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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY NEWS



120 Anniversary GALA and Art Exhibition

Tickets are now available for St Catherine's 120 Anniversary GALA at the Melbourne Recital Centre on Tuesday 13 September. Details are also provided for our ELC to Year 12 student Art Exhibition...[more](#)



Heyington Club AGM

All members of the School community are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Heyington Club on Monday 12 September...[more](#)

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Several students enjoyed hearing from a range of authors at the Melbourne Writers Festival as well as many students, joining together, to write a 4,000 word book in a day, with some creative results...[more](#)



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Celebration of Sport Breakfast

All members of the School community are invited to attend the Celebration of Sport Breakfast on Tuesday 11 October...[more](#)



Celebrate: 120 Years of Blue Ribbon Recipes

Secure your copy of this beautiful book containing over 200 recipes, stories and photos from our St Catherine's community...[more](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL MICHELLE CARROLL



World's Best Education and Innovation on our Doorstep

In the past week, I have attended a Victorian Principals' function at the University of Melbourne, hosted by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Glyn Davis. The University of Melbourne is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number one in Australia and 33 in the world.^[1]

With such prominent world rankings comes a growing demand, locally, nationally and internationally to attend the University of Melbourne, resulting in 20% of the first year placements now being offered to interstate school graduates. This, of course, places increased pressure for a University of Melbourne tertiary offer on our Victorian Year 12 students, and the demand for College residency is also increasing. The competition pool just became that much larger!

The demand to attend the University is also evident in the enrolment in the University's 'massive open online course' (MOOC) which is now achieving in three years, one million enrolments in MOOCs. The staggering statistics of this form of education include:

- Across the three years of coursework, more than two million assessments have been submitted, and nearly ten million video lectures watched;
- 36% of learners are from emerging economies; and
- On average, each University of Melbourne MOOC has participants from 167 countries, making this a truly global educational experience for MOOC learners.

The future planning of the University is also inspiring to say the least. 2018 will see the opening of the Science Gallery, Melbourne; an innovative venue for Science and Art collaboration planned for the heart of Melbourne's new innovation precinct. The award-winning international initiative pioneered by Trinity College, Dublin will deliver a dynamic new model for engaging 15–25 years olds with a combination of Science and Art, a vision also reflected in the academic and creative offerings provided to our students.

With a strong focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) across our Junior and Senior School our curriculum and teaching staff continue to provide innovative and engaging programs to excite and empower our girls to consider career pathways in STEM. Further to this many educationalists also consider Arts to be an integral component of STEM, expressing the acronym STEAM.

St Catherine's Head of Arts, Mrs Brigid Weeraratne explains Arts is included due to the creative and critical thinking that is embedded in the Art curriculum. "Within St Catherine's, students are taught to develop an understanding of how to research, explore, refine and create artworks through process and these creative thinking skills are a vital part of many engineering, science or technological developments.

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SCHOOL DATES

Friday 9 September

Australian Interschools Snowsports
ELC to Year 12 Art Show
Opening 6.00pm

Saturday 10 September

Australian Interschools Snowsports
120 Art Exhibition 2.00pm to 4.00pm
120 Past Staff Reunion 2.00pm
to 4.00pm

Sunday 11 September

Boarders' Program 2.00pm
Australian Interschools Snowsports
120 Art Exhibition 2.00pm to 4.00pm
GALA Rehearsal Day 10.00am
to 4.00pm

Monday 12 September

Junior School Arts Week
Senior School Athletics Training
(Before School)
Years 11 & 12 GSV Training
(Before School)
Years 9 & 10 Soccer Training
(Before School)
120 Art Exhibition
Years 11 & 12 GSV Round 4
(After School)
Heyington Club AGM 6.30pm

Tuesday 13 September

GSV Years 7 & 8 Training
(Before School)
120 Art Exhibition
120 GALA Concert, Melbourne Recital
Centre, 7.00pm
Senior School Athletics Training
(After School)

Wednesday 14 September

Years 9 & 10 GSV Training
(Before School)
PFA Meeting 8.30am
120 Art Exhibition
Years 9 & 10 GSV (After School)

Thursday 15 September

Senior School GSV Athletics Training
(Before School)
120 Art Exhibition closes 2.00pm
Years 7 & 8 GSV (After School)
Snowsports End of Season
Presentation Dinner, 6.30pm
Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MICHELLE CARROLL

"An ability to see a wider and more diverse range of possible solutions, being open to ideas that are 'outside the box' is an important aspect of developing and creating artworks but also scientific or engineering discoveries," Mrs Weeraratne says.

Rose Hiscock, the recently appointed Director of the Science Gallery Melbourne also provided a Keynote Address at the Principals' function last week. Hiscock highlighted the emerging theme from the innovative space was about embracing 'creativity and curiosity'. Hiscock explains, "As a passionate advocate for arts and science, I believe Science Gallery Melbourne will make a profound impact on the ideas and cultural life of the city. Arts and science play a crucial role in shaping our future. Science Gallery Melbourne, joining its sister galleries in Dublin, London and Bangalore, will be an unstoppable force of inspiration for the next generation of innovators."

More information can be found [here](#) regarding the future planning of the Science Gallery – an exciting venture for Melbourne school children, with a 'must attend' on the excursion list for St Catherine's in future years.

