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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING PARENTS, STUDENTS, STAFF AND THE WIDER ST CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY

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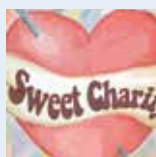


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Congratulations to all of our Senior Tennis teams who competed in the GSV finals last week. Results from St Catherine's Aquatic's participation at the Victorian All Junior Finals and run the Mother's Day Classic as part of St Catherine's team...[more](#)

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Book your tickets now for the 2016 Senior School production of *Sweet Charity* to be held on Thursday 28, Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April...[more](#)



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The PFA warmly invite grandmothers, mothers and daughters to the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May in the Mary Davis Centre...[more](#)



### Snowsports Swap

Our eighth annual Snowsports Swap will be held on Sunday 22 May. Join our Snowsports Auxiliary for this amazing effort and grab yourself a bargain...[more](#)



### PFA Ruth Langley Luncheon

This wonderful annual event will be held on Friday 20 May at Leonda by the Yarra with guest speaker Ms Jenny Gray, Chief Executive Officer of Zoos Victoria...[more](#)



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MICHELLE CARROLL



### Grace the walls of Sherren House

Entwined within my speeches over the past two years, I have often drawn comment on the strength, tenacity and leadership of the St Catherine's Old Girls that grace the walls of Sherren House as part of the Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum project. Well, no longer do these stories just 'grace the walls of Sherren House' as they are now beautifully compiled as a collection of autobiographies in the first edition of the book, *Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum* that was launched this week by the St Catherine's Old Girls' Association (SCOGA) and as part of the St Catherine's School 120 anniversary celebrations.

The Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum project was undertaken by SCOGA 10 years ago and aims to proudly celebrate generations of St Catherine's women, each embracing the doctrine of our Founding Principal, Miss Jeanie Hood, to be 'women of the future'. The achievements of the St Catherine's women acknowledged in the first edition inspire our current students everyday and serve as a reminder to all who visit Sherren House of what can be achieved by a St Catherine's girl.

I congratulate the SCOGA Committee, in particular, President Mrs Phoebe Norman (Olsen '95), Ms Louise Lampard ('79) and Mrs Deb Berry (Manos '77) on the development of the Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum Project and commend this first edition to all members of our community.

### 2016 ANZAC Poetry Competition

This week we received notification from the Office of The Honourable Kelly O'Dwyer, Federal Member for Higgins, that Jariyan Patel in Year 6, Charlotte Weir, Charlotte Murdoch and Sophie Garrett in Year 8 and Lulu Murrell and Flynn O'Brien in Year 9, were selected as finalists in the Higgins 2016 Schools Anzac Poetry Competition.

The Competition honours the service and sacrifice of the original ANZACs in the First World War and all the Australian men and women who have served in conflicts. The theme was 'What does Anzac Day mean to you?' With over 300 entries across the Higgins electorate, our Head of English Faculty, Mrs Ceri Lloyd commented:

"I was delighted with the number of students successfully selected as finalists as it reflects the depth of the creative writing interest and talent in the School. This is being further developed by the creation of our Writers Club, allowing any passionate writer to discuss, read and write with other like-minded students. Another pathway for our talented English students to pursue."

The girls and their parents attended a presentation today with Kelly O'Dwyer and we congratulate the winner Flynn O'Brien and runner-up Charlotte Weir.

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## SCHOOL DATES

### Friday 22 April

Senior School AFL (After School)

### Saturday 23 April

Senior School XC Running (Mercantile) AM

Senior School Musical Rehearsal

### Sunday 24 April

Senior School Musical Rehearsal 10.00am-3.00pm

Years 7 to 9 Boarders' Program 2.00pm-5.00pm

### Monday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Senior School Musical Tech/Dress Rehearsal 10.30am-4.30pm

### Tuesday 26 April

Year 6 Beyond Boundaries Iluka

Year 2 Parent Social Evening 7.30pm

### Wednesday 27 April

Years 9 and 10 GSV Round 1 (After School)

Sports Auxiliary Film Night 6.30pm

### Thursday 28 April

School Open Morning 8.45am

Years 7 & 8 GSV Round 2 (After School)

