Dear Parents,

September is the time of year when Melbourne comes “alive” again – as spring arrives alongside the AFL Football Finals. It would be fair to say that Simonds Catholic College is very much “alive” as well. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 have finalised their Subject Selections for 2014, and much planning is going on behind the scenes in preparation for the 2014 Academic Year. The efforts of staff in counselling, discussing and working with students during this time has been both very generous and greatly appreciated – I thank them on your behalf.

Our achievements on the sporting field continue to go from strength to strength. I congratulate our Yr 9 & 10 Table Tennis Team consisting of Joshua Peng, Tien Phan, Raymond Liu Denshan Fernando, Andrew Doan, Alex La, Don Nguyen, Andy Huynh, Tony Villani, Andrew Bui, & Scott Leong on their outstanding achievement in winning the ACC Premiership last week as well as their coach Mr Sebbens. Remembering, that the ACC Competition is made up of 11 schools and we have the smallest student enrolment of the 11 schools. On Wednesday, 11 September, Simonds Catholic College completed in the ACC Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park. Again, we were competitive in all age groups, with our Cross Country Captain – Eamonn Murphy running an excellent race in the last event of the day. Next term, we will be fielding teams in Yr 7 & 8 and Yr 9 & 10 Volleyball in the ACC Competition – the students have already been training hard for the season ahead.

Some of you may have noticed that quite a number of plants have been planted in pots and planter boxes around the College in a culmination of our Environmental Week. This work was done during a Working Bee held on Saturday 31 August, and lead by staff members Jacqui Byard & Robert McConnon working alongside other staff members and students. Their hard work has certainly “greened” up the College and greatly enhanced our surroundings which is a benefit to all.

Recently, David Formosa and Nick Maxwell [current Collinwood Captain] met with me to present Simonds Catholic College with a cheque for $5000 through the Michael Carmody Foundation. As you would be aware, Michael Carmody is a former staff member who tragically died in an accident, and whom our House Sports Trophy is named after. Details of how this very generous donation will be distributed, will be outlined in future Newsletters.

I would encourage parents and students to read their Interim Reports carefully, so that they are well prepared for the final term, and finish off the year to the best of their ability.

On the last day of Term 3 all students and staff assembled in the St Brigid’s Parish Hall at 9:00am to celebrate and acknowledge student achievement throughout the term. These Whole School Assemblies have become a regular occurrence throughout 2013, and are critical for a two campus school as they provide a great sense of community for all students from Yrs 7-12.

I wish all students and their families a safe and restful holiday, and remind you that all students return for Term 4 on Monday, October 7.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Riordan
PRINCIPAL
Over the September holidays students from Simonds will be attending the International Particle Physics Masterclass for year 11 and 12 students. The boys will be working via video and internet link with scientists from CERN, the large hadron collider (LHC) in Geneva and Fermilab in the USA. They will be getting an overview of how the LHC works and be using cutting edge physics to solve real world problems. Alex Antic, Thanuja Silva and Lecky Tu will be joining selected students and physicists from around Australia at Melbourne University on October. Well done.

Miss K Northmore – Physics Teacher

Victorian State Languages competition

I would like to share some exciting news that happened this week regarding our Japanese students. 50 students from Years 8 to 10 recently participated in the Victorian state languages competition, ‘Language Perfect’. I am very pleased with their fantastic achievements. Due to their great efforts, Simonds was placed 11th for Japanese in the state.

A special congratulation goes to Jacky Chen from 9 Gold. He earned over 8000 points in the competition and achieved 3rd place in the state as an individual for Japanese.

Jacky, well done!

Miss Y Yao - Japanese teacher

ACC Sport Update

A big term of sport has now come to a close. Congratulations to our Year 10 Table Tennis team on winning their second premiership in as many years and to our Year 8 Table Tennis team on finishing 2nd.

The ACC Cross Country was held last week at Bundoora Park. We fielded our largest squad to date. Our U/14’s finished 4th in our division and the U/15’s finished 3rd. Thank you to all boys who competed and to Mr. McConnon who coached the squad.

Good luck to our Volleyball teams next term.

