On Friday, 20 June we held our final School Assembly for Semester One in the St. Brigid’s Hall. At this Assembly, I spoke to students about the importance of being able to accept our own challenges and our own weaknesses. It is really important that as our student population grows into young men, that they are able to accept their weaknesses and challenges in order for them to make themselves better people in the society in which they live. Unfortunately society often paints a picture of a perfect world but realistically for many people this is simply not the reality in which they find themselves.

The message I was presenting to students was that our attitude to dealing with different situations will define how successful we are. Human nature would suggest that most of us spend more time doing things that we are good at, rather than spending time on those things that need improving. To be honest, the only way students are going to improve themselves is by using their strengths well and then working hard at their weaknesses and challenges. I would encourage all students to reflect on Semester One as they begin to set their goals for an even more successful Semester Two.

At the Assembly, the top five students from each year level in Years 7-12 received a Principal’s Award in recognition of their outstanding Academic Achievement in Semester One. All students who represented the College throughout Term 2, in ACC Soccer and ACC Football were also acknowledged, whilst a Most Valuable Player trophy was presented for each team.

I am pleased to inform you that we held our Performing Arts Night last week which was a great night. There were fifteen acts that performed extremely well on the night in a terrific display of drama and music with students from Years 7-12 being involved in this highly successful event.

Finally, may I wish everybody a safe and restful holiday and thank you for the contribution you have made at Simonds Catholic College in Semester One, 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Riordan
The Principal’s Award, introduced in 2013 is designed to promote and acknowledge academic excellence. The recipients received a certificate and badge from our Principal, Mr Riordan at the Whole School Assembly at the end of Term 2.

To be eligible for the Principal’s Award, students in Year 12 will have achieved an average of 90 or above in 3 or more subjects in Semester 1. The 5 best performing students in each of the other year levels also received the Principal’s Award.

**Principal’s Award recipients for 2014**

**Year 7**  
Best performing Year 7 | Joshua Slaverio  
Thomas Pham - Bach Le - Thomas McCormick - Brendan Pham

**Year 8**  
Best performing Year 8 | Simon Liu  
Francesco Pacioni - Garvit Mediratta - Johan Pagdanganan - Sachin George

**Year 9**  
Best performing Year 9 | Cholo Viray  
James Stewart - Anthony Trinh - Adam Carinci - Thien Huynh

**Year 10**  
Best performing Year 10 | Daniel Som  
Andy Huynh - Anthony Tan - Adam Monteleone - Yuri Bakay

**Year 11**  
Best performing Year 11 | Raymond Liu  
Farzan Yazdi - Joshua Peng - Gabriel Gomez - Michael Au

**Year 12**  
Tuan Le - Thanuja Silva - Lecky Tu - Edward Bituin - Evan McIntyre

Congratulations to all recipients.

**Mrs H Koutoulogenis**  
Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching) | Head of St Mary’s Campus

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**Conoco Phillips Science Experience**

The Science Faculty is very excited to announce that four Year 10 students have been selected to participate in the Conoco Phillips Science Experience this year. The program caters for students who have a passion for science and will run for three days at Swinburne University of Technology from 16-18th September, 2014. Here the students will be participating in university style lectures, labs and will attend an excursion to a nearby scientific site. They will have the chance to learn more about different fields of science through interactive, hands on workshops and we are excited to announce that the boys participating are Daniel Som, Christopher Barraza-Purcell, Tony Nguyen and Adam Monteleone. We hope each student enjoys the experience immensely and if you would like to look into this further, or send your son, or daughter to attend also, more details can be found at [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au).

**Miss L Fisher** | Science Faculty Manager
**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 Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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**Time to Shine**

The Catholic Education Office Melbourne proudly presents

**TIME to SHINE**

Catholic Schools Performing Arts Gala

Time to Shine is the inaugural Catholic Schools Performing Arts Gala to be held at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda, on Saturday 13 September in two shows staged at noon and 5 pm. The extravaganza will showcase the artistic talent of 400 secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Catholic Education Office Melbourne is delighted to announce that tickets for Time to Shine will be released on Tuesday 24 June at 9 am. Tickets are selling at $29.50 per person plus a booking fee and will be available via www.ticketmaster.com.au.

