



Future Families

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Mount Carmel College's twice yearly update for future enrolled families



Welcome to our community

Dear Future Families

Welcome to the first edition of Future Families for 2022, one of our communications to keep in touch with you as a future student and family of the College.

Unified Mount Carmel College R-12

Welcome to Mount Carmel College R-12! What a huge delight it is to be celebrating the start of the school year as a unified primary and secondary school. Whilst the new signs on the Primary Campus and some uniform items are outward indicators of the change, behind the scenes a lot of work has been done in readiness, including in the areas of finance systems, ICT systems, curriculum planning and organisational matters. The spirit of the Sisters of St Joseph lives on in our College.

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We are excited that students and their families will now have the one, seamless enrolment and processes from Reception through to Year 12.

Amazing Year 12 SACE Results for 2021

On behalf of the College community, we congratulate the Year 12 Class of 2021 on their exceptional South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) results.

We again had 100% South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) completion rate, as has been the case for many years at Mount Carmel College.

Some of the highlights include:

- 100% SACE completion again
- Emmanuel De Los Santos was Dux for 2021 with an ATAR of 98.35, closely followed by Jay Dizon with 98.30
- 9 Merits awarded to Mount Carmel College students. A Merit is awarded by the SACE Board to a student who demonstrates exceptional achievement in the subject.
- Just over 10% of all students received a Merit. Very few schools can make a similar boast.
- 16 students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 80 or more.
- Over 30% of all grades were A grades
- 99.4% of all grades awarded were C- or higher
- No E grades awarded to any of our students.
- 94% of those who applied for university have received an offer in the first round. Of those offered a place, 74% were offered their first preference in the first round of offers.

We congratulate each Year 12 student on their success and thank their teachers who worked hard with the students to support and assist them to achieve their personal best.

Western Technical College

We are also excited that the major expansion of the Western Technical College, a campus of Mount Carmel College and located across the street from our Secondary Campus at Rosewater, was ready for use on day 1 of the VET year. The building looks magnificent, both from the outside and inside. The new courses of Electrotechnology and Automotive Servicing have already proved to be popular, whilst traditional favourites such as Building and Construction, Carpentry, Hair and Beauty and Metal Engineering continue to attract strong enrolments.

Grasp the Opportunities

The evidence clearly supports the theory that the students who get the most out of schools such as Mount Carmel College are those who enthusiastically embrace the educational, cultural, sporting and social justice offerings available.

Inter-school sports competitions have resumed and students are looking forward to being involved in activities such as debating, the Music Concert later in the year, the Uni SA STEM Challenge and LEGO Challenge, to name a few.

Follow us

If you have not done so already, I would encourage you to sign up on our website in the Newsletter section so that you receive our fortnightly Newsletter automatically via email. Our Facebook page is another excellent way to keep informed about our College community life. You can find us at www.facebook.com/mccadelaid

Best wishes

John Konopka, Principal

Year 9 Italian Excursion



Our Year 9 Italian students visited the Campania Club and experienced the Italian culture and language first hand. We were honoured to meet some of the club's members who graciously taught our students how to play Bocce and also included us in their version of Tombola (Bingo in Italian). In addition, students had a tour of the clubrooms and enjoyed a delicious pasta lunch and zeppole for dessert. No doubt, the experience allowed our students to connect with their language learning in an authentic and genuine way. Many thanks to the Campania Club for a wonderful day!

*Mrs Tania Sparapani
Language Teacher*



Primary Campus Disco

Balloons, coloured streamers, and photo booths added to the excitement of our annual School Disco.

A professional DJ from 'Bop till you Drop' engaged the children in a variety of dance moves and group activities. It was a fun filled day for both staff and students.

Every picture tells a story!



Year 7 Dance

Our Year 7 students partake in one semester of Dance and is a course where its focus is learning about foundational dance and an opportunity to experience many different dance styles ranging from various social dances, Bollywood, the Zorba, the waltz, break dance, contemporary and hip hop. We had the pleasure of having a guest hip hop teacher early in Term 4, Mrs Michelle Stabile from the dance school, 'Groovezone'. She taught the students some basic hip hop steps and a small dance routine to the song 'MOVE' by Baker Boy which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Mrs Athena Kapetanos
Multidisciplinary (HASS & Art)



Year 5 Mission to Mars Excursion

The Year 5 students went on a full-day Mission to Mars. This is a scenario-based program where students work in teams and use problem-solving skills to successfully complete a geological survey of a Martian crater. They are dressed in specially designed spacesuits, students depressurise in a simulated airlock before stepping out onto the Mars surface. They collect real soil and rock samples, drill an ice core, conduct a thermal survey, and take seismic measurements.

