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Welcome to Issue 11. We have an action packed Term 3 ahead of us, Walkathon, Music Showcase, Musical Production, Ski Trip and Trivia Night just to name a few. It's great to see students and staff back at the College rested and ready to grasp these opportunities.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Welcome back to all members of our community to the commencement of Semester 2 at St Mary's College. It is hard to believe that we now have a full semester behind us in our reimagined co-educational school and I am delighted to say that the rhythm of the school is calm and united. We are delighted with the progress we have made in shaping our new identity.

I hope parents and students have had the opportunity to reflect on the first semester report and have had conversations about progressing into the second half of the year. Later this term there will be an opportunity for parents and students to meet with their teachers at the Parent Teacher Interviews as we work in partnership for our young people.

We are reminded that this is the last full term for our Year 12 students and the importance for them to be organised and focused on their studies as they work towards VCE exams or VCAL assessments. Students should by now have developed a strong study regime which will support them in this important stage of the year, and I am sure that all in our community wish them well and offer our support for Term 3.

My thanks to all families for their very generous commitment to our Walkathon fundraising and to the causes we are working on behalf of. An ageing Christian Brother said to me many years ago that activities such as our Walkathon are examples of us doing God's work. Let us

hope that Walkathon Day proceeds without any glitches this time and is a wonderful day of celebration.

It has been a delight to witness the passionate, committed and talented group of students who have been preparing for the College's musical production '***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***' commencing on Wednesday 1 September through to Saturday 4 September. What an amazingly dedicated and talented group of students and staff!

As we commence Term 3 ACC and SCSA sport I would like to express my thanks to Ms McKeown and the dedicated staff for guiding our boys and girls in what was a very successful Term 2 program. I would also like to pay tribute to all students who represented our college so wonderfully – what amazing ambassadors for our school they are.

This Term we welcome back our Science Laboratory Technician Mrs Marcia Rogerson following an extended period away. We also welcome to the teaching staff Mr Chris Rogerson who will be teaching across a range of year levels.

God Bless

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

A very warm welcome to Term 3!

Often thought of as the coldest term, Term 3 is an opportunity at St Mary's College to be involved, to have a go, and for some year levels, to put in place the planning for what 2022 and beyond might become.

There are a multitude of events beyond the classroom that will connect our students together as a truly inclusive community. In the coming weeks we have our rescheduled annual Social Justice Walkathon, our annual Music Showcase evening, the Vinnies Winter Sleepout, our Year 9 camps and our musical production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to name a few. Each one of these events and others not mentioned, work alongside each other to bring the St Mary's College community together. I have the privilege of attending all of these events and am able to witness the talent, joy and spirit of giving in the hearts of all of our students. I'm really looking forward to Term 3.

Of great importance too is the daily output of staff and students in the classroom. The engaging, inspiring and flexible teaching our students experience, and the passionate, creative ways that our students find meaning through learning is a unique and defining

characteristic of our College. In Term 3, most significantly for our current Year 10 students, we enter into a period of information sharing, discussion, counselling, discernment and ultimately selection of pathways and subjects that will shape the remaining years they have at the College. This is a significant undertaking and there is plenty of support available. Students will receive a handbook, a year level specific presentation and a one on one interview for subject counselling. A parent information evening will also be held with plenty of time for Q+A with all of the key staff on hand. We firmly believe in providing every person with an answer to every question they have, so that the best decisions can be made and the best outcomes achieved.

All the very best to each of our students and their families for a productive and joyful term ahead.

God Bless.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Identity

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston



Nelson Mandela Day



What Is Nelson Mandela Day?

Nelson Mandela Day, Sunday July 18 is a call to action for individuals everywhere to take responsibility for changing the world into a better place, one small step at a time, just as the late Mr Mandela did for more than 67 years.

How can I help?

Knit a square! Often known as a tension square. It needs to be 10x10 cm. These will then be sewn into blankets by volunteers and donated to members of our local community. Please measure the squares. It's just so much easier to join them if they are the correct size.

What materials should I use?

4.0 mm needles

8 ply wool

Cast on 22 stitches

Knit 30 rows

Where can my squares be dropped off?

Squares can be left at the College reception. Either Presentation or Edmund Rice campus.

What size will the blankets be?

Large/Adult blankets to measure 140 x 180 cm. Medium/Child blankets to measure 120 x 160 cm. Small/Baby blankets to measure 100 x 120 cm.

