

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks, the media discussion has focussed on whether or not the Olympics would/should take place, given the world is in the grip of a volatile and insidious pandemic.

With the decision being made that the Olympics would go ahead, our thoughts and hopes are now with the athletes and there is much to learn from them in terms of courage, tenacity under pressure, support of teammates and hope.

Perhaps Rohan Browning, the Australian athlete who won his heat in the 100m but was eliminated in the semi-final of the event, summed up the spirit of hope and endurance that permeates the Olympics. While extremely disappointed, he departed Tokyo with a promise of more to come: **"The next Olympics is only three years away"**.

Patrick Tiernan, long distance runner, found strength and resilience to finish his race even though his body nearly gave up.

The Olympics also remind us of unity – Swimmers Kaylee McKeown and Emily Seebohm – teammates celebrating each other's achievements and also Gianmarco Barshim from Italy and Mutaz Barshim from Qatar graciously sharing the gold medal for the high jump. And as a nation, we all got behind Peter Bol, the first Australian in 53 years to make the 800m Final. We collectively held our breath as he raced towards the finish line and, even though he did not win a medal, he felt the love and support from so many back home in Australia.

We admire these Olympians not just for their achievements but acknowledge all that they have offered our world – courage, tenacity, perseverance, hope and resolve for the future.

### Subject Selection

Students in years 9 to 11 are fully involved in the subject selection process that is taking place at present. Thank you to the parents of our Year 10 students who attended the Year 10 online Parent Information evening last Thursday 29 July. Year 10 students also spent the afternoon of that day meeting with teachers of the various departments to gain greater understanding of what subjects are on offer and what material is covered within those subjects. Across years 9 to 11, with support from teachers and parents, we are sure wise choices will be made.

### Winter Recital

While the Winter Recital in its usual form was unable to take place as we were not permitted to have external visitors onsite at the current time, the decision was made for the evening to go ahead but with only fellow students and staff attending. This proved to be a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to perform in front of an appreciative audience.

### Year 7 Enrolments 2023

A reminder to parents of the critical enrolment dates. If you have a daughter currently in Grade 5 and wish to enrol her at the Academy or indeed at any Catholic Secondary School for 2023, please note these dates:

Closing Date: Friday 20 August  
Letter of Offer: Friday 22 October  
Acceptance Date: Friday 12 November

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### Olympic message from Pope Francis

In this time of pandemic,  
may these Games be a sign of hope,  
a sign of universality  
marked by a healthy spirit of competition.

God bless the organizers,  
the athletes and all those who collaborate  
for this great festival of sport.

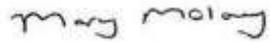
A universal language that can overcome  
cultural, social, religious and physical  
differences, and it can unite people,  
rendering them participant in the same game  
and together protagonists of victories and  
defeats.



Science Week is fast approaching – the week of Monday 16 August. We are looking forward to a special presentation during that week from Caitlin Caruana, a past pupil of mine from my Sacred Heart College, Kyneton days who will be speaking to our students on her involvement in the discovery of a new asteroid. Caitlin is currently working at the International Space Station in Canberra, having recently returned from Washington where she worked at the Australian embassy for 2 years.

As we enter another period of remote learning – a period that we know from past experience, is very challenging – may we bear in mind what the Olympians have offered us and modelled for us!

Every blessing,



Sr Mary Moloney rsm  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – WELLBEING AND OPERATIONS

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The main focus of my Newsletter article this fortnight is going to be on the very important and serious issue of vaping – a trend that continues to grow amongst young people in society. But before I provide you with some information and thoughts around this, I just wanted to congratulate the students for their wonderful attitude and approach again yesterday afternoon as Lockdown 6.0 was potentially going to be announced after they had left the College. Having just emerged from and returning back to school mid last week, there was somewhat of a subdued feeling around the campus on the first day. However students had bounced back quickly only to be plunged yet into another Melbourne lockdown. We ask that they continue to demonstrate resilience, adaptability, versatility and independence but at the same time they are encouraged to be in touch with a parent, a teacher, their Mentor Group teacher, their Wellbeing Leader or a member of the Leadership Team if they need any support at all.