120 School Art Exhibition

Parents and community members are invited to attend the opening of the 120 Art Exhibition at St Catherine's tonight, Friday 9 September, commencing at 6.00pm. As part of the School's 120 anniversary celebrations, the Exhibition will turn our School Hall into an inspiring and creative hub for Arts Week, showcasing artworks by our ELC to Year 12 students. The Exhibition will be officially opened by Ms Marina Carroll ('03), Associate Architect, Architectus and St Catherine's 2003 School Captain.

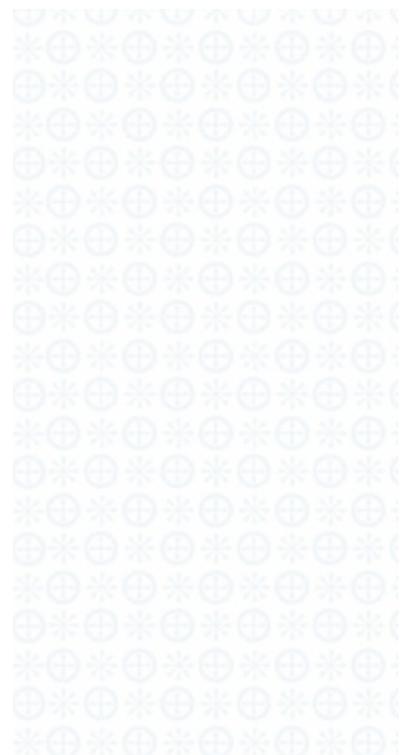
In the following Arts Week, Artists-in-Residence, Rowena Martinich ('97) and her partner, Geoffrey Carran, will create an art installation at the Junior School entrance to the car park, located adjacent to the Marigold Southey Sports & Aquatics Centre. Rowena and Geoffrey have completed art works in New York, Lyon, France, Italy and China. Rowena's work is also highly recognisable in Mecca Cosmetica stores. Her work at St Catherine's last year is also detailed on her website [here](#).

Mrs Michelle Carroll

Principal

Sources

[1] [Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015–2016](#)



EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS



The Wattle Room

Children in the Wattle Room continue to articulate their enthusiasm towards attending their specialist program sessions comprising Library, Music, French and the Perceptual Motor Program.

In recent weeks, the children have also engaged in Little Yoga that stretches bodies as well as minds whilst promoting holistic wellbeing. These mindful movement practices were met with much interest and enjoyment by our young learners and thus continue to be extended upon within our classroom.

The children also delight in receiving rich one-on-one interaction time with an older peer from Year 4 through the Four Leaf Clover Program. These opportunities strengthen relationships, a sense of identity and community for all involved.

Miss Kristina Schrader
Wattle Room Teacher

Morning Meetings

Recently, I had the opportunity to observe a 'Morning Meeting' in the Wattle Room. From its commencement I found myself totally enthralled by the depth of children's thinking and the way they share ideas and build upon those of others. Their curiosity and imagination can take them to faraway places and subjects which have a magical quality. The ways of 'spiders hiding in castles' was just one of the fascinating subjects explored!

For me, the opportunity to be a listener and observer whilst Miss Schrader beautifully and gently guided the group throughout the session, ensuring everyone could participate, created a wonderful experience for all. Teachers observing another teacher can learn so much, I know I certainly did.

What are Morning Meetings?

Morning Meetings are an integral component of the Reggio Emilia approach to Early Learning and are a powerful means of learning about School. How to listen to peers, communicate greetings, ideas and how to question with ease, are all key elements of the underpinning agents of Morning Meetings.

The development of social and cognitive skills, the establishment of a strong sense of community and connection to others are fundamental to effective and lifelong learning. Our early learners are exposed to this in so many ways throughout the day in Campbell House.

As learners advance with experience, the Morning Meetings become more layered and complex. Introductory years, such as the 3YO and 4YO programs in Campbell House, lay the essential groundwork for an approach to School and life beyond, defined by respect, stewardship and generosity.

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- 1 Yoga extension
- 2 Engaged learners
- 3 Specialist Music
- 4 Little Yoga
- 5 Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS

Pedestrian Safety

A reminder to all parents with children in Campbell House, that when in or around the road or pavement areas, young children should hold an adult's hand at all times.

Children are curious and eager and love chatting and catching up with classmates and friends. That said, they move very quickly and rarely with warning. Thus, it is essential to hold their hand securely when near traffic areas.

Thank you for helping to keep the children safe.

Mrs Alana Moor

Head of ELC and Barbreck



JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Australia-Story Country

Book Week is a celebration of Australian stories published in the last year. Last week we interviewed our Junior School Library teacher, Mrs Victoria Baldacchino. We asked her what her favourite part of Book Week was and she said Book Week was a great way to share stories and show people books they might not choose themselves.

Another question we asked was about the way Book Week originally started in Barbreck. Mrs Baldacchino told us that Book Week had been celebrated in Barbreck before she came to the School. Some of the activities involved in Book Week this year included a Book Swap for Years 3 to 6, a theatre group performing one of the shortlisted books, *Mr Huff* and a visit from author Jen Storer for the Years 5 and 6 students. As always, Book Week in Barbreck was very exciting, interesting and had different activities for different age groups. The Barbreck Library is always such an interesting and happy place to be!

