

The Our Lady of Sion College

# Newsletter

College Theme 2018 – Rejoice in God's Love



## *From the Principal*

On 7 July, accompanied by leaders and representatives of Christian Churches and communities, Pope Francis led a pilgrimage to the city of Bari, located on the Adriatic coast of

Italy. Of the day, Pope Francis said 'We will live a day of prayer and reflect on the increasingly dramatic situation of that region, where so many of our brothers and sisters in faith continue to suffer.' He warned against the destructive consequences of indifference and invited all to 'feel like one Christian people that looks, with the same gaze of faith and love, at the humanitarian tragedy that involves the entire Middle East.'

### **Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**

*God of mercy and compassion,  
of grace and reconciliation,*

*pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:*

*Jews, Muslims and Christians,  
Palestinians and Israelis.*

*Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,  
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,  
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,  
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.*

*Amen.*

While the Middle East is a long way from Melbourne, in our own way we too are called to offer our prayers and support to people who are displaced, who flee their homes because of war and political persecution, who are separated from their families with no guarantee of seeing them again. Last term, I was once again privileged to join our staff and Year 12 students in a visit to the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation to offer our support to those who have fled areas of conflict and are now detained at the centre. I would like to thank staff and the increasing number of senior students for the gift of support and hope they provide. As Jesus reminds us 'Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me' Matthew 25:40.

During the term break, Australia also marked NAIDOC Week, held annually to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme *Because of her, we can!* acknowledges and celebrates the contribution of many indigenous women who have advocated for education and cultural recognition, for social change and equal rights. Later this term, 23 of our Year 10 students and three staff will undertake our annual Indigenous Immersion to further learn about the culture and life of our indigenous Australians. Over the last few years the number of students who have shown interest in this opportunity has increased and reflects their commitment to the mission of our school. I invite all students to consider the 2018 NAIDOC theme and to recognise that because of their learning, efforts and commitment, they also can positively change our world.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

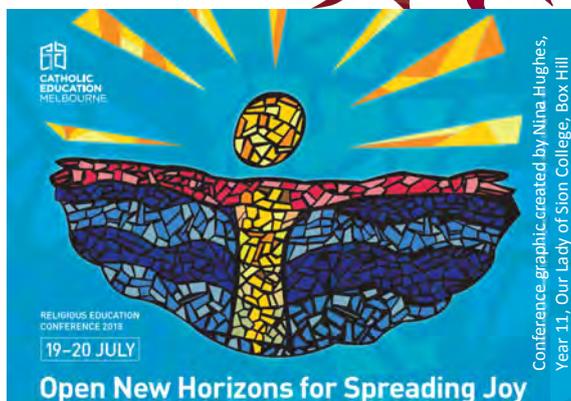
### Week B

Mon 23 Jul	Languages Week Carmel Feast Day Acceleration Applications Due
Tue 24 Jul	Languages Week Indigenous Immersion Information Evening @ 7pm
Wed 25 Jul	Languages Week Music Guest Speaker: Susan de Weger "An Essential Musical Experience" Miriam Theatre @ 6:45pm
Thu 26 Jul	Languages Week Year 12 2019 Student Interviews
Fri 27 Jul	Languages Week Year 11 Retreat

### Week A

Mon 30 Jul	College Talk & Tour @ 9:30am Year 12 2019 Student Interviews
Wed 1 Aug	Year 11 2019 Student Interviews
Thu 2 Aug	Year 11 2019 Student Interviews Year 12 VTAC Information Evening @ 7:00pm
Fri 3 Aug	Year 11 Formal

## From the Principal...



Please join me in congratulating Nina Hughes (Year 11) for her inspiring artwork, selected for the 2018 Catholic Education Melbourne Religious Education Conference promotional material. The theme of the conference, 'Open new horizons for spreading joy' is beautifully reflected in Nina's interpretation.

At the end of Term 2, we heard that Archbishop Denis Hart will be retiring after 17 years as the Archbishop of Melbourne. Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay in NSW as the [next Archbishop of Melbourne](#). We offer our prayers to both Archbishop Hart and to Bishop Comensoli as they begin the next chapter of their ministry.

The term breaks are an ideal time for the completion of maintenance work around the school. This term the works included two new projects that we hope will enhance the learning and teaching environment of our school. Lighting for our Miriam sculpture and landscaping works linking the piazza to the oval were undertaken. The College also commenced the installation of a lift to improve accessibility to various areas of the school. The lift installation is a significant project and is expected to be completed by the end of Term 3. Students were informed this week about safety around the work site.

This term we welcome Ms Gabrielle Watts who will be working within the Art and Administration areas and Ms Lynette Stancombe who will join our classroom Music program. Ms Jo Heaton will take up the role of Director of Bands and Ms Natasha Borg will lead the Arts area as the Learning Area Leader.

