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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 21st June 2022

Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of a very eventful term which will finish on a high with the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Whether one sees it as coincidence or an act of God's mercy, the vaccination mandates on schools will be lifted this same day at 11:59pm. Our Secondary students will be attending Mass this day and thanking the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His merciful protection over our school during the last trying 9 months of the mandates. I ask families to please consider attending the parish Mass on this day for the same reason, or if this is not possible, to at least recite the [Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#).

As mentioned above, following advice from the Acting Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government recently announced changes to the pandemic orders. This means that there will no longer be a mandated vaccination requirement for staff working in mainstream or independent schools. This change will come in from 11.59pm Friday 24 June, so in effect from the start of Term 3 2022, it will help alleviate an immense teaching staff shortage across the state and will allow many fine teachers and education support staff to return to the profession.

Please be attentive to the fact that, although the Mandate has dropped and the infection rate of Covid is dropping, Covid is still circulating. For this reason, as part of the changes, from 11.59pm Friday 24 June 2022, parents and carers who have COVID -19 can transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to their primary or secondary school

when an alternative person is not available to assist but need to remain in their car at all times unless a very serious reason requires them to exit their vehicle. This means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to school or school holiday programs via a private vehicle.



The Depart of Health is requesting all schools to inform their communities that family members are asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to both the [Department of Health](#) and to our the College.

Parents must also let the school know if their child is a close contact. Students who are close contacts and want to attend should still take 5 RATs over 7 days and wear a face mask whilst indoors if they are aged 8 years or over. Students should continue to stay home if they are unwell, even if they test negative on a RAT.

I wish one and all the healthy and enjoying midyear break along with all the blessings of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in the Two Hearts,

Father Andrew Cranshaw
 Principal

VIRTUE THIS WEEK

PERSERVERANCE

Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

COLLECT - 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Make us, O Lord, to have alike a fear and a love of Thy holy Name in perpetuity: for Thou dost never deprive of Thy guidance those whom Thou dost establish steadfastly in Thy love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



Instaurare
 omnia in
 Christo
 To restore all
 things in
 Christ

From the Deputy Principal



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

It is somewhat surreal to know we have reached the half-way point of the academic year. I am so pleased that we have been able to maintain onsite face-to-face learning for all students despite some of the challenges schools continue to face as a result of the pandemic.

My greatest thanks to our hardworking teachers and staff for ensuring the children and young people in our care continue to receive a great education at St Thomas Aquinas College. To our students, who have committed themselves this term to their academic studies and co-curricular programs, well done on the successful completion of another semester and term. Take the break to think about what you would like to achieve in the second half of the year.

Information and support materials will be available at the commencement of next term to help guide the 2023 Subject Selection Process. Families are encouraged to sit down with their child as they consider their subjects and courses for next year. Please be mindful of requirements for certain courses.

This time can be a terrific opportunity for families to reflect on a busy term and take time to connect with our students, without the business of rushing off to school each day. We also know that this time can present challenges, particularly around screen time. Three tips to ensure a successful holiday:

- Don't ban devices, make a plan
- Co-view and co-play to spark conversation
- Parental management software can help
- Don't sweat the screen time, consider the broader factors (Quality, Content, Function)
- Be a positive digital role model

Please take the time to sit down with your child over the coming days and complete the Student and Parent Safety Survey. This data plays an important part in shaping the programs delivered and strategies developed at the College

A reminder that the College can be found on Instagram. Please search St Thomas Aquinas College Tynong and follow for an insight into the day to day happenings on the campus.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable term break. I look forward to welcoming all students back on site on Tuesday, 19th July for the start of Term 3.

Kind regards,

Kieran O'Dwyer
(Deputy Principal)

LAST CHANCE FOR A TAX DEDUCTION!

Did you know that all donations to the College Building Fund (\$2 and over) are tax deductible? If you need to lower your assessable income before June 30, you should consider making a donation to the College Building Fund. We encourage you to share these details with other family members who might like to give to this great cause and gain the benefit of a tax deduction. Get in before it is too late!

Account: School Building Fund STAC

B5B: 083-827

Account No: 84-758-9180

Please remember to request your receipt from the College as evidence for your tax return. Thank you.