ELC 4YO Parent Social Evening 7.30pm

*Sweet Charity* Senior School Musical 7.00pm

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## MICHELLE CARROLL

### ANZAC Service

The ANZAC commemorations commenced last weekend for our School Captain, Elizabeth Bolt and Vice-Captain, Clare Cameron, who attended the Annual Nurses Memorial at the Shrine. Elizabeth wrote the following response after the Service:

*Sometimes, even the simplest of gestures can be significant.*

*The commemorative service held by the Nurses Memorial Centre on Sunday was, in my opinion, a shining example of this. The service, dedicated to the nurses of the Great War and beyond, was without the bells and whistles usually seen at other commemorative events. However, it undeniably held the same sincerity.*

*After the twenty third Psalm and hymns led by the Keytones Choir, Clare and I were invited to lay a wreath on behalf of the School at the base of the memorial. The Last Post then played, with the bugler's incredible playing still heard over the roar of the traffic behind.*

*Clare and I left this service incredibly grateful that we could attend. It was an honour to represent the School at such a touching event, and it was a beautiful way to begin this commemorative period.*

*Lest we forget.*

### Student Achievements

The sporting success of St Catherine's students continues this week with our 11 years Junior School Swimming team crowned silver medallists at the State Championships in the 4x50m freestyle relay. Months and months of training came down to a 2.21 minute swim, with the girls narrowly beaten by less than two seconds. The girls also swam a PB by two seconds on the day. Congratulations to the entire team that competed at the District, Regionals and State Swim Meets: Emma Gregory, Madeleine Hooker, Chloe Nevins, Zara Krause, Brydie Read and Coco Kudelka.

### Student Safety First

Several of our students unfortunately experienced an unpleasant incident at the No.8 Tram stop on Toorak Road last week with the indecent and offensive behaviour of a man standing in the area. The police have been requested to increase surveillance of the area and our teaching staff also regularly attend this Tram Stop directly after School. Despite being a busy road with a number of pedestrians, I believe it would be wise, particularly for younger students, to avoid being at the Tram Stop by themselves late in the afternoon after co-curricular activities.

With the ongoing residential construction occurring directly opposite the School gates in Heyington Place, I also remain very concerned about the traffic congestion and student safety alighting from cars. Parents are kindly reminded to cooperate with each other by avoiding U-turns and double parking at the School gates and I also encourage girls to walk further along the street and away from the heavy traffic to be collected by their parents.

### Service of Consecration for The Venerable Dr Bradly Billings

As detailed in *The Blue Ribbon* last week, Dr Bradly Billings has recently been appointed Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne. Dr Billings conducted our 120th Anniversary Church Service held at St Paul's Cathedral in Term 1.

I invite any interested members of our School community to attend Dr Billings' consecration which will be held on Saturday 30 April, 10.00am for a 10.30am service at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Mrs Michelle Carroll  
**Principal**





# EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS

## Nature Play

With the seasonal changes occurring in the gardens throughout our School, it is a wonderful time of year for the children to spend time outdoors connecting with nature. The children throughout the ELC are currently engaged in learning connected with nature and the seasonal changes.

As the autumn leaves begin to change colour and fall to the ground the children are inspired to ask questions such as “Why do the leaves change colour?”, “Why do the trees lose their leaves?” and “Do all trees lose their leaves?” These questions are providing the catalyst for much investigation and inquiry in our classrooms. The autumnal tones are inspiring the children’s painting and drawing as they explore the colours of the season.

The children are also enjoying collecting fallen autumn leaves and seed pods from the garden. Their collections of leaves and natural materials are then used for counting, sorting and patterning experiences. Sensory exploration is encouraged as the children experience the sights, feelings, sounds and smell of the autumn leaves by gathering them up into piles and tossing the leaves into the air. Nature walks throughout the School grounds provide the children with the opportunity to observe the seasonal changes of the deciduous and evergreen trees and to learn more about growth.

Learning in the outdoors is a vital part of a young child’s development. As educators we are always encouraging the children to engage with their natural environment and learn from it.

## Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Days

The children in the Early Learning Centre are very much looking forward to hosting their grandparents and special visitors later this Term. The children in the Waratah and Blue Gum Rooms will celebrate Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day on Tuesday 24 May. Please note this date has changed from the date advertised in the School calendar. The children in the Banksia and Wattle Rooms will celebrate with their Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day on Thursday 26 May. Each child will be able to invite a maximum of two guests. Further information regarding this special event will be provided closer to the date.