We also offer our prayerful support to Mrs Christine Kralj as she travels to Jerusalem to complete a Biblical Studies program at Ecce Homo. From Monday 23 July – Thursday 9 August, Mr Adam Rieusset and Mr Paul Kerr will be Acting Deputy Principals Student Wellbeing. Ecce Homo is a site of great significance to the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. [A recent online article](#) provides an overview of the congregation and its work in supporting interfaith dialogue and understanding. Finally, I wish our students and their families all the very best for Term 3 and in particular to students who are completing their VCE studies. This term is a critical time for them as they further commit to their studies and prepare for end of year examinations.

God bless for the fortnight ahead.

**Tina Apostolopoulos**  
Principal

### Do you have a daughter currently in Year 5? Applications for Year 7, 2020, are now being accepted.

Families already enrolled at the College still need to submit an [Application for Enrolment Form](#) for each additional child. If you have a daughter in Year 5, please ensure you submit her application for enrolment by **Friday 17 August 2018**. For all enquiries, please contact Mrs Karen Morris, College Registrar, on 9890 9097 or [info@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sion.catholic.edu.au).

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# Deputy Principal Faith and Mission



Earlier this week, some members of the RE Department attended a Professional Learning day at Siena College. The day was conducted by Fr Timothy Radcliffe, a Catholic priest from the Dominican order in England. One of the areas that Fr Timothy explored with us was on Revelation: having conversations with God.

Scripture is such an essential part of a Sionian education. The exploration and grappling with all of the Scriptures enables us to be transformed and opens us up to connecting with God and each other.

Fr Timothy posed the question: 'How can the Word of God come alive and "make our hearts burn within us" as the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus said?' He

led us to an understanding that reading the scriptures is not trying to decipher mysterious messages from God, as if from outer space. We are caught up in a conversation with God that leads us ever deeper into the mystery of his love. Through the centuries, we are led into more profound insight into who we are and to what we are called.

To conclude his presentation, Fr Timothy challenged us all to be bold and brave with our faith journey.



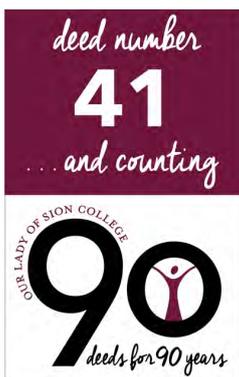
**John McInerney**  
Deputy Principal – Faith and Mission



## In Remembrance

Our thoughts and prayers go to Rebecca (11 Red) and Elise Hosie (8 Gold) whose grandfather passed away at the end of last term. We remember Rebecca, Elise and their families in a particular way at this sad time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul and the soul of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.*



## Social Justice

### 90 Deeds for 90 Years Initiative

We are proud to announce that as of this week we have completed 41 deeds to contribute to our goal of fulfilling 90 Deeds to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Throughout Semester 1, students from all year levels, along with staff, have participated in a number of initiatives to help us reach this point. Year 12s and staff members have continued to visit asylum seekers fortnightly at MITA and have consistently found this to be a rewarding experience. Our VCAL students have been using their skills to help in our efforts too, selling hot chocolates and brownies at lunchtimes with the proceeds going towards helping the homeless in our community. Of course, Sion Day, was a big part of the social justice efforts of Term 2, with staff

and students giving generously on the day through donations, participating in activities and through the Staff Silent Auction.

This term we look forward to year level social justice initiatives for students to lead and participate in. Kicking it off is the Year 12 Winter Sleep Out which raises money for the St Vincent de Paul Society this Friday, 20 July. If you'd like to help them reach their goal of raising \$1000, please head to their fundraising page:

<https://vinnieschoolsleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/OLSCWinterSleepOut>

**Rebecca Bennett**  
Social Justice Coordinator



# Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching



I hope that the term break has provided an opportunity for students to rest and energise for the term ahead.

While students enjoyed an extra day of term break, staff were engaged in a Professional Learning Day which included a session with Dr Adrian Bertolini from Intuyu Consulting. Adrian has worked extensively across Australia in Government and Catholic schools. The day focused on further developing the skills of learning. These skills include critical thinking and problem-solving, collaboration, creativity and creative thinking.



## Learning Management System: SEQTA

By now parents will have received an email from the Principal announcing the transition to SEQTA which will replace Edumate. This is an exciting time for the College as we begin phasing in this platform, which will enable teachers, students and parents/guardians to engage with each other in a more effective way. Please refer to the letter emailed for more information.

## Subject Selection for 2019

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Curriculum Handbooks for students who will be in Years 9 – 12 in 2019 were posted on the College website in recent weeks. Powerpoints for the VCE/VCAL 2019 Information Evening and the Year 10, 2019, Information Evening are also available on the website for any parents or students who were unable to attend.



It has been an eventful week with current Year 9 students and their parents attending the Year 10, 2019, Subject Selection Information Evening and current Year 8 students attending the Year 9, 2019, Subject Seminar.



