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# Lumina

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*Welcome to Issue 6. Students and staff eagerly returned for the start of Term 2 this week. Across our two campuses there is a buzz of excitement as we enter our second term as St Mary's College, inner Melbourne's only co-educational Catholic secondary school.*

**Director of Development | Elaine Doyle**

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# From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Like many Australian families, this week the College will participate in one of the more significant events in our national calendar, the commemoration of ANZAC Day, a most important celebration of our national identity. During my lifetime ANZAC Day has become more than a commemoration of those fateful events on the beaches of Gallipoli, becoming a time of national reflection to give thanks for the many sacrifices made in all conflicts and wars Australians have participated in.

At St Mary's College we will mark this day on Friday April 23 by undertaking a Remembrance Service in Logue Hall. This has become an important annual event for us. This year we are delighted to be joined by Ms Trish Hodda who will address the College. Trish is a 32-year veteran of the Royal Australian Air Force, having attained the rank of Flight Sergeant. We are privileged to have this pioneering woman of the Australian armed services here with us as she reflects on the history of ANZAC, shares some of her first hand experiences, and to connect our past, with our present and our future.

This College event holds significance for us because it brings together the old and the new, in special recognition of the ANZAC spirit. As has been the case in the past, this year, Old Collegian veterans will join us to participate in this important event. Over morning tea, we will no doubt hear the powerful reminiscences as if the events they describe only happened yesterday. We will take the opportunity at this time to also hear from Ms Hodda who will address this group. I am proud also to say that our College Band, under the guidance of Mr

David O'Meara, will perform at our Remembrance Service and at the Caulfield RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Sunday.

We are constantly reminded of the critical role we play in the formation of our young men and women and are acutely aware of the need to take a great deal of care with our ANZAC Day celebrations to make certain we are delivering the right message to our students. We will give thanks for the great deeds of past students of the College, and hope the current incumbents hear the message of the need to influence events in their world, and that whether it be small or large they choose peace and joy as their default.

I was pleased to receive in the final week of Term 1 confirmation that our application to become a Respectful Relationships Partner School was successful. My thanks to Director of Students, Mr Chris Pye who is leading the implementation of this vitally important program in our College.

Finally can I again acknowledge our amazing Parents & Friends Association for their very generous donation of 12 new stoves for our Food Technology learning area. I can assure you they are gratefully accepted by Mrs Saundry, Mrs Martinelli and all the girls and boys who use this facility. I think the purchase of these may have led to a moment of karma this week on the television program MasterChef, when a former PCW student, Wynona Davies, class of 2011 and Xavier House Music Captain made it through to the final 24. Surely Wynona must now be our MasterChef favourite!





# Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

When Term 2 arrives, so does winter! It makes it just that little bit harder to peek out from the warmth of bed, prepare for the day, board the train and wear the uniform well.

At St Mary's College, we firmly believe in the unifying and community building impact of having a good uniform and it being worn really well. Thankfully, our students know what is expected of them, whether wearing their sports uniform or full winter uniform. We understand however, that it can be hard, particularly at the start of term to get it right. Whether it be a struggle to get to the Uniform Shop, or items have been outgrown since they were last worn. The transition from summer to winter uniform (and back again) is a normal part of school life each year. Therefore, we want to work with our students and families on this, so that our uniform continues to set us apart from other schools in the community. The St Mary's College Uniform Policy can be located as a link from your PAM homepage.

On other matters, we welcome the return of all levels of ACC sport this term and the continuation of SCSA sport. All the best to all teams and coaches that commit themselves to representing our College each week in their chosen sport.

We also acknowledge the dedication of our Music department in preparing to perform at the ANZAC Day dawn service at Caulfield RSL. We thank the RSL for inviting us and encourage all St Mary's College families to attend this significant event. Our College ANZAC service will be held in Logue Hall on Friday morning, with a morning tea on the day attended by Old Collegians and those part of the armed services.

My best wishes to all students and their families for a safe, happy and prosperous Term 2.