Emilia Searby and Lilli Holmes

Year 6 students

Year 2 wrote some special poems with Ms Cooke and presented them in the Library during Book Week. We provide just two samples for reader enjoyment:

*When I read books
I dream good, happy dreams that I love, love, love.
I love books.
Normally I read a book and the next day I ask my friends if they know that book.
I love books.
Maybe, just maybe, someday I'll write books and get them published.*

Isabella Ayre

*Lying in bed on a cold winter's day,
Hiding under the covers one day
A pillow and a blanket and lie down next to the fire.
I love books.
Imagine you're at a land far, far away,
Imagine you're in a rocket ship going to space,
Imagine you're in Candy Land on a hot summer's day,
I love books.
With imagining you can do anything,
You could be riding a flying cow,
Or sitting on a cloud.
I love books.*

Kaia Belan



- 1 Sasha, Callista, Ana-Safiya and Rhea loved being part of the Book Swap
- 2 Zara and Katherine thoroughly enjoyed listening to author Jen Storer during Book Week events
- 3 Year 3 and friends love reading
- 4 Isabella reads her Book Week poem to an enchanted audience

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Arts Week 2016

Preparations are in full swing for Barbreck's Biennial Arts Week in the final week of Term 3. Over the five days between Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September, a range of special activities have been prepared in the areas of Music, Art and French. To assist us with Arts Week we will welcome to our School the wonderful African Drumming Team and artists Rowena Martinich ('97) and Geoffrey Carran, who have recently returned from London.

All students from Prep to Year 12 will have the opportunity to observe Rowena and Geoffrey create a mural they have been commissioned to paint by St Catherine's. The colourful mural will be painted on the wall at the entrance to the underground car park, next to the Marigold Southey Sports & Aquatic Centre. In class, students will complete an artwork inspired by their observations, discussions in class and with the artists. Parents are most welcome to attend and watch the artists at work.

African Drumming will be working with each Year level teaching a range of African songs, dances and drumming sessions. These sessions will culminate in a big performance, taking place on Friday 16 September in the Junior School Hall at 12.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend the performance and experience this great African Drumming spectacular!!

To add to the delights of our Arts Week, Monsieur Gold has prepared some wonderful French activities and French Plays for the Prep to Year 6 students. Members of the French Club will be leading several activities.

Parents are also encouraged to visit the ELC to Year 12 Art Exhibition in the Dorothy Pizzey Hall, featuring work by every Visual Arts student in the School. The Exhibition is opening at 6.00pm tonight and all are welcome. The Exhibition continues over the weekend from 2.00 to 4.00pm and during School hours Monday to Thursday at 2.00pm.

We look forward to a wonderful week of celebrating "The Arts" at St Catherine's School.

Mrs Virginia Guest

Junior School Art teacher

Monsieur Andrew Gold

Junior School French teacher

Mrs Melissa Dods

Junior School Music Coordinator

Junior School Music Notes

Recently, the Epstein Singers travelled by bus to Monash University to take part in the Waverley Music Eisteddfod. They sang as part of the Primary Choral Section.

A large number of schools participated in this particular section of the Eisteddfod making it necessary to hold a morning and afternoon session for this age group. Our girls found it interesting to watch the other choirs performing. We heard a range of vocal tones, breathing techniques and use of part singing, and observed how other choirs conducted themselves in a formal performance setting.

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Geoffrey Carran and Rowena Martinich ('97)



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Each choir had to present two songs and were awarded marks out of 100. This year the final three choirs who placed first, second and third had only a couple of points between them. I am happy to announce that the Epstein Singers were awarded a third place 'Honourable Mention' which we were really excited about. Congratulations to Mrs Henshall and all the Epstein girls.

Mrs Melissa Dods

Junior School Music Coordinator

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

At a recent Barbreck Assembly, led by Ms Jo Lynden-Bell (EAL teacher), we held a special celebration to mark the enjoyment, learning and friends we have made with people at St Catherine's whose origins or family origins were from different parts of the world.

So many countries were represented. Thoroughly enjoyed by all were the stories told by just a few who have links to other countries and in most cases, speak both English and another language. Mrs Lola Ballis (Greece) and Mrs Loretta Iacune (Italy) had some very interesting tales to tell. The following students presented with confidence and well constructed details which enthralled all of us:

Sacha Hanegbi
Xi Ting (Christine) Chi
Georgia Stoupas
Libei (Lisa) Wang
Ella Jakobovits
Clarence Houle-O'Connor
Rafia Alqemzi
Amnah Aljneibi

Father's Day Stall

Members of the PFA busily worked towards preparations for another Father's Day Stall. The Stall is always a very much appreciated and anticipated offering in Barbreck. As always, the excitement for young shoppers to have the opportunity to bring their own money and select their own gifts, from a fabulous array of assorted and attractively wrapped choices, creates great anticipation.

Thank you to our parents who work so hard towards making activities and events such special occasions. They are always highly valued and well appreciated.

Mrs Alana Moor

Head of ELC and Junior School

Participants of our Cultural Diversity Assembly
Sacha Hanegbi, Xi Ting (Christine) Chi, Georgia
Stoupas, Libei (Lisa) Wang, Ella Jakobovits,
Clarence Houle-O'Connor, Rafia Alqemzi,
Amnah Aljneibi and Shaikha Aljneibi

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Division Athletics

On Tuesday 30 August, six St Catherine's girls braved wet blustery conditions in Division Athletics.