What is the significance of the call to devote 67 minutes to community service?

The late Mr Mandela spent more than 67 years serving in his community and the world. The number is symbolic of how people can start to do the same, one small step at a time and so become part of a continuous, global movement for good.

I can't knit but would like to donate some wool & needles?

Great! Please take to the College reception. Either Presentation or Edmund Rice campus.

I have a question or would like to volunteer to knit squares together?

Great! Please contact Kate Johnston at the College.

I already have some wool will that be ok?

Check your ball of wool.

1. Refers to the needle size.
2. Tells you how many stitches to cast on





Wellbeing

Director of Students | Chris Pye

St Mary's College: Respectful Relationships

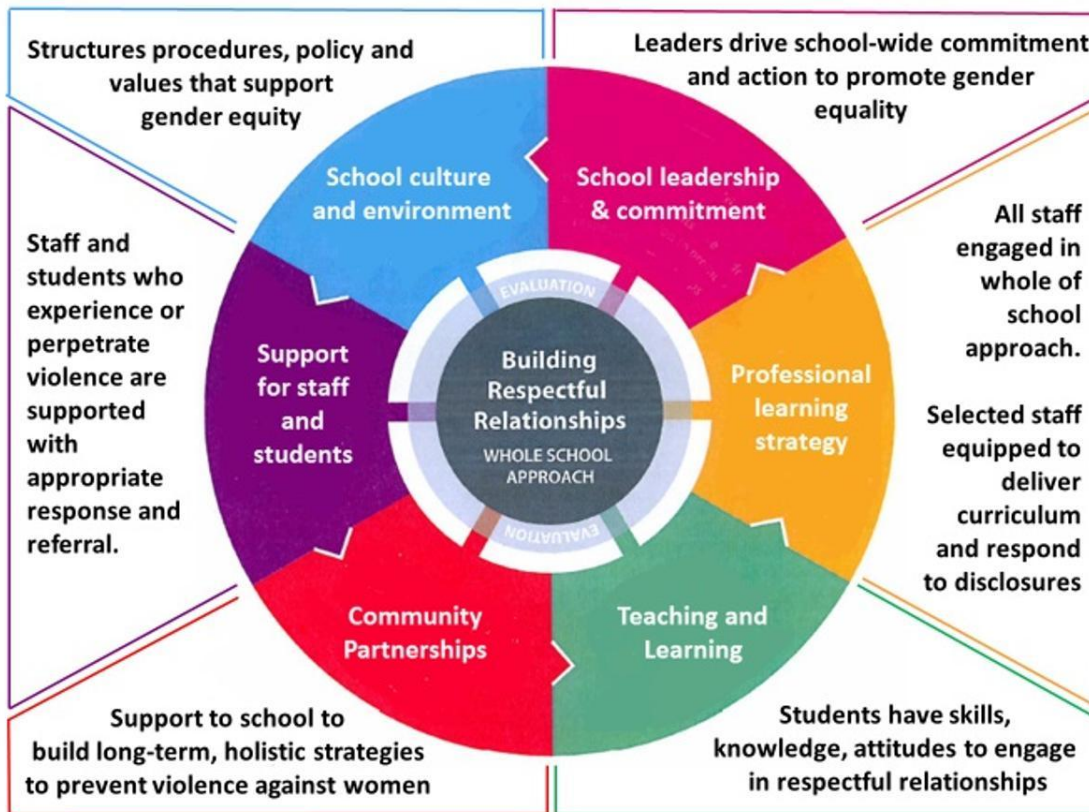
In light of becoming a Respectful Relationships Partner School, the College has formed a Respectful Relationships Team. It comprises:

- Chris Pye (Director of Students)
- Kate Johnston (Director of Identity)
- Phil O'Connor (Head of Health & Human Development)
- Catherine McMahon (Student Counsellor)

All team members attended the on-line webinar on implementing the Respectful Relationships Whole School Approach. Out of this, a clear vision for the project has emerged:

'To foster a College environment where all its people feel safe, valued and respected.'

See below for a diagram that depicts the Respectful Relationships Whole School Approach:



We will keep you updated on progress in this area. We also look forward to your ideas on how to further create a warm and inclusive College environment.

Director of Students | Chris Pye



Learning

Love the Game - Not the Odds

This week our Year 12 students spent some time working with the Connect Group from the Stonnington City Council. The focus of the session was around the slogan of 'Love the Game, Not the Odds'.