## In coming weeks

- Current Year 9 students will learn more about specific subjects and will hear from Learning Leaders to assist them to make decisions about subject preferences for Year 10, 2019. This is a new addition to our subject selection process and it aims to address subject specific information. Together with reading the Year 10, 2019, Curriculum Handbook, students will have available to them a wealth of information. It is crucial that students take the time to research the subjects that they are interested in so that they can make the best decision possible.
- Parents of current Year 10 students have been invited to attend a subject selection interview with their daughter and a member of staff. Information on how to book an interview was sent via email earlier this week with bookings now open and closing on Wednesday 25 July. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 August.
- All current Year 8 – 11 students will receive instructions via email on how to select their preferences using web preferences on Monday 30 July at 4pm.
- Web preferences close on Friday 10 August at 8am.
- Current Year 7 students will be provided with information on selecting their preferred language for 2019 in coming weeks.

A reminder that it is imperative that students consult the Curriculum Handbooks available on the College website. In each handbook, there is a list of staff contacts who can provide further assistance if needed.

I take this opportunity also to remind you of the key people who can assist your daughter in the subject selection process.

**Clare Tipping** Year 7-10 Curriculum Leader (Year 7-10 students) [ctipping@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ctipping@sion.catholic.edu.au)  
**Clare Kelly** Senior Learning Leader (Year 11 and Year 12 students) [ckelly@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ckelly@sion.catholic.edu.au)  
**Brooke O'Hara** Careers and Pathways Coordinator [bohara@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bohara@sion.catholic.edu.au)

This is a very exciting time and we hope that your daughter avails herself of our support.

**Michelle Rangelov, Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching**

# Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing



## Child Safe Standards – Standard 6 Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

This standard requires schools to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate risk management strategies to ensure child safety in school environments. A child safety risk management strategy is a formal and structured approach to managing risks associated with child safety.

At Our Lady of Sion College our risk management assessments and strategies involve a number of considerations including:

- identifying child safety risks across the range of school environments (including excursions and camps)
- mitigating these risks including vetting of potential staff, expecting all volunteers to hold a Working with Children Check
- not engaging students in activities where the risk is high or cannot be effectively mitigated
- the creation of risk management documentation to ensure that strategies are well understood by staff and take into account increased levels of risk associated with the specific nature of some activities and the vulnerability of particular groups
- training of staff and students to recognise risks and how to report concerns.

This week, Year 7 students watched our 'Your Safety Matters' video and asked questions about their safety concerns to a staff panel during the Pastoral lesson. Students showed a keen interest to discuss their safety as they travel to and from school and sought ways to access help at school and online. The conversations were open and honest, and follow up will be provided to students later in the year.

**Christine Kraj**  
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

# PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**  
No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.  
Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**  
Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.  
If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# Year Level News



## Year 7

Having now received their first semester report, Semester 2 is also a good time for Year 7 students to reflect on what they have achieved, and the feedback given to them by their subject teachers. Starting a new term is also a good time to set up some regular revision sessions, and to build on the time management skills that have been a focus in Homeroom and Pastoral sessions in Semester 1. Students should now be recording all homework and due dates directly into their iPads, and I would encourage you to make this a regular checking and discussion point with your daughter. A good habit for students to get into is completing small chunks of regular revision and homework to help avoid stress at the last minute. We will certainly be encouraging all Year 7 students to continue to work on their time management skills to ensure that they are completing their homework and assessment tasks on time and to the best of their ability. Please feel free to contact either myself or your daughter's Homeroom teacher if you would like further advice on how to help your daughter manage her time.

**Brianah Walsh**  
Year 7 Coordinator



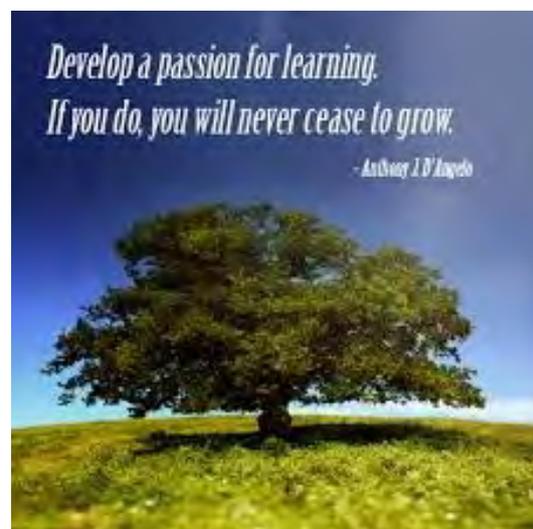
## Year 8

The first week of Term 3 has been filled with activities, setting the Year 8s up in their learning for the term, and looking to their Year 9 future.

On Wednesday 18 July the girls participated in Medieval Day, an all-day incursion, where they immersed themselves in the daily life and culture of medieval times. The day is a great learning experience and sets the students up for their main History study of medieval Europe and Japan. Thank you to the Year 8s for representing the College so well and fully embracing the day.

In Period 4 on Thursday 19 July, the Year 8s participated in the Year 9, 2019, subject selection seminar. The session was a chance for them to be introduced to the selection of subjects they can undertake in Year 9 and to assist them in making their decisions. Please refer to the Year 9, 2019, Curriculum Handbook on the school website for further information. Also please encourage your daughters to talk with their subject teachers about their selections. Students may also seek out Homeroom teachers or myself if they have further questions. This is an exciting time for the Year 8s to explore opportunities for their future learning.