Our 10yrs Relay Team finished in fourth place in a time of 1.07. Well done to Caitlin Wang, Louisa Burney, Zoe Hall and Chelsea Harris. Louisa also went on to finish third in the 10yrs Shot Put. Adelaide Mitchell also performed well in Shot Put with a distance of 6.50 metres. Kiarna Jholl also represented St Catherine's in the 12yrs Hurdles.

Cross Country Skis

A reminder for all Cross Country skiers to return their skis to Mr Crebbin when you have finished with them.

Afterschool Sport

Parents are reminded that Years 5 and 6 Afterschool sport on Tuesdays finishes in time for a 5.00pm pick up.

Mr Tom Crebbin

Junior School Head of Physical Education



1 Louisa Burney, Chelsea Harris, Caitlin Wang and Zoe Hall at District Athletics

2 Louisa Burney placed third in the 10yrs Shot Put event

FROM THE DEAN OF YEAR 11

A Chance to Extend and Challenge

The Year 11 wellbeing theme, *weAccomplish*, has certainly been followed with intensity this year. St Catherine's offers a diverse range of activities, catering for all interests. The St Catherine's Year 11 student has not limited herself to what she believes she is good at; she is willing to give everything a try as evident in the countless achievements of this year.

In exploring the School beyond the academic world, the majority of girls in Year 11 immerse themselves in Drama, Music, Debating, various committees, Community Service and Sport. Some of the Year 11 cohort have been fortunate enough to travel to Italy on the Art Tour, visit the USA to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference and improved their French by going on exchange to France.

Obviously, Year 11 students have a focus on their academic studies and it would be fair to say that most have found that the move from Year 10 to Year 11 requires greater focus and attention. In our fortnightly Year level sessions we have been fortunate to have Mr Adrian Puckering, Director of Curriculum Innovation and Development conduct several sessions on study skills and memory. His engaging presentations were well received by the students and provided them with much practical advice on which to act.

Again this year, our Year 11 students were provided with the opportunity to make links with industry professionals in the workplace. The goals of the program were to:

- Provide students with an opportunity to visit a workplace in action
- Gain an understanding of the workplace environment and the differing roles
- Obtain insight into workplace employability and soft skills
- Provide an understanding of the roles within an organisation
- Motivate students in relation to career and vocational options
- Work in a team with peers to navigate the travel system to visit the workplace.

Placement opportunities included the fields of marketing, interior design, health, medicine, biomedical research, finance, law, international banking and design.

From the commencement of the year, the Year 11 students have been involved in the preparation for House Arts at the end of the year. They are solely responsible for all aspects of this performance, including writing the script, designing the set, auditioning, planning the costumes and so on. This is a collaborative process, requiring each Year 11 student to work closely together in their Houses. The performance in December is always a highlight.

With our Year 12 students about to complete their final days at School, the Year 11 students are waiting in the wings ready to become the new student School leaders. The election process has nearly been completed. Some of our Cohort will have specific leadership roles, but once the students receive their blue jumpers at the start of 2017 all Year 12 students are a part of the student leadership group. In fact, there was much excitement when last week the students had to try on the blue jumpers for size. Reality struck that they were fast approaching their last year at School.

Mrs Jeanette Gunn
Dean of Year 11



- 1 Year 11 students setting off to sell Legacy badges in Toorak Village
- 2 Students amongst their newly made friends in Washington, during the GYLC
- 3 Enjoying their time in Italy during the Art Study Tour



Semester 2 Parent Teacher Interviews

All parents in the Senior School have received an email with information pertaining to the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of Term 3.

The email confirms not only the date, time and location of the interviews, but also provides parents with instructions on how to log on to the PTO website via [mystcatherines](#) and make their appointment times electronically.

Please note the schedule is as follows:

Boarders only Friday 16 September 1.30pm to 3.00pm (Sherren House Ballroom)

*Some staff may be available from 2.30pm

Each appointment is of six minutes duration. Bookings must be finalised by 3.00pm the day prior to the interviews.

PTO has proved to be accessible and easily navigable in the past, however should you encounter any difficulties in using the system, please contact Mrs Jane Cox on 9828 3088 in the Senior School for assistance.

Mr Adrian Puckering

Director of Curriculum Innovation and Development

SENIOR SCHOOL

MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL AND WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

Exposure to Different Ideas from the Melbourne Writers

Last week, select St Catherine's students were able to participate in a wide range of activities offered by the Melbourne Writers Festival. On Monday students listened to Yassmin Abdel-Magied and David Burton discuss the challenges and pressures facing 21st Century girls and what true equality looks like.

Both writers shared their ideas about how society can create change and advocate for positive change for gender equality. Year 7 students watched comic experts Bernard Caleo and Nicki Greenberg draw live, as the relationship between pictures and narratives was explored. Following this, students participated in a fantasy writing workshop run by Jay Kristoff and participants were encouraged to create their own world based on their imagination.

