Our annual Simonds Day was held at the St Brigid’s VCE Campus on Friday, 9 May. Blessed with fine and sunny weather, the day was a wonderful celebration for the school community as we remembered the life and work of the patron of our school, Archbishop Justin Simonds. The day began with Mass that was celebrated by Bishop Hilton Deakin and two of our College Chaplains, Fr Luciano and Fr Delmar. Bishop Hilton Deakin delivered a very moving homily where he spoke of some of the changes he had observed in schools and society in general, particularly relating his homily to the multiculturalism and diversity that we find in our own school at Simonds Catholic College. He also spoke of his very high regard for the work and life of Archbishop Simonds, and the fact that Archbishop Simonds was the person who ordained him as a priest.

After Mass, students were provided with morning tea and lunch, interspersed with a vast array of games and activities that were superbly organised by Mr Vaughan, Mr Anastasio and student leaders. It is on a day such as Simonds Day that it brings home to me what a tremendous school community we have, and it gives me a great deal of pride to be a member and leader of this unique school community.

Importantly, from the 13-15 May, students in Years 7 and 9 sat their NAPLAN tests. These are a series of tests in the areas of numeracy, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar that are completed by students across the state. There is a great deal of organisation to be done in ensuring these NAPLAN tests are completed according to specific guidelines set by the Victorian Government, and I particularly thank Mrs Helen Koutoulogenis, Deputy Principal, for both her excellent organisation and leadership of staff in regard to the recent NAPLAN testing. The data gained from these NAPLAN tests will be very useful for staff as they work with students in literacy and numeracy over the next few years.

Finally, there has been plenty of ACC Sports action during Term 2. It has been extremely encouraging to observe so many students taking up the opportunity to represent the College in ACC Football and ACC Soccer at Senior Year 9/10 and Year 7/8 levels with some really pleasing and competitive results, and the continued development of a much stronger sporting culture within the school. Whilst winning is not everything, it has been great to observe both coaches and students enjoying increased success this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Riordan
Principal, Simonds Catholic College
Mid-year exams will be held in the period from Friday, 6 June to Thursday, 12 June inclusive. Monday, 9 June is the Queen’s Birthday Holiday and Friday, 13 June is a Correction and Report Writing Day and there will be NO CLASSES for any student in Years 7-10 during these two days.

Arrangements for Year 7 & 8
Normal classes will operate for students in Year 7 and 8 throughout the exam period. Students are required to be at school for the full day, each day.

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Arrangements for Year 9
Normal classes will operate for students in Year 9 on Friday, 6 June. Exams will be held over three days; normal classes will not run on 10-12 June and students will be dismissed once their final exam for the day has been completed. Students are expected to attend Homeroom at 8.35am as usual on 10-12 June.

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Arrangements for Year 10
There will be no formal classes for Year 10 students between 6-12 June, inclusive. Students are expected to attend Homeroom at 8.35am as usual on days when they have an exam and will be dismissed once their final exam for the day has been completed.

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Students should already be thinking ahead to the exams and making arrangements for a study and revision program. A Study Guide to assist with the preparation for the exams has been provided to each Year 7-10 student – students will have downloaded it onto their iPad, either on to the iBooks or GoodReader app.

If students need to reschedule an exam due to unforeseen circumstances, this must be arranged with their respective Year Level Coordinator.

Mrs H Koutoulogenis
Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching) | Head of St Mary’s Campus
On Thursday 8 May the Mad Scientists went on their first excursion down to Story Hall, RMIT to watch the science rock band Ologism perform. The scientists/award winning musos taught the students some seriously cool things about ants and air bubble showers and even ended their show with a big bang! An interesting and successful day, with fun being had by all. We are all looking forward to our next adventure outside of the school grounds, hopefully some time during term 3!

Miss L Fisher | Science Faculty Manager

9 Blue had a rare moment in the classroom ... drinking Green Tea whilst completing their mathematics work.

After seeing Mr. Smith come to homeroom most mornings with tea, the boys wanted the same treatment. Green Tea is known to improve brain function and also reduce stress levels. So as promised, the boys got their tea and went straight back to their learning, with great results. Their concentration that lesson had definitely improved. A novelty, but something that would definitely be up for discussion coming up to exams!

Mr T Smith | Mathematics Faculty Manager

Tuning In To Teens

Due to demand we are offering additional groups in Term 3 beginning in August.

These sessions will help you develop skills that will assist your adolescent:

- develop better emotional intelligence,
- be more aware and strong in situations of peer pressure,
- be better able to cope with anger, anxiety and other strong emotions,
- increase family communication and reduce conflict.

If you have a teen in Year 7 contact us directly via email or on the number below.

Free JB HiFi voucher for your adolescent

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Thursday 19th June
5:45 pm - 7:15 pm
Enquiries & RSVP: Roger O’Halloran
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A Student’s Prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator,
true source of light and fountain of wisdom!
Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect,
dissipate the darkness which covers me,
that of sin and of ignorance.
Grant me a penetrating mind to understand,
a retentive memory,
method and ease in learning,
the lucidity to comprehend,
and abundant grace in expressing myself.
Guide the beginning of my work,
direct its progress,
and bring it to successful completion.
This I ask through Jesus Christ,
true God and true man,
living and reigning with You
and the Father, forever and ever.
Amen.