The program highlighted the increasing issue of gambling addiction in our society, and how a hobby can very easily become an addiction if not managed carefully. The students looked at how gambling advertisements are targeted at people their age and some of the alarming statistics around the consumption of gambling by many young Australians.

Year 12 Pastoral Leader | Alex Luscombe



Co-curricular

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Great Victorian Bike Ride

Early Bird Discount Closing End of July

Applications are now open to join St Mary's College team in the 2021 Great Victorian Bike Ride. This year the trip will be the 'Great Western Adventure', Rainbow to Great Western on 27 November to 5 December.

See the Daily Memo on SIMON for the application form or contact Mr Joyce.



**ACC Y9 & Y10
DEBATE COMPETITION**

DEBATE TEAM

**LEARN PERSUASIVE
SPEAKING SKILLS**

18 AUGUST 2021

Email Ms Vandrine to join



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

Improve your public speaking skills

Join the 2021
**ACC Intermediate
Public Speaking Team**
Y9 & Y10 students

Competition date 18 August 2021
+ prior preparation sessions



email Mr Wynne to join
rwynne@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au



Sport

Director of Sport | Lucy McKeown

ACC Intermediate Hockey



Sport and co-curricular opportunities for our girls are numerous. Our Girls compete in the SCSA a girls only competition but can now also compete in the ACC competition which has

historically been a boys only competition, but now provide sport and co-curricular opportunities for mixed girls and boys teams.

This week saw our girls compete in their first ACC competition in the St Mary's College Intermediate Hockey Team. Our first three girls to represent St Mary's College in ACC sport were from left to right Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Charlotte Richards and Cleo Sparrow-Cooper. After the few initial nerves subsided, they proved to be a valuable part of the Hockey Team.

A great day for St Mary's College Sport, a truly co-educational school, a school for all!

Eddie Cavolo

The last week of Term 2 saw four of our ACC sports teams make Grand Finals with three winning. Congratulations to:

Boys Senior Soccer Team Division 2 Premiers

Boys Senior Football Team Division 2 Premiers

Boys Intermediate Soccer Team Division 2 Premiers

Boys Intermediate Football Team Division 2 Runner Up







ACC Intermediate Soccer 2021 Premiers



Musical

Production Manager/Musical Director | David O'Meara

A Musical For All!

After school rehearsals, weekend rehearsals and online rehearsals! Since April a passionate, committed and talented group of students have been preparing the College's production of the musical '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**'. It will be presented in Rahilly Hall on the Presentation Campus with performances each night at 7.30pm from Wednesday 1st September through to Saturday 4th September.

Direction is by professional director and actor Emily Wheaton with lead roles performed by: James Cappola, Jeremy Baxas, Perran Silveira, Maddie Leroi, Kate Damman, Gianfranco Forti, Mitchell Hoskin, Allanah Hager, Noah Douglas, Audrey Smart, Aiden Lim and Archie Fraser with an outstanding supporting ensemble.

Choreographed by our very own Anouk Thaddeus this will be wonderful night's entertainment of a funny and tuneful musical. Tickets will be available soon so please come along and support our hardworking students whilst enjoying a great night's entertainment.

Production Manager/Musical Director | David O'Meara





Our Community

View our College Calendar for events and important dates



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Walkathon 2021

DONATE NOW

Sponsor our students

Congratulations - we have currently raised \$27,043.00

House Tally

Corbett \$6430

McMahon \$5855

O'Shea \$ 5653

Tevlin \$5199

Year Level Tally

Yr. 11 \$7420 (Carroll \$3279, Treacy \$2040, Walsh \$1164, Ryan \$937)

Yr. 7 \$4060 (Treacy \$2532, Ryan \$1528) Amazing effort given such a small cohort.

Average over \$80 per student!

Yr. 10 \$3511 (Walsh \$1210, Carroll \$1100, Treacy \$741, Ryan \$460)

Yr. 9 \$3509 (Walsh \$1360, Ryan \$980, Carroll, \$974, Treacy \$195)

Yr. 12 \$2894 (Carroll \$835, Treacy \$809, Ryan \$600, Walsh \$600)

Yr. 8 \$1773 (Walsh \$985, Treacy \$478, Ryan \$310)

Our 2021 Walkathon has been **rescheduled to Friday 23 July**. It will be the 53rd Walkathon for our College community. Every year we put into action our commitment to support those in our society who are living on the margins by raising funds and advocating for justice.