### Vaping

At various stages over the course of this year, we have had several student discussions on the topic of vaping. A colleague of mine who is a registered nurse with over 30 years of experience in the medical and education industry, in a recent conversation with me expressed **the following: 'Vaping appears to be the "cool" and cheaper alternative to cigarettes, but the question that needs to be asked is 'Are adolescents aware of the serious side effects? A battery operated device, the e-cigarettes usually resemble everyday items such as a USB memory stick, a pencil or a pen. These devices heat a liquid that produces a vapour which is inhaled and the aerosol is delivered directly to the lungs. A varying range of solvents and flavouring agents may be found in different brands as well as heavy metals such as aluminium, arsenic, lead and tin. The JUUL product which is popular among teens also has a high level of nicotine. Pods are used as liquid refills in the JUUL products and are available in many flavourings for example; mango, fruit medley and mint. As per the manufacturer a single JUUL pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.**



E-cigarette or Vaping – Associated Lung Injury (EVALI) was first identified in the US and has been responsible for hospital admissions with some cases leading to ventilation. While not common in Australia there is potential for the emergence of cases due to the increased number of people vaping. Aerosols released from the vaping cause an inflammatory response in the lungs. A person with EVALI will display flu like symptoms and possibly digestive symptoms. Statistics as per the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (2021) indicate in Australia that vaping by adolescents is increasing. Around 14% of 12 to 17 year olds have tried an e-cigarette, with around 32% of these students having used one in the past month. Students who vaped most commonly sourced their e-cigarette from friends (63%). Around 12% reported buying an e-cigarette themselves. Whilst no advertising is allowed in Australia, social media provides information to our adolescents and visa these medium products are glamourised.

At the Academy, we always aim to inform and educate our students through discussion, which will hopefully enable them to gain a better understanding of the health risks associated with these products and make more informed decisions. I strongly encourage parents and guardians to do the same and suggest the following approach:

#### BEFORE THE TALK WITH YOUR DAUGHTER

- Know the facts.
- Be patient and ready to listen.
- Avoid criticism and encourage an open dialogue.
- Remember, your goal is to have a conversation, not to deliver a lecture.
- **It's OK for your conversation to take place over time, in bits and pieces.**

Some useful information can also be found by accessing these links:

<https://theconversation.com/vaping-and-e-cigarettes-are-glamourised-on-social-media-putting-young-people-in-harms-way-159436>

[https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR\\_ECig\\_ParentTipSheet\\_508.pdf](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)

<https://adf.org.au/talking-about-drugs/parenting/vaping-youth/>

As a College, we will continue to provide all students with cyber, alcohol and other drug education through our curriculum and wellbeing programs. Our approach is always first and foremost, educative. Further to this, please note that:

- **The Department of Education and Training's Smoking and Vaping Policy was updated on 27 January 2021 to clarify the law and policy around use of e-cigarettes on schools grounds;**
- Under the Tobacco Act 1987 (Vic), smoking or use of e-cigarettes (commonly known as 'vaping') is not permitted on school premises (buildings and grounds), within 4 metres of school entrances or at school sanctioned events held off-premises.
- In Victoria it is illegal for any person aged 18 or over to obtain, possess or use nicotine e-cigarettes, or e-cigarette cartridges containing nicotine, or nicotine liquids for use in a vaporiser, without a prescription. It is also illegal to sell e-cigarettes to, or buy e-cigarettes for, any person aged under 18 years whether or not the e-cigarettes contain nicotine. While it is not unlawful for a person to possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine, it is unlawful to use them on school premises or within 4 metres of a school entrance.

Therefore, with all of the above in mind, whilst there will be an educative approach taken as already mentioned and outlined, there will also be a punitive aspect if any students are found, seen or reported to be vaping or in possession of vape **paraphernalia. Suspension from school will occur immediately and students will be asked to attend a 're-entry' interview with their parents** where we will determine whether or not they will be able to continue to be enrolled at the Academy.

I ask for total parent and guardian support with this matter.

