

### Prayer

*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:  
A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths. (Matthew 3: 1-3)*



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Dr Darren Egberts

This week's prayer celebrates the prescient words of St John the Baptist who challenges his community to prepare for the imminent arrival of Jesus of Nazareth. As we enter the second week of Advent, it reminds all Christians to prepare for the coming Christmas season.

This newsletter is the last for the year and includes many of the celebrations that have brought the school year to a close for students. Notwithstanding the particular challenges that we have experienced this year, it has been a joy to see the unbridled optimism of our young people as they reflected on 2022 and look forward to the long Christmas holiday to come. I would like to thank every member of the Sacred Heart College community – students, parents, staff, families and friends – for the support you have shown us throughout the year.

### End of Mass and Awards

The school year concluded with all Year 7 – 9 students and staff gathering together in Quambi to celebrate our End of Year mass with our College Chaplains. We were also privileged to be joined by a large number of family members and friends. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to this special liturgy and especially our Director of Faith and Mission, Annie O'Shannessy for the many hours of work required.



Following our College Eucharist, the school came together again for the presentation of our End of Year Awards across all year levels and subject areas as well as a series of special awards recognising citizenship, music and the College core values.

## 2023 SHC Student Leaders

This newsletter also includes the 2023 student leaders who comprise the Senior School and Junior School Cabinet. Congratulations to each of these young people as well as all those who nominated for a position and were not successful.

## Year 9 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 9 cohort who celebrated the end of the school year with a special assembly and presentation representing their graduation from Sacred Heart's Junior School into Senior School next year. Special thanks to Jodie Wattie, Head of Junior School and those students who assisted in putting this excellent event together.



## Staff Departures

With the end of the school year upon us, a significant number of staff will be leaving us. I would like to thank each of them for their service and commitment particularly those who have been long-standing members of the Sacred Heart College community.

Annie O'Shannessy	Retirement
Helen Aldridge	Retirement
Jodie Warner	Resignation
Claire Perston	Moving interstate
Alistair Bloom	St Columba's College Essendon
Chris White	Loreto College Ballarat
Damien Zanic	Penola College Broadmeadows
Jonathon Conquest	Highview College Maryborough
Bronwyn Burke	Catherine McAuley College Bendigo
Karen Challis	Resignation
Charlotte Noonan	End of contract
Brodie Baldwin	End of contract

A final blessing to all Sacred Heart College students, staff and families for the upcoming Christmas season and the New Year to follow. I hope the times are filled with joy, rest and good health.

Yours in Mercy,

**Dr Darren Egberts**

## SHC Traineeships 2023

Full-time traineeships for 2023. These traineeships offer school leavers and young people the opportunity to gain experience in schools ahead of further study or a career.

Each traineeship includes opportunity to complete a VET certificate in an associated field. Sacred Heart College is looking to employ three or four trainees in the following areas:

**Sport**  
**Information Technology support**  
**Animal Care**

For further information on the traineeships, please consult the College website: [shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](http://shckyneton.catholic.edu.au) or contact Ms Jan Bower, Principal's PA ([jbower@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jbower@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)) or phone 5421 1200.

Applications are to be emailed to: The Principal, Dr Darren Egberts: [principal@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)  
**Applications close: 4.00 pm on Monday 12 December 2022**

