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# COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 26th July 2022

## Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents, students and staff for their best wishes, prayers and gestures of kindness on the occasion of my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Priesthood. On Sunday night, a wonderful celebration was organized by the parish for myself and Fr Pepping at which we received beautiful gifts, the most beautiful of all being the Mass vestments and the spiritual bouquet. This morning at the weekly school assembly I received another spiritual bouquet from the students for which I am most grateful and am very touched by their kindness!

**2022 Independent Schools Victoria LEAD Parent Satisfaction Survey:** The school is taking part in the 2022 LEAD School Effectiveness Surveys. The survey will be open from 1-26 August. The purpose of the survey is to allow the school to gain a better understanding of parents' perceptions regarding the quality of their child's educational experience with the school. The feedback from the survey will enable the school to improve the quality of education for our children. Such surveys are important because the school is required from time to time to gather and evaluate parents' opinions. Your opinion is valuable to us, and we would therefore like to invite you to participate in the Parent Satisfaction survey so that we can use the information obtained to improve the quality of education at the school for our students. The feedback will also be used to help us develop our next 5 year strategic plan, which will commence in 2024.



The survey is conducted by an independent body known as *Independent Schools Victoria* (ISV) and is completely anonymous. The school receives only aggregate results. To enable parents/guardians to complete the survey, a link will be sent out to each parent of children enrolled in the school from 1 August onwards. The survey will take approximately 20 - 30 minutes to complete. Please complete it by **Friday 26 August 2022**.

Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. We ask that you complete the survey for your **eldest** child at the school. However, you may also complete the survey for each child you have at the school, by clicking on the link again and re-doing it for another child.

When working through the questionnaire, when you read 'school', think of your child's school and when you read 'student', think about your eldest child.

We appreciate your taking the time to participate.

Sincerely yours in the Two Hearts,

Father Andrew Cranshaw  
 Principal

## VIRTUE THIS WEEK

### MAGNAMINITY

Seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally "having a large soul"

## COLLECT - SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, whose providence faileth not in its designs, we humbly entreat Thee: to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us all things which be profitable for us. 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,

Despite some very chilly mornings, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the start of Term 3. It has been wonderful to see our students and staff return refreshed and ready to take on another busy term. We are into our second week of the term and there is already much to celebrate.

This morning we recognised and celebrated the Term 2 achievements of our students. The awards acknowledged the excellence in all facets of College life across the three sub schools and we gathered together as a whole College to congratulate them. Students who received an award today were selected based on teacher commendations submitted at the end of Term 2. I would like to extend a special congratulations to the recipients of these awards.

Reflecting on the many students I have spoken to who have achieved outstanding results over the years, and hearing about the things that kept them on the road to achieving their best, I'm pleased to be able to share some of these tips:

1. Start early – achieving success in school is like a marathon, not a sprint, it needs to be consistent and persistent work over time, building up from as early as Year 7.
2. Revise work from class at home every day (on top of homework) – this way you don't have to cram hard the night before an assessment or exam.
3. Use your class time well.
4. Go to your teachers if you don't understand and need to seek clarification – your teachers are there to support you and the sooner you ask for help the better you'll be able to keep up with the work set.

5. Set small goals – complete a set of exercises or read a chapter of a book, before checking your phone or watching the next episode of your favourite show or having a delicious treat.

6. Read all your assessment questions and rubrics carefully.

7. Maintain a healthy balance between school, study, relaxation and sleep.

8. As we continue to manage our return to school in the light of pandemic, we understand that as we move through winter, our staff and students' likelihood of being exposed to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses will increase. As such, we remind students to continue to partake in the Rapid Antigen Testing (RATs) program and to remain at home if they have symptoms of COVID-19.



I know many of us are feeling somewhat fatigued by the daily strains these challenges place on us, but I urge you all to remain connected and supportive of our young people and each other.

Information will soon be disseminated to the students for the 2023 Student Planner Front Cover Competition. This will see students submit a multi mode picture to be selected as the front cover for the 2023 planner. The winning cover will become part of College history, as a diary from each year is held to contribute the narrative of the College.

I would like to wish the students, families and staff the very best for Term 3.

