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*"Faith is to believe what you do not see.  
The reward of faith is to see what you  
believe."*

- St Augustine

**Week 1, Term 2**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and is well rested, ready for what looks to be another busy term ahead.

Congratulations to the Irwin, Kite and Wright families on the arrival of Faustina Irwin, Matthew Kite and Isobel Wright. We wish them all the best for the future.

Kathleen Horsfall will be taking on the role of Acting Principal for the remainder of 2019. We thank Luke Burton for his service and commitment for the last 3 years of our school's growth and expansion.

### Cross Country

This **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, we have our school's annual cross country run at the Jindera golf course. Please return any permission notes and payment as soon as possible to the office. Students will be catching the bus to the golf course at **11.30am and returning to school by 2.30pm**. Students may arrive to school in their **sports uniform**.

### Yr 12 Teacher Interviews

Next **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, We have our Yr 12 Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews will be held in the hall between **6-7pm**. Please come along if you can, as this is a great way to talk to your child's teachers and discuss any concerns you may have.

### Anzac Day

Thank you to all the students and families who represented our school at the Anzac Day service in Jindera on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. It is a great way to show respect and thank all the men and women who have served our country in many ways over the years.

### SMMC Logo Scarf

If your child/children would like a scarf to wear this winter, please write your child's name on an envelope with payment of **\$5 per scarf**, and hand it into Mrs Mott-Pekolj or to the office.

### Parent Evening

Our second Parent Evening of the year will be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm**. We are fortunate to be hosting Mike and Alicia Hernon from the USA. They will be talking about "Messy Parenting". Wine and cheese will be served. Please come and join us for a wonderful night. RSVP to [office@smmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@smmc.nsw.edu.au), we are asking for a small **donation of \$10** to cover their expenses.

### Simon Carrington Visit

Simon Carrington will be visiting our secondary students on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Please see attached note for more information.

### Yr 12's Mother Day Fundraiser

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, our year 12 students are holding a Mother's Day stall fundraiser. Students will have an opportunity to buy a gift for mum at a variety of affordable prices. If possible can students please donate a new item that a mother may like as a gift. **All items to arrive by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Please hand any donations to student's home room teacher.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in Naplan which will be held in week 3. **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** will be Language Conventions and Writing. **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** is Reading and **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** is the Numeracy test.

### Mother's Day Event – Esencia

We invite you to join us at Esencia Café, on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** to take your place at the first official Maker's Table in Albury and embark on an artistic journey with us. It is our hope that each one of us, side by side is able to craft a life of beauty and wonder. Come and encounter our Lord as we all try our hand at biblical micrography. This is a gentle craft which makes it easy to contemplate how loving and kind our God is. No prior experience is necessary and everything that you need will be provided for you. We would love to set a place for you. **Cost is \$25 per person**. Please contact Janet on [janets427@gmail.com](mailto:janets427@gmail.com) as soon as possible, as places are limited!

### Earn and Learn

Our school is participating in this year's **Woolworths Earn and Learn**. **Between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June**, collect as many stickers as you can. You can stick them on the sticker sheets and hand them into the office at school, or pop them straight in the box provided at Woolworths in Lavington.

### Working Bee

This **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**, we are holding a working bee at school between **9am-12pm**. If you are able to come along and help out with a few jobs, that would be much appreciated. A BBQ lunch will be provided afterwards. Please bring cobweb brooms and any other cleaning equipment you think will help get us back to shiny!

### P&F News

Our first Fete planning meeting will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** in the school Library. Please come along and share your ideas so this year's fete will be a great success. Our next P&F meeting will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** in the School Library. Fundraising events coming up are a Bunnings BBQ on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** and a Wedding afternoon tea.

## 2019 Dates for your diary...

### Term 2 – Tuesday 30th April – Friday 28th June (9 Weeks)

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Working Bee
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 12 Parent teacher Interviews 6-7pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Fete planning meeting at 2.30pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – RAS Cross Country
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Simon Carrington Visit
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – BISSA Cross Country
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – NAPLAN
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – P&F Meeting in Library at 7pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parent Evening 7.30pm Mike and Alicia Heron 'Messy Parenting'.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 12 trip to Sydney
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mary Help of Christians Feast Day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Questacon Smart Skills Work Shop
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Deadly Creatures visit SMMC
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Assembly
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday holiday
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – BISSA Athletics
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 6 Performance – The Selfish Giant
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Bunnings BBQ

