar focuses on the transition for girls as they enter secondary school and their teenage years. Dads will appreciate this opportunity to share their experiences in raising daughters and consider the values and parenting behaviours that represent males as positive role models.

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TOPIC: The SECRETS OF HAPPY, CREATIVE, CONFIDENT AND COMPETENT KIDS
Presenter: Andrew Fuller  Ages: Primary and Secondary
The genius in children often becomes hidden by a fear of making mistakes, anxieties, perfectionism or low motivation. Many bright children under-perform and do poorly at school. Others do well at school but never ignite once they leave. Topics to support children to be confident will include:

- Building concentration and memory power
- Creative problem solving and ingenuity
- Planning and anticipation skills
- Sequencing and listening skills
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- Developing a mindset for success

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TOPIC: A for ATTITUDE to POSITIVE PARENTING | Presenter: Julie Davey  Ages: Primary and Secondary
Julie Davey presents proven strategies to build resilience in children and enhance wellbeing for the whole family. Topics include:

- Positive attitudes for Health and Happiness
- tips & techniques to reduce stress and anxiety in children
- improving personal performance, health & success for yourself and your child.
- The Fabulous First 5 Minutes Program
- teaching children how to deal with problems as opportunities
- the importance of setting achievable goals & reach their full potential
- building confidence in children and helping them focus in class.
- Food for Thought
- support your child to eat nutritious foods
- focus on their positive traits and potential
- become more resilient.

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THURSDAY 8 AUGUST
SIMONDS 2013
CAREERS EVENT

THREE events in one!

Now is the time to change your work shifts and give your coach plenty of notice of your absence on 8 August!

Put this event in your diary/calendar/phone TODAY!

Year 10s – be there early to see it all before 7pm!

CAREERS EXPO
5.30pm – 7pm
St Brigid’s Parish Hall
For all year levels
All Universities and TAFEs present, plus industry groups, Defence Force and apprenticeship groups.

VCE & VCAL SUBJECT EXPO
5.30pm – 7pm
St Brigid’s Parish Hall
YEAR 10! Find out about all the subjects you can study in Years 11 & 12, in VCAL, VCE and including VET Studies.

VCE/VCAL INFORMATION EVENING
7.15pm – 8.15pm
St Brigid’s Parish Hall
ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS ATTEND with a Parent!
Get your 2014 Handbook and other resources to help you decide. Hear about your choices:
• VCE or VCAL
• VET Studies
• How to apply

ALL WELCOME!

All students,
especially Years 9-12 students, parents and family members, Academy students and families.

Refreshments provided