# KEY DATES FOR 2023

Main Office Opens	Monday 23 January
Term 1 Commences for ALL Students - Years 7 to 12	Wednesday 1 February
College Photo Day	Thursday 9 February
Senior Years 10-12 Meet the Homeroom Teachers	Monday 13 February
College Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 15 February
Beginning of Year Mass	Thursday 16 February
Junior Years 8-9 Meet the Homeroom Teachers	Thursday 16 February
Year 7 Commissioning Mass and Welcome BBQ	Tuesday 21 February
Year 7 Camp	Monday 27 February - Friday 3 March
Year 8 Camp	Monday 6 March - Friday 10 March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 13 March
Year 12 Retreat	Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 March
Student Progress Interviews (SPIs) 5.00pm to 7.00pm	Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 March
Student Progress Interviews (SPIs) 9.00am to 1.00pm - Student Free Day	Friday 31 March
Term 1 Ends for Students and Staff 2:30pm — (Good Friday 7 April)	Thursday 6 April
Staff Professional Practice Day - Student Free Day	Monday 24 April
Anzac Day Public Holiday	Tuesday 25 April
Term 2 Commences for Students	Wednesday 26 April
College Open Evening	Thursday 27 April
College Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 17 May
Year 11 Retreat	Thursday 18 - Friday 19 May
King's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 12 June
Staff Report Writing Day - Student Free Day	Friday 16 June
Celebration of Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass	Thursday 22 June
Term 2 Ends for Students and Staff 2:30pm	Friday 23 June
Term 3 Commences for Students and Staff - Semester Two	Monday 10 July
Staff Professional Practice Day - Student Free Day	Monday 17 July
Semester One Academic Awards Ceremony	Thursday 20 July
Year 10 Alpine Camp	Monday 21 - Friday 25 August
Mercy Day	Friday 8 September
Structured Workplace Learning (Work Experience)	Monday 11 - Friday 15 September
Student Progress Interviews (SPIs) - 5.00pm to 7.00pm	Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 September
Term 3 Ends for Students 3:30pm	Thursday 14 September
Student Progress Interviews (SPIs) - 9.00am to 1.00pm - Student Free Day	Friday 15 September
Term 4 Commences for Students and Staff	Monday 2 October
Term Break - Student Free Day	Monday 6 November
Melbourne Cup Day & Kyneton Cup Day - Student Free Days	Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 8 November
Year 9 Camp	TBC
End of Year Mass & Awards - Term 4 Ends for Students 3:30pm	Wednesday 6 December



**Bereavements** - Your prayers are asked for the Sinnott family who are mourning the passing of Mrs Helen Sinnott, mother of Paddy and Abigail Year 9, and Fergus, class of 2021. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

**MERCY@WORK NEWS - Sam Weir**

As has become an established tradition now, our Mercy@Work students spent time earlier in the term writing Christmas cards for residents in our local aged care homes. With Christmas carols playing at high volume, and a with a spirit of good cheer in the air, our students set about the ambitious task of writing close to 150 cards for the residents of RM Begg and Bupa Kyneton. The cards will be delivered in the coming days, and we hope that the blessings of peace and joy are experienced by all who receive them.

In their closing weeks of the school year, our Year 10 and Year 11 students have been collecting donations towards our giving program for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, and towards the Christmas giving program run by McAuley for Women and Children. All students and staff in the Senior School are thanked for their efforts, and we know that all items contributed will be gladly received.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2023**

**Monday 23 January** 10.00am – 4.30pm  
**Wednesday 25 January** 10.00am – 4.30pm  
**Monday 30 January** 10.00am – 4.30pm

Normal trading hours resume from  
 Thursday 2 February 2023

**Term Dates for 2023**

**Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April (Good Friday 7 April)**

**Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April to Friday 23 June  
 (Staff PL Day Monday 24 April & ANZAC Day Tuesday 25 April)**

**Term 3 - Monday 10 July to Thursday 14 September**

**Term 4 - Monday 2 October to Wednesday 6 December**

**College Yearbook 2022**

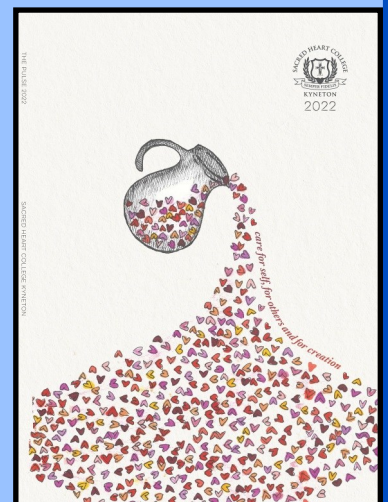
The Yearbook is a wonderful reflection and snapshot of life in 2022 at Sacred Heart College. This magazine was given to all students in attendance on the last day of school, Friday 2 December.

If your student has already finished for the year, you or your student are most welcome to collect your copy from the College Reception until Wednesday 14 December.

The Year 12 students will receive their copy, together with other certificates and VCAA paperwork in the mail.

If your student was away, and you are unable to pick up your copy, the yearbook will be given out on the commencement of 2023.

