Simonds Day is an annual event where the whole College Community gathers to celebrate the life of our patron, Archbishop Justin Simonds, beginning with Mass, followed by lunch and a wide range of run activities and games on the St Brigid’s campus. During our Mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Luciano Toldo at St Brigid’s Fitzroy North, we took the time to reflect on the life of Archbishop Simonds. Archbishop Justin Simonds made a lasting contribution to Catholic Education in Australia. He was a distinguished man in many respects whose talents and abilities were recognised far beyond the confines of the Catholic church, where he worked through many social issues of the time.

Of particular interest is that Justin Simonds was the first Australian-born archbishop and one of the few bishops who never attended a Catholic School, yet tirelessly pursued the goals and aims of Catholic education in Hobart and Melbourne. As a leading educationalist, Justin Simonds stressed the importance of forming and shaping young men and women to judge the experiences of life by living out the Gospel Values. Importantly, Justin Simonds, was by nature a warm, friendly, and modest character; who had the ability to relate to all manner of persons and make a deep and lasting impression.

In his homily, Fr. Luciano reflected with our school community on the many gifts, talents, and values that Archbishop Justin Simonds brought to his vocation as a priest on a daily basis and just how that resonates with our lives today at Simonds Catholic College. I think that Archbishop Simonds provides a wonderful role model for all members of our school community in 2015 and beyond. At the conclusion of his homily during our Mass, Fr. Luciano spoke about ‘The Great Commandment’. He then reminded us all, “that we are called to love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind”. Also, to ‘remember to love your neighbour as yourself’.

Simonds Day 2015 was an enormous success thanks to the work of many people behind the scenes – particularly Mr Vaughan, Mr Anastasio, Ms Krall and our student leaders.

This week marks Reconciliation Week, with National Sorry Day on May 26, and Reconciliation Week itself beginning on May 27. Prayers and reflections will have a theme of Reconciliation this week to coincide with these events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Riordan
Principal | Simonds Catholic College
Simonds has a new school Careers website. You can find the site at:

www.simondscareers.com

The site contains a huge amount of information and should be your first stop when you are looking for information on anything job, careers, university and TAFE related (and there is so much more). I will communicate with you via the site as well. It will help if you register your email.

To get an idea of what is there and what you can do, I want you to take a bit of a tour by doing the following:

Go to the site now at www.simondscareers.com

1. On the Home Page you will see a few things to note:
   - The Message Board – I will post messages and notices here, so keep an eye on this
   - The Careers Newsletter – you can subscribe to receive a special Careers Newsletter at least twice each term. This will have lots of relevant information, important dates and so on. If you wish to receive this, just put your name and email address in here. There is also a link to the fortnightly Simonds Careers News (or go to Newsletters in the Important Information Tab)
   - Go to the Calendar of Events (also in the ‘Important Information’ menu). Here you will find a calendar for the year. We will post all important dates and events on this. If you want to receive alerts or reminders of all upcoming events, just put your name and email address in here.
   - There is also a Careers-related video at the top, which will be changed every few weeks

2. In the For Students Tab, go to the Student’s Secure Area. This has many more features, but you need to REGISTER to see them. Students should register by Year Level, Parents register as Other.

This will be a great ways for parents and students to keep up with the latest Careers information, so remember to BOOKMARK the page when you visit!

mellwood@sscmelb.catholic.edu.au
In the coming weeks our school will be undertaking the process of external school review, a practice undertaken by schools throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne every four years.

Under the banner of continuous improvement, this process of review provides a great opportunity for our school to reflect upon our goals and targets as identified in our School Improvement Plan and to evaluate our progress.

As well, this process of review provides our school with the means to look ahead and identify our priorities for the next four years and plan accordingly for their implementation.

An independent reviewer with expertise in school improvement will facilitate this process and will spend two days working with our school.

We as a Catholic school community are committed to the principle of continuous school improvement in a faith-based context, and we look forward to keeping you informed as we continue to provide high quality Catholic education for every student entrusted to our care.

Mr Peter Riordan | Principal

National Reconciliation Week

Students and staff will be participating in National Reconciliation Week this week.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2015 is: "It’s time to change it up".

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonalisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.


Mr D Barnett
So You Think You Can Design 2015

I am proud to announce that Simonds Catholic College are the state champions for 2015 in the So You Think You Can Design competition. Simonds representatives Terry Nguyen and Jean San Juan took part in a two day design competition at this year’s DATAVic annual conference to beat four other schools in the finals. All teams competed in four categories, mood boards, design drawing, computer aided design and prototype building. Their task was to create a futuristic playground utilising new and old technologies that would test both mind and body. At the end of the first round the Simonds boys had not scored a point, but as the first day drew to a close, the boys had clawed back some points winning the design drawing round hands down, with every judge awarding them full points. Computer aided design was next and the Terry and Jean worked hard building on their previous design to create a wonderfully detailed design of the main elements of their playground. Once again the boys topped the score sheets and again every judge awarded them full points. At this stage three schools, including Simonds, were all on the same points leading into the last round, prototyping. After four hours of building their prototypes with objects such as paper coffee cups, synthetic turf, plastic vacuum forming and bendy straws the boys once again were awarded full points.