### Term 3 – Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 27th September (10 Weeks)

### Term 4 – Monday 14th October – Thursday 5th December (8 Weeks)

## Curriculum Corner – Ms Magdalene Kaur

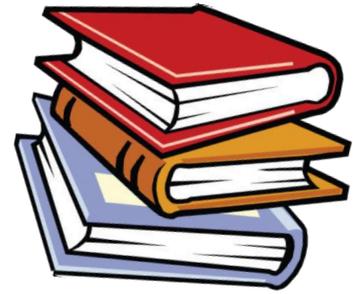


The Year 11 Ancient History and Chemistry students went on an excursion to Lake Hume to conduct an archeological dig as well as to assess the abiotic factors for life. The Chemistry students discovered the following: Air Temperature was 15c, Water temperature was 17.5c, and Humidity was 80%; Water pH was 7 (Normal.) with a medium level of chloride and a low level of sulphate detected.

The Ancient History students had an exciting time discovering 'hidden' civilisations out at Lake Hume. We discovered that there was a small civilisation which lived hundreds of years ago and based on our 'finding', we 'concluded' that this civilization was destroyed by a war based on the different coloured shotgun shells, a 'bow', and many other items located in the images below. Overall it was an enriching day.

# SMMC Reading Challenge

All Students from Kinder to Year 10 are invited to participate in the SMMC Reading Challenge. This challenge will take place over Term two and three.



Students can choose the Book Review they wish to complete for the challenge. The reviews cover a range of different skills, everyone should be able to find something to suit their interests and is at their level. These book reviews are in the Library, and can be completed after reading a book.

Once book reviews are complete, they can be placed in the box provided in the Library or handed to Ms Kaur, Miss Maclean or Miss Noll, who will then recorded the students reading materials and reviews.

At the end of the challenge, students who have read a maximum of 25 books and completed book reviews for each at a high standard will receive a reading award.

Students are all encouraged to participate.

Please see Ms Kaur, Miss Maclean or Miss Noll for any further information.



# Year 12 Fundraiser

The year 12s are going on a trip to Sydney for our English, Legal Studies and Visual Art classes. We've got tickets for a symposium on Shakespeare and are visiting the Art gallery and Supreme Court.

To raise funds for our excursion we have a few fundraisers planned to reimburse the school. Make sure you get some of the yummy snacks on offer – all contributions will be greatly appreciated!



## Fundraiser Dates

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Icy Poles will be for sale at the cross country for 0.50c

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Hot Chocolate for \$1 or \$2 for Hot Chocolate and Cookies

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Cupcakes for sale, \$1 each

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Hot Chocolate for \$1 or \$2 for Hot Chocolate and Cookies

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Hot Chocolate for \$1 or \$2 for Hot Chocolate and Cookies

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Hot Chocolate for \$1 or \$2 for Hot Chocolate and Cookies



## LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

As we enter the month of May, the Church asks us to draw close to Mary. It is a time to renew devotion to our heavenly mother and to lead our children to do the same. How do you honour your blessed mother in your heart and your home?

God the Father must have truly valued motherhood to have given the world his only begotten Son, made flesh in the womb of Mary. Jesus could easily have appeared in the world as a man in much the same way as the angel Raphael appeared as a man to help Tobias. He who then went on to travel with him on his journey. He chose instead that this humble virgin from the town of Nazareth should be the mother of God. This month of May, ponder on these mysteries that surround Mary. God chose to be vulnerable in the womb of Mary and to be a tiny human baby to teach us the value of life from its very conception.

Encourage devotion to Mary in your family and especially with your children. Encourage them to wear a scapular or miraculous medal as a sign of consecration to Her. Your duty as a parent is to assist and lead your children to be saints in heaven. What could be better than having them wear the garment of Our Lady, the scapular that brings with it the promise of heaven for those who die wearing it. May is a time to step up your devotion to Mary in the home. Start praying the rosary more often as a family. Place flowers next to her statue or picture this month. Recite the consecration pray to your Heavenly mother as a family. No matter what you already do to honour Mary in your home, keep love for her alive by finding more ways to devote your family to Her. The rewards will be eternal!

This gentle loving mother travelled with her Son on the road to Calvary, isn't that what you desire for your children? As a parent you only have a short time when you journey alongside your children.

Renew your devotion to Mary today and she will intercede for you before the throne of God for all the graces you may need for this earthly pilgrimage. She will pray for you, "now and at the hour of our death" that you will one day be in Heaven with her.

### **St. Louis-De Montfort's Consecration**

I, N., a faithless sinner-- renew and ratify today in thy hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.

### **VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - PRUDENCE**

*"Prudence has two eyes, one that foresees what one has to do, the other that examines afterward what one has done." – St Ignatius.*