Thank you  
 Mrs Scarlett - Publications Officer





## YEARS 7 - 9 EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

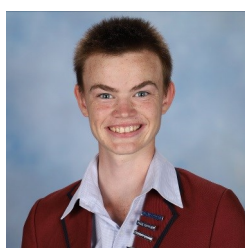
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[Click here: to access and download all PHOTOGRAPHS taken at the Awards Ceremony](#)

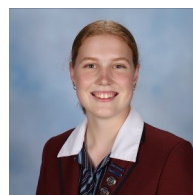
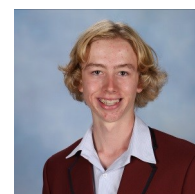
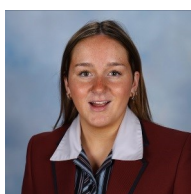
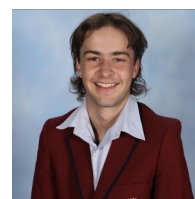




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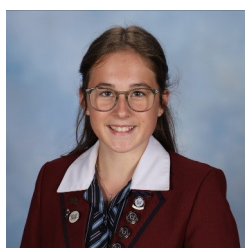
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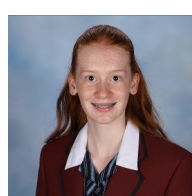
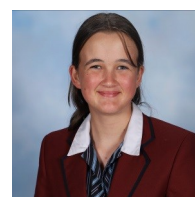
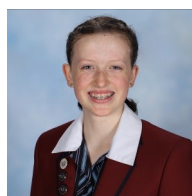
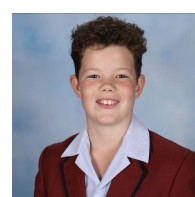
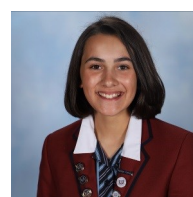
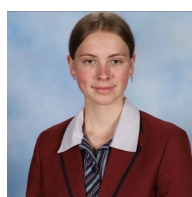
### POSITION

### STUDENT

<b>College Captains</b>	<b>Baylee Eve &amp; Alexander Lonergan</b>
<b>Faith Captain</b>	Alyssa Loschiavo
<b>Academic Captain</b>	Cai Rowland
<b>Applied Learning Captain</b>	John Barlow
<b>Culture Captains</b>	Jessica Bourke & Poppy Mills
<b>Mercy@Work Captain</b>	Kyle Dingle
<b>Sports Captains</b>	Cara Beattie & Harrison Sheahan
<b>Student Wellbeing Captains</b>	Hannah Dwyer & Imogen Sparrow
<b>Sustainability Captains</b>	Olivia Leathem & Nate Ryan
<b>The Arts Captains</b>	Jemima Cudmore & Grace Stewart



## JUNIOR CABINET



### POSITION

### STUDENT

<b>Junior College Captains</b>	<b>Sophie Dunn &amp; Catherine Mahony</b>
<b>Faith Leader</b>	Raphaella Takos
<b>Academic Leader</b>	Mila Pereira
<b>Culture Leader</b>	Luke Cameron
<b>Mercy@Work Leader</b>	Claire Byham & Macey Holmes
<b>Sports Leaders</b>	Alexander Daly & Bridget Eames
<b>Student Wellbeing Leader</b>	Bronte Meyer
<b>Sustainability Leaders</b>	Amber Bray & Lily Morrison
<b>The Arts Leaders</b>	Emily Turner & Maeve McNamara

# House Captains / House Vice Captains / Junior House Captains for 2023

Chisholm House Captain	Tarryn Knights
Chisholm House Vice Captain	-
Chisholm Junior House Captain	Dylan Pozar
Nightingale House Captain	Samuel Bartlett
Nightingale House Vice Captain	Curtis Bone
Nightingale Junior House Captain	Wynta Callander
O'Neill House Captain	Keira Jacks
O'Neill House Vice Captain	Henry Neylon
O'Neill Junior House Captain	Lowenna Embury
McAuley House Captain	Dempsey Roberts
McAuley Vice Captain	-
McAuley Junior House Captain	Indigo Eveleigh-Trotter & Zara Hooppell

2023 Chisholm House





Tarryn Knights  
House Captain

Dylan Pozar  
Junior House Captain

2023 McAuley House






Dempsey Roberts  
House Captain

Indigo Eveleigh-Trotter  
Junior House Co-Captain

Zara Hooppell  
Junior House Co-Captain

2023 Nightingale House






Samuel Bartlett  
House Captain

Curtis Bone  
House Vice Captain

Wynta Callander  
Junior House Captain

2023 O'Neil House






Keira Jacks  
House Captain

Henry Neylon  
House Vice Captain

Lowenna Embury  
Junior House Captain



# YEAR 9 GRADUATION - Jodie Wattie

Last Thursday the Year 9 students celebrated their Graduation from the Junior School. This ceremony was embedded into our school culture three years ago by the Junior Cabinet. They received a Graduation gift from the College to acknowledge that they now start their Senior School journey together, and will be the graduating class of 2025. The Year 9 students are to be congratulated on their achievements over the last three years.



## GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE 2022 - Jamie Walker and

After a brief hiatus, Sacred Heart College's 'DI's Crew' joined Bicycle Network and 2,500 people in Riding from Koroit to Ballarat.

Sacred Heart College celebrates the contribution of Di Taylor, past staff member, to the development of young people in Year 9, by participating in the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Students begin training in Term 2 and undergo both on road and off-road training. This develops their skills to ensure a safe environment whilst training, and also during the ride.

Highlights this year were the first night in Koroit, traversing the Otway's to Forest and then descending to Skene's Creek, the rest day in Apollo Bay with some great weather, and the ride from Apollo Bay to Anglesea along the Great Ocean road with some brilliant views of the coastline.

Congratulations to Tom Davis, Jack (Ricky) Hooper, Kuppah Kome, Ryan Kinkade, Oscar Rayner, Caleb Urquhart, Spencer Zan, Mr Darroch and Mr Walker.

To the students of Year 9 in 2023, make sure you consider participating in this great program that allows for fun, spending time with your friends and being rewarded for your hard work. Special thank you to Anthony Willis for helping with the training sessions.



## CSEF APPLICATIONS 2023 (Camps, Sport, Excurison Fund) - *Melinda Plumb*

If you have a Health Care Card , you may be eligible for CSEF. Successful applicants, entitles parents to a \$450.00 total fee discount per student.

Please download the application form [here](#), or contact the College Accounts Receivable Department on 5421 1218.

## FEE NEWS - *Matthew Shaw, Business Manager*

### Outstanding School Fees 2022

Please note that, as the end of the year is fast approaching, some families are behind on their fee arrangements. It is a requirement that all College tuition fees are finalised by the end of the calendar year.

If you are unable to finalise your accounts by the close of Term 4, please contact our Accounts Receivable officer, Melinda Plumb on 5421 1218, or via email [accountsreceivable@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accountsreceivable@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au) as a matter of urgency to discuss an altered payment plan, and/or a confidential concession application.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP - *Denise Lawrence*

### SAVE THE DATE... 2023

We invite all parents in the Community to our Parent Engagement Evenings for 2023

(Bookings are essential – further information can be found on the [College Website](#))

<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	Michael Carr-Gregg – Boys Issues Parent Presentation 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday 23 May</b>	Sonya Karras (Whole New World) –Safe Partying Parent Presentation 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday 1 August</b>	Dr Jodi Richardson – Moving Teens From Anxiety To Resilience Parent Presentation 7pm
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b>	Maria O’Shannessy - The Parent Coach Workshop 6.30pm – 8.30pm Limited to 30 people

Friday's End Of Year Mass and Award Ceremony capped off what was a wonderful, interesting, and brave year of re-entry into the full swing of the machine that is our Music Department. Thursday's full-day Mass Music rehearsal was a complex logistical affair, with students negotiating their exams and PAT tests with significant rehearsal for Mass. Our student musicians who helped make this entire process so efficient, are to be congratulate. The end result was a beautiful Mass experience, with wonderful music being made!

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Music Scholarship winners. These students represent the positive advocacy of Music in our College. Deliberating over the recipients was a VERY robust conversation, because we have a huge number of student musicians who contribute so positively to the college.

I end this year with my sincere gratitude to all who made our department a wonderful, productive and joyful place to work, study and PLAY! This includes primarily our students, but also the Instrumental Music staff, and the families who support these musicians. Thankyou!

If you haven't yet re-enrolled for 2023, or would like to branch out and try learning a musical instrument in 2023, I urge parents to complete the online enrolment form at [www.tinyurl.com/shcmusic2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/shcmusic2023). Have a safe, laughter-filled and super-musical Christmas and Summer break!