Kind regards,  
Kieran O'Dywer *(Deputy Principal)*

## St Thomas Aquinas College

# 25th Anniversary

### Friday 2nd September 2022

- 10:00am - Principal's welcome in the College Multipurpose Hall
- 10.30am - Morning Tea
- 11.00am - Tour of the College

### Saturday 3rd September 2022

- 5.00pm - Solemn High Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Tynong
- 6.30pm - Dinner at Cannibal Creek Winery

**Please note that dinner is limited to 100 past staff and students only.**

**The 25 Anniversary Dinner will be held on the Feast of St Pius X Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Cannibal Creek Winery**

**260 Tynong Rd, Tynong North.**

RSVP to Liz Alexander by 5th August  
[liz.alexander@stac.vic.edu.au](mailto:liz.alexander@stac.vic.edu.au)

## Virtues, Second Term, 2022

## WEEK 8

<b>Secondary Girls</b>	<b>Secondary Boys</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>PERSERVERENCE</b> Judy Abraham, Emily Houston, Emily Morgan, Lucy Armstrong, Aleisha Higgins, Marie -Estelle Hanney, Marina Malty, Lauren Elliott, Faustina Hau Kautai, Madeleine Hovens, Josephine Nivet, Isabelle Higgins, Jessica Phillips, Poppy Taveira, Joanna Verleg, Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Josephine MacDonald, Victoria Stevenage, Christiane Ryan, Lilian de Castella, Anna Hardiman, Anne Ockerse, Alana Houston, Stephanie Verleg	<b>PERSERVERENCE</b> Mark Obrador, Santino Tommasi, Gabriel Upston, Andrew Higgins, Tony Nagaraj, William Stevenage, Joseph Hardiman, Luca Attard, Joseph Hovens, Hugo Ward, Orlando de Castella, Marcel Upston, Louis Ward, William Fahey, Bailey MacDonell, Anthony Tadros, Deffy Wangkaew, Laurence Ockerse, Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey, Lachlan Youngman, Theodore Zaccari, John Higgins, Xavier Taveira, Luka Pravidur, Charles Upston, Dominic de Farias, Andre Elliott, Julian Hovens, Benjamin Powell, Ethan Ward, Isaac Braaksma	<b>PERSERVERENCE</b> Thea Attard Francis Reagan Lily Braaksma
<b>Respect</b> Marina Malty, Lauren Elliott, Madeleine Hovens, Josephine Nivet Isabelle Higgins, Joanna Verleg Josephine MacDonald, Anna Hardiman Stephanie Verleg	<b>Respect</b> Ignatius Attard, Daniel de Castella Joseph Hardiman, Thomas Davis Chara Wangkaew, Orlando de Castella Marcel Upston, William Fahey Anthony Tadros, Jake Hanney Laurence Ockerse, Braydan Rayner Sebastian Fahey, Raymond Borgonovo Charles Upston, Raphael Hayward	<b>Diligence</b> Verity Gallagher Cedrick Mitchell Matthew MacDonald Sebastian Upston
<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>Perseverance</b> Holly Wesa, Mark Falts Rebecca Higgins, Lexi Sharkey Carmella Nivet, vEvangeline Nivet Gus Alexander, Charlie Lewis
<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Responsibility</b> Orlando de Castella, Anthony Tadros Sebastian Fahey	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Leadership</b> Adrian Soefing
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Initiative</b> Sebastian Fahey	<b>Initiative</b>

## Virtues, Third Term, 2022

## WEEK 1

<b>Secondary Girls</b>	<b>Secondary Boys</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>MAGNAMINITY</b> Zuri Perez-Melei Faustina Hau Kautai	<b>MAGNAMINITY</b> Jake Hanney, Sebastian Fahey, Michael Spowell, John Higgins, Andre Elliott, Raphael Hayward	<b>MAGNAMINITY</b> Joseph de Castella, Vito Tommasi Eli Khier, Olivia Fitzpatrick Christopher Freriks, David Ockerse
<b>Respect</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Diligence</b> Cedrick Mitchell
		<b>Perseverance</b> Gabrielle Spowell

## SHINGLES

Today we notified all parents that we have a case of Shingles at the College.

The student is not attending school at the moment.

Shingles happens in children who've previously had chickenpox. When children have had chickenpox, the Varicella zoster virus 'sleeps' in their nerve cells.

The virus can 'wake up' and cause shingles in children who are run down after illness.

Shingles in children is not common.