Sophie Hogan in Year 8 has shared her thoughts on the writers festival below:

On Thursday 1 September, a selected group of Year 8 students travelled into the city for the Melbourne Writers Festival. First, we went to the Immigration Museum where we listened to author and actor, Osamah Sami, talk about his incredible life and how he came to be a proud Australian. He told us about his new book, Good Muslim Boy which is based on his life story and the hardships he faced as a child living in Iran. We were lucky enough to hear an excerpt from Osamah's new book which captured our minds and put us on the verge of tears. After this eye opening talk we headed to ACMI where Amy Gray and Clementine Ford were interviewed about their careers as opinion writers. They gave us many great tips and tricks about how to express our opinions in writing and how to overcome common challenges within the industry. Overall, the Melbourne Writers Festival was an amazing experience that opened up our minds and exposed us to different styles of writing.

Sophie Hogan

My Write a Book in a Day Experience

On Friday the 26 August I took part in the 'Write a Book in a Day' challenge with a group of Year 9 students. We started off with a bang and all pitched in our ideas to create the plot that would follow the guidelines we had been set. We had a word count of 4,000 to 5,000 words that had to be reached and before long we had a storyline and extensive mind map that would get us there.

We elected each member a part of the book to work on and got started. There were people working on covers, chapters and prologues. Surprisingly, actually writing the story seemed to be the easiest part of the process. Then came the editing and making sure each chapter fit together, seeing as they were written by different people. That was the stressful time and we were very aware of our time quickly ticking away. After picking and changing parts of each chapter we had a story that flowed pretty well. Then we discovered that I had written my chapter in a different tense to the others and we had to change every second word to past tense. It was time consuming, but with a team effort we got there.

We placed our scanned images into our document and moved a few things around and we were finished and happy with the result! It was a challenging but extremely enjoyable day and team work was definitely what helped us pull through in the time limit.

We dedicated our book to the patients at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Flynn O'Brien

(In a team with Emily Sutherland, Hope Kudelka, Clementine Aston, Eve Rayner and Harriette Dryden)

On Friday the 26 August girls from Years 7, 8 and 9 volunteered to compete in the 'Write a Book in a Day' challenge for The Kids Cancer Project. The challenge has teams of girls testing their creative writing skills against the clock. Each group was given random characters, setting and words that would have to be incorporated into the book. We worked together, writing a chapter each, to try to reach our word minimum of 4,000 words, which turned out to be harder than expected! As the day progressed time became precious as we added in the jobs of drawing illustrations, writing a blurb, etc. After a long day of intensive writing we were able to read through our book, happy with our efforts and outcome. We were not only proud of the book that we had written but it was also a fantastic feeling knowing that it would be able to be enjoyed by children with cancer.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM AND BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

I loved the way the challenge required us to combine creativity, skill and teamwork to produce a very rewarding outcome. Not having written a story of that size before, my group was pushed to our limits as we tried to make the writing as descriptive as possible to meet the minimum word count. As my group reached it, we were filled with a proud sense of accomplishment. My favourite part of the day was planning the plot for our story, having been given the random outlines of a pilot, an art forger, a worm, a rock concert and a fashion crisis which really forced us to have to think outside the box. Everyone had very unique ideas for my team's story which we managed to incorporate into a book called *A Wormy Situation*.

Serena Sitch

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The Science Faculty would like to congratulate, Year 11 students, Amber Chapman, Alexandra Cullen and Alecka Garrett, on their selection for the National Youth Science Forum. These students have set a new precedent at St Catherine's School, the first year that three students have been selected. Their academic performance and success with several selection panels has now provided them with the opportunity to learn from Australia's leading scientists when they attend the 2017 National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January.

During the two week program held at The Australian National University, Amber, Alexandra and Alecka will visit research and laboratory facilities in an area of scientific interest, will work and talk with practicing scientists and engineers about their work and will participate in a range of Science forums, debates and seminars.

NYSF offers an outstanding opportunity for sponsors such as CSIRO, CSL, the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and ANU to connect with Australia's best and brightest Science students.

2016 Big Science Competition

During Term 2, Years 7 and 8 students participated in the Big Science Competition completing the junior examination paper. The Big Science Competition tests students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well their Science knowledge. The Competition is a one-hour paper consisting of 30 multiple-choice questions. Test questions are written by the Australian Council for Educational Research. The following students received a Distinction placing them in the top 11% of the competition:

Alice Menzies-King
Astrid Low
Catherine Liu
Claire Hayne
Indiana Wilde
Jacinta Yi
Laura Glaspole
Lillian Lu
Margaret Handolias
Romy Cantwell
Serena Sitch

Well done to all students involved.

Ms Vanessa Jackson-McRae

Head of Science

BEYOND BOUNDARIES: GROWTH THROUGH ADVENTURE AND CHALLENGE

*"This is a story about four people named; Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it.
Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody,
When Nobody did what Anybody could have done!"*

Unknown

From little things, big things grow...

This week, I challenge you to think about, and be aware of, your personal impacts on the environment. Have a think about:

- How much water you use?
- How much waste you generate?
- Where does your waste go?
- What modes of transport do you use?
- Are you car-pooling when possible?
- Do you recycle or compost?
- Do you have a veggie or herb garden?
- Do you use recycled toilet paper?
- Do you recycle paper at home or the office?

How can you contribute to Environment Week and make some changes in your daily habits. You could:

- Plant a tree
- Create a compost or worm farm
- Grow your own vegetables
- Walk or ride a bike to School or work
- Up-cycle
- Have a spring clean and reuse items or give your used goods to others for use
- Purchase recycled toilet paper
- Purchase and use recycled paper and card where possible
- Pack waste free lunches

What are waste free lunches?

