Dear Parents,

This time of year can be a very reflective time, as our Yr 12 students finish their secondary schooling. At our Valedictory Dinner held at Moonee Valley Racecourse last Friday evening – which was a wonderful occasion – it was a real privilege to be able to listen to students, staff and parents share their stories of their time at Simonds Catholic College in such a positive manner. I think it can be a real time of mixed emotions as the end of secondary schooling becomes a reality for the students of Yr 12. It was certainly a moving experience after the Yr 12’s had celebrated Mass with Fr Luciano and staff, to witness the whole school gather at St Brigid’s Parish Hall on Tuesday 22 October as the Yr 12’s were presented on stage in their Homeroom groups, the Yr 12 Subject Excellence Award winners were announced, Mr Mal Roland (the Yr 12 Coordinator) gave the Yr. 12 students a blessing, whilst the College Captain – Patrick Morel-Shields addressed the college for the last time in a most inspiring and confident manner. In my address at the Valedictory Dinner, I thanked all families for giving Simonds Catholic College the privilege of educating their sons. I believe that privilege brings with it a great responsibility that is shared by all of the staff at Simonds Catholic College.

As a staff, the college greatly appreciated the confidence that the Yr 12 families have shown in us, by giving Simonds Catholic College that real privilege of educating the Graduating class of 2013.

The one piece of advice I offered the students was taken from Steve Gilliland’s book – Mum’s the Word. “It is important for you to learn that YOUR Life needs to be YOUR Life, and YOUR words need to be YOUR words. The people that you choose to let influence you will be the people that determine YOUR life path”.

With the first VCE exam beginning on 30 October, could I please ask that you keep our Yr 12 Graduating class of 2013 in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Riordan

PRINCIPAL
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.

A First for Simonds Catholic College

Congratulations to Joel Meaney Yr 7 Blue on being the first ever Simonds Catholic College student to represent the college in ACC Junior Golf which was held at Werribee Park on Friday 11 October, and he performed most creditably. Well done, Joel!

ACC Sports Update

Round 1

Year 8 Volleyball vs. Mazenod
A Team
SIM defeated by MAZ 0.25 to 3.75
Best – David Tonkich, Thomas Rendle, Godwin Makabory

B Team
SIM defeated by MAZ 0.0 to 3.75
Best – Sam Montesano, Bishal Shresta, Juryl Alexander

Year 10 Volleyball vs. CBC
A Team
SIM defeated CBC 3.96 to 2.97
Best – Don Nguyen, Liam Harvey, Kevin Hua

B Team
SIM defeated CBC 2.50 to 0.32
Best – Bradley Robb, Jackson Robb, Aaron Lai

Round 2

Year 8 Volleyball vs. Emmanuel
A Team
SIM defeated by EMM 0.55 to 3.77

B Team
SIM defeated EMM 2.50 to 0.38

Year 10 Volleyball vs. St. Bede’s
A Team
SIM defeated by STB 0.46 to 3.75
Best – Kevin Hua, Farzan Yazdi, Liam Harvey

B Team
SIM defeated by STB 2.100 to 3.115
Best – Gustavo Aribizu, Bank Chianchanwong, Alex Gould

ACC Team of the Year

Congratulations to both Mikoto Quinn and William Autiak for being named in the ACC Table Tennis and Basketball teams of the year.

Year 10 Ballroom Dancing

Year 10 students were again involved in the Ballroom Dancing program during Term 3 with students from St. Aloysius College, North Melbourne. As expected, our young men were a credit to Simonds College and developed their Ballroom Dancing skills throughout the term. The program has great value in providing students from both Colleges with an opportunity to interact in an entirely different setting than what they might normally experience and as Simonds and St. Aloysius are both single sex schools, it is a program that has strong support from staff and students alike.

Ballroom Dancing Champions this year were: Isaac Montebello from the 10 Blue/Gold group and Johnson Luong from the 10 Red/White group. These young men received a trophy which I’m sure they will place on a shelf next to their most treasured possessions. I would like to express my thanks to St. Aloysius College for their continued hosting of this activity and the bus ride back to Simonds each week. I would also like to thank Ms. Glennis South for her expert dancing instruction throughout the term.

Mr K Turner – Yr 9 & 10 Coordinator
As the winners of the Michael Carmody Shield for 2013, the Knox Crocs were all lucky enough to attend a celebratory afternoon of fun and games at Galactic Circus, in Crown Casino. On the rainy afternoon of October 14th, the boys were given the well-earned privilege of an hour and a half of unlimited gaming, which they graciously took with enthusiasm and exhilaration. From games involving monster trucks, car racing, motorbike riding, horse riding, basketball shooting and laser skirmish, the Knox House continued participated with all their might.