**Michelle Rudd**  
Year 8 Coordinator



# Year Level News



**Jac Canning**  
Year 9 Coordinator

## Year 9

Welcome back to Term 3! Hopefully everyone has had a great break and we are set to take on the second half of the year.

Thank you to all our students and parents who attended the 2019 subject selection information evening on Wednesday night. Please take the time to carefully read through the subject descriptions and information provided. If there are any questions relating to these new subjects, please encourage your daughter to speak to their subject teacher who will be able to explain content and expectations of each subject in further detail. If there are any questions relating to the subject selection process please contact Michelle Rangelov (Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching), Clare Tipping (Head of Curriculum 7-10) or myself.



## Year 11

I warmly welcome all Year 11 students back for Semester 2. I hope the term break has allowed your daughter to recharge, reflect and to come back feeling positive about continuing the second half of the year.

### Year 11 Challenge

Congratulations to Year 11 White for winning our Year 11 Challenge in the last week of term. Silver, who were also the creators of this challenge, certainly put up a good contest in the final round.

### Semester 2

This week during Pastoral we used the time to connect with students and reflect on how they can use their Semester 1 experiences to continue to grow by developing better habits and strategies for Semester 2. Students were also asked to complete a study routine schedule, to help assist them with their time management and balance of the demand of VCE with other commitments.

### Year 11 Formal

It is an exciting time of year for students and I look forward to the lead up over the next few weeks in preparing for the night. A reminder that all forms must please be completed by the end of Week 1. Please ensure your daughter sees me or parents/guardians can contact me if there are any issues. Can I please also ask that you go over the expectations with your daughter again, so she fully understands the requirements for the evening. I appreciate your support with this.

As always, I welcome you to contact myself or your daughter Homeroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

**Lauren Amalfi**  
Year 11 Coordinator



Notre Dame de Sion School 1930-1948



## Religious Education

During the final week of Term 2, I had the privilege to attend, by invitation of our Sisters in Australia, the International Council of Christians and Jews Annual Conference which was held in Budapest and Kecskemet, Hungary. The title of the conference was *Towards Reconciliation in a Broken World: Jewish and Christian Contributions to Responsible Citizenship*.

Over the course of three and a half days, presenters from all around the world addressed the following questions:

- How is reconciliation, as a major concept in both Judaism and Christianity, linked to justice?
- What implications does the idea of reconciliation have for interfaith relations?
- How can the 'victim-mentality' be left behind to pursue a path of responsible citizenship?
- How does one find God in one's enemy?
- What can we as people of faith do to work towards mutual understanding, reconciliation, and peace in our specific contexts, often tainted by national, religious, ethnic, and social conflicts? How do we work together with people of other faiths or of no faith?

As a part of the conference, I participated in an ecumenical walk around Pest. It was very special to tour St Stephen's Basilica and the Great Synagogue. I also saw the Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial and a memorial wall from the Jewish Ghetto (1944-1945). I found these experiences most moving.

Following the conference, I spent two days with Sisters of Our Lady of Sion from overseas as well as Associates and Friends of Sion. I was most touched by their generosity and kindness and it was wonderful having the opportunity to get to know them and to share reflections of the conference together. I felt a real connection and the time together certainly highlighted the strength of the Sionian charism. We all spent time discussing what impact the conference had on us personally and what we would bring back to our communities to share and to try to implement. Reconciliation, opportunities for dialogue and how we can continue to find ways to give our young people interfaith experiences were certainly at the forefront of our discussions. We also had the opportunity to visit the school in Buda founded by the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion in 1930 and which belonged to the Congregation until 1948. The school is now run by the state, however, there was a real sense of its Sionian history especially sitting in the crypt of the chapel, where we took time to pray and to reflect on all we had experienced through the week.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Sisters and to Tina Apostolopoulos for allowing me this most memorable experience.

**Anna Gionfriddo**  
**Religious Education**  
**Learning Leader**



ICCJ Conference



The Great Synagogue



St Stephen's Basilica



The Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial



The Budapest Ghetto Wall Memorial

# Domain News



## Science

We had a busy finish to Term 2 with many different experiences for the students.

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we had a Live Stream experience with Physicist Brian Cox. *On Tuesday 22 May, I was lucky enough to be able to watch a Live Stream with Professor Brian Cox. It was an amazing experience, and I learnt quite a lot about the formation of our universe. I most enjoyed it when he explained what Black Holes are, as well as the similarities and differences between Black Holes and Wormholes. Overall it was a great experience, and I am so glad that I got to watch the Live Stream.* **Annie Squires (9 Red)**

On Friday 8 June six Year 9 DOHSA students attended the Cardboard Challenge at Melbourne Uni. The girls were challenged to build different objects using only cardboard and testing their strength and design features.