13 September 2014 • Palais Theatre, St Kilda

Two shows only (12 noon and 5:00 pm). Tickets on sale from 24 June through Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au

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**Brain Bee 2014**

On June 4, four people from Simonds Catholic College were chosen to attend the Victorian Brain Bee Challenge finals. An Trac, Julian Carlos, Tarkan Godino and myself (Thai Le), alongside Ms Fisher, went to Melbourne University for the whole day to attend the finals. We went inside the Melbourne University's Kenneth Myer Building Auditorium with many other schools and listened to guest speakers talk about their experiences and their contributions to the study of neurology. We were then given two quizzes to complete (a group and individual quiz) to determine the winner. None of us were able to reach the top 10 in either quiz. We then went on tours around the University to see the research that various students have been working on. We saw that there were some students who were working on a project that was to decipher the language of mice by using a special microphone that is able to detect their sounds. We also saw a lot of preserved parts of dead bodies in the Anatomy Laboratory. We went back to the auditorium to listen to more guest speakers, watch the finals and also to watch a quick teacher's quiz in which Miss Fisher won! The speakers concluded at 3:30pm and we all went home. It was a great day enjoyed by all!
The Church observes many celebrations throughout the Liturgical Year. Recently we celebrated the feast of Pentecost and the feast of the Holy Trinity. One of our oldest traditions has been to call God by the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Early in Term 2, the College Community started Simonds Day with Bishop Hilton Deakin celebrating the Eucharist at St Brigid’s Church. During his Homily, Bishop Hilton shared the memories he had of Archbishop Justin Simonds who ordained him as a priest. Bishop Hilton spoke of his high regard for Archbishop Simonds who had a significant effect on the development of Catholic Education during his time in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Due to the vision, dedication and commitment of the founders of Catholic Education in Victoria more than 160 years ago, we have the opportunity to encourage our students to have a life-long love of learning and encourage them to make a contribution to society.

The twenty first century has brought many changes to Catholic Education and society overall. As a community, we were given the opportunity to reflect on our own Catholic identity by completing the Enhancing Catholic Identity (ECSI) Survey over the last few weeks. The opportunity to respond to the questionnaire provided us with the chance to reflect on our own unique community. As educators and guardians, we are entrusted with shaping the whole person, and we are continually challenged to reflect on and pray about, the development of our students becoming good global citizens.

Marking the anniversary of the 1967 referendum, we acknowledged the Traditional Owners of Our Land during National Reconciliation Week through prayer and reflection. As the Semester draws to a close, we look forward to the holidays and relaxing with family, friends and celebrating life. Pope Francis shared this message during the 2013 World Youth Day Celebration:

‘Dear young people do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream of great things!’

Mrs M Krall | Religious Education Coordinator

Basketball

On June 16 the Year 8 basketball boys went to the Victorian College Championships at MSAC. The aim of this tournament was to develop the boys’ skills as a team and give them practice playing together in the lead up to their involvement in the ACC competition next term. The team consisted of 7 boys; Michael Birhane, David Bilal, Akot Akot, Joel Meaney, Victor Hosking, Kurt Adamcewicz and David Smith.

All of the boys behaved excellently on the day, coaching each other and putting their best foot forward for all aspects of the day. We did not know how the boys would fair against the teams in this competition and the boys showed that they have really developed as a team through the playing they have done both at school and outside of school over the
The ‘team work’ emphasis on the game for the Simonds team carried them through the day and as they went into finals they had won all 3 of their games. The boys then won their playoff game and were in the grand final. Being without losses for the day really boosted their confidence and as they went into the grand final they believed they could win. It was a nail biting grand final, the boys actually began the game down by 7 points but they pulled themselves back together as a team and took out the grand final against Heatherton Secondary College winning 24-22.