**Deputy Principal |** Shaun Lancashire



# PATHWAYS

Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood

In August, VTAC will open for Year 12 students to apply for degree, diploma and certificate courses for 2022. For some students, this is a welcome culmination to their 13 years at school, but for others, this need to decide on a possible future comes as a bit of a shock.

Even though choices and decisions have to be made regarding electives and subjects throughout the secondary years, some students have not yet made that connection between their interests, their skills and the available options. One way to ease the pain of decision-making is to prepare. Investigating, questioning and exploring the options are all made easier by the tertiary institutions with their provision of a range of actual and virtual events for senior students. Many of the webinars are quite short and can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home. Other events, such as a campus tours or open days require a few hours commitment, but are extraordinarily valuable, allowing students to get feel for the campus, courses and staff. Students in Years 10 and 11 can also benefit from these visits as they gradually build up their preparation for future decisions. Nothing beats the opportunity to experience a campus and really check out what you will be buying!

A more general but worthwhile event is the **VCE and Careers Expo**, to be held at Caulfield Racecourse on 1 and 2 May. This is a one stop shop for information on all Victorian and some interstate tertiary institutions, as well as all the VET providers, private and public. There are also many industry organisations present, covering the full range of careers. In addition, students can attend seminars on their VCE subjects, choosing a career and more. Go

to [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au) for more details and to purchase your ticket online. Tickets cannot be purchased at the venue.

Another opportunity for students at all levels is the **Victorian Careers Show**, to be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds in Ascot Vale on 14 and 15 May. This should be a very large and comprehensive careers event covering many industry areas as well as tertiary study and gap year programs, with seminars running throughout. It is suitable for all year levels. Go to [www.victoriancareersshow.com.au](http://www.victoriancareersshow.com.au) for details and tickets.

Further opportunities for research are the **Melbourne Career Expo** [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au) 21 - 25 July. This event has been around for many years and is always a very practical and hands-on experience. Lastly, the **Australian Virtual Careers Expo** [www.acexpo.com.au](http://www.acexpo.com.au) takes place on 18 and 19 July.

You never know when opportunity will knock, so students need to be as informed and prepared as possible!

**Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood**



# Wellbeing

Director of Students | Chris Pye

## Respectful Relationships Partner School

Late in Term 1, the College received the good news that our application to be a **Respectful Relationship Partner School** was successful.

This partnership provides access to funding to help us roll out the Respectful Relationships Program in our Pastoral Periods and the ability to pair with other like-minded schools to share ideas and strategies about how best to create evidence-based initiatives, that further develop a warm and inclusive school climate. This partnership will also allow us to embed the personal and social capabilities of the Respectful Relationships Program into other areas of our curriculum, most notably Health and PE, and to plan for events that increase student awareness of, and connectedness to, the predicates of the Respectful Relationships program.

As a reimagined co-educational school that is committed to being a school for all, this venture comes at an opportune time. We look forward to enacting the programs and reporting back to our community about their benefits.

We also seek to hear ways from parents and students to further strengthen the program so that our students can thrive in a welcoming and inclusive environment.



**Director of Students |** Chris Pye

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## **Year 10 Peer Mentors**

After a number of lead up training sessions a selected group of Year 10 Peer Mentors conducted their first peer support session with the Year 7 students in the final week of Term 1.

From all reports the Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed working with the Peer Mentors. We look forward to the forging of strong bonds between the students and mentors as Year 7 students have a trustworthy senior students who they can speak with regarding any aspect of school life.

More sessions will be held throughout the year in which important topics will be discussed. The theme of the first session was 'It wasn't like this in primary school' which gave students a chance to ask and talk about the challenges of transitioning from primary to secondary school. Other activities planned include: organising lunchtime activities, and a once a week Breakfast club. For the Year 10 mentors it is an ideal chance to develop and demonstrate practical support and leadership.