Round 7

Year 8 Table Tennis vs. Parade
SCC defeated PARADE 9.42 to 6.33
SEMI FINAL: Year 10 Table Tennis vs. St. Bernard’s
SCC defeated SBE 9.40 to 6.35
Year 8 Basketball vs. Parade
A Team
SCC defeated by PARADE: 12 - 83
Best – Kurt Adamkewicz, Natneal Haile, Akot Akot
B Team
SCC defeated by ST BERNARDS: 6 - 84
Best – Bak Kiir, Bishal Shrestha, Michael Birhane

Mr C Veal – Director of Sport

Round 8

Year 8 Table Tennis BYE
FINAL: Year 10 Table Tennis vs. Mazenod
SCC defeated SBE 9.40 to 6.35
Year 8 Basketball vs. De La Salle
A Team
SCC defeated by De La Salle: 17 - 53
B Team
SCC defeated by St Bernards: 11-47

Final: Year 8 Table Tennis vs. Mazenod
SCC defeated by MAZENOD 1.18 to 14.57
9th Place Playoff: Year 8 Basketball
A Team vs. CBC St.Kilda
SCC defeated by CBC: 19 - 25
B Team vs. Emmanuel
SCC defeated EMMANUAL: 35 - 14
**New Simonds Hats**

Students will now be able to purchase Simonds Catholic College hats to wear during HPE and Sport classes. The hats will be sold during Term 4 at a reduced price of $5 each. Students can purchase the hats from Mr Veal or Mr Vaughan in the Howard South teacher’s office.

---

**Tien Phan Wins Silver!**

10R student Tien Phan recently travelled to Queensland to compete in the Golden Gloves Boxing Championships. Having qualified to compete in the 76kg weight class, Tien fought his way through the tournament to the gold medal fight. During the gold medal fight Tien boxed brilliantly for all three rounds, only to lose narrowly on points via a split-decision from the judges. Not only did Tien end up walking away from the tournament triumphantly with the silver medal around his neck, he also managed to impress many people within the Boxing community. Congratulations Tien and good luck in your future endeavours.

*Mr S Vaughan – Physical Education Teacher*

---

**NAPLAN**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the placement of some of the national average indicators in the Year 5 and Year 7 NAPLAN student reports. This has required the reprinting of student reports with a consequent delay in distribution.

There are no errors related to the NAPLAN tests or scoring of student results. No incorrect reports will be released to students.

It is expected that delivery of reporting packages to Victorian schools will now take place in early Term 4.

ACARA has apologised for the inconvenience caused by this delay, and has requested that schools communicate this information to their school community.

---

**Biology News**

Recently, our biology class of 2013 was fortunate enough to go on an excursion to the science labs of Melbourne University to further our understanding of molecular genetics.

This excursion gave us an opportunity to demonstrate our knowledge of the applications of the molecular tools used to analyse DNA with some hands-on work.

We were given a chance to experience the great vibes Melbourne University had to offer us whilst applying our knowledge through many work stations that the ‘Getting into Genes’ Organization had to offer.

The wonderful molecular biology students at MU and the presenters helped demonstrate to us how to differentiate between different DNA samples and we were able to identify many techniques that are applied to the fields of criminology, agriculture and family paternity disputes!

This excursion to MU was very enjoyable as we were able to consolidate our knowledge on molecular genetics whilst learning the ethical concerns that result from such work.

I think I speak for all of the boys of Simonds along with the girls of the Academy when I say that the excursion was the highlight of our Biology course this year as it was a nice break from all the PowerPoint’s Mrs Noonan gives us!

*Jack Nguyen - Year 12 Student*
### Term 4 Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>October</strong></td>
<td>Year 12 Practice Exams - <em>Second week of the School Holidays</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td><strong>TERM 4 COMMENCES</strong> - Week 2 Time-Table</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Physics Revision Lecture 4:00pm-8:00pm @ St Brigid’s Campus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Year 10 Social with St Aloysius College Nth Melbourne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Valedictory Dinner @ Moonee Valley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Year 12 Mass @ 11:45pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Year 12 Final Assembly - 1:45pm @ St Brigid’s Campus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23-25</td>
<td>Year 8 Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>VCE Exams Commence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NOVEMBER</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – MELBOURNE CUP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening @ 6:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12-15</td>
<td>Year 9 Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Year 11 Exams Commence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Year 7 LOTE Students Excursion - Melbourne Zoo - 10:30am-2:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Family Mass &amp; Awards Evening</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>VCE Exams Conclude</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25-29</td>
<td>Year 12 Transition Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29</td>
<td>Year 10 Exams commence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DECEMBER</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Year 7, 8 &amp; 9 Exams commence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Year 11 Orientation Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Years 7 – 9 Last Day of Classes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Year 7 2014 Orientation Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>School Office Closes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Multicultural Festival

Sunday 29th September 2013
11.30am – 3.30pm

Organised by parishioners, including the Aussies, Egyptian, Hispanic, Indian, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian, Malaysian, Maltese, Pilipino, Polish and Vietnamese Communities.

- Multicultural food & drink stalls
- Folkloric entertainment
- Cultural & religious displays
- Huge Second Hand Stall, Kids Korner and Raffles
- Kangaroos Footy Club, Pet Vet, School Band and more

ST MARY’S STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
33 Howard Street (cnr Victoria St) West Melbourne
Tel 9328 3474
www.stmaryswestmelbourne.org
Tram route No 57 (Stop 9), Melways Map 43 E6