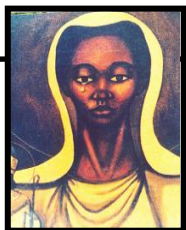


Term 1, Week 2

Tuesday February 6, 2018



# St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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## Diary Dates

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Opening School Mass 9:15am All Welcome in the church.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School Assembly 2.40pm Twilight Swimming Carnival 6-9pm Richmond Pools
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Nude Food Day</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday

Upcoming Dates:

21<sup>st</sup> Feb – P&F Meeting 7pm School Library

Please note that School Assemblies will now be held  
on a Monday Afternoon at 2.40pm

## Coles Sports for Schools



This program commencing 7<sup>th</sup> February allows our school to earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. It would be greatly appreciated if any vouchers collected could be placed in the voucher collection box in the office foyer. We look forward to being able to provide this valuable sports equipment to the children of St Monica's this year.

Mrs Buccini  
PE Teacher

## Nude Food Competition

We are looking for the most creative Nude Food Lunch. During weeks 3 & 4 this term, bring your creative nude food for Mrs Kemble to photograph. There will be prizes for the most creative. Nude Food is held every Tuesday and is about eating healthy, unprocessed food and bringing it to school in reusable containers. It is not only healthy for your body but is great for the environment by preventing rubbish. Look forward to seeing your marvellous creations!

## Dear Families,

The 2018 school year is in full swing as teachers and children settle into new routines and hard work! My thanks to our dedicated teachers for the preparation and planning that was undertaken by them in the week before the official start to the school year. This has certainly enabled a smooth transition into new grades. Yesterday we formally welcomed our newest group of students – our Kinder children. They too have had a smooth start to the year and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful welcome that our Year 5 children have extended to our Kinders through our Buddy system.

Last week a note went home to all families from Years 2-6 with details of our Twilight Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00pm-approx. 9.00pm. **Notes for those children who are participating need to be returned to school tomorrow.**

I also announced last week that this year we are also hosting our Monday assembly in the afternoon rather than in the morning. Our Monday assembly will begin at 2.40pm and as always, parents are most welcome to attend. Having our assembly after lunch enables us to free up the morning session, which is our prime teaching time. There will be occasions during the year when we might need to move the assembly to a morning. Families will be given as much notice as possible if this is the case.

Please read the note further on in the newsletter about the P&F AGM on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm. The P&F does a wonderful job of raising funds for various projects around the school as well as providing hospitality at various school celebrations. I encourage as many parents as possible to join us at our meetings throughout the year.

Cameron Lievore  
Principal

## Attention All Defence Force Families

You are invited to join fellow defence parents for a  
**Welcome Morning Tea.**

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**At 9:00am, in the school hall**

**RSVP to Ainsley McNichol by 19/02/18**

[amcnichol@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amcnichol@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in our canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Michelle on 0405 103 866

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Alex Bourke & Kerry Robinson
<b>Friday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Agi Tomaszewski & Corrine Anderson
<b>Monday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Serina Tarpey
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jodie McMurray
<b>Friday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Mardi Mantell & Monique Hodder

## CAKE RAFFLE ROSTER

Cake Raffle is held each Thursday morning. Check each fortnight to see if your child is rostered to supply a cake on this day. The cake can be homemade or purchased from the grocery store. Tickets are sold for 20c each. All proceeds go towards purchases for our library.

**Please note: Kinder have NOT been included this term as class groupings have not been finalised. Kinder will participate in Term 2**

Week 2 – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February			
1B	Phoebe B		
2W	Anthony A	2B	Sydney B
3W	Nickolas A	3B	Matilda B
4W	Jacinta A	4B	Aiden C
5W	James A	5B	Connor B
6W	Matthew B	6B	Clayton B
K-6 Gold	Jason A		

Week 3 – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February			
1B	Lily-Rose B		
2W	Seanna B	2B	Flynn B
3W	Oliver B	3B	Isabella B
4W	Charlotte B	4B	Stavros A
5W	Lauren A	5B	Jayanna A
6W	Jack B	6B	Jonah B
K-6 Gold	Dylan C		



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating ...

### January

Jayanna A – 5B	Charlie S – 4B
Samuel K – 5B	Joshua B – 5W
Jordan R – 1B	Heath B – K
Nicole C – 6W	Riley M – K
Emma M – 4W	Emma M – 4W
Carter L – K	Lidia H – 4B
Cameron F – 3B	Scarlett P – K
Mia G-P – 5W	Monique S – K
Lincoln D – 4B	Olivia F – 2W
Ashton H – 5W	Mckenzie R – K
Kruze C – K	

### February – Next 2 Weeks

Sarah H – 5W	Olivia S – 3W
Sienna B – 6W	Lachlan Y – K
Bryce R – 6W	Chelsea F – K
Lawson D – 4B	Ellie J – 1B
Sophie Z – 2W	Natalie Z – 2B
Giovanni P – K6G	William P – 5W
Harrison M – 1B	Bridget M-C – 2W
Charles C – K	Kasy S – 5B

## P&F

The annual General Meeting of St Monica's P&F will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 in the library. All welcome. Please enter the library via the church car park gate.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## REC NEWS

### Beginning School Mass

Students from Kinder to Year 6 will celebrate Mass on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> commencing at 9.15am. This is normally a Parish Mass so there will be some parishioners in attendance but parents are welcome to come and join us. Parents are asked to sit in the back few rows so that the children can see the altar. If, for some reason, your child arrives after the bell at 8.50, I ask that you escort your child over to the church, as the office staff are attending the Mass as well.