I am very proud of the boys and how well they performed as a group. Special mention goes to Victor Hosking who took on the role of captain, exceptionally leading the team, and Akot Akot who was the best man on court for the day. Winning was a new aspect for these boys and I hope they take all the skills they learnt with them into the ACC competition next term and the Regional College Championships in August.

Ms M Smooker | Year 8 Level Coordinator

On June 19 Simonds Catholic College brought back its Performing Arts Evening. It has been several years since the school held such an event. With the introduction of Year 7 and 8 Drama and Music this year, we, the arts faculty, decided that it was important to have an event which showcased the amazing work that the students have been doing.

The Performing Arts Evening included 15 acts from across the school. The drama acts included performances by each of the classes in Year 7 and 8 highlighting the different styles of work that each class has been tackling in their classes over the semester, as shown in the performances as these included their final assessment pieces from the units they have completed. The music acts included a wide variety of students, some who have been involved in the music programme at Simonds and others who wanted to showcase the skills they have learnt outside of school. To further develop the singing abilities of our students several teachers assisted by Curtis Reeder in Year 10 created a singing group which brought several acts together in a cohesive manner. The acts also included an excellent band performance by four Year 11 students, showcasing how much they have grown since their last performing arts night, and the value in showcasing our students' talents more often.

As the night approached, with many rehearsals for the students, the boys became more and more nervous. None of the students let this get the better of them however, as all students performed well on the night, showing how well they have worked together throughout all of the rehearsals and producing an outstanding array of drama and musical acts.

Many thanks to all of the teachers and staff involved, the people that came to support the boys on the night, and the SRC who helped organise the whole event. I know the students really appreciate all of the effort and the opportunity to be a part of such an event. Lastly thank you to all those students who put themselves forward to put up an act, it takes a lot of courage and determination to put yourself forward and the night would not have been the same without all of the amazing acts we had.

Ms M Smooker | Year 8 Level Coordinator
On May 30 we travelled by public transport to Monash University.

As we entered, we admired the size of the University and the interesting sculptures throughout the campus. While we were exploring campus and trying to find the Robert Blackwood Hall, we noticed the abundance of other schools and students around us. We took as many group photos as we could before entering the hall. When we entered the hall, we were greeted by the staff and signed in. We then received special tickets which allocated our seats and were informed that these tickets could enter us in a raffle to win prizes throughout the day.

Our hearts were pumping as we sat down in the soft seats, the lights dimmed and the Host greeted us in Japanese. Shortly after a group of drummers went on stage and began drumming in perfect synchronization. As the drumming went on, simple hits turned into large powerful strikes with fearful shouts. When the drumming concluded the drummers invited the audiences to come onto stage and have a go at the drums. Sadly with that many schools present, no one from Simonds Catholic College had the chance to go on stage.

When this event concluded, the host came back on stage and applauded the drummer's performance. Then, she started the first raffle of the day. Everyone was grasping onto their tickets and hoping for their number to be called out but sadly we didn't win anything yet.

Right after this raffle had finished, a private business man involved in Australian-Japanese trades came on stage and presented a very informing presentation on the career opportunities opened up by studying Japanese, especially in regards to partner relations. He also added that Japan was Australia’s second most successful trade partner.

To conclude his presentation the raffle was drawn again. Then, as scheduled, another presentation was prepared. This time, a student from Monash University who had studied Japanese culture came on stage and held traditional tea ceremony for us. Normally these ceremonies last for 4 hours straight and are in complete silence, but because of our schedule this tea ceremony only took 20 minutes.

After 20 minutes of complete silence, the kendo master and his students from the university came on to the stage with their kendo swords and safety equipment. Their presentation started with the master demonstrating his sword style. The hall was completely silent, with everyone carefully listening to the slashes his sword made in the air. Soon after, the students demonstrated their swordsmanship on each other, making very intimidating shouts while doing so.

Shortly after the demonstration a Japanese restaurant chief or as he called himself, “The Sake Samurai” came onto the stage. The Sake Samurai explained how difficult Japanese was to learn since he didn’t have the opportunity to learn it when he was younger. As he explained that he missed out, but reminded us that we had the opportunity that he didn’t, and to make use of all of it.