## YEAR 9 CAMP WRAP-UP - Angelica Violante and Sam Weir

### Year 9 Camp

Travelling by boat, plane and bus, our Year 9s recently embarked upon Sacred Heart's first ever interstate Year Level camp. Their camp took in some of the highlights that lutruwita/Tasmania has to offer, and it has been a joy to hear the many stories and memories that our campers have brought back with them from the experience. During the camp, Ms Caddey ran a photographic competition with a range of categories open for students to submit an entry for. While there were countless wonderful photos taken throughout the adventure, you can see the winning entries via [this link](#).

As this was our first time traveling interstate with an entire Year Level, we are abundantly proud of the manner in which our Year 9s served as ambassadors for our school community. It was wonderful to see them interacting with our drivers, hosts, guides and the general public in a manner that embodied the Mercy values of hospitality, compassion and respect. Well done to all of our travelers, and enormous thanks to all of the staff who made the camp possible.

It was very pleasing to see our students living up to the Mercy values of our school, this was very evident in the positive feedback we got from the venues our students visited and their interactions with members of the public. So impressed were some of the members of the public that they sent an email to Mr Egberts praising our students.

When we were getting ready to return to Victoria, we had food left over, which was decided to donate to a Food bank organisation in Hobart. Our students jumped at the opportunity to collect the food and load it to the car, their selfless nature shining through, putting a smile on the organisation receiving the goods.



## Have you created your child's PAM medical profile?

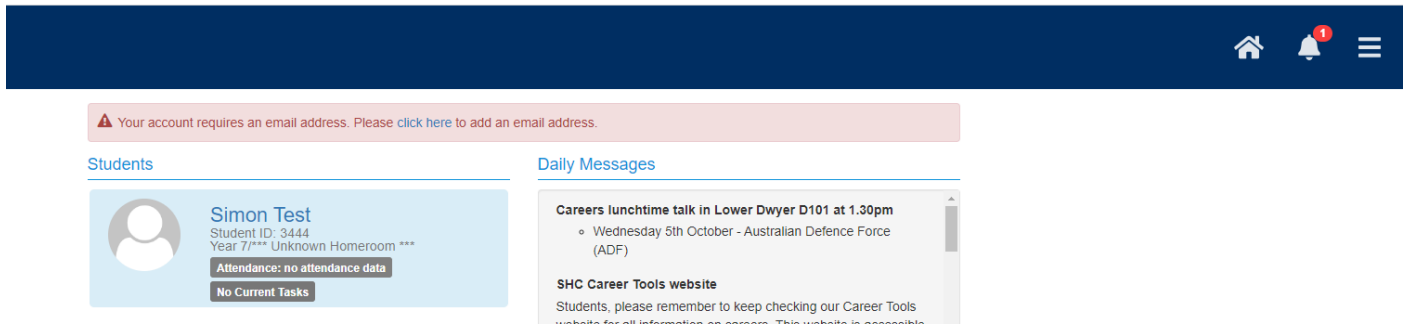
At the beginning of 2023, we will be ceasing the use of Operoo and will be embracing more of the features PAM has to offer to reduce the systems families are required to use, and to streamline many of the current processes and communications between school and home.

In preparation for the 2023 school year, we are asking all families to log into your PAM account, check your registered email is correct and set up a new PAM medical profile for your child/children by **Wednesday 14 December**.