*The AKORNs Cardboard Challenge was a great opportunity to mix with other students from other schools to create useful designs within the STEM field. At the beginning of the day we split into groups of four for our first challenge. This was a good way to meet other people and work collaboratively on our various ideas. The design brief was to create a cardboard house with one sheet of cardboard, using a specialty knife and screws. It was a model for a house for refugees in Nepal to live in so the environmental conditions needed to be considered. In the second activity, we were given three sheets of cardboard to create a chair that could support the weight of an adult. We were challenged not to use any screws or masking tape. We were given ideas of how to build our chair, some of which included rolled up cardboard and lattice designs. After each of the challenges were completed we had a presentation where each group stood in front of everyone and showed their completed design, whilst also explaining why they chose that design. With the second challenge groups had to have a member successfully sit on the chair without it collapsing. This was a fun way to see what creative ideas other groups had come up with. Overall, the Cardboard Challenge was a great learning experience.*

**Keely O'Shannessy (9 Red) and Matilda Davey (9 Gold)**



As a College, Sion was lucky enough to be chosen to attend a Medical Scientist enrichment day at GTAC and Walter Eliza Hall Institute. On 14 June the students heard about current research, participated in experiments and were treated to a tour of WEHI to look at research in action.

Sion College was again chosen following application to attend a special student day at the International Society for Stem Cell Research, ISSCR, on Monday 18 June. Fourteen Year 11 Biology students attended the International Stem Cell Conference at GTAC and Deakin Edge. The girls participated in research, attended an Expo and heard from world renowned researchers about the latest in stem cell research.

*We started our day at GTAC, taking several workshops explaining the basics of stem cell research and its use in today's world. This ranged from resetting stem cells into their most useable form, stem cells from embryos, regenerating specific organ cells and hearing from current scientists about their research regarding stem cells. We then travelled to Federation Square for a conference where we heard from scientists from all over Australia about how stem cells were being incorporated into their work to help regenerate cells for those suffering from degenerative diseases. We all had a great time and a big thank you to Ms Marsden for organising the day and to Mr Barker and Dr Dennis for taking us.*

**Tea Tsagarakis (11 Gold)**

**Cassie Marsden  
Science Learning Leader**



## Languages

### Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition

Italian students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 participated in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition at Melbourne University on Tuesday 26 June. We are particularly proud of five of our talented students who were chosen as finalists in the competition, despite an extremely competitive selection process. Today they will compete against finalists from other Victorian schools. We congratulate them for their outstanding achievements and wish them all success.



Melissa Rossetto  
Year 9



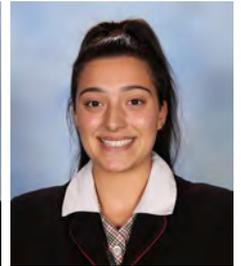
Jessica Fernando  
Year 11



Claire McManus  
Year 11



Lila O'Connor  
Year 12



Fiorella Penta-Iannicielo  
Year 12

We also congratulate the following students who achieved a **High Distinction**: **Year 9** – Francesca Sammartino; **Year 10** – Kiara Fonseca, Myriam Fulton, Lillian Pittao, Mia Pitruzzello and Amanda Twaalfhoven; **Year 11** – Laura Acs, Isabella Curran, Alyssa Drago, Holly Horn, Tiane Gavillucci, Victoria Iori, Alyssa Latin, Lily Michelangeli and Emily Pasquini; **Year 12** – Kate Bowman, Laura Di Giandomenico, Isabella Giuliani, Stephanie Piccolo, Zoe O'Shannessy and Isabella Stylianou.

And the following students who achieved a **Distinction**: **Year 9** – Alessia Campagna, Alice Reid and Katelyn Ruscitti; **Year 10** – Alexandra Boffa, Lily Boyes, Madeleine Brown, Sophie Ciardulli, Elizabeth Hamshaw and Deanna Luca; **Year 11** – Arianna Battaglin, Karli Battistella, Jessica Carocchia and Monica Di Deo.

We congratulate all participants for their enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you to Mr Wilkes and Miss Teicher for assisting the students in their preparation.

### Dante Alighieri Discorso Competition

The Year 12 Italian students participated in the Dante Alighieri Discorso (Speech writing) Competition and they all achieved excellent results. In particular, we congratulate the following students who were awarded Distinctions and High Distinctions.

**High Distinction**: Laura Di Giandomenico, Bianca Mosele, Lila O'Connor, Fiorella Penta-Ianniciello, Stephanie Piccolo and Isabella Stylianou.

**Distinction**: Kate Bowman, Sarah Denmead, Claudia Dionisio, Isabella Giuliani, Zoe O'Shannessy and Eleni Thomas.

### Alliance Française Poetry Recitation Competition

Earlier this year, our French students from Years 9 and 10 participated in the Alliance Française Poetry Recitation Competition. The Languages department is very proud to announce some outstanding results achieved by the girls.

**High Distinction**: **Year 9** – Sara Seresli and Inez Vercauteren; **Year 10** – Aurelia Alimanjah

**Distinction**: **Year 9** – Alyssa Cox and Annie Squires; **Year 10** – Chanel Chebaia, Paris Mansell, Emily Poldermans, Stephanie Sparrow and Elizabeth Weinberg.

To reach the finals in this state-wide competition is an incredible achievement and we congratulate Sophie Chan from Year 10 who will compete against other finalists from all around Victoria on Sunday 29 July. We wish Sophie the very best of luck for the finals!