Soon after we exited the hall for lunch and ate our specially ordered deluxe obento lunch boxes. As we returned back to our seats after lunch the film started. The movie was called “Robo-G” and was about a group of electronic salesmen who were forced to build a robot for a competition but the Robot ended up falling out of the window. Then hiring an old frail man to disguise himself as a robot and soon after becomes famous and popular. Everyone was captivated by the film and laughed throughout it.

As this film was the last event on the schedule we realised it was a relaxing and great way to end the day and it was a shame that no one from our school won any of the raffles. At the end of the day we all realised that learning Japanese can create many opportunities in the future.
**Game vs Whitefriars  2 - 2**

Having travelled to the “country” for this game, it appeared that the absence of carbon monoxide in the air left most of our boys light headed. This worked well for us as we threw caution to the wind and played good soccer taking control of the game early on and surprising Whitefriars with a number of aggressive attacks and shots on goal. Within 5 minutes we were 1-0 up and on target for a good day out. Unfortunately it did not last however, and we allowed them back into the game giving away a penalty and conceding again from a well executed free-kick.

Some revving up from the coaches and positional changes resulted in us holding formation and playing with more discipline to get a number of shots at goal and the score returning to 2 - 2. We also managed a few goal-mouth scrambles which could easily have put us further ahead. Special mention must be made for two brilliantly executed free kicks from Yach, hitting the post and cross-bar respectively, but failing to give us the lead. Our boys did score again as Semere ran the ball into the goals only to have it disallowed very late from the referee for a dubious offside. Both coaches and all our boys felt this was unfair but to the credit of Simonds, protests were kept to a minimum.

**Game vs St Bede’s  3  -  4**

Simonds came to this game pumped and full of confidence to get a win. Mr Riordan asked for a win and revved up the boys as did Mr Anastasio. The starting line-up was named and positions defined as well as style of play before our boys went in for the battle. The changed line-up paid off very quickly as we scored 4 minutes into the game to go 1 up and created a number of opportunities to further improve on this.

Very clever and quick play from St Bede’s created opportunities and required some desperate defending and saves from our defence before St Bede’s was able to capitalise and bring us back to level pegging. Some rough play from St Bede’s attracted the ref’s attention which eventually resulted in the sending off for one of the St Bede’s players. Despite this, St Bede’s maintained the upper hand but a counter-attack gave us a 2-1 lead before St Bede’s scored two more times to leave us floundering at 3-2 down. Immediate changes to the line-up were made to push more bodies in the attack and this gave us the upper hand very quickly. A goal had the boys euphoric with the teachers also not hiding their excitement. The push and relentless attacking continued until we managed a final goal with celebrations all around. The playing formation was immediately changed to ensure we defended this lead for the last few minutes of the game. This was successfully done and the first Simonds win was secured with high fives all around and a McDonalds visit secured for all.

Mr E Gelberidis | 1st XI Coach

**R (Relationship) Day**

**CatholicCare Marriage Enrichment Program**

**Saturday 14 June**

Relax, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalize, Rejuvenate and Rejoice! This one day workshop for couples is based on the 7 Principles of a Sound Relationship House developed by relationship expert Dr John Gottman. During the workshop you will explore ideas for deepening connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. Educators from CatholicCare’s Marriage and Relationship Education Team will run the workshop.

**Contact:** 92875516 or email relationships@ccam.org.au
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of $1500 to the Good Friday Appeal, your support will ensure that The Royal Children’s Hospital can continue to provide excellent medical care to our young patients. The Good Friday Appeal funds are used by The Royal Children’s Hospital to purchase the latest medical equipment, provide scholarships to enable staff further develop their skills and to fund innovative research projects.

Again our sincere gratitude, your donation has contributed to the ongoing success of the Good Friday Appeal. We can all feel very proud to be a part of such a long standing tradition of community generosity and participation.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Hallmark,
Executive Director

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