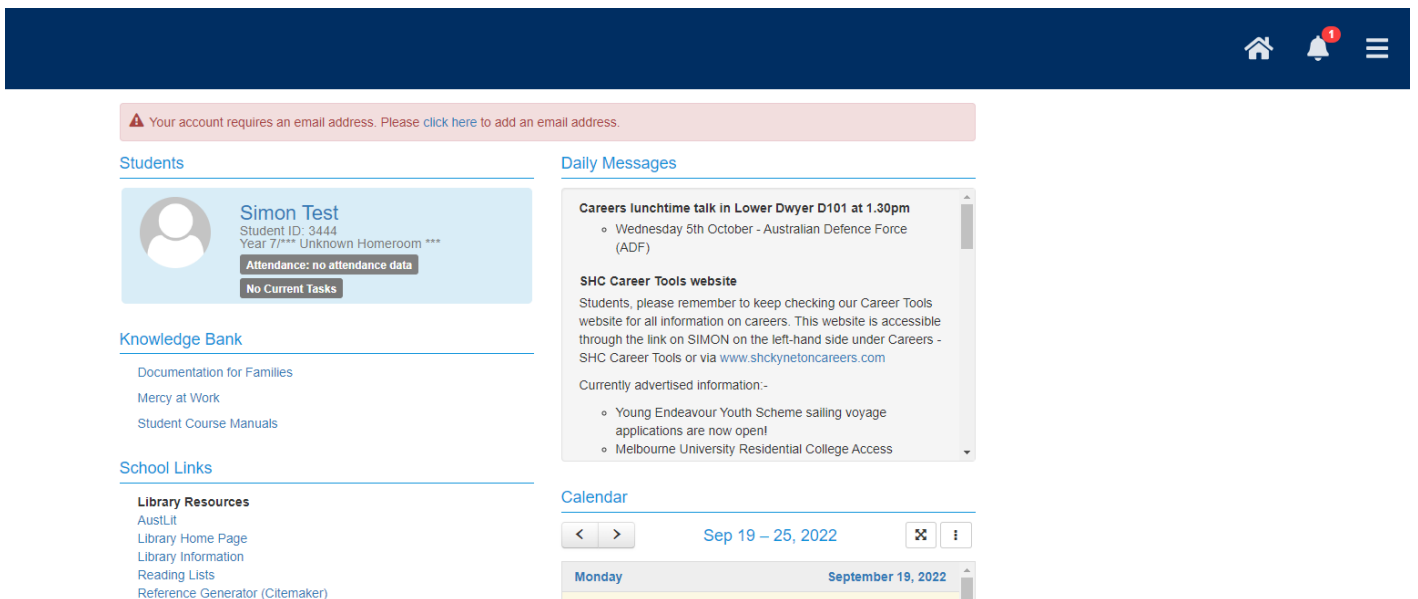
You can access PAM by going to "MY SHC" on the College web page or by typing the following into the address bar of your internet browser <http://pam.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au>. Please use your personal family login details.

If you have any queries, please email [pam@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pam@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au).

### Instructions for creating your child's Medical Profile:



If you see a red warning box at the top of your screen please add your primary email address, if this warning screen does not appear please go to My settings via the menu in the top right corner and check that you have the correct email registered.



To add a Medical Profile please click on the alert in the top right corner you will see the below pop up

The screenshot shows a user interface for a school management system. At the top right, there is a notification box titled 'Medical Profile' for 'Simon Test' dated '19 Sep 2022'. Below this, a red banner states: 'Your account requires an email address. Please click here to add an email address.' The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Students' featuring a profile for 'Simon Test' (Student ID: 3444, Year 7, Unknown Homeroom) with buttons for 'Attendance: no attendance data' and 'No Current Tasks'; 'Knowledge Bank' with links for 'Documentation for Families', 'Mercy at Work', and 'Student Course Manuals'; 'School Links' with 'Library Resources' and 'AustLit'; 'Daily Messages' with a message about a 'Careers lunchtime talk in Lower Dwyer D101 at 1.30pm' and a reminder about the 'SHC Career Tools website'; and a 'Calendar' section.

Please click on the pop up and proceed to complete the full Medical Profile form. If you have multiple students at the school, you will receive an alert for each child.

## CAREERS NEWS - *Karina Wheeler*

### Career Tools Website



Click here to  
Access the new  
Career Tool  
Website

For our latest Careers Newsletter please head to our new Careers Tools website at [www.shckynetoncareers.com](http://www.shckynetoncareers.com) and go to IMPORTANT INFO then careers newsletter!

## Year 12 Students - Results and Change of Preference Service:

Please note that Careers will be offering students support with change of preference choices on:

- **Monday 12 December 9:30am - 4:00pm**
- **Tuesday 13 December 9:00am - 4:00pm**

If you require help we advise that you ring to book an appointment, with either Karina Wheeler on 54211261 or Kristina Delaney/Karen Challis on 54211262.



# School's Out For Summer

# PICNIC BASH!

Great local bands!

Bring a picnic rug

Sausage sizzle

Coffee



At the Macedon & Mount Macedon  
Community House

Supported by:



Face Painting

Popcorn

Family Fun!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | FROM 1:30 PM | BANDS 2-8:30 PM

featuring 6 HOURS of amazing young local talent:

**Charlie & Tom | Saving Throw |  
The Gents | The Funky Donkeys |  
Sack Of Flour | Elysium | 7th Circle |  
The Lydians | Rhiannon Winchester |  
The Mods | The Junkyard Wizards  
plus the Ranges Music Network  
REALLY BIG Band**

47 Victoria Street | Macedon

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