Mission Control officers play an important role in the mission: they are responsible for the safety of the astronauts and the success of the scientific program. From Mission Control, students communicate with the astronauts via radio and direct their scientific investigations. Mission Control officers also monitor the environmental conditions on Mars and the systems of the space station, working together to solve problems as they arise. After returning to Earth, students analyse their samples and undertake further scientific investigations in the research laboratory. All students act as astronauts, mission controllers and research scientists during the full-day program.

The students had a great time and all arrived back on Earth safely!



Australian Mathematics Competition



In August, students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Spread across

two classrooms, each group of students had 75 minutes to complete 30 questions in Junior (Years 7 & 8), Intermediate (Years 8 & 9) and Senior (Years 11 & 12) categories. This year, for the first time the nation-wide competition was completed by Mount Carmel College students online, with half of



L-R: Ami Vu, Angelica Vu-Nguyen, James Pham, Chairon Masangcay and Meg Byham

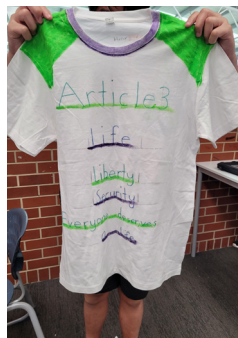
our participants achieving either a Credit or Distinction. Congratulations to all students who took part.

Nicole Adam
Mathematics Coordinator

Year 10 History Human Rights T-shirts

The Year 10 history students studied Human Rights as one of their topics and the Summative task was to design and create a t-shirt with an appropriate slogan. All classes completed it in Term 3 or 4 and the photos show some of the amazing designs. This activity has proven to be engaging for the students as we encourage them to pursue history as a subject in the senior years. Thanks to Mrs Kapetanios, Ms Griffiths, Mr Zammit and Mr Cibich for their work with the students on this activity.

Mrs Felicity Daviess
HASS Coordinator



Science: Nutrition



Students have been looking at nutrition and the effect different foods have on the body.



In a practical, we calculated how much sugar was in different drinks available to us every day. We discussed the energy sugar can provide, followed by the 'sugar crash' soon afterwards.

Students had these comments to say:
Carole: "Every soft drink has a lot of sugar".

Frank: "it gives you quick energy".

Kalani: "I was surprised the soft drink had so much sugar".

Darryl: "It is bad for you and a lot of it is in drinks".

Truong: "It makes you stay awake".

Ms Rachael Griffiths
Science/HASS/Maths Teacher

Year 11 Wood Technology



Adrian Sparapani and Dang-Huy Tran made three woodwork projects. Their final project was a small Grandfather Clock, complete with a pendulum and paned-glass. The boys were very pleased with the result and thanked Miss Amber Chapman for assisting them in the subject.

Mr Iain Carr, Design & Technology Teacher



Japanese Shamisen Incursion

During September the Primary Campus had a Japanese performer share their skills with the Shamisen Instrument. The shamisen is a three-stringed traditional Japanese musical instrument. The children were all amazed at the skill of the performer to play the 3-stringed instrument. We appreciate Ms Banks for organising this school incursion.



Whole School Action Day

In September we celebrated 'R U OK Day', which is our National Day of Action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, 'Are You Ok?' and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. The focus was on Promoting the wellbeing of children and staff. They learnt how to look after themselves and support one another whilst engaging in fun activities.



Interschool State Chess Finals



In October students competed in the Interschool State Finals at Tyndale College. These students have represented our school throughout the year at regional tournaments where we qualified to represent the school at the State Finals. The competition was extremely fierce with 15 of the best primary students in South Australia participating. Our school exemplified the core values of our school, receiving the Fair Play and Sportsmanship Award. They should be proud of their efforts.

We congratulate Nicholas, Catalina, Michah, Lincoln and Nived for their hard work and achievements during the year at Chess Club, regional tournaments and at the Interschool State Finals.

