You may or may not be aware that in recent days we have farewelled our Graduating Class of 2014 at their Valedictory Dinner held at Moonee Valley Racecourse last Friday evening, and at a Whole School Assembly last Tuesday afternoon. For me, in my role as Principal of Simonds Catholic College, it is a real time of reflection as our Year 12 students make the transition from Secondary School to the next phase of their lives – wherever that may lead them. At both of these formal occasions I thanked the Graduating Class of 2014 for the contribution they have made to the College in their years here, and I also thanked parents for having the confidence in us as a school to educate their son – it is indeed a priviledge to be given this honour. I would ask all members of the Simonds Catholic College community to keep our Year 12 class in your thoughts and prayers as they begin their examination period on 29 October.

The staff and students who participated in the Italian Study Tour returned safely to Melbourne on 1 October with many interesting stories, and a much stronger understanding and familiarity of Italy and its culture. Congratulations and thanks are extended to Mr Di Fabrizio, who was very ably supported by Mr Sanciolo as they organised and lead the tour to interesting places such as Rome, Florence, Orvieto, Rimini, Venice and Milan.

To begin Term 4, all of our Year 8 students attended a three day Camp at Safety Beach. Blessed with beautiful sunny weather, the staff and students were able to enjoy a range of activities that were very well organised by the Year 8 Coordinator, Ms Smooker. A large number of students had never visited this part of Victoria before, and throughly enjoyed the beach activities and swimming in Port Phillip Bay.

Term 4 is always a busy term that passes by very quickly. Important and relevant dates for Term 4 are enclosed with this newsletter, for you to add to your calendars.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Riordan
Principal | Simonds Catholic College

Reflection

Now is the time to free the heart,
Let all intentions and worries stop,
Free the joy inside the self,
Awaken to the wonder of your life.

Open your eyes and see the friends
Whose hearts recognise your face as kin,
Those whose kindness watchful and near,
Encourages you to live everything here.

See the gifts the years have given,
Things your effort could never earn,
The health to enjoy who you want to be
And the mind to mirror mystery.
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### Simonds School Tour

**Simonds Catholic College**

- **SCHOOL TOURS**
  - **of our St Mary's Campus**
    - **273 Victoria Street**
    - **WEST MELBOURNE**
  - **at 9.15am**
  - **on the following dates:**
    - Friday, 24th October
    - Thursday, 6th November
    - Tuesday, 18th November

**Simonds Catholic College** is a small, inner city, secondary boys school of about 500 students.

Our school tours are an ideal way for any parents and their sons currently in the process of selecting a secondary school to view the College in operation and view our newly refurbished Year 7 classrooms. The guided tour is conducted by our Principal, Mr Peter Riordan.

For bookings or enquiries, please contact our Registrar, Nikki Williams on 9321 9204 or at nikwilliams@scmeltb.catholic.edu.au

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When we arrived at the camp, each homeroom was allocated a dorm where they packed away their belongings and would sleep in at night. We were then assembled by the teachers to meet at the dining area, where the camp manager, Dom, greeted us warmly and gave us an insight into what we would expect from camp as well as some rules. Afterwards, Ms Smooker gave each homeroom instructions about the activities that they would complete. There were various challenges that needed to be completed by each homeroom and each homeroom would rotate through the activities.

Once each activity was completed each group returned to camp for a break and some yummy food made by the camp staff. We ate well. They said that there was also an endless supply of cordial but this seemed to immediately run out when I got there!

Following the afternoon activities we returned to camp for a shower and free time. Some people talked, while others played footy or soccer. Some people discovered the pool tables though, and then that became the popular free time area. Gaga ball also became a popular activity as it was like dodge ball and it got lots of people involved.

After dinner we had 30 minutes of free time before our night activities started. On the first night we had the option of watching a movie or participating in trivia. Without a doubt, the number of people who wanted to watch the movie outweighed the number of people who wanted to do trivia. Ms Smooker then decided who would do which activity, using the old 1 and 2 system. At about 8:15 pm, the lunar eclipse started, so the teachers decided to let us observe and adore the blood moon.

The next two days had the same composition. Two activities in the morning, lunch, two activities, free time then dinner. We had a surprise visitor on Thursday. Mr Riordan visited the camp and talked to us about our experiences.

On the second night we participated in a mannequin parade where we had to make a male and female outfit to fit a theme. It was really funny to see the different outfits groups came up with especially as the outfits were made entirely of newspaper, garbage bags and masking tape.

The hardest activity was probably the initiatives, where you had to co-operate with your team to complete certain challenges. Some groups didn’t really work well together, but some did, which was rewarding for the winning team.

The whole camp was a success. It pushed people to their limits, made them work hard and made them make new friends. I’d like to thank all teachers who took their time with us to go to camp: Ms Krall, Ms Yao, Mr Hennessy, Mr Di Fabrizio, Mr Hewett, Mr Bohan, Ms Harrison, Mr Meyer, Mr Vaughan, Mr Riordan and Ms Smooker, who organised the whole trip.

Shane Phan 8G
Year 9 students spent the last week of Term 3 at various Community Service placements. Many students elected to return to their old Primary Schools to assist junior classes, sporting programs or other duties required by the school. Other students were placed at aged care centres or venues that provided services for the poor, disabled or underprivileged members of our society.

Each venue was asked to provide feedback to the school about the manner in which our students went about their duties during the Community Service week. The responses were extremely good with an overwhelming number indicating that Simonds’ students presented themselves well every day and applied themselves diligently to all tasks requested of them. Students demonstrated a great sense of personal responsibility and willingness to help others in an unpaid situation.

Teachers from Simonds visited the boys at each of the placements and were full of praise for each student they visited. My thanks to all students who reliably and responsibly completed the full week of Community Service and thanks to Simonds College staff who took the time to visit all venues.

Mr K Turner | Year 9 Coordinator

Simonds were again flying the flag at the recent “Spring into Shape” 5km run around the Yarra. Six students and two teachers from the St Bridget’s campus had an early morning rise on Sunday September 21st to participate in the 5km run with 550 other participants.

On a very pleasant sunny spring morning, the run course took participants along the Yarra River, through Southbank and back to the start on the Yarra foreshore.

Congratulations to all the Simonds students who gave it a go on the day and reflect the ethos of the club and school in getting involved, enjoyment and team spirit. Well done to Isaac Montebello, Stefan Frengos and William Ton who decided to push it hard on the run and finished in the top 22 out of the 550 participants.

Mr K Ladd | Simonds Multi-Sport Endurance Club Coordinator

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