We are still collecting donations and this year our donations will go to the Fr Bob Maguire Foundation and our continued support of charities for school children in India who so desperately need our help during these COVID times.

Walkathon ID Numbers:

Students and staff please use your Walkathon ID number

Parents & Friends use ID **709**

Alumni and Community use ID **708**

Talk and Tour Dates for 2021

Thursday 12 August at 10:30am

Thursday 9 September at 10:30am

Thursday 14 October 10:30am



Midford Uniform Shop

The uniform shop trading hours

Tuesday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

This Saturday 17 July 9am to 1pm

Did you know you can order online uniforms from the Midford Uniform Shop?

Online orders are welcomed and provide a COVID safe way to purchase uniforms

<http://www.midford.com.au/>

(enter **SMC2021**).

Ph **9520 8519**



Parents & Friends Association

P & F Committee Meeting

Next meeting 19 July 2021, 7pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+61 2 7208 4605,,929496932#](#) Australia, Sydney

Phone Conference ID: 929 496 932#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

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Recycled Uniform Shop

Join the team of helpers at our recycled uniform shop on the first Saturday of each month. Please email Julie on gallagherja@hotmail.com to find out more. It is a great opportunity to meet other St Mary's College parents and to make a meaningful contribution to our College community.

The Recycled Uniform Shop operates on the first Saturday of the month but will also operate this Saturday due to the school holidays:

*Saturday 17 July - **Postponed to Saturday 24 July***

Saturday 7 August

Saturday 4 September

Walkathon 2021



It is with great excitement that the new date of Friday 23 July has been announced for the 2021 Walkathon.

We look forward to having as many parents involved on the day and invite all St Mary's College parents to put your walking shoes on (and your apron) to participate in this whole community event.

A BBQ at the finish line will be supported by the P & F. On the day we need volunteers to set up, cook and help pack up. See the volunteer sign on sheet if you are able to assist on the day. At this stage, register your interest to assist by clicking on the link below and we will contact you to confirm your availability on the rescheduled day.

Walk with the P & F



We hope to meet up on the day prior to the start of the Walkathon for a quick coffee and start the walk and will send more information out on this.

Looking forward to seeing you

Enquiries: Jane Leroi 0412632527

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ST MARY'S COLLEGE
Parents & Friends

Fifties Style

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, 21ST AUGUST 2021

\$35 PER PERSON

DRESS UP 'Fifties Style' (Optional)

AUCTIONS & PRIZES

TRIVIA FUN & GAMES

Drinks at Bar Prices
BYO Food

\$30 EARLY BIRD PRICE
Organise an entire table or purchase tickets individually (YEAR LEVEL TABLES AVAILABLE)

ST MARY'S COLLEGE
Edmund Rice Campus, Logue Hall

WANT TO HELP ORGANISE AND GET INVOLVED?

JOIN THE TRIVIA NIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE CONTACT: jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

Can you help with the donation of goods, services or experiences for raffles and prizes?

SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:

Vouchers for services, gift cards, a bottle, tickets, behind the scenes experiences, money can't buy experiences, memorabilia, etc. What about contributing a couple of hours of your valuable business skills? (e.g. legal service, an electrician/plumber/handy man house call, or a hairdresser/beauty treatment voucher)

Contact jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au with offers or ideas.

ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



Notices

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

2021 Applications Close 3 August 2021

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is a \$225 annual payment to schools that can be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

To qualify for the CSEF your family must satisfy the following criteria or be an eligible beneficiary of one of the following cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- be a temporary foster parent, or
- the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card).

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

For more information, see:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

The CSEF is paid directly to St Mary's College and will be credited against your Fee Account at St Mary's College to contribute towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF, please complete and return the CSEF Application Form, which is available through the above link.

Please note that 25 June 2021 is the last date that St Mary's College can lodge an Application Form on your behalf for the current year.

2021 Fee Accounts

All 2021 Fee Accounts were due and payable by 31 March 2021, unless an approved Payment Plan was in place by this date. All families wishing to enter a Payment Plan arrangement should have already completed, signed and lodged a 2021 Fee Payment Agreement Form with the Finance Office. If you have not done so, please lodge the relevant documentation as soon as possible.

All payment arrangements must be finalised by 31 October 2021.

Documents in relation to Fees and Payment Arrangements can be found in the Parent Access Module PAM (SIMON)

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien