

The Angel

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Vale Reverend Fr Frank Jones

Born 5th April, 1938

Entered eternal life on
Saturday 10th June, 2017

Born Francis Vincent Jones in 1938, Fr Frank Jones was the eighth child of ten children to Rutherglen farmers Jack and Madge Jones.

Fr Frank attended primary school in North Boorhaman, then attended Assumption College, Kilmore. He was a keen and gifted sportsman in football, tennis, cricket, golf, badminton and his light frame served him well as a jockey before entering the priesthood.

He studied at Adelaide Seminary for seven years before being ordained by Bishop Stewart on the 29th June, 1962 at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Wangaratta.

On Saturday 30th June 1962, Fr Frank celebrated his first Mass in St Mary's Parish Hall, Rutherglen.

He served as Curate Priest in the parishes of Shepparton and Myrtleford; before his first Parish Priest appointment at Corryong in 1974. He then served as Parish Priest at Cohuna, Cobram, Wangaratta and Numurkah.

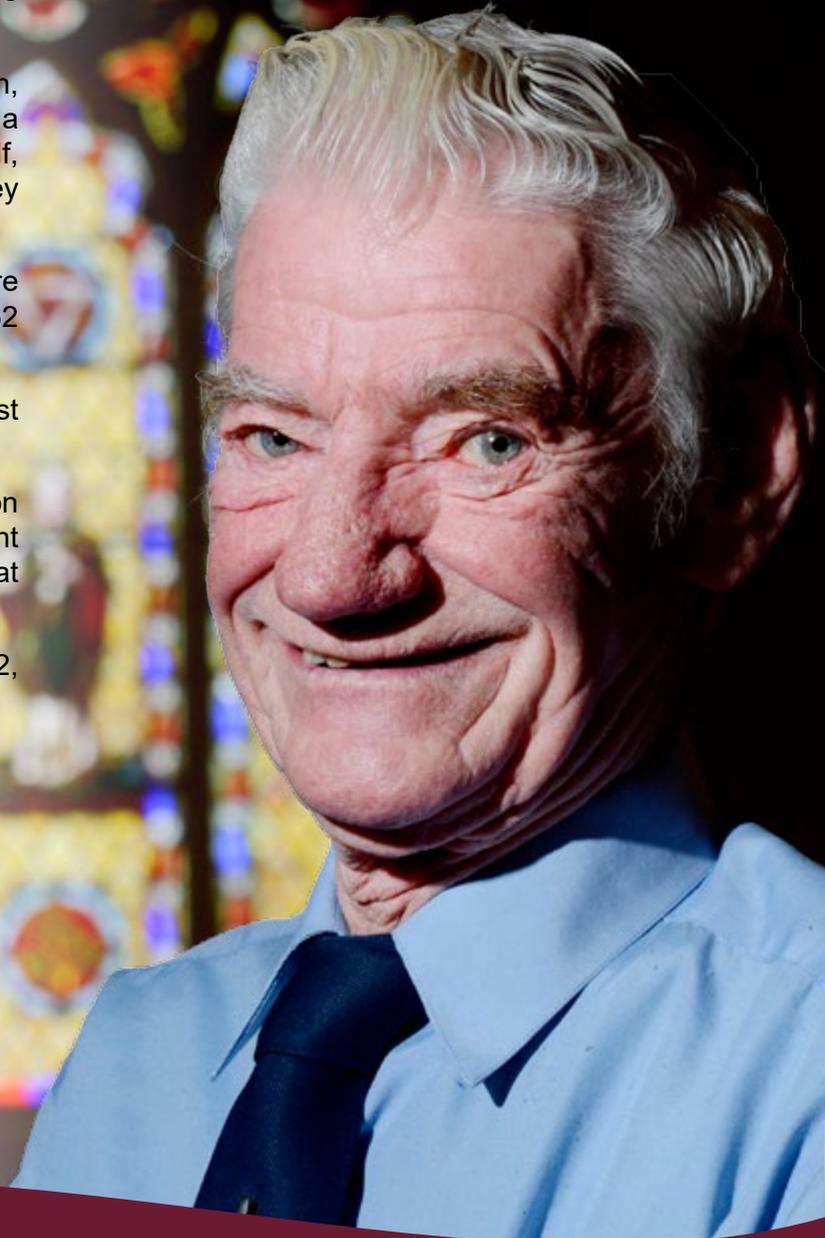
Fr Frank retired after 50 years as a priest in June 2012, as Pastor Emeritus.

***The community of St Mary of the Angels,
pays tribute to a wonderful pastor,
colleague and friend.***

***We remember Fr Frank as a man of humour, a
sportsman and a country priest
who was respected and loved by all.***

May he rest in peace.

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In honour of Fr Frank Jones

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

The following quote is attributed to Pope Francis: ***'I am flawed. I am good and gifted. I am called to offer my gifts.'*** If I may, I would like to borrow and adapt the words of Pope Francis:

Fr Frank Jones was flawed.

Fr Frank Jones was good and gifted.

Fr Frank Jones answered God's call to offer his gifts.

...And I give thanks that he touched my life.

I don't know about you but I have memories of when I first saw people who have become part of my life. Fr Frank Jones is one of those people. I remember quite vividly the first time I laid eyes on Fr Frank Jones. He was umpiring a Murray League football match, in which Cobram was playing. I remember being rather fascinated that the local Parish Priest was a footy umpire. I grew up in a household that frequently had priests and sisters visiting, sharing a meal with us and even staying in our home but I'd never seen a priest involved in any sport, let alone one 'out of uniform' in shorts, t-shirt and sneakers!

My stories and memories of Fr Frank are really no different from many others across the Sandhurst Diocese. He was a country Pastor, who ministered to a flock that mirrored and shared his story. For many Fr Frank was a constant in their sacramental journey- Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. I like many of you have photos of Fr Frank administering those sacraments to members of my family.

Fr Frank had the gift of being able to relate to all walks of life and I believe it was his very humanity that people related to. One of my last personal interactions with Fr Frank was at the paediatric department at Goulburn Valley Health. I was waiting with Maisie for an appointment and I had Sarah with me. Sarah alerted me to the fact that Fr Frank was walking past our turned backs. I turned around to find Fr Frank walking, using a walking frame very slowly but determinedly towards the entrance to the paediatrics ward. He was in his pyjamas and dressing gown so I recognised immediately he was a patient. Thinking Fr Frank was disorientated I went to assist him. When I got to him and said hello I certainly didn't expect him to recognise me straight away. His immediate response was "G'day Ruth. Can you help me? I'm just trying to get out of this place to have a smoke! Every door I've tried is locked." No sooner than he had uttered those words I could hear a nurse calling "Mr Jones, Mr Jones. There you are!" Fr Frank's immediate response to me was, "Oh no, not again!" I introduced myself to the nurse, and then explained that Mr Jones was in fact Fr Jones and he needed a place to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine. As the nurse shuffled

Fr Frank down the corridor back to his ward I could hear him asking her if she could direct him outside so he could admire the flowers. I chuckled to myself because whenever Fr Frank visited my family home and my brother Andy was around the two of them always went out into the garden to see the flowers.... which was code for time for a chat and cigarette!

Whether or not Fr Frank managed to get outside to admire the flowers I don't know, but what I do know is that I will miss him. The legacy he leaves behind is evident in the students currently in our College. Fr Frank's one true love was St Mary MacKillop and not only do I hear young people able to recite her words of 'never see a need without doing something about it,' I actually see students living those words. I see them include others who are being ostracised. I see them standing in solidarity with others when things are tough. I see them extending kindness and compassion to the marginalised. I see them modelling tolerance. I see them act when they see a need. In anyone's book that's not a bad legacy to have left our young people!

For those who attended the Requim Mass of Fr Frank Jones on Monday you would have heard Fr Frank's nephew Tony Jones read a poem he had written about his Uncle Frank for his 50th Jubilee in priesthood. We would like to thank Tony for allowing us to publish his light-hearted poem that delightfully sums up Fr Frank's life.

Fr Frank Jones 50 years

*Francis Vincent Jones entered this world on April 5th 1938
And for Jack and Madge I'm sure it was worth the wait
Despite his feelings of inadequacy and adversity
He spent his early years at North Boorhaman University*

*Each day off to school he would trot
But an A grade student he was not
His lack of scholarly talents would be written in folklore
So his parents sent him to the Marist brothers at Kilmore*

*Now don't get me wrong, his time at school wasn't all bad
Surprisingly no stories of girlfriends, which is a bit sad*

*But at school he acquired his greatest love,
which couldn't be taught
Not family, religion or smokes – but sport
This body that today looks like crumbling concrete
Once housed that of a powerful athlete*

*Be it Footy, Tennis, Cricket, Golf or Badminton
Anything was better than learning his vowels in Latin*

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*And while the calls to tertiary education were strong
There was another career to give a louder gong
Or as his mother said get him to Adelaide to the seminary
Otherwise we'll be visiting him in the penitentiary
He fitted in well with the South Aussie show
Because as he said they are already a little bit slow
Despite his lack of study, made up for by determination
He struggled his way through to Ordination*

*In Wangaratta Bishop Stewart did the operation
Because in Rutherglen they burnt the Church down in
preparation
His first Mass however wasn't stalled
But transferred to what was the Parish Hall
He was indeed the pride and joy of Madge and Jack
For he finally had a job that he couldn't get the sack*

*How appropriate then that the new Father Jones
Would be off to Shepparton under Monsignor Bones
And as far as we know, the best of times
Made up of plenty of cigarettes and speeding fines
Myrtleford was to be his next stop
In the land of tobacco and hops
Here, Father Lacey was his mentor and boss
And when it came to learning he wasn't a total loss
But then again with his confidence and daring
He could disguise Italian language for swearing*

*Then in 1974 he knew his life was in crisis
For the Bishop sent him to the furthest point in the diocese
Now he had always wanted to be P.P.
But Corryong, the Bishop doesn't like me
However he soon got used to the high country space
As he really came to love the place
Even venturing to the races, looking very dapper
He came away as a horse's strapper*

*From there it was like being sent to salt mines in Seduna
As he was taken under the care of his sister in Cohuna
Nothing startling to report from the land of heat and haze
Except to say that he had begun his building phase
Start small was his thinking, let's not spoil it
And so very proud of his set of toilets*

*On then to Cobram to take on the building game solo
As he became Jones's answer to Bruno Grollo
So he built them a modern and up to date church
He said, I'll leave them a debt to make them lurch*

*So he left Cobram with a bit of a bang
And moved down the road to Wang
To keep an eye on him, a sister and brother
And not too far from his mother
A busy and hardworking time
It took nine years to get them into line*

*Then a choice between a Turkish burkah
And early retirement in Numurkah
But no, under the watchful gaze of Maurice and Hilda
Again he became not Bob, but Frank the builder
Inspiring others with his leadership tools
Here he has built learning centres and schools*

*But not for personal gain and glory
It's all part of the Frank Jones story
So much so that the diocese, recently recognised his contribution
With the Bishop Noel Daly award for his work in education
Now not meaning to say that our lives are in tatters
I think it only fair to mention family matters
He's been there for every christening, wedding and bereavement
And considering our numbers, that's not a bad achievement
And as each of us try to follow the bouncing ball
He has always been a fine example to us all*

*Be it a bet or a ticket in tats
But especially in celebrating Mass*

*We all know that family pride he holds so dear
We realize his interest is always sincere
And we don't need to write it on a banner
But that comes from his love for his mother, our Nana*

*Let us remember that we're here to celebrate a most significant
anniversary,
A career that has already spanned half a century,
The queen might have just notched up sixty,
But here comes Frank, he's already got fifty.*

*Now without meaning to cause too much commotion
There is the small matter of promotion
Oh how his siblings would love to say
Bishop Frank, good day*

*Waiting for that though, pigs might fly
For Frank has always had a standard reply
I've told you before, son of my big brother
That pink is not my colour !*

*There are of course plenty of people to thank
None more than his lifelong friend Monsignor Frank
And those that have kept him straight and right
Like the very special Sr Helen and the Josephites*

*Words can't express our gratitude to the wonderful staff
Be they Doctors, Nurses or carers
They have all kept up his spirits
Providing comfort and sometimes a laugh*

*All jokes aside he's been a wonderful priest
Though his family want less smokes and more feast
So on behalf of everyone here and your relations
We all say to you Frank congratulations
Including the past, present and future too*

To Uncle, to Father a very big thank you.



Dear Parents / Guardians, Staff and Students,

Re: Changes to our Feast Day celebrations

As a Franciscan school, the person of St Francis of Assisi inspires us to look at the world with joy, to be the best that we can be, to reach out to others in support and to care for our environment. During the last few years we have been focusing more on the model of living that St. Francis of Assisi provides for us and how we can embody this as a community. As we grow in our understanding and appreciation of his charism, we are looking to see how our College community can further support this development. It is only fitting that as part of this exploration, we look at our communal celebrations.

Up to this point in time we have been celebrating our College Feast day on 2nd August. This day commemorates the dedication of the Porziuncola within the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels in Assisi. This is a celebration of the Virgin Mary and her connection to the Church of the Porziuncola.

As more staff members have the opportunity to visit Assisi, it has become apparent that as we seek to deepen our connection to Francis and Clare of Assisi, it is appropriate that our major celebration as a College should focus on St Francis of Assisi. He is the model that our community seeks to emulate within our Catholic tradition.

For this reason, we will be commemorating the Feast Day of St Francis (4th October) as the major liturgical celebration of our school community. This celebration will occur on the last day of term 3 in conjunction with the FMDM Grand Prix. Along with acknowledging the sisters of our founding order and their Franciscan spirit, linking these two events provides greater understanding and meaning to how we live out our Franciscan charism.

We will continue to acknowledge the Feast of St Mary of the Angels on 2nd August. This will be in the form of 'celebration of the word' conducted at a year level gathering.

In summary:

- ***The Feast of St Mary of the Angels will be celebrated on 2nd August with a short year level based 'celebration of the word'.***
- ***The Feast of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on the last day of term three with College Mass followed by the FMDM Grand Prix. This day will become our major Feast Day celebration.***

Thank you for your co-operation and please accept this invitation to join us at Feast Day Mass on Friday, 22nd September 2017.

Pace e bene,
With Peace & All Good,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Carver".

Matt Carver
Principal



CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION

Ruth Bakogianis

Caritas representative, St Mary's Parish Nathalia

St Mary of the Angels staff and students have been invited to add their voices to the campaign for climate justice. Caritas and many other faith organisations are running this campaign across Australia. The aim is to create the largest multi-electorate petition in Australia's history, involving every MP in the country and hopefully making it impossible for the Government to ignore that our communities want climate justice.

According to Caritas, climate change is one of the greatest human rights challenges of our generation. It's hurting vulnerable communities around the world, entrenching poverty and making hard lives harder. Right now it's more important than ever that Australia takes strong and urgent action on climate change. Pope Francis has encouraged faith communities to take a stand.

"The World's poor, though least responsible for climate change are most vulnerable and are already suffering its impact.....When we mistreat nature we also mistreat human beings".

Pope Francis

2016 was by far the hottest year ever recorded and each month more heat and extreme weather records are broken. Climate change is the single biggest challenge to ending extreme poverty and adds to stresses of inequality and conflict. Many of Caritas Australia's partner communities have told them the seas are rising around their homes, droughts are lasting longer, farming seasons are more unpredictable, fresh water is scarcer and extreme weather events such as cyclones are becoming fiercer.

Pictured above: Social Justice leaders Kate Berend, Livindiya Sooriarachchi and Jessee Champion signing the Climate justice petition.

The petition specifically asks the Australian Government to:

- commit to deeper and more urgent reductions of our greenhouse emissions;
- develop a plan to ensure Australia achieves zero net greenhouse emissions well before 2050, and support families and communities affected by the transition towards renewable energy and more sustainable land use;
- provide additional assistance to help our poorest neighbours adapt to the harmful impacts of climate change.

Students are being shown a power point presentation from Caritas in year level groups and then invited to sign the petition. The signed petitions will be collected and added to all the others in the Murray electorate and presented to Damian Drum, Federal MP for Murray.

"Society, through non-governmental organisations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power-national, regional, municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment". Pope Francis, Laudato Si'.

Thank you to the staff and students of St Mary of the Angels, for standing in solidarity with those most vulnerable. If anyone else in the school community would like to add their name to the petition it will be available at the school office until the end of Term 2.



STRONGER TEAM MESSENGERS OF GOD

**Michael Ross,
Faith and Life Leader**

Our community has been really fortunate to have Fr Rob Galea make a second visit to our College this term, but this time with the 'Stronger' Band.

Fr Rob started the day by sharing his story with our Year 12 students. It is not the usual story you would expect to hear from a priest, but a story of a life that was going down the wrong path with alcohol abuse, stealing, losing friends, violence, and the belief that life was over. As he shared his story and we heard about the trouble that he had got into as a young man, and how this led to a time of incredible suffering; Fr Rob also told us that in that suffering, God was there and slowly led him out of the darkness into a new way of viewing himself, the world around him, and God. It was a reminder to us that when life seems darkest, we should remember that God is there, even when we are at our loneliest.

After lunch, our Year 10s and 11s joined Fr. Rob and the 'Stronger' band to share their music and some strong messages. Firstly, to remind us that God wants to have a relationship with us – and that a relationship with God is simple, just talk to him, like you might to a friend. Talking to God is not just when you are in church, but you can speak to God wherever you are and no matter how good or hard life may be. Also in that relationship with God, we do not need to be perfect to speak to God, we can even have doubt and God is OK with that. We can even be in times of pain and struggle, and God is there. When you feel at your loneliest and lowest, God's love is so great for us that he never judges, just loves.

We thank Fr. Rob and the Stronger team for coming along and sharing their stories, music and for showing us that God is active in the world and in our own lives.

Fr Michael Grace
Golden Jubilee
50
Years

*Please join Reverend Fr Michael Grace
celebrate his Golden Jubilee
on*

*Sunday 9th July - 10.30am Mass, Numurkah
followed by a luncheon in Mary MacKillop Centre*

*Sunday 16th July - 10.30am Mass, Nathalia
followed by a luncheon at the
Nathalia Community Centre, Dancock's Room.*

In the footsteps of St Francis

1225 - On the back of a donkey Francis undertakes a preaching tour through Umbria and the Marches.

Late 1225 - Due to deteriorating health Francis spends time at San Damiano undergoing treatment to improve his eye sight. In the midst of his suffering he composes the Cantic of Creation.

Early 1226 - Francis health continues to deteriorate and he returns to Assisi staying with the Bishop.

Important Dates:

TERM 2

22nd June Intermediate Boys' Football, Moama
29th June Past and Current Careers Event
30th June Last Day of Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

TERM 3

17th July **Student Free Day - Staff PD**
21st July Year 10, 11 & 12 Immunisations
28th July Enrolments close for 2018

Bev Thorp

Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

SUBJECT CHANGES

This week Semester 2 started for all VCE subjects, while elective changeover for Year 8, 9 and 10 students will be at the beginning of Term 3. Senior students who are still wishing to change a VCE subject will need to see me to collect the appropriate form, and should ensure that any changes are finalised well before the end of this term. We encourage any students who are looking to change subjects to hold discussions with the teachers concerned, our Pathways staff and parents/guardians to ensure that each student is making the best choices for his/her future pathways.

Any students who wish to change any Year 8, 9 or 10 electives should present to the library during lunchtimes during the last two weeks of term. It should be noted that subject changes will only be permitted where class sizes allow. All students are more than welcome to discuss their subject selections with myself or other staff at any time.

YEAR 10 ICT LITERACY TRIAL

Thank you very much to the Year 10 students who participated in the National Assessment Program - ICT Literacy (NAP-ICTL) trial this week. Our College was selected to participate in the trial which is part of a national strategy to monitor and report on student achievement against the National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty-First Century. The NAP-ICTL trial assessment was a computer based test delivered by a trained test administrator, and all student responses were completely anonymous. Thank you again to the participating students for their prompt attendance and the attentive manner in which they completed all of the trial activities.

REPORTING AND LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS

Semester Reports will be released to families next week. If you have lost or forgotten your PAM login and password details, or have any difficulties accessing PAM, please contact Kylie Palmer in the College Library for assistance.

As all Victorian schools have moved to the new Victorian Curriculum, you may note some minor changes to your semester report. St Mary of the Angels have decided to report upon your child's work habits each term so that progress throughout the school year might more readily be observed and followed through. We will also include both the grades and comments from each of the assessment tasks that your child has completed throughout the semester.

In this year of implementation, the graphical display of progression against the expected level of achievement

in each of the curriculum learning areas will be reported upon at the end of the school year. It will be noted that historical values will only be displayed for English and Maths due to the data discontinuity from the previous AusVELS curriculum to the new Victorian Curriculum. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the College if you any queries in regard to our reporting process.

As Semester Reports become available, Learning Advisors will be in contact to discuss your child's progress through the first half of the year and establish goals and strategies for their further development. These discussions will take place at times that suit both Learning Advisor and family. While Learning Advisors will make formal contact pursuant to reporting, please feel free to contact your Learning Advisor at any time should you have any concerns regarding your child or his/her learning progress.

YEAR 9 IMMERSION INFORMATION EVENING

Our Immersion Program is a key component of our Year 9 curriculum, with a strong focus being the range of Immersion experiences in which our students engage over Term 3. These experiences complement and build upon the local immersion visits and internal curriculum program in which each student has been involved.

It was most pleasing to see parents and guardians of our Year 9 students attend an Information Evening this week to hear guidelines and receive further information about the Immersion process and expectations. Our Immersion program includes return visits to northern Western Australia and central Australia in addition to the Lake Mungo and Rubicon experiences. This year we add two new venues with a visit to the Grampians, and following key cultural sites along the Murrumbidgee River. Thank you to the Year 9 staff for their ongoing work in this exemplary program, and good luck to all those heading off early next term. We look forward to hearing of your experiences!

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN:

Prospective and current families please note that enrolments for 2018 are now open. Current students will have the opportunity to simply re-enrol later in the year while prospective year 7 students, as well as students wishing to enrol in other year levels, have the opportunity to do so until Friday 28th July.

Enrolment forms are available from the College office and on our website at:

<http://www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/parent-information/enrolment-information.html>



MINDFULNESS CHALLENGE

10 MINUTES COULD CHANGE YOUR WHOLE DAY

Daily meditation has been shown to help people stress less, exercise more and even sleep better.

What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness is a [special way of paying attention](#) that can help with how you cope with [everyday life](#) or deal with tough times, and there are [great benefits](#) for your physical and mental health.

Mindfulness is about training yourself to pay attention in a specific way. When a person is mindful, they:

- Focus on the present moment
- Try not to think about anything that went on in the past or that might be coming up in future
- Purposefully concentrate on what's happening around them
- Try not to be judgmental about anything they notice, or label things as 'good' or 'bad'

We spend so much time thinking over stuff that has happened in the past, or worrying about things that may happen in the future, that often we actually forget to appreciate or enjoy the moment. Mindfulness is a way of bringing us back to experience life as it happens. When you're mindful, it:

- Helps clear your head
- Helps you be more aware of yourself, your body and the environment
- Helps to slow down your thoughts
- Slows down your nervous system
- Helps you to concentrate
- Helps you relax
- Can help you cope with stress

Why build mindfulness?

There is a lot of evidence on the many benefits of mindfulness; it can:

- help to relieve stress
- help to improve sleep
- help manage depression and/or anxiety
- help you to be less angry or moody
- improve memory
- help you learn more easily
- help you to solve problems more easily
- make you happier
- help you to be more emotionally stable
- improve your breathing
- reduce your heart rate
- improve your circulation
- improve your immunity, or
- help you to cope with pain.

Mindfulness Challenge: commit to doing a couple of minutes of 'mindfulness' each morning and/or night for the next week. There are many options available online. Students can access s: drive/wellbeing – there are 6 meditation tracks ranging from 2 to 8 minutes long. Parents can access the same tracks on the biteback.org website under mental fitness, power up. Headspace and Smiling Mind also have many resources and apps to help you practice mindfulness.

ONE MINUTE EXERCISE

Sit in front of a clock or watch that you can use to time the passing of one minute. Your task is to focus your entire attention on your breathing, and nothing else, for the minute. Have a go – do it now.....

"If you let cloudy water settle, it will become clear. If you let your upset mind settle, your course will also become clear"

Black Dog Institute

Mind Full, or Mindful?





CAREERS EVENT

THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2017

12.30 - 1.50PM

**IN THE SENIOR CENTRE
AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS.**

We invite our past students to join us at St Mary of the Angels to share their pathways and what they've learnt along the way. It is hoped that this will give our current senior students the opportunity to chat one-on-one and ask questions from those who've been on this journey.

This event will be held on the 29th June 2017 in the Senior Centre at 12.15 to 1.50pm. Please RSVP Maggie at mlb@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au for event details and for catering purposes.

Our careers web page has lots of exciting information that can link you to:

- work experience opportunities
- employment opportunities
- senior school information
- subject selection, VCE, VCAL and Vocational training.
- Tertiary application links, GAP year information and links for financing tertiary study.
- Links for university subjects that you can study in year 12 in 2018
- Calendar of careers events (including all Uni open days)
- Useful careers links including bullseye careers' charts, careers' conversations and career search functions.
- A student secure area that helps students develop their resumes, career action plans, write cover letters and a whole lot more. Both parents and students can log into the student secure area to explore what it has to offer.

<http://www.stmaryoftheangelscareers.com/> or follow the link from SIMON

English News

SMOTA Reading Challenge

5th June - 25th August 2017



YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Pictured right three Year 7 bookworms who have reaped the benefits of reading two-fold. Rachael Matthews, Chloe Pullar and Albatool Abdulmir each received a canteen voucher after reading and submitting their book reviews.

SMOTA READING CHALLENGE

5th June - 25th August 2017

Collect a registration form from the Library today and start reading!

Log your reading each week and submit a review to be in with a chance for weekly 'Canteen Voucher' draws.

A major prize will be awarded to the students who reads the most books in junior, middle and senior sections during the challenge period and to the homeroom who collectively read the most books.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Zac Sutton, Alumni 2015

I started my secondary schooling at St Mary of the Angels in 2010 and graduated from SMOTA in 2015.

During my early high school days I was an absolute fiend, disruptive in class, and stubbornly insolent. (I'm sure that Mrs West and Mrs Eden would both vouch for that!)

However, in my last couple of years at SMOTA my goals and preferences changed dramatically and I became quite focused and genuinely interested in the mathematics area of my schooling, and decided to try harder for Year 12 and VCE. I attended the homework club offered by school most weeks and sought out the teacher's aid whenever I needed assistance.

I still wasn't the most well behaved pupil and had my share of good times at various teachers expense, but I also made sure to get my work done. My changed attitude to school helped to secure a first round offer to study a Bachelor of Mathematics at RMIT University, at their Melbourne City campus.

This degree was probably one of the most complex things I have ever taken on! While I still enjoy math and the logic behind it, I decided that it wasn't what I wanted to do for the next three years of my life and applied to move into a Bachelor of Criminal Justice at RMIT. This is the degree that I am now studying and while the university work is still very convoluted and time-consuming, I could not be happier. A degree in Criminal Justice is not something that I even considered during high school and I never thought I'd find myself studying it. This will hopefully lead me down a path focusing on criminal organisations, the production and distribution of illicit drugs and the effect of these drugs on society.



Moving away from family to study in Melbourne has been challenging. Fortunately I received financial support through my successful applications for scholarships and found part-time work relatively quickly at a casino on Lygon St. Although moving was hard it has opened doors for me; I have made friends from all reaches of the globe, I have had experiences that have shaped who I am and I genuinely enjoy the things I study. It is a big leap from the high school education system to university and it does take some getting used to, but it certainly has its benefits.

During my first year of university I lived out of student accommodation in North Melbourne, this is something I would recommend to anyone moving away from home, it is an excellent opportunity to meet people in the exact set of circumstances as you and provides you with a thriving social

life. However, that also provides a lot of distraction from university commitments! I had moved into a shared house in Brunswick with a couple of friends I met in my first year, which worked out perfectly, until, my new home burnt down. This has been a massive hurdle in my life and initially forced me to abandon my work and studies for a couple of months. The fire took my home and all of my possessions, essentially making me homeless. Thankfully the community in my home town of Numurkah, especially my family, all pulled together and helped me put together the pieces of my life. I now have a new share house with the same friends in a new building in Ascot Vale where I have picked up my studies and resumed work, heading back to the normality of life after months of sleeping on couches and relying on my family and friends.

Aside from all of the dilemmas and drama of the city life, university has shown me a fabulous new way to live life and opened doors to me that I'd have never thought possible. Life is what you make it, and if you want to study and have fun at the same time, you can make it happen, you just have to get out there and bend the world to your will.

Seeking donations

Year 9 student Emily Seiter has been busy sewing handmade pencil cases which she plans to donate to the Yipirinya school while on her Indigenous Immersion trip in August this year.

Emily is seeking donations of new or used pencils and textas which families may have lying around their homes to put inside her newly made pencil cases.

Donations will be very gratefully accepted at the College Office on Emily's behalf.



Kim Carter, Music

It has been a busy time in the Music department!

The Year 12 VET Music band completed a number of performances at school and around the community as part of their assessment task. Last week they received a thank you certificate from the Moira Shire for providing musical entertainment at the Telegraph Hotel for the inaugural Numurkah Community Networking Evening, held earlier in the year. They are currently working towards their main performance task which will be a concert held later in term 3.



KOOL SKOOLS RETURNS

Kool Skools is an exciting music competition that runs in Victoria and NSW each year to promote and encourage music talent in secondary schools. Representing St Mary of the Angels this year will be the 'SMOTA School Band', the 'Year 11 VET Band', 'The Delirious' (Liam Wyatt-Carter and Isaiah Mustica) and some solo acts from the VET Music class. The Year 11 VET Music band are currently undertaking a Song Writing unit and are polishing up their first original song (written by Ruby Wyatt-Carter, Phoebe Timmis and Annalei Moon) to be recorded for Kool Skools in Melbourne at Studio 52 during the coming school holidays.



To assist with Kool Skools preparation, SMOTA music students have been very lucky to have had two songwriting workshops this term with music duo Carter & Carter from Melbourne. David and Meryl Carter have worked the students through songwriting processes, developing lyrics and melodies, as well as teaching chord charting and vocal techniques. As a result of the first workshop, the SMOTA school band wrote an original song called 'Monica' which will also be recorded at Studio 52 as part of the Kool Skools program. VET Music students Ruby Wyatt-Carter, Josephine Doretto and Paige Owen (St Augustine's) are planning to record original solo compositions.



Local band The Delirious, will be recording again this year for Kool Skools after winning 'Best Rock Track' in last year's competition. The band will also be staying on at Studio 52 for an extra couple of days to record their first EP!

Pictured Top: The Year 12 VET Band performs at the Numurkah 'Telegraph'.

Above: Our musically gifted students enjoy the songwriting workshops with musical duo Carter & Carter in preparation for Kool Skools.

Term 3 Concert:

Planning is underway for a music event later in term 3. This will be an evening concert to showcase the work and talent of St Mary's music students from all year levels. Stay tuned for more details on SIMON soon about how you can get involved.

CAMPASPE NETBALL RESULTS

On Thursday 8th June, seven girls netball teams and one boys senior netball team travelled to Kyabram to compete in the Campaspe Netball Tournament.

SENIOR BOYS (Pictured below)

Leanne Rawson & Jeremy Edwards, Coaches

The boys team arrived fairly confident of their netball skills and keen to take the court. The speed of the game was initially a shock with adrenaline abundant, resulting in some rushed passes and early confusion; but the boys had a ball!

As a spectator, it was exciting to watch with high flying acrobatics and flashy passes. The St Mary's team was defeated in a thrilling high paced game by a quality well drilled St Augustine's 19-9.

Well done to the inaugural Campaspe Boys' Netball team: pictured below from left to right: Jeremy Edwards (Coach), Will Newman, Jordy Cleeland, Jesse Barker, Spencer Small, Noah Lane, Jack McCracken, Henry Congues, Ryan Wallace and Ryan Bergamin.



YEAR 7A TEAM

Amber Elliot, Ashlee Russo & Grace Kennedy, Year 7

We played Rochester in our first game. Unfortunately we were not warmed up properly and had a slow start leading to our first loss. The next game we played a lot better against St Augustine's winning 26-7. The match against Nathalia wasn't very close so we had the opportunity to try new combinations before our fourth game against Kyabram. This game was very close until half time with the scores drawn, unfortunately we didn't play very well in the second half losing to Kyabram by seven goals. In the final game for the tournament with some great combinations and teamwork we defeated Echuca

The Year 7A team had a great day and we would like to thank Shae Cairns for her great coaching.



7B TEAM - UNDEFEATED (Pictured above)

Ebony James, Ruby Kennedy & Chloe Bell, Year 7

We played Kyabram's Year 7 team in the first game and won by thirteen goals. We then met Year 8B SMOTA and in a thrilling match came away with a win by just one goal. Our final game before the preliminary final we played Echuca and won by six goals. Once again we played SMOTA 8B in the grand-final which we also won finishing the day undefeated.

We worked exceptionally well as a team and had so much fun! We would like to thank Olivia Cline for coaching, Natalie Lukies and our team manager Jacqui Patten.



INTERMEDIATE A (Pictured above)

Chloe Armstrong, Sophie Morris, & Lily Kennedy, Year 10

We met the Nathalia team in our first game, we only conceded one goal, which put us in a great position for the day. We had another comfortable win in the second game against St Augustines. Our third game, was much closer only winning by two against Kyabram in a hotly contested game. Our fourth game we played Rochester narrowly winning by one goal. It was not our best game, and the Rochester team played really well. The final game against Echuca College we won by more than ten goals.

We would like to thank Miss Quinn for organizing the day and not losing the plot when were chasing goals.

INTERMEDIATE B

Angela Noonan & Molly Reid, Year 9

First we played, against St Augustine's and won by more than ten. Our second game against Echuca we dominated in all areas of the court winning 32-0. We then played Kyabram which was a much closer game only winning by five. Placing first in our division we went on to play in the grand-final against Kyabram and this time we drew, seventeen all. Thank you to Miss Cunningham for coaching, Aimee Wilson and well done to all the girls.



YEAR 8 A TEAM - UNDEFEATED (Pictured above)

Jess Tymensen & Jordyn Commadeur, Year 8

We had a very good day, winning all five games. Our team settled well and we adapted quickly to our new team mates and positions. There were two close games, luckily we had received a five point advantage when a team was late for our game. We would like to thank Miss McCance and Tracey Commadeur for coaching and scoring.

YEAR 8B TEAM (Pictured below)

Sara Kolundzija & Keeli Tweed, Year 8

We won two games and lost two games. We had a good win against Echuca in the second game as we started well and played better as a team. In the final game of the day we played the SMOTA Year 7 team and it was extremely close with the Year 7 team winning by one goal. We had a great day and would like to thank our coach Miss Trottman.



SENIOR GIRLS TEAM

Sam O'Brien, Coach

It was a cold day outside, but considerably colder in the Kyabram stadium when we first arrived. We knew we had some tough opposition as our opponents looked very serious during their warm up drills prior to the first game.