It is simply food that is packed without packaging! On average, a child who has a disposable lunch generates three pieces of rubbish per day, which equals a monstrous 30kg of waste per child per year! By making the most of the natural packaging of food (e.g. peels, skins, rinds, etc.) and wrapping food in packaging that can be re-used or recycled, you can drastically reduce your environmental impact.

Waste free is all about packing a healthy, wrapper-free lunch that is good for both your body and the environment. Going waste free is easy to do and has lots of benefits, including:

- Less waste being generated and sent to landfill and less energy used on disposal
- Saving money, it is cheaper to buy foods in bulk and pack them in re-usable containers
- A healthier lunch, with less pre-packaged snack foods and more fresh food
- A cleaner School, without packaging from lunches there is less litter dropped
- Demonstrating how a simple change in our behaviour can help the environment

For more information, please contact the Beyond Boundaries Office on 9828 3057.

Ms Casie Chalman

Director of Outdoor Education



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1 Julia Kent tree planting at Gundiwindi

2 Ava Colosimo giving back to the environment

Fact File:

- One year's worth of packaging in landfill creates as much greenhouse gas as 860,000 cars. Australians throw out 1.9 million tonnes of packaging each year – enough to fill the MCG nine times over
- Fill one quarter of a bottle with oil. That is how much oil it takes to produce one litre of bottled water
- Australians throw away up to 20% of the food they purchase. This equates to one out of every five bags of groceries
- Australians waste four million tonnes of food a year. This equates to 523kg for each household, which is the same weight as more than five average sized fridges
- The food that Australia wastes each year is enough to fill 450,000 rubbish trucks. Placed end to end, they would bridge the gap between Australia and New Zealand – more than three times.

For further information on Environment Week [click here](#).

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC NOTES



Father's Day Breakfast

Many thanks to Amber Chapman (voice) and Sidonie Bird de la Coeur (guitar) who entertained our guests who attended the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday of last week. These girls will also be providing music for the opening of the Art Show in the Dorothy Pizzey Hall this evening.

VCE Solo Performance Recitals

Our three Unit 4 VCE Solo Performance students will be giving their first full recital in preparation for their 25 minute examination a little after the official opening the Art Show evening. Once again we are utilising the glorious acoustics of the Toorak Uniting Church. Greta Chen (Tuned Percussion), Sabine Harms (Oboe) and Stephanie Hird (Violin) would love to have your company on this evening which will commence at 7.00pm. The Music Auxiliary will be providing some lovely refreshments and we thank these wonderful people profusely for yet another show of great interest and support in all that we do.

Gala Rehearsal Day

We are looking forward to our Gala Rehearsal Day this coming Sunday 11 September. The girls have the schedule on [mystcatherines](#), but it is included here for your convenience.

10.00am to 11.00am	Years 7 to 8 Choir, Years 9 to 10 Choir
11.00am to 12noon	Sherren Singers (Epstein Room)
11.00am to 12noon	Viva Voci/Cantanti Belli (Myer Studio)
12noon to 12.30pm	Senior Strings
12.30pm to 1.15pm	Massed Strings – Old Girls invited to play in this
1.15pm to 1.45pm	Messiah* Orchestra (Strings, 2xOboe, 2xBassoon, 2xTrumpet) (Myer Studio) Old Girls – singers invited
1.15pm to 1.45pm	Soul Power* (Priority) (Epstein Room)
1.45pm to 2.00pm	Jorgensen Orchestra (Eliza's Aria)
2.00pm to 2.30pm	Jorgensen Orchestra (Medley* Old Girls' singers invited, instrumentalists also <i>Star Wars</i>)
2.30pm to 3.10pm	Senior Concert Band
3.10pm to 4.00pm	Years 7 and 8 Concert Band

The Gala Concert is next Tuesday. In the unlikely event that families have not filled out the information required via Formstack, please do so as soon as possible. We must know where your daughters are and whether or not we are responsible for them during the day and evening. It is our duty of care as educators.

Do not forget to book your tickets [here](#) for this magnificent evening and please do not hesitate to ask for assistance on any matter to do with Performing Arts. Our Administrator is available on 9828 3014 and you may also email music@stcatherines.net.au with any queries.

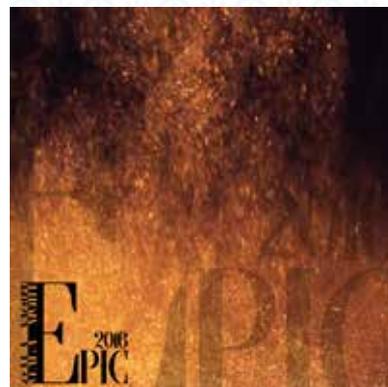
Mrs Jenny Mathers
Head of Music

Term 3 Music Dates

Sunday 11 September
Gala Rehearsal Day, Music Ensembles

12–16 September
School Arts Festival

Tuesday 13 September
Gala Concert 120th Celebration Concert,
7.00pm, Melbourne Recital Centre



SENIOR SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Junior Soccer

Match Three

St Catherine's Junior Soccer Teams played Ivanhoe Girls Grammar at Kooyong. Both St Catherine's Teams played well and were particularly strong in defence. Ivanhoe had a number of very skillful players which meant unfortunately that they were able to out play both our Teams. St Catherine's Teams fought hard the whole game however were out done. In the B Team a special mention goes to Margaret Handolias who stopped many attempts at goal and in the A Team Madeleine Hardy did an exceptional job in the midfield.

