

## Diversity Prayer

Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity  
in the midst of diversity;  
We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression  
of your unconditional love for your creation;  
We confess that in our brokenness as human beings, we can  
turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice,  
oppression, and wounding.  
Empower us to recognize and celebrate difference  
as your great gift to the human family.  
Enable us to be the architects of understanding,  
of respect and love;  
Through the Lord, the ground of all unity, we pray. Amen

People being themselves never hurt you

Stand  
against  
LGBTQIA+  
discrimination



IDAHOBIT  
Tuesday May 17

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Dr Darren Egberts

This week's prayer reflects the College's unconditional commitment to holistic education based on the core Christian belief that all human persons are created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27). This principle underlies Sacred Heart College's policies and programs to promote and develop inclusion and diversity across our community – students, staff and families. This week we recognised IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) with posters around the school promoting inclusion, compassion and justice.

This week, I read with interest a number of online articles from the United States which detailed a letter that Pope Francis had recently written in response to questions often posed by American LGBTI families. One of the questions answered was how should God be viewed, "God is Father and he does not disown any of his children," Pope Francis responded. "And 'the style' of God is 'closeness, mercy and tenderness.' Along this path you will find God."

### Recent IT issues at Sacred Heart College

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the IT issues that have affected Sacred Heart College since our servers were subject to a malicious virus attack a week ago. Ongoing challenges have been seen in the College's email systems and therefore capacity to effectively communicate with staff, students and families.

Together with our external IT support, Espire, the College is transitioning to a more robust email system and greater security access and hope that these will be in place by the start of next week.

## Rapid Antigen Testing

Following advice from the Victorian Government and its health authorities, the requirement for all students and staff in Victorian Secondary schools to undertake twice-weekly RATs has been eased. Beginning Monday 23 May 2022, the following guidelines are in place:

- RATs will continue to be distributed periodically to students and staff.
- Students and staff are not required to undertake a rapid antigen test twice weekly.
- If a student or staff member is a household contact of a positive case, they are required to test five days in a seven-day period.

The requirement for household contacts to wear a face mask when at school and indoors remains.

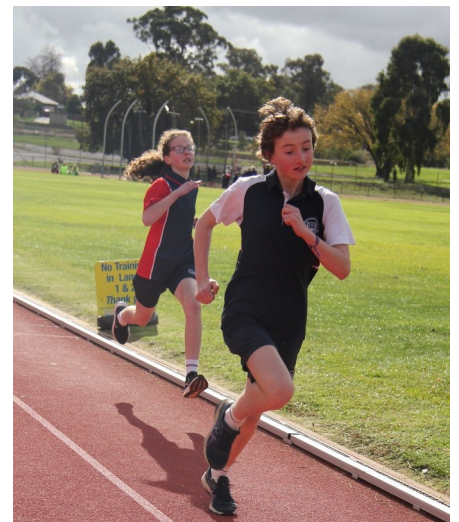
## College Activities

As the term approaches its halfway point, a number of small and larger activities have been enjoyed by students and staff:

- On Wednesday, the College Athletics Carnival was held in Bendigo with the cool weather balanced by bright autumn sunshine. A report, and all results, will be in the next Newsletter.
- Congratulations to many Year 7 and 9 students who have completed a series of online NAPLAN tests over the last two weeks.
- Congratulations also to our Year 11 students who completed a highly successful Retreat last week. The Retreat program included a day focused on social action as well as a day of reflection at Campaspe Downs. As part of the social action options, students assisted at their former primary schools, at a variety of local Landcare projects, as well as the Kyneton Food Bank.

Yours in Mercy,

Dr Darren Egberts  
Principal





**Bereavements** - Your prayers are asked for the following families who are mourning the passing of a loved one recently. The Eames family on the passing of David Wakeham and Violet Daly, great uncle and great grandmother of Georgia 9C, and the Alderton family on the passing of Bruno Bertei, great grandfather of Holly 7F.

Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

## CALENDAR DATES

**Mon 23/5** - Year 10 Mock Interview Week

**Tue 24/5** - Senior Languages City Experience  
 - COBAW Primary Schools Netball Tournament  
 - Galway Debating - Round 2  
 - Mickleham Division AFL Girls Day  
 - **PARENT ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP - David Vinegrad 7:00pm**

**Wed 25/5** - Mickleham Division Netball - Year 7 and Intermediate  
 - Senior Studio Time and VCE Life Drawing 3.45pm to 5.00pm  
 - Maths Tutorials 3.35pm to 5.00pm  
 - Year 9 GVBR Training 3.35pm to 5.00pm  
 - Year 11 Drama & Actors Studio Rehearsal 3.30pm  
 - **Parenting with Purpose Workshop 7.00pm (1 of 4)**  
 - **Instrumental Music Recital Evening 7.00pm**

**Thur 26/5** - Makarrata Assembly P2  
 - VCE Science Poster Presentation with Dr Greg Willis  
 - Period 5 - 3.35pm to 5.00pm  
 - **Drama Performance Evening 7.00pm**

**Fri 27/5** - Student Leadership Day  
 - Unit 1 Food Studies Golden Dragon Museum Bendigo

**Tues 31/5** - Period 5 - 3.35pm to 5.00pm

**Wed 1/6** - Year 7 Sport - AFL, Soccer Netball  
 - Senior Studio Time and VCE Life Drawing 3.45pm to 5.00pm  
 - Maths Tutorials 3.35pm to 5.00pm  
 - Year 9 GVBR Training 3.35pm to 5.00pm  
 - **Parenting with Purpose Workshop 7.00pm (2 of 4)**

**Thur 2/6** - Principal's Tour 9.15am  
 - Senior RMIT Lunchtime Session  
 - Student Leadership Meeting

**Fri 3/6** - Years 10 & 11 Examination Period

Don't Miss this Wonderful Presentation TONIGHT!

# Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Learn. Care. Flourish.

## Behaviour Matters

*Members of the local community are invited to attend this event.*

### Guest Speaker: David Vinegrad

This session will explore the philosophy and principles of Restorative Justice and how they can be applied in the home when having conversations with your children about relationships and behaviour.

Implementing Restorative Practices can:

- Promote and strengthen relationships to improve learning and productivity
- Take a proactive approach to prevent conflicts, tensions and disciplinary problems
- Improve communication among students and families

**When:** Tuesday 24 May

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Mary Moloney Theatre Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

**Tickets:** This is a free event but seats must be booked via [www.trybooking.com/BXMWU](http://www.trybooking.com/BXMWU)



*Sacred Heart College is committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.  
Further information about Child Safety at SHCK can be found on the College website.  
<https://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au/our-college/child-safe/>*

This week we were privileged to have 'Whole New World' founder and presenter, Sonya Karras address all of our students in Years 7 to 11 on the topics of Vaping and Safe Partying. Her age appropriate and factual information, along with her humorous and engaging presentation style, proved a great hit with each Year level. Students were given the facts about vaping, the legal aspects, huge fines involved for selling to minors and serious health concerns that can develop from its use. We plan to have Sonya return next year, and include a parent evening as part of our Parent Engagement Program. We completed a Junior School survey following the presentations, which has provided follow up information for us, but I would like you to ask your child what they took away from the session, and start a conversation. They are now more aware of the serious health risks, the deceptiveness of the advertising regarding what is in the vaping liquid, including nicotine, and the fact that the cigarette companies, particularly Marlborough, have a huge investment in the production of vaping products. This is targeted at addicting the next generation to a nicotine-based product.



A reminder of our consequences. If a student is caught smoking or vaping at school, they will be suspended and parents will be contacted. The student will be required to complete a research task on the 'Consequences of Vaping' during their suspension. The vaping equipment will also be confiscated.

I have included again some links for your information and interest, and might be useful in your discussions with your child.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/smoking-vaping-ban/resources> This resource explains the government ban of smoking and vaping on all school premises at any time and the penalties that can be incurred

[https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/E-cigarettes\\_and\\_teens/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/E-cigarettes_and_teens/) The impact of e-cigarettes on teens

<https://lungfoundation.com.au/lung-health/protecting-your-lungs/e-cigarettes-and-vaping/for-parents/> Fact sheet regarding the ins and outs of vaping and effects on young lungs