Year 10 Pastoral Leader | Sal Lima



# Identity

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston

## Year 12 Retreat

Retreat Days are an integral part of our whole school identity and are designed to challenge and extend each students' faith and spirituality. The term retreat refers to time away from the normal routine of a school day where students have the opportunity to reflect and explore their relationship with God and those they are in community with.

Recently our Year12 students spent the day with Sam Clear. Sam spent 568 days and some 15,600kms walking around the world for unity. His journey was unique and at times we all wondered why he didn't just go home. He overcome great adversity and we reflected on times when we have overcome adversity during our lives. What good comes from adversity? When have you just turned for home?

*In life things can go wrong but if we equip ourselves, we can hopefully overcome any adversity that might come our way.*

Part of the day enabled students to reflect on what they want to change in the world; about themselves, those they know and the world at large. Where might they want to carry God's love into the world? What is stopping them from stepping out and making a difference?

Our day concluded with a simple yet powerful prayer liturgy in the Presentation Chapel. Students were given the opportunity to pray their own silent prayer and contribute to the communal water bowl.



If you would like to know more about Sam, [click here](#)

Many thanks to the students who engaged so deeply with the day and the staff who accompanied them.

**Director of Identity |** Kate Johnston



# Our Community



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

St Mary's College Mothers and their student children are invited to

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 7 May

7.30am

Presentation Campus Hall

Bookings essential for you and your student children - Free Event.  
Places are limited due to COVID restrictions, book now to avoid missing out.

[trybooking.com/BQSRG](https://trybooking.com/BQSRG)

### Guest Speaker: Mary-Jane Remy (nee Labour) PCW '87

Former PCW School Captain. Mary-Jane's journey post-secondary school led her to a career path originally in finance. For the last 10 years her career focus changed to working with primary students with learning difficulties. Studying Community Services Mary-Jane is looking to work with youth or refugees. Married to John Remy an old CBC Collegian, she has three young adult sons. Please join us as Mary-Jane is interviewed by our students, gaining insights from her values driven work.



Share a morning with us to celebrating mothers in our College community Don't miss out on our Mother's Day Breakfast event on Friday 7 May. Bookings essential

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## Midford New Uniform Shop

Opening hours during Term time

Tuesdays 8.00am to 4.00pm

Thursdays 8.am to 4.00pm

First Saturday of the month (during term time) 9.00am to 1.00pm

Saturday 1 May

Enquiries ph Louise 9520 8519

Email [smc@midford.com.au](mailto:smc@midford.com.au)

## Recycled Uniform shop

**Saturday 1 May 9.00am to 11.30am**



# Parents & Friends Association

Our first face to face St Mary's College Parents & Friends (P & F) meeting was held last term during which we discussed social events, fundraising and items that needed to be purchased for our College. Thanks to everyone who came.

**Please join us for the next P & F meeting which will be held at 7pm on Monday 3 May** in the Presentation Campus staff room.

## Dates for social and fund-raising events for 2021

**Fifties Style Trivia Night:** Saturday 24 July

**'Nolan Cup' Family Day, Albert Park Driving Range:** Saturday 9 October

*Stay tuned for more information about ...*

An afternoon at the movies, Bunnings BBQ, Family Picnic/BBQ, guest speakers

## P & F Making a difference!

Donations from P & F to St Mary's College since Jan 2021:

- Over \$6500 purchased and installation of 12 new ovens for the Food Tech room at the Presentation Campus.
- Discussions underway towards a financial contribution for new outdoor seating for the Edmund Rice campus

## Trivia Night

**ST MARY'S COLLEGE**  
*Parents & Friends*

*Fifties Style*

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY  
24TH JULY  
2021**

SAVE  
the DATE

**WANT TO HELP ORGANISE  
AND GET INVOLVED?**

TRIVIA NIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM MONDAY MAY 10TH  
@ ST MARY'S COLLEGE RSVP [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au)

Come and join the fun of the Events Committee for our social Trivia Night. We'd love lots of volunteers to assist. Felicity Forrester (Yr11) and Cathy Dekievit (Yr11) will be leading this committee, having successfully organised the 2019 Fundraiser event, which was a raging hit. Please contact [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) if you'd like to get involved.