Ms Sarah Bethune

**ELC Coordinator**

## Upcoming Parent Information Evenings

### ‘Teaching Resilience at Home’ – All Parents

Monday 2 May, 2016

7.00pm–8.30pm

Senior School Hall

As part of our commitment to fostering resilience and positive mental health in our students, we have invited Mr Hugh van Cuylenburg, founding Director of The Resilience Project, to share evidence based and practical parenting strategies to help develop resilience in children and adolescents. Early Learning Centre, Junior and Senior parents are invited to attend this highly acclaimed presentation. Places are limited so please RSVP by Friday 29 April. Please [click here](#) to book.

Ms Merran O’Connor

**Director of Student Wellbeing**



- 1 Davide Destefanis and Serena Ma express their autumnal curiosities
- 2 Soraya Leos and Charlie Martuccio's artwork is inspired by the autumnal tones
- 3 Miya Fei engaging in a Visual Art experience after having observed falling autumn leaves
- 4 Matilda Day collecting autumn leaves outside
- 5 Charlotte, Harry and Amelie collect autumn leaves for a patterning experience

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Commencement of Term

Term 2 is well underway and it has not taken our Junior School students long to leave behind their relaxed holiday attitudes and throw themselves enthusiastically into the plethora of educational and co-curricula challenges on offer. Homework Happenings and STEM in the Morning are well underway and well attended. Write on Wednesday will commence on Wednesday the 27 April so those Years 5 and 6 students, keen to put their creative pen to paper, have just a little while longer to wait. All elements of our before and after School sporting programs and clubs are in operation.

This Term, as all terms, promises to be a busy one. In Week 3 our Year 6 students will be off to Camp Iluka as part of the Beyond Boundaries program. The Mother's Day Stall is not too far away so, like me, I know our students will be saving their pocket money for a very worthwhile cause.

### Winter Uniform

Our first two weeks of this Term have been the changeover phase from summer to winter School uniform. By the first School day of Week 3, Tuesday 26 April, our entire School cohort will be wearing their winter uniforms ready for the bracing and inclement weather.

### Absence from School

Parents are reminded that we require a message to be placed on the Student Absentee Line (03 9828 3021) when your child is away on any School day. In order to assist us with safety and security, we ask that parents always advise the Junior School Office on this line – even if classroom teachers have been advised.

### School Attendance Rolls

The School bell rings at 8.30am. At this time, the students commence the organisation required for the day. With respect for traffic conditions and families taking siblings to other schools, the attendance rolls are marked in classrooms at 8.40am. Students who are not present at 8.40am are marked absent. These records are sent to the Junior School Office for official entry. Any student who arrives after attendance rolls have been marked, must report to the Junior School Office to sign in. Accordingly, the records are rectified. Those students who do not sign in, are still deemed absent. In terms of safety and security, it is therefore critical that these steps are followed. Please note, if students arrive after 8.30am, it is assumed it is for traffic reasons.

### Correction: Junior School Prep-Year 2 Special Visitors' Day

It has come to our attention that the printed calendar indicates an incorrect date for our Special Visitors' Day. The correct date for the event is Friday 13 May. More information will be sent home as the date approaches.

Mr Owen Hughes

**Deputy Head of Junior School**

### Year 1 and Prep Buddy Program

In the last week of Term 1 the Prep and Year 1 students met their Year 6 buddies. The Year 6 students led a card making activity. The room was filled with the hum and excitement of the girls chatting and getting to know each other. They are looking forward to interacting with their buddies on a number of occasions throughout each term.

Mrs Lola Ballis

**Year 1 Teacher**

### Artist-in-Residence

It has been confirmed that well known Australian composer Mr Paul Jarman (who wrote our massed choir piece *Follow Your Dreams* that was sung at the Barbreck Music concert last year) will work with Year 6 students on a Junior School song. This song will be sung at special School occasions and events throughout the year and become part of the Junior School repertoire for years to come. Mr Jarman will work as an artist-in-residence with each Year 6 class during Week 4 of this Term.