#### Paul Dillon – 'Safe Partying'

A big thank you to Emma Spreckley for organising the Paul Dillon presentations for the Year 10, 11 & 12 students on Monday of this week. Paul is an extremely knowledgeable and engaging presenter and he spoke to the students on the topics of Safe Partying and the dangers associated with taking drugs and alcohol. Paul spent a lot of time focussing on the dangers of 'vaping'. **All presentations had a common theme but were also geared at each of the year levels with students at different stages of development.** Susan McLean is also a big supporter of Paul and often promotes his events. For those parents that have a Facebook account, I would highly recommend that you follow both Susan and Paul (DARTA – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia) as they are a wealth of information and often provide excellent strategies for parents and schools. We are in the process of re-booking Paul for 2022 and also looking at having a Parent Information Session. Hopefully his message was loud and clear for our students.

#### Parents' Association – Fathers' Day Breakfast

Members of the Parents' Association are in the process of organising the annual Fathers' Day Breakfast. It is scheduled to be held on Friday 3 September from approximately 7:30am – 8:30am. You are asked to save this date in your diary. Further details will be sent to all families in the next week.

As always, please remember never hesitate to be in touch should you have any queries or concerns.

*Mr Sam Di Camillo, Deputy Principal - Wellbeing & Operations*

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – LEARNING AND TEACHING

Dear Parents/Guardians,

When this newsletter is published today, we find ourselves in yet another lockdown. We wish families all the very best for the coming week. Thank you for your ongoing support of online learning and your flexibility in responding to changing circumstances.

### SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Year 10: Last week, on July 29, our Year 10 students attended the Student Expo. This Expo gave students the opportunity to talk with Learning Areas about possible choices for next year and collect some material to help with their decision making. Thank you to both students and their parents for logging in to the VCE Information Session which occurred later in the evening.



Just a reminder of the key dates for students moving forward:

August 13          Web Preferences Open  
August 20          Subject Selections Due

This week, students were given another opportunity to talk with Academy staff about their plans for next year and to ask further follow up questions. This process is an important one in helping students to make informed decisions about the next stages of their academic pathway.

Year 9: The subject selection process also began this week for our Year 9 students, beginning with a Subject Selection Information Assembly on August 5. As mentioned in our last newsletter, a select number of high achieving students have also been invited, via email, to consider taking an accelerated pathway, selecting one Unit 1 & 2 VCE subject as part of Year 10 course of study.

August 13          Web Preferences Open  
August 20          Subject Selections Due

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on the following dates and will be online:

August 12 (Thursday)    8.30am to 4pm  
August 19 (Thursday)    4pm to 8.30pm

As you can see from the above details, August 12 is entirely devoted to Parent Teacher Interviews online and this means that August 12 will be a student free day.

The following day, August 13, is also a student free day, as it is the scheduled Mid Term Break.

The decision to hold an all-day Parent Teacher Interview session for Semester 2 was born of the high demand we have received to attend interviews online. In order to ensure that as many families are able to book an interview as possible, we have extended the timeframe for holding interviews.

Details of how to book in for these interviews has been sent to families via email this week. If a **teacher's schedule is already full**, you will be unable to book an appointment with them. In this event, please feel free to email the relevant teacher and request that they contact you at an alternate time.

Keep safe and well.

*Ms Fiona Lennon, Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching*

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

A Reflection

In the Bible, wilderness has a special place. It is in the chaos, trials, despair and hope of the wilderness experiences that the Israelites established their identity as a people of God. In the Gospels, Jesus retreats to the wilderness for forty days where **'the wild beasts and the angels looked after him'**.

As a collective, our Covid world is in the midst of a wilderness experience.

The story recalled in the first reading last Sunday tells of the despairing Israelites turning on Moses for leading them from the relative comfort of their life in Egypt to starvation in the wilderness. The Lord hears the cries of his people and provides them with bread in the form of manna from heaven.

**In the Gospel, Jesus rebukes his fellow Jews for failing to comprehend the deeper significance of God's gift of bread.** Jesus offers himself as a bread of life that endures for eternity. Those who believe will never hunger, will never thirst. Pope Francis has written of the spiritual famine that is created by individualism, narcissism and what he calls the isolated conscience. He writes:

***"Thus are sown the seeds of division. A charitable openness to the other is replaced by clinging to the supposed superiority of one's own ideas.....Thus, abandoned to itself, the isolated conscience can end up believing many strange fantasies without need of proof."***

Scholars claim that in the telling of Jesus' feeding miracles, the gospel writers are identifying with the Jewish understanding of the place of wilderness. One interpretation of these loaves and fishes stories is that the miracle that took place was that a crowd of people in a wilderness willingly shared what little food they had with their neighbours. Our Catholic language of Eucharist hints at this aspect of the miracle of transubstantiation. **We gather at 'mass' to share our 'communion'. Our 'common union' with our neighbours. We share one body, one bread.** In covid lockdowns, there is a cruel irony that in order to care for our neighbours, Christians do not gather in their local churches to share bread.