YEAR 11-12 BOYS SOCCER

On Tuesday 14 June the Year 11-12 boys soccer team travelled to Bellbird Park in Drouin to compete in the School Sports Victoria West Gippsland division football (soccer) competition. Our boys played with excellence as a team in each of their three games. They started with a convincing 6-1 victory over Drouin Secondary College. In their second game they played and passed well, but suffered a narrow defeat (2-3) to Marist Sion. In their third game they held their ground and communicated well on both offense and defense for some lovely goals against the best team of the day, Lowanna College, but in the end were defeated 5-3.

Thank you to Mr Bell for coaching and refereeing, and to the 11-12 boys for their outstanding efforts to make this a great day and a valuable learning experience.

R.A.T. KITS

The College has very good stock of Covid test Kits. Families are entitled to one box per child every two weeks.


Parents are reminded to call at the office to collect enough for their children.

Virtues, Second Term, 2022 WEEK 7

Secondary Girls	Secondary Boys	Primary
PATIENCE Monique de Castella, Keva Perez-Melei, Zuri Perez-Melei, Judy Abraham, Emily Houston, Emily Morgan, Lucy Armstrong, Aleisha Higgins, Marina Malty, Lauren Elliott, Faustina Hau Kautai, Madeleine Hovens, Josephine Nivet, Isabelle Higgins, Jessica Phillips, Joanna Verleg, Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Josephine MacDonald, Victoria Stevenage, Christiane Ryan, Lilian de Castella, Anna Hardiman, Anne Ockerse, Alana Houston, Stephanie Verleg	PATIENCE Mark Obrador, Santino Tommasi, Gabriel Upston, Andrew Higgins, Tony Nagaraj, Thomas Ward, Joseph Zaccari, Luca Attard, Hugo Ward, Chara Wangkaew, Orlando de Castella, Marcel Upston, William Fahey, Joachim Hayward, Mitchell MacDonald, Anthony Tadros, Deffy Wangkaew, Jake Hanney, William McLean, Aaron Braaksma, Sebastian Fahey, Lachlan Youngman, Theodore Zaccari, John Higgins, Xavier Taveira, Luka Pravidur, Andre Elliott, Julian Hovens, Joseph Morgan, Benjamin Powell, Ethan Ward, Simon Taveira	PATIENCE Gemma Pullen Samantha Borg Jack Lewis Benjamin Salib Daniel Hanney Matthew MacDonald Louis Mitchell Thomas Stevenage Bobby Alexander Oliver Verleg Daniel Nivet
Respect Monique de Castella Marina Malty Lauren Elliott Faustina Hau Kautai Madeleine Hovens Isabelle Higgins Isabelle Lewis Joanna Verleg	Respect Jacob Smit Orlando de Castella William Fahey Joachim Hayward Alexander Stevenage Anthony Tadros Laurence Ockerse Braydan Rayner Sebastian Fahey Xavier Taveira Raphael Hayward Julian Hovens Joseph Morgan Ethan Ward	Diligence Verity Gallagher Cedrick Mitchell Matthew MacDonald Sebastian Upston
Perseverance Judy Abraham, Aleisha Higgins, Lauren Elliott, Madeleine Hovens, Isabelle Higgins, Joanna Verleg	Perseverance	Perseverance Verity Gallagher, Sophia MacDonald, Thea Attard, Karas Mikhaeil
Responsibility Lauren Elliott, Madeleine Hovens	Responsibility Orlando de Castella, William Fahey, Anthony Tadros, Laurence Ockerse, Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey	Responsibility
Leadership	Leadership	Leadership Siena Smit, Thomas Stevenage
Initiative	Initiative	Initiative

LADIES JOIN US FOR A...

A Talk with Father



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

24th June at The Haven

Father will give a talk at 10am

Open after drop or come after mass

\$5 inc drink and morning tea

There will be helpers and a play-doh session for young children.

THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE / BOOK CHARACTER
Prize for the Best Dressed!