I want to congratulate the boys on their win; they worked hard after the first round disappointment winning the last three rounds. The boys too were happy, walking away with an iPad Mini each as first prize. Once again congratulations to Terry and Jean and I hope this sets a precedent for things to come for Simonds at So You Think You Can Design.

Mr E Nikolaidis | Product Design Technology Teacher

Face of Winter Appeal

Two weeks before the Simonds Day celebrations, classes at St Mary’s Campus and St Brigid’s Campus began gathering non-perishable goods for the ‘Face of Winter Appeal’. Students and staff generously donated packets of noodles, soup and other non perishable food packages to be distributed by a volunteer from St Vincent de Paul Society. The goods were presented to Fr Luciano and the representative, Alex, from Vinnies during the Offertory at Mass. Thank you to the families and staff who gave so generously towards the ‘good works’ of St Vincent de Paul. Also, thank you to the Social Justice leaders for encouraging our community to put their “Faith into Action” to bring some comfort to those in need.

Ms M Krall | Religious Education Coordinator
On May 6, the Year 8s were part of a whole day workshop from the High Resolves organisation, they provided us with the opportunity to make us global citizens and leaders. High resolves is an organisation which teaches young students to become leaders.

On the day we completed various activities which assisted us in becoming a global citizen. One of these activities was a game called “Hacker”. We were given cards with different instructions on it and had to act it out a character whilst finding suspicious persons who were the hacker. We also looked at different stereotypes of different cultures.

During the activity called labels, each group had to write down a number of stereotypical names. Grant, the person who came from High Resolves, had many activities and videos that he showed to the year level throughout the day. At the end of the day we wrote postcards to ourselves to reflect on what we had learnt during the day. This will be mailed back to us next term.

Ms M Smooker | Year 8 Coordinator

W@SP News

Online information and assistance:

From time to time, parents may need to access information and assistance from one or many services. We regularly update our website so that parents may easily locate information and help when needed. Take a look at what’s there. You can access by going to the school homepage, then click on the “student wellbeing” link in yellow ... then on the “student and family support” link in the left hand column. Here you will find links to:

- Family Support and Counselling
- Parenting Ideas
- Men’s Info and Help
- Drugs, alcohol and gambling
- Mental Health Services
- Emergency and crisis lines
- Online safety
- Legal
- Emergency Accommodation
- Community houses
- Sexual assault and domestic violence
- Language Translation Services

Male-oriented websites – Men’s Info and Help

An excellent website www.mantherapy.org.au is a site that is variously humorous, informative and supportive. I would urge all the dads reading this to take a good look around this site. I feel sure you’ll find something of use for yourself – or for someone for whom you care.

The site features mind quizzes, man facts, man therapies, tales of triumph, FAQ’s, support services … and lots more.

Another is www.mensline.org.au Again, well worth a look for the huge amount of good, solid info it contains.
Parenting Ideas

The “Parenting Ideas” website is a useful resource for parents, containing info on a range of topics relevant to parenting children and teens. The College has membership of the site. You can access the site at www.parentingideas.com.au

Do take a look at this site – it is a helpful and well-resourced site.

Go to the login tab at the top of the page. Login with Username: simondscc and with password 3003

African dads and kids camp

Catholic Care Connect is encouraging fathers to take one of their children away for a FREE fantastic weekend to celebrate the importance of fathers in a child’s life. We also looking at the challenges and differences between parenting in Africa compared to Australia. The next African Dads and Kids camp will be held in Marysville in the foothills of Lake Mountain. As June is moving into the snow season we have some very exciting activities organized for the families including Tobogganing.

This is a great opportunity for fathers and their children to:

- Connect with other fathers and kids
- Try new activities together eg bike riding or abseiling
- Sit around a roaring camp fire toasting marshmallows and sharing stories
- Have fun with each other eg snow fights or long walks in the bush
- To spend quality one on one time with their child

More info: Kate McKernin, 383 Albert St East Melbourne 3002. Phone: 9926 5654 / 0418 446 692

W@SP artwork

The artwork outside the w@sp office has been added to as the pictures above, show.

Mr Pascal Rohan | Coordinator of Student Wellbeing/Counsellor

Subscribe to the e-Newsletter

Go to the school website www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au 2. Click on the link “Subscribe to our E-NEWSLETTER 3. Fill in your details and SUBMIT

E-news
Mid-year exams will be held in the period from Friday, 5 June to Thursday, 11 June inclusive.

Monday, 8 June is the Queen’s Birthday Holiday and Friday, 12 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, 5 June. Exams will be held over three days; normal classes will not run on 9-11 June and students will be dismissed once their final exam for the day has been completed. Students are expected to attend Homeroom at 8.45am, as usual, on 9-11 June.

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Arrangements for Year 10
There will be no formal classes for Year 10 students between 5-11 June, inclusive. Students are expected to attend Homeroom at 8.45am, 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
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.


Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997
0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

BECOME A FOSTER CARER!

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers. They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on:

Monday 29th June 2015
7pm-8.30pm in the Glenroy area
Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.

To book or to receive an information package please contact

Lynette Tollit on 8470 9999 or lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au