Mrs Melissa Dods

**Junior School Music Coordinator**

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- 1 Catelin Varasdi and her buddies Madeleine Farrer and Sophie Yi
- 2 Shaikha Aljneibi and buddies Lilli Holmes and Eliza White
- 3 Carla Martuccio and Jasmine Pierides
- 4 Frankie Vasilopoulos and her buddy Emma Froomes



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

# TEACHING RESILIENCE AT HOME AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

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**Director of Student Wellbeing**

### House Netball

Week 1 of Term 2 saw the commencement of House Netball. All Years 5 and 6 girls were part of a Netball team and played with enthusiasm.

After Round 1 the standings are:

- Langley Templeton – three wins (35 goals)
- Davis – two and a half wins (28 goals)
- Holmes Kilbride – one and a half wins (22 goals)
- Beaulieu Blair – one win (25 goals).

Notable performers were:

- India Marner who was a busy centre for Davis
- Charlotte Aston who defended well for Beaulieu Blair
- Willow Clarke (D), Ava Colosimo (HK), Milla Naylor (LT) and Coco Marshall
- Beaulieu Blair were all good shooters for their teams.

Next week sees Round 2 where Holmes Kilbride take on Langley Templeton and Beaulieu Blair tackle Davis House.

Mr Tom Crebbin

**Junior School Head of Physical Education**

### 2016 Victorian All Junior Semi-Finals and Finals - Meet Report

St Catherine's Aquatic was represented by Year 3 student, eight year old, Portia Gowrie on Saturday 16 April at the Victorian All Junior Semi-Finals. All Junior's raced at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), in the outdoor pool, with the top 10 from each event qualifying for the final, held Sunday 17 April.

Portia swam 50m in all four strokes, and set new PBs in three of her four swims! Portia qualified in tenth position in the 50m butterfly, placing her in lane nine for Sunday's final. Portia was eleventh in both the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke – missing the final in the breaststroke by only 0.24 of a second! In Sunday's final Portia knocked more than two seconds off her recently set PB, and moved up the ranking to ninth spot.

Portia is now the ninth fastest eight year old in the whole of metro Victoria in the 50m fly.

Well done Portia!

Mr Mark Cooper

**St Catherine's Aquatic Head Coach**



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM INNOVATION AND DESIGN

### Essential Curriculum and the Divergence of 21st Century Education

There are many famous stories about the great Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi, but this one is certainly a favourite. The story, that has been re-told many times, concerns an occasion when Gandhi was rushing to get on to a moving train. As he jumped on to the train one of his sandals slipped off and fell to the ground. The train was moving faster now, and there was no time to go back. Without hesitation, Gandhi took off his second sandal and threw it toward the first. Asked by his colleague why he did that, he said one sandal would not do him any good, but two would certainly help someone else. This was not just an act of kindness, it was also an act of knowledge.

By throwing that sandal, Gandhi had revealed two very important insights: he knew what people in the world needed, and he knew what to let go of. Curriculum in 2016 is essentially being asked the same two questions – what is it that students actually need to learn (what is essential?) and what have we been teaching that we need to let go of?

These are important questions, but in fact they have very complex and complicated answers. There is the old joke that if Rip Van Winkle did wake up from his one hundred year sleep in 2016 the only part of the modern world he would recognise would be a classroom! Whilst that is not quite the case I do see the point. If we look at curriculum in the 20th Century its goal was essentially seen in two ways: to make people literate and to make people knowledgeable, and 20th Century schooling did an amazing job at reaching that goal.

What therefore is the goal of 21st Century schooling? If I was asked I might say that in one sense literacy is still a key part, but today it has to be digital literacy. The illiterate of this century are not those who cannot read and write but perhaps, more tellingly, those who cannot read and write code. The second part of the goal though has changed – I do not think it is enough to aspire to 'make people knowledgeable' anymore, but aspire to make people 'think'.

If you like, 20th Century curriculum (and classrooms) came from the premise of convergence – many facts, many figures converging on one answer, one piece of 'essential knowledge'. Everyone in the class was required to answer the same question with the same answer.

In classrooms today, the goal is perhaps better described as divergence – where there exists one stimulus but allows for many varied responses. So the goals have shifted, from literacy to digital literacy and from convergent thinking to divergent thinking.

