

Stepping In. Reaching Out. A Community of Courage.



Greetings to all in the Santa Community



As Term 2 begins we remain in the hope filled posture of the Easter season, bringing conviction and energy to those things that matter most in our lives.

We also acknowledge the recent passing of HRH Prince Philip, and pay tribute to one of his enduring

legacies, the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This Award has been integrated into the life of the college for many years now and, as many recipients of the Gold Award have said in different ways over the years, 'Gold Dukes has possibly been the best experience of my life'.

Lest We Forget 

On Sunday April 25

**We Remember
Anzac Day**



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the
sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Earth Day



The Green Team is planning a whole week of activities to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and to help integrate earth-friendly choices into our lives.

At the same time, the international Catholic community is being called on to 'act on behalf of creation'. One way to be part of this movement is to join the [Environmental Justice Challenge](#), a 21 day challenge to 'Learn, Pray and Act for Environmental Justice'.

Duke of Edinburgh

Year 9 Bronze Dukes

Just before the end of Term 1 the second Practice Camp took place. [Tyler Muscat](#) fills us in on how it went.



Gold Dukes in Gariwerd

What champions are our Gold Dukes girls?? Unable to complete their Gold Award last year because of Covid, they spent 5 days of their Term break trekking the Gariwerd/Grampians National Park. [Audrey and Zahra](#) tell us the story.



Sports News



And speaking of champions, Year 12 student Chiara Santiglia came 4th in the 2021 Stawell Gift - Australia's oldest and one of its most prestigious foot races. Huge congratulations to Chiara!

Swimming



You know the Santa Sisterhood is alive and well when an ex-student (Ella Francis) commits to coaching current students two mornings a week for 6 weeks in the lead up to the SCSA Swimming Championships. [Julia Cappozzo](#) of Year 11 expresses her appreciation and reports on the results!

Year 7-8 Village News

Student Leadership

Towards the end of last term student leadership positions for the village were published and all students invited to apply. The response was somewhat of a deluge, which speaks to the wonderful level of engagement our students have within each village. All newly elected leaders are acknowledged [here](#) - but we thank and congratulate all students on their willingness to serve and strengthen our school community!

Year 8 Medieval Day

Tina Gioskos leads us into the strange and wonderful world of Medieval peasants, princesses, plague doctors, penitents, crime and punishment, popular dancing and rats - lots of rats!! Check out her [report](#) and lots of great pics!



Year 7 VIP Day

Thursday 6 May

8.45am - 11.45am

The Very Important Person Day (VIP Day) is a favourite date on the school calendar for Year 7 students. Across the morning, Grandparents and other significant people in the lives of students, visit the school, enjoy some morning tea, visit classrooms to share stories, and come to know the Santa Maria Community more closely. We look forward to sharing this morning with you on Thursday 6 May.

RE Update

Religious Education Learning Leader, [Rob Dellar](#), gives us a quick look at some of the programs and activities underway in the RE space.



Raising Girls



Being informed about the challenges, pressures and issues facing girls as they move through adolescence is

key to providing effective support and targeted care. This month's edition [SchoolTV](#) considers what girls most need from their adult carers. It is highly recommended.



Santa Maria College Production: Spirit of the Theatre... Broadway Lives On!

Preparations for this year's College Production are reaching the 'serious' stage, and the premise of the show is a ripper! Here it is in a nutshell. Should be a great [show!](#)

A group of undergraduate Musical Theatre students visit the backstage of a theatre for work experience, however their host – the theatre manager – needs to immediately depart due to a family emergency and so leaves the girls to their own devices. During this time in the theatre, the girls meet a fascinating woman who leads them on a musical journey to discover what being a true performer is really about.

High Tea: SantaLink's Celebration of Women

SantaLink is pleased to host the 2021 Mother's Day High Tea on Friday 7th May at Polding. It's a free event and we are reaching out to our community to support the afternoon by donating prizes for a raffle to raise money for the Good Samaritan Inn and for lucky door prizes. We are also asking for volunteers to assist us on the day with setting up and/or serving of food (perhaps there are other adults or older siblings at home who can spare an hour) to allow as many Mums as possible to attend and enjoy catching up with each other and their daughters. Please email us on santalink.smc@gmail.com to donate or to volunteer.

We hope you can make it. See [flyer](#) for details.