**Parent Engagement Partnership - DAVID VINEGRAD**

At Sacred Heart College, our Behaviour and Support System is a structured process based on the premise that everyone has the right to learn in the classroom. While there are procedures and consequences in place that ensure this can happen, it is backed up by Restorative Practices. This is an important aspect of being able to work together. It enables people to work through a structured process to be able to repair relationships that have been damaged, whether that's between students and teachers or between students and students. These skills are useful not only for school, but for work and home as well. Tonight as part of our Parent Engagement Program, we are fortunate to be able to host David Vinegrad, founder of 'Behaviour Matters' and an absolute Restorative Practice guru, who speaks around the world on this process. Bookings can be made through Try-booking. I hope you can take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

## **Year 10 Falls Creek Ski Camp : 22 - 26 August - Information for Families**

Whilst August may still seem a while off yet, we will be beginning the preparations for Ski Camp with all Year 10 Students in the next few weeks.

Students will have an information session in Assembly in the coming weeks outlining the camp and what it entails, as well as the equipment required.

With regards to the equipment needed for the camp, students are provided with hired skis, boots, poles, and a helmet. All students, however, are required to have their own waterproof snow gloves and eye protection, either sunglasses or snow goggles. Whilst many families may not have these items, they can be borrowed from family or friends. In the coming months retail stores such as Anaconda and even Aldi will begin having sales on ski gear, and will have these items available for purchase at reasonable prices.

Students also have the option to bring their own waterproof snow jacket and waterproof snow pants, or they have the opportunity to hire them. If students choose to hire these items they are covered under the costs of the camp. Students will need to indicate this in the coming weeks, so it is very important that you discuss this requirement with your student.

After students have had their information session regarding camp, students will need to complete a Google Form via their Google Classrooms outlining their details and past skiing experiences. On this form they will be able to indicate if they need to hire the waterproof snow jacket and/or pants. This information will then be used to finalise our bookings with Falls Creek.

Further information, including the Operoo permission form and the Camp Handbook, will be available for families next term, closer to the date.



## DEBATING NEWS - *Jonathon Conquest, Debating Leader*

On Thursday 5 May, Sacred Heart College hosted the Galway Debating competition. The College fielded strong teams in each of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Competing against other schools such as Aitken College, Australian International Academy and Ilim College, in total there were over seventy students engaged in lively debate across the campus. Interesting and sometimes controversial topics such as 'Should Zoos be abolished' and 'Does Technology Improve Human Communication', ensured that each round of debates was filled with measured arguments and quick-thinking rebuttals. Each debate was chaired by a fellow student from Sacred Heart College, who ensured that the debates ran on time and were conducted in a professional manner. A special mention to one of our Intermediate teams who won the overall division on the day. Well done Sophie, Mila and Sylvie! We now look forward to the second round of the competition which will be held on 24 May.

### Junior Teams

1. Danika Wozniak, Abigail Phegan, Dylan Bosanko
2. Rafaella Amati, Talia Vandermeer, Levi Gordon
3. Elizabeth Hooper, Harper Constable, Holly Alderton



### Intermediate Teams

1. Sophie Dunn, Mila Pereira, Sylvie Rigby
2. Jack Meyer, Max Taylor, Nash Mathews-Prentice



### Senior Team

1. D'Arcy Egberts, Alex Lonergan, Samuel Hanna

### Chairpersons

Mason Bray, Eoin Blanks, Eva Malpas, Stella Morley, Caleb Urquhart, Ryan Kinkade, Angus Freeman, Lewis Gatt, Kaleb Zivkovic, Oliver Vandermeer.



On Tuesday 3 May, Year 7 Japanese students had a Taiko drumming incursion. We were very lucky to meet Shin and Ayako, two professional Taiko drummers. They were very kind and taught us so much. They showed us how to stand the correct way and how to hit the right spots of the Taiko.

We played lots of fun rhythmic games where everyone got to participate and have a go.

Tankovich sensei even got up and did a short performance which was great to see. We were able to practise our Japanese skills by following Japanese instructions. It was an amazing experience for everyone who got to participate.

We would like to thank our Japanese teachers for organising this wonderful incursion!



### The Maths Show

As part of the Year 9 Mathematics Curriculum, the students had the opportunity to attend an incursion on Monday 9 May. The purpose of the Maths Show was to engage students in Mathematics and to encourage the students to understand that if they are engaged with the subject of mathematics, and if they are enjoying the learning, it empowers them to achieve their personal best.

Patrick, the presenter from the Maths Show, used humor and role playing to interact with the students and give them access to important mathematical ideas, knowledge and skills.