At St Catherine's we are tackling this shifting goal in a number of ways. At Year 3 our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program provides students with the same stimulus, be it the Coding language Tynker, or the circuitry of 'Little Bits' or the use of a Makey Makey; the students though respond in a multitude of ways, revealing very divergent and creative thinking. In our TIDE (Technology, Innovation, Design and Engineering) Program at Year 8 for instance, students are in teams designing and constructing their own solar powered boat – the same stimulus but very different responses. The elective program at Years 9 and 10 in 2017 will showcase a host of new electives, each of which encourages divergence.

In a sense, we are beginning to address the two questions the story of Gandhi posed: what is it people need? And what is it we need to let go of? Exciting times indeed.

Mr Adrian Puckering

**Director of Curriculum Innovation and Design**



## SCHOOL NEWS

# PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

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**Director of Student Wellbeing**



### Cultural Diversity Assembly

The people of Victoria come from over 248 countries, speak more than 289 languages, and follow more than 128 faiths. According to Census figures, English is the only language spoken in the home for approximately 80% of the population. Accordingly, one fifth of the population speaks another language. The next most common languages spoken at home, after English, are Chinese, Italian and Greek. More or less half of the Australian population was either born overseas, or has at least one parent born overseas.

At St Catherine's School, we have 46 international students, from Years 7 to 12. Our LOTE Faculty offers French, Japanese and Mandarin, whilst EAL classes cater for students for whom English is an additional language.

St Catherine's School has a long-standing tradition of honouring Cultural Diversity Week, through the International Club's annual Cultural Diversity Assembly. This involves the student-led Club organising, and presenting a Senior School Assembly (usually) every March. This week our International Club worked hard to produce the assembly for our Senior students. With the guiding theme of music, students linked the concept of music with world harmony. The assembly was a wonderful achievement for the students, and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Last Term, as a School, we also celebrated Harmony Day on 21 March. Our Library was a hive of activity, as students created patchwork heart shaped flags that appeared around the School, as well as positive messages about diversity.

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## CULTURAL DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY



These events have provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the meaning of cultural diversity. Once upon a time, we used to talk about assimilation. However, such labels tend to ebb and flow with political favour. The reality is, that in the West, we tend to live in pluralistic societies. Migrants used to be forced to assimilate, to become the same, as the dominant group in society.

Australia has come a long way, since those days. Most members of society would agree that integration strikes the right balance. Integrating means maintaining the best parts of your own culture, whilst living harmoniously with the mainstream culture, and appreciating the best elements of that. It's not about becoming the same as the other: it is about appreciating difference; and recognising the positive contributions that we all have to make to society, through mutual tolerance and respect.

### **International Student Coordinator**



## SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC NOTES

### Flute Teacher Appointments

I am pleased to inform you that Ms Janine Hanrahan's flute students have been re-allocated. We are delighted with our three flute teachers and supply some information about them for your interest.

Miss Jessica Farrell is a current staff member at St Catherine's School and has established herself as a wonderful tutor, both on flute and piano, where she is often available to accompany her students for events such as recitals or examinations. She has a Bachelor of Music (Honours) from Melbourne University and her A Mus A (Associate in Music, Australia) and L Mus A (Licentiate in Music, Australia), both highly regarded performance qualifications. Jessica has auditioned for and accepted the role of Principal III in the new Australian Discovery Orchestra.

Miss Rebecca Johnson has a most impressive teaching curriculum vitae as well as qualifications which include a Master of Arts – (Performance) from the Royal Academy of Music in London. Rebecca recently relocated from Adelaide where she was Principal Flute in the Adelaide Art Orchestra and a casual player with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. She is currently the Associate Principal Flute in Orchestra Victoria.

Ms Sandy Yao has a Master of Teaching from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne, after completing her undergraduate studies in flute. She has wide experience teaching flute from her home studio and active teaching experience in the classroom setting. She has been highly successful as a performer in Flute Guild competitions and now successfully brings her students to these events.

All flute ensembles have been able to keep their usual rehearsal times. Rebecca has rehearsed the Year 10 quartet, Jessica the Barbreck flutes and Years 7 and 8 flutes and Sandy has rehearsed the chamber flutes. A large part of the organisation of the new tutors and their students has involved the girls being vigilant with checking their email communication. It is impressive that most of the girls can be relied upon to organise themselves. This is, after all, what we are striving for!

We welcome all our new staff to St Catherine's School.

Mrs Jenny Mathers

**Head of Music**





# SENIOR TENNIS AND ST CATHERINE'S AQUATIC UPDATE

## Senior Girls Tennis – A Grade GSV Finals

Our Senior A Grade team made it through to the GSV Finals on Monday 21 March. They had a very successful afternoon, winning both the semi-finals round of eight and finals round of four, to meet Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) in the grand final.

The quality of Tennis played during the afternoon was outstanding. It was fitting that the number one pair of Stephanie Hird and Sophie Francis were the last to finish their final match and had a very appreciative crowd of girls able to watch an impressive standard of Tennis which included some very long rallies. Equally impressive is the fact that Stephanie and Sophie only dropped two games as they went through the rounds over the first five weeks of competition. Stephanie and Sophie won their grand final match eight games to three.

Our number two pair of Samantha Leigh and Georgia Deacon played extremely well all afternoon, winning both the semi-final and final with very strong performances. They dominated in the grand final, winning comfortably eight games to four.

The third pair of Kiki Templeton and Brigette Cantarella were dominant in both the semi-final and final. They met a very strong pair from OLMC in the final and were unfortunately unable to notch up a third win.

Pair 4 of Lydia He and Lucy Glover lost their first match and then bounced back to win the semi. They played good consistent tennis in the final, however were up against a very strong pair.

The final result came down to the tally of individual games, meaning an overall result in OLMC's favour of 2:21 to 2:17.

Congratulations on such a fine season girls, and the manner you played all your matches with outstanding fair play.

Ms Susan Hobson

**Teacher in Charge of Senior Tennis**

## 2016 Victorian All Junior Semi-Finals and Finals - Meet Report

St Catherine's Aquatic was represented by Year 7 student Elodie Ferrali on Saturday 16 April at the Victorian All Junior Semi-Finals. All Junior's raced at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), in the outdoor pool, with the top 10 from each event qualifying for the final, held Sunday 17 April.

Elodie raced the 50m backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, and knocked chunks of time from all her swims. 100% PB rate is a fantastic effort! Elodie dealt with cold blustery conditions and still managed to move up the rankings with her improved times. Elodie is well on track for a great season!

Mr Mark Cooper

**St Catherine's Aquatic Head Coach**

## Mother's Day Classic

The St Catherine's Senior School Cross Country team will be participating in the Mother's Day Fun Run Classic, to raise awareness for breast cancer.

This event raises money to support breast cancer research and the St Catherine's Cross Country team is looking for your support. We would like to see as many members of the wider St Catherine's community; students, teachers, parents and friends participating in the event to raise awareness and support.

If you would like to participate please register yourself or your child at [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au) and join our team: St Catherine's School, using the password: STCRunning

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1 Georgia Deacon and Samantha Leigh

2 Senior Girls A Grade Tennis Team



## SENIOR SCHOOL

# SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

### **Mother's Day Classic**

When: Sunday 8 May (Morning)

Where: The Botanical Gardens, Melbourne

Events:

- four kilometre concession run (all XC team members and students)
- four kilometre adult run (wider community)
- four kilometre concession walk (students)
- four kilometre adult walk (wider community)

Registration: All team members and wider St Catherine's community members must independently register. Please follow the information below.

Website: [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au) (Hurry registrations are filling fast!)

Team: St Catherine's School

Password: STCRunning

A registration information document can be found on the [Athletics Portal Page](#)

It does not matter how you walk or run... it just matters why.

For further information please contact me via email [lknight@stcatherines.net.au](mailto:lknight@stcatherines.net.au) or phone 9822 1285.

I look forward to having you a part of the team.

Mr Lloyd Knight

**Sport & Athlete Development Coordinator, Head Coach of Athletics**





## COMMUNITY NEWS

# SPORTS AUXILIARY MOVIE NIGHT, SWEET CHARITY AND SCHOOL AGM

### Sports Auxiliary Film Night

#### Eddie The Eagle

Wednesday 27 April  
6.30pm for 7.00pm start  
Nibbles from 6.00pm

Lido Cinema  
675 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story about Michael 'Eddie' Edwards, an unlikely but courageous British Ski-jumper, who never stopped believing in himself – even as an entire nation was counting him out. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach (played by Hugh Jackman), Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

[Click here](#) to book tickets.