## 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.

## 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 7-8 BOYS SOCCER

On Tuesday 21 June the Year 7-8 boys soccer team travelled to the Trafalgar Recreation Reserve and Football Club to compete in the School Sports Victoria West Gippsland division football (soccer) competition. Our boys played amazingly well as a team in each of their six games. They began the tournament with a game against the toughest opponent of the day in Lowanna College in which Jacob Smit narrowly missed a lovely shot from outside the box and our goalkeeper, Ignatius Attard, made a daring save to keep our net empty for an exciting 0-0 draw. Our boys began to find the back of the net in their second game against Drouin Secondary when Joseph Hovens and Chara Wangkaew in midfield were able to capitalise on and control loose balls to work them up to and past Drouin's goalkeeper for a 4-0 victory. In our third game against Neerim District Secondary the forward line of Jacob Smit, Luca Attard, and Mark Obrador worked well with the midfield to control the ball and set up six goals for a 6-0 victory. In our fourth game against Chairo Drouin our goalkeeper, Ignatius Attard, swapped roles with Alex Robinson to join the forward line and combine with William Stevenage and Chara Wangkaew to lead us to a 4-0 victory. In our fifth game against Marist-Sion the forward and midfield lines improved their communication and movement both on and off the ball to set up a number of excellent assists and scoring chances with Chara Wangkaew even scoring from the halfway line of the pitch in a convincing 4-0 triumph. In our sixth and final game against Warragul Regional College the forward and midfield lines controlled almost every contest with Jacob Smit scoring his 12<sup>th</sup> goal and our defence continuing their stellar work to help our goal keepers keep our net empty. Our team finished the tournament with a 21-0 record of goals for-against. This ended up being better than Lowanna's record of 16-0 for the day which gave our boys the division pennant as well as a chance to compete for the Gippsland Region pennant on Tuesday 2 August in Morwell.

Thank you to Mr Bell for coaching and helping to organise the tournament, and to the 7-8 boys for their outstanding efforts to make this a great day and a valuable learning experience.

## YEAR 12 Footy Tipping LEADERBOARD

114. Raphael Hayward
109. Miss Hogan
108. Majella Smythe
104. Aaron Braaksma, Alex Stevenage
100. Will Stevenage
99. Jake Hanney
98. Will McLean, Patrick Hardiman
97. Miss McKenzie, Jake Smit, Joseph Hardiman
95. Raymond Borgonovo

93. Mr Wilkinson
92. Mr van Strijp
90. Miss Bell, Julian Hovens, Ollie Pravidur
89. Mitchell MacDonald, Bailey MacDonell, Mr Velnoweth
88. Miss Wood, Zoran Pravidur
87. Gen McLean
85. Annette MacDonald
80. Miss Morris
76. Miss McNamara, Mrs Ross, Miss Murray



# Feast of St Anne

26th July

## SAINT ANNE

Mother of the Blessed Virgin  
(†ca. 3 B.C.)

Saint Anne, chosen by God to be the mother of Mary, His own Blessed Mother on earth, was the spouse of Saint Joachim. Ancestor of the Eternal King and High Priest, Joachim was of the royal house of David, while Anne was of Levitical descent. Their lives were wholly occupied with prayer and good works. One thing only was wanting to their union - they were childless, and this was held as a bitter misfortune among the Jews. At length, when Anne was well advanced in age, Mary was born, the fruit rather of grace than of nature, and the child more of God than of man.



sanctuary, and then saw Her no more. Thus was Anne left childless in her old age, and deprived of her purest earthly joy. The holiest parents on earth could not, in the plan of God, raise this Child as was needed: Mary had to suffer from Her earliest years. Saint Anne and Saint Joachim humbly adored the Divine Will, and continued to watch and pray, until God called them to unending rest.

France and Canada possess the principal sanctuaries of Saint Anne: in France, at Apt in Provence, and at Auray in Brittany; in Canada at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in the Province of Quebec. At Apt the discovery in 792 of Saint Anne's relics, brought by Lazarus and his two sisters to France, was wholly miraculous, authenticated by the presence of Charlemagne during the discovery, and the signature of Pope Adrian I on the

written account of the facts.

With the birth of Mary the holy matron began a new life; she watched Her every movement with reverent tenderness, and, aware of the little one's destiny, felt herself hourly sanctified by the presence of her Immaculate Child. But she had vowed her daughter to God; to God the child Mary had already consecrated Herself, and to Him Anne gave Her back. Mary was three years old when Anne and Joachim led Her to the Temple steps, saw Her pass by Herself into the inner

**Reflection:** Saint Anne is glorious among the Saints, not only as the mother of Mary, but because she gave Mary to God. Learn from her to reverence a religious vocation as the highest privilege, and to sacrifice every natural bond, however holy, at the call of God.

## 2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
25 Jul	26 Jul	27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul
1 Aug Dental Health Visit this week	2 Aug Yr 7/8 Soccer	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
15 Aug Feast of the Assumption NO SCHOOL	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug
22 Aug Student International Day	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep

### OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm

### TERM DATES

3rd Term: Tuesday 19th July - Friday 16th September  
4th Term: Monday 3rd October - Friday 9th December