Junior A Team were defeated 4–0
Junior B Team were defeated 10–0

Match Five

On Thursday afternoon the St Catherine's Junior Soccer Teams travelled to Kooyong to play their final game of the season. The A Team played against Camberwell Girls Grammar while the B Team were up against Fintona. Both Teams had tough, well contested matches and played some of the best Soccer they have played all Term. In the A Team Zoë Meggitt played a key role in leading the defence and Annabel Brend did a great job stepping up from the B Team. In the B Team Julia Stern played exceptionally well through the midfield and also as striker, scoring our only goal of the afternoon. The girls have made huge improvement throughout the Term and should be congratulated on their efforts.

A Team was defeated by CGGS 1–0
B Team was defeated by Fintona 5–1

Junior Badminton

St Catherine's Junior Badminton Team 1 played their final match of the season against Ruyton who proved to be a tough competitor. The girls showed an eagerness to win, with some matches going to three sets. Pairs 1–4 were defeated by Ruyton: 0 matches, 1 game, 191 points to 4 matches, 8 games, 265 points. Pairs 5–8 defeated Ruyton: 3 matches, 6 games, 209 points to 1 match, 3 games and 151 points.

Congratulations Pairs 5–8 on your success.

Well done to all Junior Badminton girls on a successful season.

Senior Badminton

The Senior Badminton Team versed Toorak College in their final game of the season. We knew it would be a tough match from the outset, as both schools were equal for second place on the GSV ladder within our zone. After some very competitive play Toorak just managed to snatch the win, however all the girls played extremely well. It was great to see them put everything they have been learning at training into action for the last match of the season. Well done girls!

1. Hannah Otto and Sophie Seng Hpa
2. Lydia He and Hanna Adam
3. Hiu-Tung (Gloria) Leung and Esther Teow
4. Sophie Sitch and Hayley Cottrell
5. Georgie Sitch and Chloe Thompson
6. Annabel Hartmanis and Elysée Dubois
7. Jessica Walsh and Lucy Skyrme-Jones
8. Sabine Harms and Gloria Leung

Mr Chris Jones

Head of Sport



St Catherine's Aquatic Swimmer Profile: State Team Series 5

Name: Elodie Ferrali

Age: 12

Squad: National Development

What is your favourite race? *100m Freestyle.*

What is your favourite training set? *My favourite training set is 100 pace.*

What is your main goal currently? *My short term goal is to do well at the upcoming State Championships but I am working towards a national time especially in my 100 Free.*

Why do you swim? *I swim because I really enjoy it and it keeps me fit and healthy. I think it also helps with my other sports. I really love the feeling when my hard work pays off and I get a PB. I look forward to training and Club nights so that I can have a laugh and spend time with the others. It is such fun!*

A little bit about Elodie

Elodie is a big part of the current National squad, being one of the few St Catherine's School swimmers to belong to a club prior to the formation of St Catherine's Aquatic (STCA). Elodie created history by being the first STCA Club swimmer to represent her new Club at a State level – the Victorian Age Long Course Championships, held in December 2015. Elodie's continued development over the past six months has been noticeable, with time drops and broadening racing horizon ahead of her.

The short course season (25m pool), has offered consistency for Elodie, all culminating with the 2016 Victorian State Age Short Course Championships over the weekend of 2–4 September. Adding this year's State competition experience on top of last year's, will help to shape racing perception and understanding as Elodie continues to develop her skills.

Being an all-round athletic young lady, Elodie has the enjoyment of being involved in many sports and activities. Each one of these areas of involvement offers opportunities to learn, and more likely than not, each area benefiting the other. The time management, as well as the self-management skills Elodie is using and developing, are life skills that will forever be called on. Keeping life in balance is a constant upkeep of self-understanding. Strengthening this ability through time in sport can offer a valuable life lesson.

Elodie's physical and mental approach to her time at the pool shows maturity beyond her years and she has an amazing insight and awareness of what is happening around her. Offering support to Squad mates, and guidance to younger swimmers, these regular contributions at the Sports & Aquatic Centre do not go unnoticed.

We look forward to continuing to watch Elodie enjoy her Swimming and the satisfaction she gets out of her involvement as a St Catherine's Aquatic Club member.

Mr Mark Cooper

St Catherine's Aquatic Head Coach



COMMUNITY NEWS

120 ANNIVERSARY GALA CONCERT

EPIC 120th Anniversary Gala Concert

St Catherine's School returns to the Melbourne Recital Centre to celebrate our 120th Anniversary through music. We extend a warm invitation to our wider School community to attend this special event and share in a variety of EPIC performances that link the School values of Empathy, Perseverance, Integrity and Curiosity.

The Concert will showcase a diverse repertoire from students in Years 5 to 12, including *Wild Swans Suite* by Elena Kats-Chernin, Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, John Williams' *Star Wars Theme* and a selection of EPIC choruses from musicals. Join us to celebrate our passionate and dedicated musicians and their EPIC performances.

All students in Years 5 to 12 have allocated seating provided. Years 7 to 12 are required to be at the Melbourne Recital Centre by 5.30pm and students in Years 5 and 6 by 5.55pm.