Year 6 Graduation



In December our Year 6 students celebrated the end of their time at the Primary Campus with their Graduation Mass. It was a celebration for students, staff and families as the end of the school year and their time at primary school draws to a close. All of our Senior Students have grown throughout this year and lived out the Core Values of our school. They have demonstrated exemplary leadership and leave our campus equipped to meet the challenges during the next phase of their education. Congratulations to all of our Primary Campus Graduates! We wish you all the best for the future and hope you look back fondly on your time here.

Dux 2021

The Class of 2021 achieved outstanding results with 100% SACE, 10% of Year 12 students received at least one Merit, more than 75% of all grades A or B grade...so many highlights. Well done Emmanuel as Dux, closely followed by Jay Dizon on 98.30.



Congratulations



EMANUEL DE LOS SANTOS
College Dux

who achieved an ATAR of 98.35
and a Merit in English



Year 8 Retreat

In September all the Year 8 students headed to the Klemzig Community Hall for their annual Retreat Day. They explored the idea that we are all God's Superheroes, gifted with a range of different abilities which we can choose to use for our own good and the good of others. Using a variety of film clips, they identified ways in which comic book superheroes needed to work to develop their physical and mental skills, make choices about whether or not to use their superpowers and how to use them in ways that helped humanity, and combine their powers with those of others to achieve the best outcomes. The students then participated in a range of activities in which they had to use skills such as cooperation and teamwork, patience and perseverance, flexibility and resilience, insight and wisdom, humility and acceptance, and listening and understanding. Rain in the late morning meant the programme had to be adapted, but luckily the sun shone during recess and lunch enabling the students to make use of the adjacent playground, which they very much enjoyed.

In all, despite the challenges presented by the inclement weather, the day was an enjoyable one and the students were able to reflect on how each of them can be one of God's Superheroes.

Marianne Shaw, APRIM



Sustainability News

During the holidays the final stage of vegetation planting took place in the Jamieson Street Verge. We thank Deidre Knight and Steve Fuller from Bring Back the Butterflies Australian Association of Environmental Education for their direction and correct placement of plants. We also kindly thank Deane Bawden who has erected an insect hotel to attract valuable insects into the area. Deane will also work with Year 6 students and design bird boxes for the area. The Year 6 students leading this project will also be researching the plants in the area and creating QR Codes with Deidre and Steve. This valuable data will assist everyone in identifying each plant and its benefits to the local area.



Year 9 Fabric

Some Year 9 students have completed making their boxer shorts! Take a look at some of their creations. Very impressive!



School Festival Choir



In September, our Festival Choir had their sound check at the Entertainment Centre ahead of their live performance. Our Choir students have been working hard all year, and their performance is an opportunity to showcase their incredible accomplishments. Thank you to all our Choir students for their unwavering commitment throughout the year, and to their families for supporting them in their musical journey.

Father Moffat Awards

The Father Moffat Awards are presented at the end of each year to a student in the following year levels: Reception-Year 2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6.

Father Moffat was the Parish Priest in Pennington/Port Adelaide for 20 years between 1972 and 1998, and this award recognises the contribution that he made within our community during this time. The award is presented to students who have demonstrated School Spirit, Service and Leadership throughout the year. Due to COVID, our awards were presented at our End of Year

Assembly attended by all students and staff.

Our extremely worthy recipients of this year's awards are:

Junior Primary:

Valentino Spandrio

Middle Primary:

Nicholas Cataldi

Upper Primary:

Charlotte Carr



Year 11 Food and Hospitality



Final cooking practical for 2021! Year 11 Food and Hospitality students enjoyed working in groups to prepare and present healthy finger food. Food ranged from Sushi, Mini Sliders, Sausage Rolls, Wonton Parcels and the very popular and mouth-watering Mini Quiches. Students collaborated well within their groups to achieve a very successful outcome. Well done!

Mrs Ingrid Howard
Food & Hospitality Coordinator



Year 8 Geography: Modelling the Future



Well done to some of our Year 8 students who have been making clay models in their Geography lesson. They were reflecting on their learning from the Hallett Cove excursion that they had experienced as part of the science curriculum. They had taken photos and sketches of the landforms and are applying this learning in Geography. This is a cross curriculum activity that is reinforcing the learning experience in the classroom.

Mr Barry Cibich, HASS Teacher



Order of Australia Student Citizen Award

Congratulations to Kanika Singla who was one of 10 students in SA to receive an Order of Australia Student Citizen Award at Government House in 2021.



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