**However, in last Sunday's readings we hear Jesus calling us to partake in the 'bread of life'. Surely in the wilderness of these Covid days, that means reaching out to our neighbours both near and afar in whatever ways we can to relieve physical, psychological, emotional or financial distress.**

As I now read the Gospel verse from last Sunday, it seems less like a statement of faith and a whole lot like a call for action.

*One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Masses at the College

*This notice is a repeat of my notice from a fortnight ago. I have made so many phone calls to Fr Peter to inform him that masses will return and then that they are once again cancelled. The times we live in!*

Unfortunately, the lockdown has caused a suspension of our Tuesday morning class masses, Our wonderful chaplain, Fr Peter Varengo, stands ready to come out and say mass for as soon as he can. We are hoping that we may be able to gather as a school community for our Mercy Day mass. We are planning for Covid disruptions. This will mean that we will have an online mass ready to go in the event of September lockdowns.

*Mr Mark Hyland, Director of Faith and Mission*

## JUSTICE

### Term Three Mercy Fundraising

This year, our Mercy fundraising will be take place in Houses. Each House will work together to raise funds for McAuley Community Services for Women who work with families experiencing homelessness and domestic violence. Students and families are encouraged to raise as much money as they can and deposit funds into our Academy Mercy Fundraising online bank account using the link below.



**When depositing funds please write your child's House name/ Mercy Fundraising. Eg:**  
Sherlock/Mercy Fundraising

Bank link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/academyvic>

You can explore [McAuley Community Services for Women](https://www.mcauleycsw.org.au/) here: <https://www.mcauleycsw.org.au/>

A highlight of our fundraising term is the annual Academy Winter Sleepout which is on the evening of Thursday September 2, 2021 when students and families are invited to join together to find out more about McAuley Community Services for Women. We will be joined by Tanya Mathias from McAuley Community Services.

*Ms Sue Moran and Mrs Catherine Glenister, Justice Leaders*

## YEAR 8 NEWS

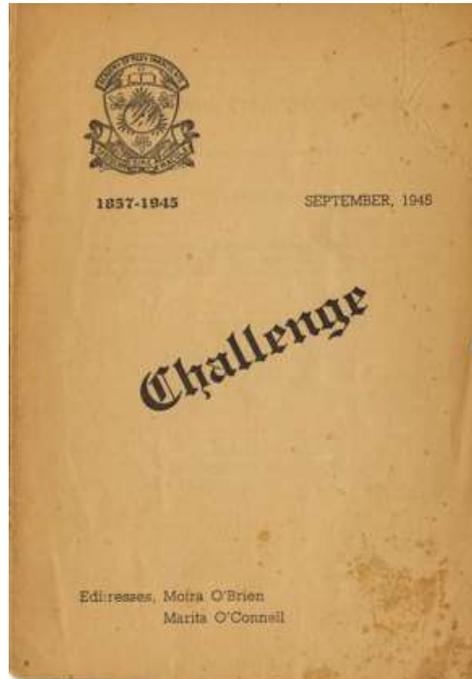
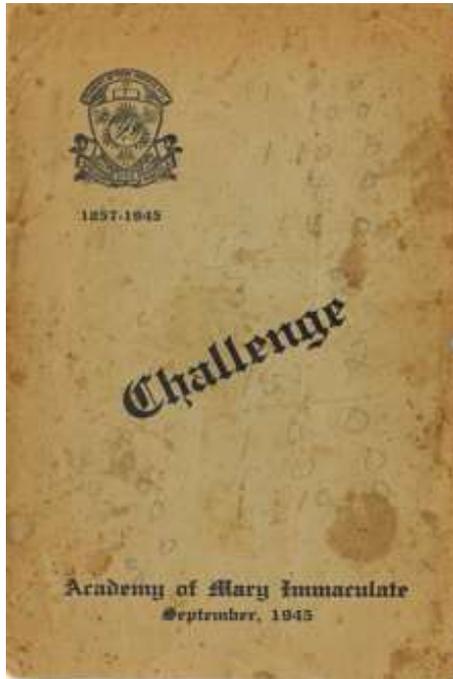
Congratulations to Olivia Portelli, Anika Jacobsen, Maria Kaldas, Anna Boulton, Grace Carter and Liv Dinnen who have all been awarded St Lucy Medal Awards. St Lucy has become the patron saint of Year 8 in recent years and these awards have been inaugurated into the Year 8 program this year. They are presented to students who show generosity of spirit, courage in the face of adversity, consistency in effort and willingness to persevere. These girls have certainly showed these characteristics **and have consistently gone out of their way in their generous and welcoming ways towards others. Let's hope the light of St Lucy continues to shine upon Year 8 and gives them courage and strength in dealing with the challenging times.**