# Domain News



## Languages (continued)

### Sion Student International Partnership Program

On the morning of 10 July, we welcomed six students from Notre Dame de Sion in Kansas City, USA – **Savannah Childress, Savannah Friedebach, Savana Mayer, Lily Muehlebach, Anna Nastasi and Scout Neely**. They will be joined by Mrs Karen Phillips on 23 July along with two other students from our sister school.

This week, they have enjoyed attending school with their host sisters, and have built strong friendships with our students, engaged in classroom activities and participated in a number of fun activities such as the Medieval Day Incursion. During the City excursion, they saw the sights of Melbourne not only from the ground, but from the top of the Eureka tower as well. They explored the Melbourne Aquarium, Victoria Market, Federation square, and much more. During the holidays, they also enjoyed travelling interstate with their host families to Sydney and Queensland. Many more surprises await them in the next two weeks.

We would like to thank the host families for their support, enthusiasm and generosity in taking the exchange students into their homes, and ensuring a comfortable and pleasurable experience for our guests; the Byrne, Hosie, Lombardo, Mawby, Yates and Zugna families.

**Gail Amato**  
Languages Learning Leader



## Mathematics

### Mathematics News Upcoming Events

The Australian Mathematics competition is on Thursday 9 August. The competition allows our students to participate in a well regarded national competition. All students who compete will receive feedback on their performance and receive a certificate. Students should register their interest with their Mathematics teacher or Ms Mulvogue. Further details will be published in the student bulletin.

**Helen Mulvogue**  
Mathematics Learning Leader

# The Arts News



## Music

### Music Week

Our annual **Ensembles Concert Night** took a slightly different shape this year with the spotlight cast on our Junior, Intermediate and chamber ensembles. The standard of performance, especially from our emerging musicians, was very pleasing and testament to the investments made throughout rehearsals, lessons and home practice. Congratulations to all those who took to the stage and wowed the appreciative audience. We look forward to hearing your continued musical growth for years to come.



Our annual **Voice Soiree** provides a fabulous opportunity for students undertaking private lessons to join forces to perform as duos or trios. The relaxed afternoon timeslot set the perfect tone for less experienced performers to thrive and for the more experienced stalwarts to take it to the next level. The performances were electric - expressive, musical, engaging and thoroughly enjoyable. The success of this wonderfully enriching opportunity for collaboration, learning through performance, and mutual support would not have occurred without the work of the Mrs Janine Jones, Miss Katya Harrop, Mrs Erin Brown, Mr Gillan Gregory and Ms Marianne Rigby-Black.

Our music week lunchtime activities saw the Miriam 'Cinema' packed to the rafters with 350+ students escaping the winter chill for screenings of **The Greatest Showman**. This feel good new movie musical celebrates the sense of wonder we feel when our imaginings come to life. It was wonderful to see the girls dancing their way to Period 4 in the last week of term courtesy of a catchy soundtrack fronted by Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron.

### Essential Musical Experience with Susan de Weger

It is with excitement that we invite you to join in an informative and essential music experience, hosted by internationally renowned change agent in music education, Susan de Weger.

Susan is the Associate Lecturer in Music Entrepreneurship at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and directs *IgniteLab*, a program she created and launched in 2016. She is an excellent example of the transferability of music education to success across industries with her leadership skills used to create and transform businesses and social ventures across the world. Susan is a passionate advocate for lifelong music involvement and will present emerging trends and innovative templates for undertaking higher music education as a music major; and music electives in other degree majors which can provide pathways for these students to continue to develop their craft and make music. She will discuss the skills needed to thrive as a 21st century artist and how a new generation of musicians are creating sustainable, hybrid careers to thrive on and beyond the stage.

To read more about Susan please visit her website: <http://www.notablevalues.com/about>

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Miriam Theatre on Wednesday 25 July at 6.45pm** for a musical welcome, followed by Susan's presentation commencing at 7pm.

### On a personal note...

For the past six and a half years I have been blessed with tremendous support from a beautiful community I cherish. Thank you to our fabulous students whose energy and enthusiasm for learning inspires the best in us. Thank you to the incredible and nurturing staff who have selflessly shared their expertise, experience, time, faith and friendship. Thank you to the generous families who have offered encouragement, praise, advice, trust, transport of equipment, and so much more. I look forward to hearing wonderful things from Sion in the future!

**James Le Fevre**  
Director of Bands



# Artist Spotlight

## Emily Wans

### Artist Spotlight – Emily Wans

There are few musicians in the world who have the opportunity to perform a world premiere at the age of 16, especially in a venue as prestigious as the Melbourne Recital Centre! *Atlas of the Sky* is a new multi-percussion work set for 3 soloists, Soprano Singer and percussion 'ensemble'. Emily was invited by the soloists *Speak Percussion* to form part of the ensemble for this professional, fully staged, intriguing avant-garde work. Congratulations Emily!