We had a great first game against Echuca with Georgia Nelson and Renee Leitch combining well in the goal ring. Second game against Rochester (the overall winners of this tournament) proved to be a tough game. We matched them for the first five minutes, however they pulled well ahead in the second quarter. The senior girl's teamwork in the second half enabled us to gain back a few goals but not in time to win the game.

Our next game against St Augustine's was once again tough, going into half time well down; however, we rallied in the second half and won by a couple of goals. Gracie Reid worked hard as centre providing plenty of options and opportunities.

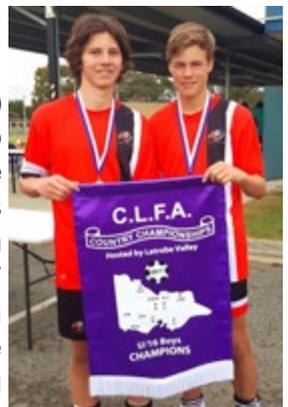
The final game, we met Kyabram a very slick opponent. Kyabram got ahead early, but we remained competitive with our defensive end of Andriana Oliver, Claudia Direccion-Sauro, and Hannah Garner combining really well.

Thanks girls for your great attitude both on and off the court it was a very enjoyable day.

SMOTA Stars

TWO – FOR – TWO

Year 10 boys Michael Demaio, Zac McLeod (both pictured left) and Josh Koopman continue to star on the soccer field in the Albury Wodonga FA U16 Boys Representative Team. Their team recently competed in the 2017 Country Championships held in Traralgon and Morwell over the 10th, 11th and 12th of June, coming away from the competition as the Under 16 Boys' Grand-final Champions after a nail biting 2 – 1 win over Latrobe Valley.



This is the Albury Wodonga FA U16 Boys' second major win this year. The first two tournaments of the year have seen the boys premiers both times.

Unfortunately Josh Koopman missed this tournament due to illness opening a spot in the team for Year 9 Tarkyn Hyde who played half the game, once his U15 team had competed.

Congratulations to our SMOTA Soccer Stars – Michael Demaio, Zac McLeod, Josh Koopman and Tarkyn Hyde.



Past, Present & Future

Approximately 450 students turned out for the 2017 combined SMOTA/NSC Social last Thursday, and the night was a fantastic success.

The Nathalia Community Centre was completely transformed thanks to the hard work and creativity of the SRC members, Stuart Mansfield, Sally Brown, Michelle McCracken, Dani Blain and Kylie Palmer. It looked much more like an underground nightclub kitted out with movie and music memorabilia than a multi-purpose basketball stadium.

In the spirit of 'back to the future', DJ Aaron Kelly did an amazing job spinning some awesome beats which combined the best of past and present and even managed to play three consecutive songs which our own Ruth Hartnett-Carr recognised, a very dance inspiring moment.

We were so proud to see how many of the students embraced the theme and the spirit of fun that the night brought. It was quite a sight to behold watching four hundred plus wonderful young people on the dance floor, laughing, singing and just having a great time.

A big well done and our genuine thanks to the parents and staff who volunteered to help on the night; to Sandy Kent and the office staff for their coordination of tickets sales; as well as our bus drivers who did a wonderful job ensuring students safe arrival to and from the venue.



Photos taken by Julie Moore

Technology Photo Gallery



Kelsey Hislop, Digby Bunnet (pictured above) and Zackery Cunningham (bottom right) are pictured with their clocks made in the elective 'Clocks, Toys and Gadgets'. Pictured left: Year 8 & 9 students Sarah Carr, Tammy Woods, Maddison Howell and Maddi Wilson with their completed patchwork quilts.



Public Notices



An expert panel including health professionals and police will host a series of forums across the shire to inform and educate the young people about methamphetamine 'ice' use, its effects and risks, treatment and support available.

Topics Covered:

- What is ICE
- Physical effects
- Withdrawal symptoms
- What can you do to help
- Impact on family & friends
- Support available
- Q & A session with industry professionals

Register your interest to attend a forum or submit a question to be covered in the Q & A session by contacting the Moira Shire Youth Department
Ph: 5871 9222 or Email: youth@moira.vic.gov.au

Numurkah

Monday 19 June 2017
Numurkah Secondary College
1pm – 3pm : Youth Session (Yrs 9 - 12)
6.30pm – 9.30pm : Community Session

Cobram

Tuesday 20 June 2017
Cobram Civic Centre
1pm – 3pm : Youth Session (Yrs 9 - 12)
6.30pm – 9.30pm : Community Session

Nathalia

Monday 26 June 2017
Nathalia Sports and Community Centre
1pm – 3pm : Youth Session (Yrs 9 - 12)
6.30pm – 9.30pm : Community Session

Yarrowonga

Tuesday 27 June 2017
Yarrowonga Town Hall
1pm – 3pm : Youth Session (Yrs 9 - 12)
6.30pm – 9.30pm : Community Session

* Light supper provided at evening session

COME & Try DAY

Denilquin Motorcycle Association Inc.

Date: Sunday June 25 | Sign on from 6:00am

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Required: Bike, all safety gear, lunch

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Facebook: [Denilquin Motorcycle Association Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/DenilquinMotorcycleAssociationInc)

Movies at NUMURKAH

FILM SOCIETY

Saturday 22nd July
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