It was very pleasing to see students enjoying themselves, and viewing mathematics from a different perspective. We hope that they recommend the show to next year's Year 9 students.



## Star Wars Day- the force was with us!

As promised, here are the photos from our Star Wars (May the 4th) day. Congratulations to Annabel Eshuys (7E) on winning the Kahoot - her knowledge of Star Wars was second to none!. Here's Annabel with her prize - Star Wars Lego of course!

Students who created salt dough characters can collect these from the library this week. They would look fabulous painted!



## Library Lunchtimes

There is always so much to do in the library at lunchtimes and this term we're adding even more fun!



Keep an eye on Daily Messages for more information, but we have reading groups, Maker Space, Mindful Mondays, Life Skills Masterclasses, Big Brain activities and a whole lot more coming your way!

We're also eagerly awaiting our new shelving for our First Nations collection which will give prominence to this important collection and allow us to refresh the library spaces, creating more study nooks and individual seating areas for students.

## IDAHOBIT Day

Tuesday 17 May was IDAHOBIT day - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Students can check out our collection of LGBTIQ+ books from our reading lists or through searching Oliver (the library catalogue).



## 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!

## University Lunchtime Sessions for Senior Students - *Karen Challis*

The Careers Department has had guest speakers at lunchtimes from various universities come and speak to senior students regarding various courses, early entry schemes, scholarships, and accommodation options etc.

A representative from LaTrobe University at Bendigo spoke to 12 students on Thursday 5 May, and we were honored to have our past school captain, Bryn Rowland, representing Australian Catholic University, speak to a record 24 students on Thursday 19 May. Bryn is in his second year of a double Nursing and Paramedicine degree at ACU in Ballarat, and gave a great insight into his life as a current university student.

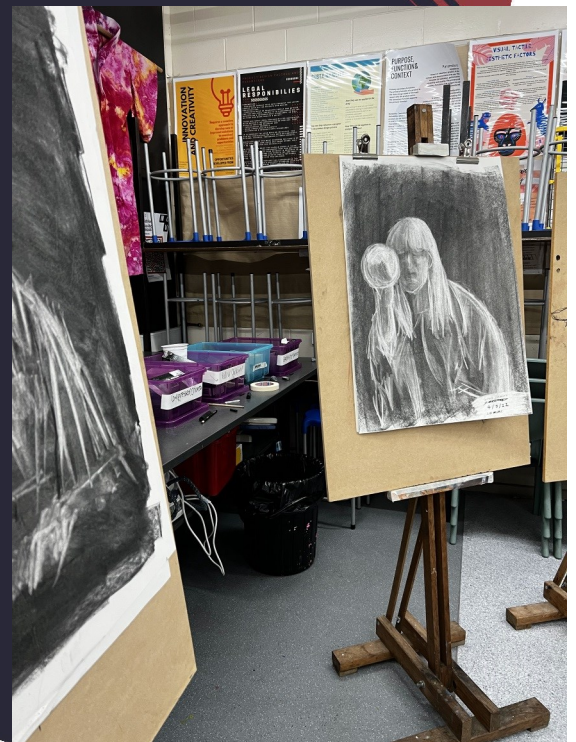
We encourage all senior students to attend our upcoming events by RMIT, Melbourne, and Victoria University. Dates are listed on SIMON and our Career Tools website has more information.



# THE ARTS SPOT

## Life Drawing - Samantha Caddey

So lucky to have Danny Butterworth teaching life drawing here at the College. First sessions started last Wednesday with a lovely model Eden. I think you will agree that the students work is beautiful. Can't wait to see what they produce after five weeks.



## An Afternoon with Sister Brigid Arthur

*To all those interested in social justice, this event is not to be missed!*

Sister Brigid Arthur is a leading refugee advocate in Australia since 2001.

She is the co-founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, providing support to those seeking asylum.

Sister Brigid is renowned as an engaging and passionate speaker and this promises to be both informative and entertaining



**Saturday 18 June**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Norma Richardson  
Hall**

15 Buckland St,  
Woodend

**Register** your  
attendance at

[https://  
www.trybooking.co  
m/BZPHS](https://www.trybooking.com/BZPHS)

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This will be a 'CoVid-safe' event.  
Entry by donation at the door.