### Art

Many of the Year 7 and 8 Art students visited the Whitehorse Art Space at the Box Hill Town Hall during June to view the current exhibition: *Dean Bowen, Home is Where the Heart Is*. The exhibition featured an abundance of artworks that resonated with the theme of love. From small sculptures to gigantic paintings of houses and skyscrapers, Bowen's artworks demonstrate the importance of 'home' to our wellbeing.

It was inspiring for the students to view the artworks in real life, to see the joyful artworks, vibrant colours, textures and sizes of Dean Bowen's paintings, lithographs and bronze sculptures. The exhibition continues until July 28.



Jenny Schwab and Sarah McLaughlin  
Art Teachers

# Sports News



## Senior Basketball Tournament

The Senior Basketball team travelled to MSAC on 21 June to compete in the GSV Senior Basketball tournament. In a tough draw, our first two matches were against eventual Grand Finalists for the day OLMC and Ivanhoe. The girls put up a good fight, but could not stop the sharp shooting of OLMC and did not capitalise on opportunities against Ivanhoe. Next, the girls faced Melbourne Girls' Grammar and showed that when they believed in themselves and worked together, they could triumph, winning 39 – 21. In a consolation final, we faced 'cross town rivals' Siena College and prevailed with a sweet victory, winning 26 – 25, putting us in 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1. Congratulations to all students for their efforts throughout the day.



## Pierre De Coubertin Ceremony and Olympic Academy

On Friday 22 June, Madeline Daws, Hannah Shanley, Tess Mitchell and I had the opportunity to head into the MCG for the Pierre de Coubertin Awards and Olympic Academy. Through this experience, we had the chance to meet other students from across Victoria who share the same love of sport as we do. The academy allowed us to not only interact with others but listen to guest speakers and Olympians Scotty James (Bronze medallist in the halfpipe at PyeongChang Winter Olympics 2018), Mack Horton (Gold Medallist from Rio Olympics) Koti Ngawati and Hannah McDougall, as well as getting a tour of behind the scenes at the MCG and the Melbourne Sports Museum. Overall, the day was a great opportunity to meet new people and learn different ways to deal with the hurdles, not only in sport, but in life in general. We all took something from this day that will stay with us forever.

**Anna Kipping, Sports Captain**



## ESS Performance Sport Scholarships

A few months ago, an opportunity was advertised for students to apply for a fully funded Sport Scholarship through ESS Performance, valued at over \$4000. This opportunity was on offer to students at all GSV schools. We have been informed that three Sion students have been awarded full scholarships.

Congratulations to Sophie Wong (Year 8), Alana Mawby (Year 11) and Tess Mitchell (Year 12). We look forward to hearing more about this experience shortly.

**Katrina Gurciullo**  
**Sports Coordinator**

# House News



## Cupcake Competition

Friday 22 June saw the annual House Cupcake Competition. This was an amazing display of creativity and colour! The Notre Dame building was taken over by the smells of sugar and fondant as the students brought their cupcake baking and decorating skills to the competition. Congratulations to all students for getting involved and enjoying the challenge. Thank you to Ms Valucava, Ms Fernandez, and Ms Mainwaring for being our esteemed judges.

### And the winners are

**Senior:** Giulia Downes and Jana Kruger

**Intermediate:** Georgia Harman and Jessica Scida

**Junior:** Amy Barnett and Lucy Young

### Honourable Mentions:

Ella Minuzzo, Sophie Ashdowne, Zoe Bairamis, Brooke Franklin



### Overall:

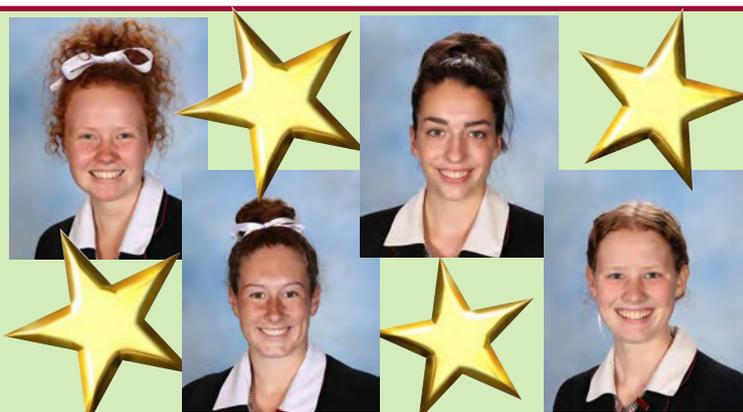
House	Place	Points
FATIMA	1st	89
CARMEL	2nd	84
LORETO	3rd	81
LOURDES	4th	67

Siobhan Taylor  
House Coordinator



## Sports Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Saskia Nannes (Year 10), Lucy David, Chloe Livingstone and Bronte Sherwen (Year 11) who have all been selected to represent GSV in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Interstate Challenge Tournament from 5 – 7 October on the Gold Coast in Queensland. The girls will play against five independent school sport associations from four states during a three-day tournament. This is an outstanding accomplishment from all four students; well done girls!



## Parent Notices



### From the College Psychologist

I hope everyone had a restful term break and managed to keep nice and warm! I would like to bring your attention to two opportunities for young people being provided by the City of Whitehorse. Please find information below and the flyers attached to the newsletter.