*Mr Michael Molony, Year 8 Wellbeing Leader*

ARCHIVES

The magazine, 'Challenge', was produced by students in the Academy's Literary Group. This 1945 edition belonged to a former literary member, Sr Mary Stainsby RSM and was recently donated to the archives. See what was in the College news 76 years ago!



and contents were added to the Order's institutions, and the first House of Mercy was founded in England. But Catherine McAuley's strength was diminishing, and on November 11th, 1841, she died in the house which she had first established. Even till the end she was mindful of the needs of those around her, and the last gift she bestowed on her order was the legacy of charity.

KILKEN KEHOE

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NEWS ABOUT THE SCHOOL.

There is one teacher in our school who has a perfect "mania" for keeping the school yard clean. The other day when she saw orange skins on the ground she asked us where they came from. She was rather surprised when one of our brightest Academicians enlightened her to the fact that they came from round the urinals.

Did you know that a certain girl from Intermediate thinks the French expression "les beaux vestiments" means "the boy friend's sentiments," and somebody threatened Intermediate room the "Academy cemetery."

In the Academy there has been an epidemic of measles. In fact, one poor child was unlucky enough to produce her "crop" of measles on the morning of the fall.

At present there are great preparations for our General Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, September 29th.

We are looking forward to a visit from some of our Past Y.C.S.

September 29th was the birthday of Mother Mary Catherine McAuley. We hope she will bless our meeting. This meeting will bring to a conclusion our "Mercy Campaign" which was carried on mostly by the Poster Group.

They gave us a brief account of the life of the Holy Foundress and the history of the Mercy Order in Australia. They added many photos to their work, which increased interest very much.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUPS.

ARTS GROUP.

Leaders: Beth Gunn (President); Maureen Tarpey (Secretary, Y.C.S.).

At the combined meetings of the groups every second Wednesday, the girls in this group have entertained us. So far they have studied the lives of Schubert and Henry Lawson. Also, they are planning to help the dramatic group at the general meeting. They have done very well, as this time last term the Arts group was not in existence.

CHARITY GROUP.

Leaders: Marie Angus, Beigid O'Donoghue.

Some girls in this group made slippers for the ladies at Bewdinstown's Home; others brought socks and shoes for some poor children who would otherwise have to go without. The leaders received an SOS from a priest in India, and they have collected money, papers and books for him. In addition to these charitable works the girls have also sent cases of medicine bottles to St. Vincent's Hospital.

DRAMATIC GROUP.

Leaders: Rita Tompkins, Therese McCracken.

The Dramatic Group, who sometimes entertains us on a Wednesday morning, are working hard to supply us with items for the General Meeting. We know the same will be good because we have had an example of their work at previous meetings.

LITERARY GROUP.

Leaders: Moira O'Brien, Marita O'Connell.

In addition to producing this magazine, the Literary Group also has arranged debates and discussions. Two members attend to the library every week and a debate is being prepared for the General Meeting.

POSTER GROUP.

Leaders: Lillian Godfrey, Doris Mackintosh.

