A Father’s Day Prayer

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father’s Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by you.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.”

By Tony Ross

Champions Read!!

On Wednesday 22 August, Simonds celebrated National Book Week in style with a dress-up day filled with Greg Heffleys, Shaggys, Specky Magees and a whole host of other characters represented in the Book Parades. Congratulations to the best dressed winners: The Joker, Where’s Wally?, Super Mario and Timon (aka Michele Carella, Henok Mebratu, Kevin Hua and Nathany Huynh) on their best dressed awards for each year level. It was fabulous to see so many students and staff supporting the National Year of Reading in 2012.

By 7 Gold
This term has been a busy one with a variety of mathematics activities taking place. The activities have included; The Annual Mathematics Games Day held at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar for year 8 students and The Australian Mathematics Competition which was held on Thursday August 2nd. Results of this competition will be made available in early term four. It has been great to see so many students willing to challenge themselves and be involved in the various mathematics activities offered.

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians:
I also have the pleasure of announcing the results for the Mathematics Challenge For Young Australians. I am very proud of our students as two of our boys received a score that placed them in the top 25% of the state. This is an excellent achievement as solving these problems can take many hours and is in addition to the homework students already have to do. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all boys who entered this year and, especially to the following boys:

DISTINCTION AWARDS:
Winner of the Junior Division
James Stewart of 7 Red - top 20% of the state

Winner of the Intermediate Division
Stefan Frengos of 9 Blue - top 24% of the state

CREDIT AWARDS:
Kevin Wong of 7 White - top 43% of the state
Bishal Shrestha of 7 Gold - top 49% of the state

Ms D Sinis - Head of Mathematics

From the Librarian’s Desk

As we celebrate Book Week in the National Year of Reading, I’m very happy to introduce some great new books recently added to the College library ...

Clockwork prince by Cassandra Clare.  F CLA
Set in the magical underworld of Victorian London, this is the exciting sequel to Clockwork angel.

Inheritance by Christopher Paolini.  F PAO
The final stunning book in the bestselling series, The Inheritance cycle.

The world of the Hunger Games by Kate Egan  791.4372 HUN
A full-color visual guide to the world of Panem, this book showcases the major players and participants in the Hunger Games, the life and home of Katniss Everdeen, and the perils of the Games themselves ...

The kite runner : graphic novel based on the story by Khaled Hosseini GN HOS
The spellbinding story of the unlikely and inseparable friendship between two boys caught in the tragic sweep of history – from the final days of Afghanistan’s monarchy through the horrific rule of the Taliban ...

Eagle strike : the graphic novel  GN HOR
Experience the thrills, spills and suspense of teen super-spy Alex Rider’s fourth mission in this graphic adaptation ..... 

COMPETITION: This week the Library is running a competition. Fourteen staff members have nominated favourite books they have enjoyed recently or as children. Students are challenged to match the book with the staff member. Great prizes to be won, so please encourage your sons to have a go. Happy reading!

Mrs J Dymond – Librarian
The Simonds Open Basketball team has celebrated great success in 2012. Beginning their campaign with a strong showing in the Victorian College Championship regional at Coburg Stadium, the team needed to place third or higher to advance and with a hard fought victory over a tough Aitken College in the final game, Simonds finished the day with a 2–2 record which saw them finish top in division two. This result meant that Simonds had now qualified for the State Championships with a number one seed in their division. Two early victories saw Simonds top their pool with one game to go. But unfortunately the final pool game ended in a narrow loss to St Joseph’s Geelong, and this narrowest of margins meant that Simonds missed the finals by only a few points. With the fifth and sixth play-off game to play (against old foes Aitken) the team made a concerted effort to leave everything out on the floor and dazzle the 200 plus spectators with a series of high flying dunks and long range threes. Simonds controlled the game from the start and won comfortably securing their place as the fifth best team in Victoria.

I’m incredibly proud of all the boys and want to thank them for their hard work and commitment; I also want to wish them the best in all their endeavours. I would also like to thank Mr Simon Vaughan for all his help, without which there would have been no team.

Mr N Cooper-Brown – Head Coach

On the night of Friday 10th August many of the Year 12’s went to Leona by the Yarra reception centre for our school formal. The night began with the smartly dressed boys and their beautiful partners arriving at about 7pm. Some of us chose to taxi our way there while others turned up in huge stretch limos! The fashion was inspirational; all the gentlemen looked their best and their lovely dates looked equally as stunning. We then took our seats and the formal got underway.

After a quick welcoming address from Vice Captain, Luke Reynolds, and entree was finished there was a chance for everyone to get to the dance floor and bust out some moves. The music was loud and fun and we were soon up dancing and having a good time. The dancing continued long into the night with everyone taking the chance to let off some mid-term steam. We all had fun taking photographs and then both novelty and serious awards were presented for the night. Philip Huynh and his partner were named cutest couple, while after a heated dance off Kyrollos Hanna took out best dancer. Amar Abdulgader won best dress male for his daring red suit.

Everyone was in high spirits and we all seemed to be enjoying ourselves. After more dancing and a delicious dessert the music was wrapped up and we all began to leave with smiles and all the night’s enjoyment showing on our faces. A lot of thanks go to both Kyrollos Hanna and Luke Reynolds for all of the organisational work they did for the night, as well as all the teachers that were there to help out and enjoy the night with us.

School Captain - Dominic Scholles
Cybersafety Presentation

On Wednesday 15 August, a cybersafety presentation was shown to the students of Simonds Catholic College, St Mary’s Campus. Here, the teens were shown the potential threat of cybersafety, its effect on people and how to avoid such unfortunate mishaps by presenter Leslie Harrison.

Being shown several examples and stories on what has happened these past few years with the rise of technology and communication such as mobile phones and Facebook, the students were able to see how dangerous the internet really is and how to use it safely. There were a few laughs during this presentation, but the message was shown to the students and adults with a mature face. Use the internet wisely and safely and speak up if you are a victim of cyberbullying.

For all the parents who are reading this article, please understand that cyberbullying could happen to your child. In the case that it may happen, make sure that you will be there to view what he or she does so that such cruel things like cyberbullying and identity theft do not go under the radar.

Michael Tran – 8 White

Young Men’s Sports Program

Doutta Galla Youth Services runs a free program every Monday 4pm-8pm starting from Monday 2nd July. Activities for young men aged 12-25 years include:

- each week from 4pm-6pm the gymnasium will be open with a qualified instructor
- each week we will have a different sport for you to try
- the youth room will be open with pool table, table tennis and other activities
- free monthly BBQ

Monthly Sports Program – You must BOOK in for these sessions as places are limited.

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For more information or to book your place: Visit: 49-53 Buncle Street North Melbourne 3051.

Email: carl.rogowski@doutta.org.au

Call: Carl at Doutta Galla on 8327 1749

What’s on at the Huddle in August & September
204-206 Arden Street Nth Melbourne
STUDY SUPPORT, TUTORING, INTERNET
Monday - Thursday 4-7pm, Sunday 2-6pm

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North Melbourne V Greater Western Sydney
Saturday 1st September at Skoda 4.40 pm

To register your interest in any of the above programs, email us at huddle@kangaroos.com.au or call 9320 2462. Registration forms available from the school office.