St Catherine's Sports Auxiliary

### Sweet Charity – Bookings Now Open!

The Senior School is pleased to present *Sweet Charity*.

*Sweet Charity* is a tender, poignant and consistently funny Tony Award-winning musical about the romantic adventures — and misadventures — of a dance hall hostess who 'just wanted to be loved'. Set in the 1960s against the backdrop of an eclectic New York City, the production follows Charity's endearing and unwavering hope for a better future. Featuring music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by Dorothy Fields, numbers such as *Big Spender*, *Rhythm of Life*, *There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This* and *Rich Man's Frug* are sure to impress.

The audition process took place at the end of 2015 and our cast and production team have been working hard ever since to plan, rehearse and develop the musical in readiness for the three performances at the end of this month.

It is a short season spanning 28, 29 and 30 April, so be sure to secure your seat before they all sell out. The Drama Auxiliary will again be providing delicious food and beverages at each performance, with a Bar on the Friday for our Gala Night.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 April – 7.00pm  
Saturday 30 April – 5.00pm

[Click here](#) to book tickets

Mr James Brown  
**Head of Performing Arts**

### St Catherine's School AGM

The School will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4 May 2016 at 7.00pm.

As a Member of the School (as defined in Clause 3.1 below) you may attend and vote, and are entitled to receive statutory financial statements and reports of the School Council.

Clause 3.1 of the Constitution of St Catherine's School provides for all "persons who accept contractual responsibility for the payment of School tuition fees and charges and expenses of a pupil of the School by signing the School's form of Contract (Enrolment Form) and whether or not the liability is joint or several, are eligible for membership of St Catherine's School and will become Members upon signing an Application Form."

Mr David Temple  
**Acting Director of Business**



Book by Neil Simon  
Music by Cy Coleman  
Lyrics by Dorothy Fields

Based on an original screenplay by  
Federico Fellini, Tullio Pinelli and  
Ennio Flaiano

Produced for the Broadway stage by:  
Fryer, Carr and Harris  
Conceived, Staged and Choreographed  
by Bob Fosse

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL, SNOWSPORTS SWAP, RUTH LANGLEY LUNCHEON

### PFA Mother's Day Breakfast

The Parents' and Friends' Association warmly invite grandmothers, mothers and daughters to the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May, 7.15am - 8.30am, in the Mary Davis Centre.

Please [click here](#) to book tickets.

### PFA Mother's Day Stall Friday 6 May 2016

This year's PFA Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 6 May. Students will have the opportunity to buy lovely gifts for their mums/special friends/grandmothers, with prices ranging from \$1 to \$20.

The stall will be open to all girls from Prep to Year 6. Please send your daughter to School with some money for the Stall on Friday 6 May. Please note that there will be no Senior School stall this year.

The Parents' & Friends' Association

### Snowsports Swap

Please join the St Catherine's community at our eighth annual Snowsports Swap on Sunday 22 May. Offering the best new and second hand gear for sale to get ready for the winter Skiing season.

The Swap is growing and getting better each year. The idea of recycling second hand Ski equipment works well within the School community and also far and wide outside the School. It is a fantastic event and an enormous benefit for families with growing children who need to size up with skis, boots and clothing each season.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Mrs Jodie Cody and Mrs Sally Joubert  
Snowsports Swap Coordinators

### Ruth Langley Luncheon

The PFA warmly invites you to the 2016 Ruth Langley Luncheon to be held on Friday 20 May 2016, at Leonda by the Yarra, commencing at 12.00pm.

The guest speaker this year is Ms Jenny Gray, CEO of Zoos Victoria. Ms Gray was recently announced in an incredible line up of speakers as part of the Outstanding Women Series hosted by the Australian Institute of Management. As Chief Executive Officer of Zoos Victoria, Ms Gray is currently in the process of radically transforming the strategic direction of Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo, committing to saving 20 of the most-threatened species in Victoria.

Friday 20 May 2016

12.00pm

Leonda by the Yarra

Tickets can be purchased online by [clicking here](#).

For enquiries about table bookings, please contact the PFA Treasurer, Mrs Rowena Mytton at [mytton2006@hotmail.com](mailto:mytton2006@hotmail.com)

The Parents' & Friends' Association