Tuesday 13 September

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes (including interval)

Standard \$24.90 / Student \$15.90

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

120 Art Exhibition

On Friday 9 September we will open the 120 Art Exhibition, showcasing artwork by students from ELC to Year 12. This wonderful celebration of art reflects the importance we place on nurturing the creative spirit of all our students.

Over 650 students will be represented, highlighting the diverse artistic curriculum we offer all our students. Exhibiting their artworks offers students the opportunity to present their ideas to the wider community, especially our VCE students who have spent many additional hours in the studios preparing for this highlight of the School year.

At 6.00pm on Friday 9 September Marina Carroll, School Captain 2003 and architect, will open the Exhibition. The Exhibition will remain open during Arts Week, closing on Thursday 15 September.

Our artists-in-residence this year are Rowena Martinich ('97) and her husband Geoffrey Carran. They will be painting a large mural in the Junior School during Arts Week. There will also be a small photographic display about art at St Catherine's from the archives, looking back at the changing teaching spaces and art forms.

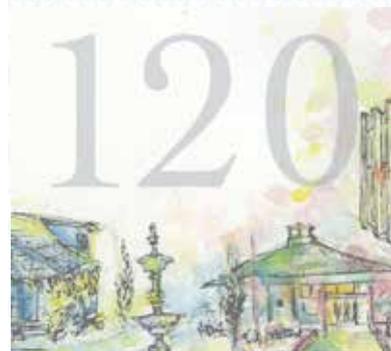
We hope you find some time to come and celebrate the artistic achievements of your children and watch as the mural is created.

Exhibition Dates

Saturday 10 September	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Sunday 11 September	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 12 – Wednesday 14	8.30am – 4.00pm	Thursday 15 September	8.30am – 2.00pm

Mrs Brigid Weereratne

Head of Arts



COMMUNITY NEWS

HEYINGTON CLUB AGM, SNOWSPORTS DINNER & 120 COOK BOOK

Heyington Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Heyington Club will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 12 September in the Sherren House Dining Room, St Catherine's School.

All members of the School community are welcome to attend, especially those who wish to support our Rowing Program by joining the Heyington Club Committee. To print a Nomination form please [click here](#).

The Heyington Club is a hard-working committee dedicated to supporting and providing a social base for the Rowing program and raising funds to support our state-of-the-art Rowing fleet.

Please call Heyington Club President Louise Lampard on 0400 559 779 if you have any questions. We thank you for your support.

The Heyington Club



Snowsports End of Season Presentation Dinner

The Snowsports End of Season Presentation Dinner is on Thursday 15 September commencing at 6.00pm at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club.

Bookings close Monday 12 September at 5.00pm.

To book tickets please [click here](#).

St Catherine's School Snowsports Auxiliary



Celebrate: 120 Years of Blue Ribbon Recipes

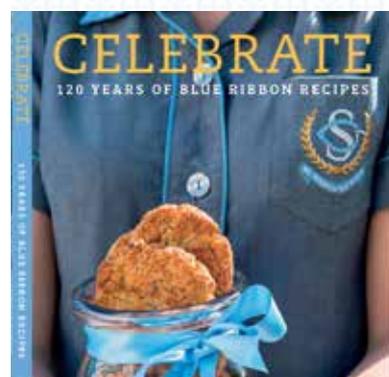
Our 120 year milestone cookbook is now at the printers. This beautiful book contains over 200 recipes, stories from our St Catherine's community and many stunning images.

We expect to take delivery early in Term 4, so whether you are looking for a memento for your daughter of her time at St Catherine's or some stunning Christmas presents, make sure you secure your copies [here](#).

There is a limited print run so be sure to get in early.

Mrs Christie Freeman

Parents' and Friends' Association



CELEBRATION OF SPORT BREAKFAST

St Catherine's School 'Celebration of Sport' Breakfast

Tuesday 11 October 2016
7.00am – 8.30am
St Catherine's Hall

Adults: \$20 per person
Students: Free

Please [click here](#) to book tickets
Bookings close on Friday 7 October



Celebration of Sport Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast to celebrate Sport at St Catherine's on Tuesday 11 October, commencing at 7.00am in the St Catherine's Hall.

We will be joined by outstanding sportswoman Lee Naylor, a multiple Olympian and Commonwealth Games athlete. Among Lee's many accomplishments she has competed at the Sydney and Atlanta Olympic Games in the 400m and 4 x 400m relay, Commonwealth Games 1994 and 1998 (gold medal relay), World Championship 1995 (bronze medal 4 x 400m) and 1999. Please come along to hear about her sporting journey.

All students who have participated in any GSV sport this year are encouraged to attend, as well as girls who have participated in Rowing, Snowsports and Gymnastics. Students and parents can look forward to a fun and informative morning with videos, lots of photos and a wrap-up of the students' success in the sporting arena this year.

The St Catherine's Sports Department will be awarding a student, in each sport, at each level, with the following awards:

Excellence Award

Awarded to a student for excellence in performance, participation and leadership in their chosen Interschool sport at St Catherine's.

Coaches' Award

Awarded to a student for consistent performance, dedication and sportsmanship in their chosen Interschool sport at St Catherine's.

Students are to wear their Sports Uniform to the Breakfast.

Tickets must be booked in advance: Adults \$20, Students: free (but must be booked)

Please [click here](#) to register.

St Catherine's School Sports Auxiliary