The notice board is always stocked with interesting reading matter and pleasant and attractive pictures. This is the work of the Poster Group. Also two girls from this

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group very efficiently attend to a question box. The questions are answered at the combined meetings of the groups every second Wednesday. The Poster Group will attend to the boards for the General Meeting.

SPORTS GROUP.

Leaders: Bernadette Fox, Mabel Hill.

The Sports Group arrange basketball matches during the dinner hour, and they will supply the games and dances at the General Meeting. Also they hope to supply us with a new game after the holidays.

A BIOLOGY EXCURSION.

"Never before in the field of human conflict have such stuporous sights been shown to so many by so few."

Naturally that statement leaves you in complete bewilderment, but I am referring to our unforgettable visit to the Mercy Hospital.

After wending our way up and down half the streets of East Melbourne, we at last found ourselves in sight of the aforementioned hospital. When the last-comers joined the rest of the party we, before going on our tour, went into the Chapel. At first I thought this was quite natural, but now I realize it was to obtain grace from deliverance from the spectacles we were to meet.

We then found our way along halls, corridors and passages, till we came to a garden. It was a beautiful garden and seemed to contain the "cheviot" of thorn shrubs and trees. After crossing the garden, going into another building of the hospital, passing along three passages and going into a lecture room we saw what at first I thought was a dead patient, but found later was nothing more exciting than a life size doll.

Having been welcomed by such a pleasant spectacle we then dived our eyes hither and thither to what else would greet us. And what do you think? Lo! there appeared on the threshold a real human skeleton, the skull of which was attached to a piece of wire; this wire was attached to the top of a glass case in which the poor skeleton was swinging. A deep sorrow came over me. What if the spirit of that skeleton did not want it to be hung up there in front of so many people, some of whom had the audacity to say that he (or she) was pigeon-toed. Perhaps the skeleton was shy. But it might find consolation

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Ms Olivia Parkinson, Archivist

## LANGUAGES

### Dante Alighieri Competition

This competition is a statewide, annual poetry and literary competition, run by the Dante Alighieri Society of Melbourne. This year, students of Italian across Years 10-12 at Academy participated. They chose one of the four set Italian poems, learnt theirs by heart, and recited it before a judge online. In the lead-up to the competition, the students had been working on their recitation skills by refining pronunciation, varying intonation and applying purposeful emphasis. Thank you to the teachers who prepared the students – Professoressa De Sarro, Iapozzuto e Calgaro. *Ben fatto!*



(front to back, L-R): Emma Meddis, Bethany Prior, Alessia Tarantelli, Elizabeth Tseregounis, Holly Gibney, Ruby Lomas-Mee, Sophie Martin

### Tanabata

Each year, the *tanabata* (star) festival is celebrated in Japan, when it is popular to tie a wish that has been written on paper to a bamboo tree. Some of the Year 7 students of Japanese created a temporary display, inspired by this custom.



Ms Giuliana Alviano, Languages Learning Leader

## HEALTH SCIENCES

Paul Dillon came and spoke to the students on Monday 2 August. Unfortunately Paul was unable to join us in person but still talked to the girls about drugs and alcohol and the risks involved with both drugs and alcohol. The Year 10s were introduced to Paul for the first time this year and learnt about his key phrases – **“It’s Water Time”** and **“A fistful of food”**. The Year 12s had **the point reinforced that they shouldn’t drive after a night out and to give their bodies time to recover**. The girls found him to be:

- *“amazing, engaging and so easy to listen to”*
- *“He didn’t tell us not to do things but explained the risks and what we can do to protect ourselves”*
- *“I now know what to do if things go wrong”*
- *His talk was relevant to our age group and life experiences*

Paul is amazing to listen to, he has a wealth of knowledge that he can deliver in a powerful, engaging and persuasive manner. The Year 10s and 11s are hopeful we can see him in person next year and not through our computers.

Ms Emma Spreckley, Health Science Learning Leader and Year 10 Purple

## RADICAL WOMEN FORUM

Thursday 29 July



The highlight of the Radical Women Year Nine subject is the Forum where our students have the opportunity to engage with a number of trailblazing women in the panel. The panelists respond to the rich questions students have developed.

This semester our panel of women consisted of Hana Assifiri AO, Kathleen Donnellon, Suzie Miller and Tanya Hosch.