24th June

6:30pm at the SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

\$10 PER PERSON
 (pay on the night at the door)

Table Limit is 8 people

Age Limit: Year 9 upwards
Please BYO snacks and drinks plus gold coins for a Bailey's Toss.

This is a Year 12 event

Secondhand Uniform Shop

Operating Hours

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am

Monday 2:45pm - 3:30pm

If you have items to donate or sell please drop at uniform shop during these hours.

The office no longer accepts items therefore please drop at the shop on a Monday or contact Michelle on 0468 438 404.

(Shop located in small building next to chapel)

YEAR 12 Footy Tipping LEADERBOARD

85. Raphael Hayward	70. Miss Bell, Julian Hovens, Ollie Pravidur
83. Miss Hogan	69. Mitchell MacDonald, Bailey MacDonell, Mr Velnoweth
82. Majella Smythe, Aaron Braaksma, Alex Stevenage	68. Miss Wood, Zoran Pravidur
79. Jake Hanney	67. Gen McLean
78. Will McLean, Patrick Hardiman	66. Annette MacDonald
77. Jake Smit, Will Stevenage, Joseph Hardiman, Mr Wilkinson	60. Miss Morris
75. Mr van Strijp, Raymond Borgonovo	56. Miss McNamara, Mrs Ross, Miss Murray
74. Miss McKenzie,	



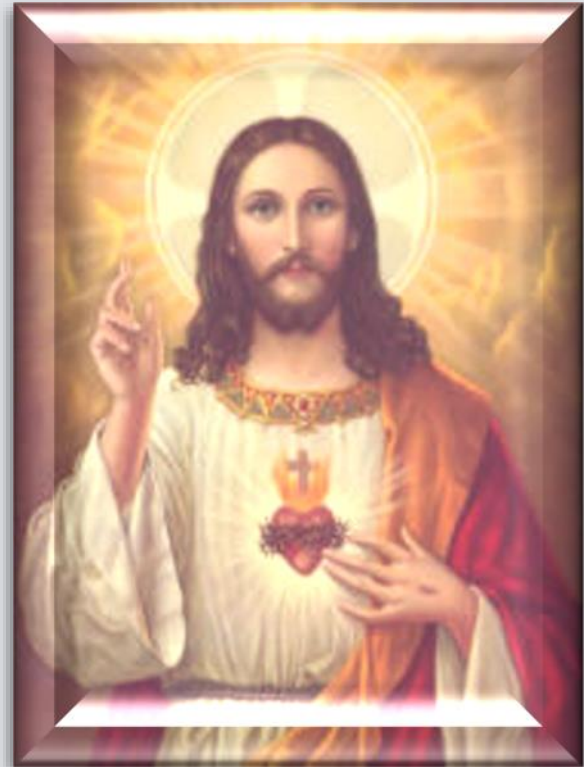
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday before the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

In the 16th century Calvinism, and in the 17th Jansenism, preached a distorted Christianity that substituted for God's love and sacrifice of His Son for all men the fearful idea that a whole section of humanity was inexorably damned.

The Church always countered this view with the infinite love of our Saviour who died on the cross for all men. The institution of the feast of the Sacred Heart was soon to contribute to the creation among the faithful of a powerful current of devotion which since then has grown steadily stronger. The first Office and Mass of the Sacred Heart were composed by St. John Eudes, but the institution of the feast was a result of the appearances of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675.

Our Lord said: "Here is the Heart that so loved man." The texts of the Mass form a magnificent evocation of the depth and breadth of our Saviour's love. In the Epistle, we read of St. Paul's thanksgiving for the infinite dimensions of the divine dispensation. In the Gospel, we hear of the piercing of our Lord's side, whence flowed the waters of Baptism and the Blood of the Eucharist. This is the very symbol of redemptive love.



2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus LAST DAY OF TERM
18 Jul	19 Jul FIRST DAY OF TERM	20 Jul	21 Jul	22 Jul
25 Jul	26 Jul	27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul
1 Aug Dental Health Visit this week	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug
8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug Visit to St Philomena's	12 Aug Visit to St Philomena's

OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm

TERM DATES

2nd Term: Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 24th June
3rd Term: Tuesday 19th July - Friday 16th September