The afternoon was a real success, all thanks to the fantastic behaviour of the winning house members and of course the thorough planning by the Director of Sport, Mr. Cameron Veal. The Knox house looks forward to defending the title as Michael Carmody Shield Champions in 2014.

Miss L Fisher – Homeroom Teacher

The Study Support Program at the Huddle, North Melbourne Football Club, is an after-school student educational support program provided free of charge to young people between the ages of 15-25. The not-for-profit program is designed to assist students in developing their English language skills and provide study support and mentoring from volunteer tutors in a range of subjects.

We currently have over 40 volunteer tutors on the roster who attend on a weekly basis during program hours: 4pm to 7pm Monday-Thursday. The program is held at the Huddle, North Melbourne Football Club, 204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne.

If you would like further information about the Huddle, please feel free to contact me on 9320 2464 or via email: claire.henry@kangaroos.com.au

Mr. Agustin (Nett) Legarda

Our prayers and thoughts are with Mr. Nett (Augustin) Legarda’s family. Nett was a former teacher of Smonds Catholic College, he sadly passed away during the school holidays suffering from cancer. During his illness he was living in Tamania age 64. Nett was a staff member at St. Mary’s Boys’ Regional School and Smonds Catholic College for over twenty years. His colleagues and past students will have fond memories of him. †
Simonds and Asylum Seekers Soccer Match

Last Wednesday 16th of October a mix of Year 8, 9, 10 boys played in a soccer match with some asylum seekers. The game was a fast-paced affair with high-quality play and the odd player being sent off (Isaac Montebello!). The teams were mixed between the Simonds boys and asylum seekers from numerous countries and eventually the green team came out on top 4-2 with some great link-up play. The boys would like to thank everyone involved, including the Red Cross, all staff who helped on the day and the players too. The boys are hoping this can become a regular game.

Mr R McConnon – SRC Teacher

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- Formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- Assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au can purchase the hats from Mr Veal or Mr Vaughan in the Howard South teacher’s office.

NAPLAN TESTING

Year 7 and 9 students participated in NAPLAN testing in May this year. Individual Student Reports were were posted to parents in the first week of Term 4. The school receives reports on how our average results for the NAPLAN tests compare against the State. Our students performed just below the State level in all areas apart from Spelling in which performance was above that of the State.

These reports are to be seen as a snapshot of how your child performed at a particular point in time. Together with school reports, feedback from teachers and previous NAPLAN reports it is possible to get a sense of progress over time.

Mrs H Koutoulogenis – Head of St Mary’s Campus | Deputy Principal (Teaching & Learning)
Safe Schools Hub for Parents

The Safe Schools Hub is a one-stop for information and resources on safe school strategies to assist:

- Teachers and school leaders
- Students
- Parents
- Specialist professionals supporting students
- Pre-service teachers

The Safe Schools Hub is underpinned by the National Safe Schools Framework which aims to ensure that all Australian schools are safe, supportive and respectful teaching and learning communities that promote student wellbeing.

The Safe Schools Hub for Parents aims to strengthen these important partnerships by providing targeted resources to help you make your child’s school experience safe and happy. The Hub shows what a safe school looks like and offers practical advice on how to play a vital role in creating supporting learning environments in the school.

To receive regular updates on news and resources on student wellbeing register at [www.safeschooshub.edu.au](http://www.safeschooshub.edu.au)

Are You Ex Navy, Army, or Air Force?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 7 November 2013.

Work Opportunity

We are looking for fun, exciting candidates to join our Family in many different roles.
Do you have some free time in the evenings, weekends or school holidays and looking to grow yourself and earn some money?

Not only do we offer a job in an exciting environment at our Docklands restaurant but we offer development of the core skills needed to succeed in the workplace. For the right candidates, we will also offer payment for accredited certificates in hospitality and opportunities for growth in our restaurant and Head Office.

Our restaurant has also won the 2013 national award for realising talent and people development; we have also achieved 1st for the National grilling championships against 300 other restaurants, winning a exciting trip to South Africa for the staff. In South Africa we won 3rd place against 33 other countries. We are also the National training store for Nandos Australia training Franchisees and Executives from our Head Office.

We believe in working hard, having fun and growing yourself. So, if you think you have what it takes and want to have fun and challenge yourself, please email a resume to: waterfrontcity@stores.nandos.com.au
Melbourne Knowledge Week 2013

Melbourne Knowledge Week (MKW) provides a great opportunity to introduce students and adults alike to the innovative thinking, activities, facilities, products and industries that help make Melbourne such a vibrant knowledge city.

This year’s program features over 60 interactive events, behind-the-scenes tours, guest lectures and one-off opportunities. Events fall broadly into six categories: innovation and technology; design and urban planning; creative and culture; community learning; health and medical; and big data and research.

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