Hana Assifiri established the popular restaurant Moroccan Soup Bar in North Fitzroy. She has worked tirelessly over many years to foster social cohesion through community events.

Kathleen Donnellon is an experienced lawyer and mediator who is currently the Chair of the Board of Mercy Works Ltd.

Tanya Hosch is the Executive General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy at the Australian Football League and 2021 South Australian – Australian of the year

Suzie Miller is a contemporary international playwright, screenwriter and librettist, drawn to complex human stories often exploring injustice.

It was particularly inspiring when Hana talked about her rough childhood and about her primary school teacher who inspired her and shaped her as the woman she is today. *'I found my resilience in a teacher who believed in me....she mirrored back to me the possibility of being who I am and finding my own voice.'* **Olivia Moffat and Hava Marcelin-Moura**

The words that really resonated deeply with us were when Kathleen said, *'when you are in a position of privilege, you are in a position to evoke change.'* Many of the students in our class realised that we have so many resources and opportunities available to us and we absolutely need to take advantage of that, to do more. A recurring theme that we noticed was the message, *'life is short, so just go for it.'* It's such a simple thing, yet was exactly what needed to be said, and we feel that it truly inspired us and gave us the nudge that we needed to work even harder for change. **Audrey Callanan and Harriet Berman**

A powerful message from one of the panelists that life is too short so just go for it and take every opportunity you're given. It's such a simple, but striking way of putting it. **Rosleen Garcia, Shanelle Cruz, Ha Nguyen**

A message that struck us was that being a *'misfit'* or different, is not a negative thing. You don't have to fit in. You don't have to be anyone special to make an impact in this world. Hana said *'if you want to write a different history, you have to be that change.'* This quote encourages you to strive for change and start the movement. These women did not have easy straight forward lives, but all their hardships and experiences made them who they are today. **Hannah Cullen and Ellen Daffey**

When Tanya talked about how she was bullied, she said that it was really hard to keep it buried down the way she did but she never spoke to anyone about it because she didn't want to worry them. She eventually spoke of and overcame these challenges and proved wrong the people who said she couldn't do it. We were greatly inspired by Suzie who said, *'Find true friends and stick with them.'* **Padi and Sofia**

I enjoyed hearing from these women. They had interesting stories that showcased the political and social change that they have experienced. From racism to sexism these women experienced all of it and still made a name for themselves.

**Christina Camilleri**

I found the forum to be an incredibly rewarding and inspiring experience, and it really motivated me to continue to support the causes I believe in, and push even harder for change. The way all the women spoke was incredibly raw and touching, and I literally could not pull myself away if I tried. **Harriet Berman**



Mrs Catherine Glenister and Ms Sue Moran, Radical Women teachers

## CLASS CAPTAINS SEMESTER 2

Congratulation to the following Year 7 students who were elected as Class Captains for Semester 2.

Class	Captain	Vice Captain	Justice	Justice
7 Blue	Siona Sarma	Sarah Newhouse	Charlotte McKay	Kate Chesterton
7 Purple	Jovita Molinaro	Erica De Brincat	Marley Katakam	Caitlin Nutbean
7 Silver	Milla Rigazzi	Grace Murphy	Nastasia Viola	Eliza Smith
7 Red	Giorgia Campisi	Eliza Miller	Lucy Ryan	Priya Senserrick
7 Green	Amelie Sutton	Bety Semera	Mia Dunn	

**CBCA BOOK WEEK**  
**OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS**  
 21-27 AUGUST 2021  
 #CBCA2021

### BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY 23RD AUGUST - ACCESSORISE:**

**Wear an accessory that relates to a book character**

Eg scarf, hat, badge, belt, jewellery

Join us in the MRC for the parade at lunchtime

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:**

- Repurpose old books
- Make a paper wallet
- Paper flowers or giftbags

**MENTOR GROUP COMPETITION:**

One question posted daily during mentor group. First class down with correct answer wins the daily prize.



# Mercy Fundraising

Raising funds for McAuley Community Services for Women who help women and families in the areas of homelessness and domestic violence

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/academyvic>  
Add your funds on this bank link. You must label it your house/Mercy fundraising. For eg: Sherlock/ Mercy fundraising.