**ST MARY'S COLLEGE**  
*Parents & Friends*

*Fifties Style*  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Can you help with the donation of goods, services or experiences for raffles and prizes for the Fifties Style Trivia Night.**

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](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) with offers or ideas.

**ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED!**

## Recycled Uniform Shop

Helpers required to assist with our Recycled Uniform Shop. Can you spare a few hours on the first Saturday of each month to help Julie Gallagher man our shop? The uniform shop raises funds for the P & F's and Julie has been leading the volunteering at the shop for the past two years. Please email Julie on [gallagherj@hotmail.com](mailto:gallagherj@hotmail.com) if you can offer some assistance. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet other St Mary's College parents and to make a meaningful contribution to our College community.

Open on

**Saturday 1 May 9.00am to 11.30am**

## Guest Speakers

The P & F are supporting a program of guest speakers. If you would love to come and talk to our students or know someone else who would like to be a guest speaker, please register your interest and a short bio of your expertise with [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) Topics

of interest include eg resilience, entrepreneurship, careers guidance, health and well-being. (The final selection of speakers and the designated events will be decided in discussion with the College)

## Parent Helpers

The P & F community is vibrant and active and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events during the school year. We are always on the look out for new members and volunteers. If you have an interest in volunteering your skills and time at any of our up-coming College events, please contact Jane Blame [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) and we will email you with details to which you can reply with your availability. Help once or help often... all contributions are valuable!

### Maple Syrup ANZAC Biscuits Recipe ([queen.com.au](http://queen.com.au))



### Ingredients

1. 1 cup (150g) plain flour
2. 1 cup (90g) rolled oats
3. 1 cup (75g) shredded coconut
4. 1/2 cup (110g) caster sugar
5. 125g butter
6. [1 tsp Queen Organic Vanilla Extract](#)
7. [1/2 cup \(125ml/165g\) Queen Pure Maple Syrup](#)
8. 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

### Method

#### STEP 1

Preheat oven to 170C (fan forced). Line two baking trays with baking paper. In a large bowl, combine the flour, rolled oats and coconut.

#### STEP 2

In a small saucepan, heat the sugar, butter, vanilla and maple syrup, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved, butter melted and the mixture starts to bubble. Add the bicarbonate of soda and stir until the mixture froths and then pour it into the bowl with the dry ingredients then mix it all together until the dough forms.

### STEP 3

Using a teaspoon of dough at a time, scoop it onto the trays leaving 3cm between each one. Bake the biscuits for 13-15 minutes or until golden. Leave to rest on trays for 5 minutes and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

**Parents & Friends Association President | Jane Leroi**



# Notices

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

## Campus Update

We are pleased to advise that over the holiday period we have upgraded new signage in and around both Campuses, including a new 5 metre backlit monument sign at the Main Entrance to the Presentation Campus. The second phase of the new signage will include further backlit signs on the Presentation and Edmund Rice Campuses as well as a 3.5 metre backlit monument sign on the corner of Dandenong Road and Westbury Street. The new signage is expected to be completed during Term 2.

We also purchased 12 new ovens for the Food Technology area of the College. We are grateful for the support of the St Mary's College Parents and Friends who funded the purchase of the new ovens. Staff and students are very excited about the arrival of the new ovens and they will certainly be put to good use.

## 2021 Fee Accounts

All 2021 Fee Accounts were due and payable by 31 March 2021, unless an approved Payment Plan is in place by this date.

All families wishing to enter a Payment Plan arrangement should complete, sign and lodge a 2021 Fee Payment Agreement Form with the Finance Office 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)

## Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

### 2021 Applications are now Open

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 can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

**Business Manager |** Andrew O'Brien



# Dates & Events

St Mary's College Calendar [click here](#)