#### **Anxiety Hack - A group for teens experiencing anxiousness or at risk of developing anxiety**

This group for teens 14-16yrs aims to:

- Educate teens about types of anxiety and symptoms
- Provide teens with a good understanding about their own worries, anxiety and stress
- Give teens new skills to manage their symptoms better
- Teaches teens relaxation, helpful thinking and effective behavioural strategies

**When:** Four Tuesdays from 24 of July – 14 of August @ 4:00 – 5:00pm

**Where:** Suite 4, Level 4, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster 3108

**Cost:** \$25 for four sessions

#### **The Art of Emotions – Therapeutic Arts Program**

The Art of Emotions is a therapeutic arts program for young people aged 15 – 25, which will explore feelings, emotions, mental health, and self-care multimodality.

The group will run over 8 weeks. It is a closed therapeutic group so participants need to be available for the entire 8 week program. No artistic skills required, just a willingness to have a go and the capacity to express and explore emotions.

**Where:** Headspace Knox – Knox Ozone, 2 Capital City Boulevard, Wantirna South

**When:** Tuesday 31 July – Tuesday 25 September (break on 28 August) from 4:00 – 6:00pm

**Cost:** No cost and all art materials supplied



#### **Parenting Workshop Series**

A series of free workshops, offered in Ringwood on Wednesdays, covering the following topics:

Discipline VS Punishment, Managing behavior, Rules and Consequences, Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, Resilience

**Sofia Stagnitta**

**College Psychologist**

## From the Careers Room

*I never dreamed about success, I worked for it.*

Estee Lauder



Students and families can find the fortnightly Careers newsletter at [www.olscareers.com/?page=newsletter](http://www.olscareers.com/?page=newsletter). In this fortnight's newsletter there is information relating to:

- Upcoming events – Melbourne Career Expo, Information sessions with Deakin University, VTAC Information Evening for current Year 12 students and their families, Tertiary Open Days
- Career in the Spotlight - Paramedic
- Things to Consider - 2018 Year 12 Gap year opportunity, Year 12 students Community Achievers Program and Aspire Program reminder
- One for the diary - Inside Monash Seminar series
- Research ideas - Bond University Scholarship, Bachelor of Engineering Practice with Swinburne University

**Brooke O'Hara, Careers and Pathways Counsellor**



OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE presents



# The Addams Family

A New Musical

9, 10, 11 August at 7:30pm as well as a 2:00pm matinee  
Miriam Theatre, Our Lady of Sion College  
purchase tickets online at [www.trybooking.com/UQKS](http://www.trybooking.com/UQKS)

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice  
Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa  
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams  
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF  
THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, NEW YORK  
[www.origintheatrical.com.au](http://www.origintheatrical.com.au)

# Our Lady of Sion Parents' Association



*All members of the Sion parent community are also members of the Parents' Association.  
We welcome parent involvement at any PA activity or meeting.  
Any contribution of time is greatly appreciated.*

Our first meeting for Term 3 is on  
**Monday 23 May @ 7pm**  
in the Ratisbonne Board Room  
(Park in the front car park and enter through reception)  
We look forward to seeing new and existing Parents.

To add your name to our email contact and volunteer list, please send your details to:  
**Secretary: [jo.reid@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jo.reid@optusnet.com.au)**

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

## TIME TO *Shine* 2018



**SATURDAY 28 JULY 2018**  
2.00 pm and 7.30 pm | State Theatre

Tickets on sale now!  
[www.cem.edu.au/T2S18](http://www.cem.edu.au/T2S18)



### **Friends of the Performing Arts at Sion**

*The Friends of Performing Arts at Our Lady of Sion College (FoPA-S) aims to provide opportunities for community engagement through involvement in Music and Drama. The FoPA-S will be advocates for the Performing Arts throughout the College Community and beyond, and will provide appropriate assistance to support the learning experiences of our students.*

To join our wonderful FoPA-S family and get involved in supporting drama and music please visit the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/FoPA-S>

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**When:**  
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**Cost:**  
No cost, art materials supplied.

**Contact:**  
Cheryl Mupfitts - Cheryl.Mupfitts@headspacevic.com.au or 9901 6084  
Ruby Stevens - Ruby.Stevens@each.com.au or 9901 6088



## Parenting Workshops

Come along to these five **Parents Building Solutions** workshops to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

**Where:**  
Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford Park, Rosewarne Lane (via Bedford Road), Ringwood

**Cost:**  
Free of charge. Bookings essential.

**Bookings:**  
Sharon Muir on 0438 683 049  
sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

- Discipline vs Punishment**  
Wednesday 1st August 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
What is discipline? Why punishment doesn't work?
- Managing Behaviour**  
Wednesday 8th August 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
Why do children behave the way they do?
- Rules and Consequences**  
Wednesday 15th August 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
How can we develop positive rules and consequences that work?
- Dealing with Feelings**  
Wednesday 22nd August 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
How can you build your child's emotional intelligence?
- Resilience**  
Wednesday 29th August 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
How can we teach children to handle the tough stuff in life?