### Family Prayer Book

A new initiative to boost students' understanding of the different forms of prayer will be undertaken this year. Commencing next Monday, 1 child from every class will bring home a class prayer book. You are invited, as a family to design an entry for the book and return the book no later than Friday of that week.

Prayers can be simple – such as using the thumb prints of each family member and a simple sentence that says "God bless my family"; children can draw a picture and have a parent write the prayer for them; it can be an image or photo with a prayer added. Formal prayers, such as the ones we cover in school, Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer, Glory Be, Act of Contrition etc. can also be included.

When the book is returned, your child will share their prayer with the class during Friday morning's prayer time. A roster for the term will be sent home by the end of this week

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION FROM THE PARISH

Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be available at Vigil and Sunday Masses from 17-18 February until 24-25 March when Enrolment Ceremonies will take place. Forms will not be available from the Parish Office and late enrolments will not be accepted.

### 2018 TERM 2: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Year 5

17-18 February, 2018: Enrolment Forms available every week-end Mass until Enrolment Ceremonies

24-15 March, 2018: Enrolment Ceremonies at Vigil and Sunday Masses

Tuesday, 10 April, 2018: Parent Night starting at 7.00pm

Sunday, 29 April, 2018: Sacramental Groups begin. 4 weeks duration

Tuesday, 29 May, 2018: Reconciliation available – 7.00pm

Tuesday, 12 June, 2018

Wednesday, 13 June, 2018

} Confirmation Ceremonies – commencing at 7.00pm

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

- ❖ **Kiss and Drop:** Please farewell children in the Covered Learning Area. All adults must sign in at the office and before passing this point. This is not just a school rule, but a directive from the Catholic Education Office, due to Child Protection Legislation.
- ❖ **Appointments:** If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment through the school office. We want to ensure you that we believe very strongly in being available for such meetings.
- ❖ **School Fees:** Statements will be posted to your nominated address from the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta during week 4. Term 1 Fees will be due 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Just a reminder that school fees will be billed over 3 Terms only. For families who had a child in Year 6 who has left, please ensure that you change your BPay details as per your fees statement. If you want to pay in instalments, please see payment arrangement letter attached to your first statement.
- ❖ **Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones by students is not permitted on school property. If your child is in need of a mobile phone for parental contact after they have left the school grounds, the phone must be turned off and kept in their school bag or given to their class teacher for the day. Please discuss this matter with your child.
- ❖ **Morning Arrivals:** The playground duty roster for student supervision commences at 8.20am. Students arriving before this time will need to sit in the COLA with their school bags.  
Bourke Street gate (near the Year 6 classrooms) will be opened at 8.30am for **STUDENTS ONLY** entry. This is **NOT** an entrance for parents. If you wish to accompany your child onto the school grounds, please use the Francis Street entry. Bourke Street gates will be locked at 8.50am.
- ❖ **Punctuality:** Parents are reminded of the importance of having your children at school on time. School commences at 8.50am, all students should be at school by 8.45. I want to stress that late arrival to school means that your child/children are missing important information communication, either at assembly or within class. Late arrival to class also creates a great deal of disruption. If your child is arriving at school after the 8.50am bell, **the parent, or adult who has brought the child to school must accompany the child to the office** to complete and sign a late note. Once this has been attended to and signed by the office staff, the child will proceed to class.
- ❖ **Afternoon Pick-up:** Parents please wait in the COLA until the 3.10pm bell when children can be collected-from the central court yard area, in front of the K-2 classrooms. Please be considerate of children catching buses and teachers already on bus duty. The Bourke Street gate near Year 6 classroom will also be open at 3.10pm for the pick-up of children. Children will still be sitting in their after school positions and parents must walk in to collect them. This gate will be closed promptly at 3.20pm, when remaining children will be moved to the Hall. All children should be collected from school before 3.30pm.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** As a matter of safety, no preschool child is permitted on the play equipment at any time.
- ❖ **Road Safety:** As you are aware Francis & Bourke Streets are major traffic areas and parents must escort all children across the crossings. Please discuss road safety with your children.



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- ❖ **Parish Car Park:** STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ENTER SCHOOL VIA THE PARISH DRIVEWAY. We know that you will support this as it is for the safety of your children. The Parish driveway is closed from 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm.
- ❖ **Sport Uniform & Library Day:** The children are to wear their sport uniform as follows, and bring a library bag for borrowing:

Sports Days Term 1		Library Days Term 1
Kindergarten	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday & Friday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday & Friday	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
Year 4B	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
Year 4W	Thursday & Friday	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday

- ❖ **Labels:** Please label all clothing and items belonging to your child. The beginning of a school year means many new items all look the same to the children if they are not labelled.
- ❖ **Lost Property:** The lost property bin is located outside the school office, student foyer entry. If your child's clothes are labelled they will be returned to them. Clothes that have not been collected after a 2 week period will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.
- ❖ **Student Banking:** Student Banking will take place on a Monday of each week. Banking books will be collected from the children each Monday Morning in class and returned to them in the afternoon. If you would like to open an account for your child please apply -  
Online: Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.  
**OR**  
In branch: Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child's birth certificate.
- ❖ **Newsletter:** The school newsletter is published once a fortnight on a Tuesday. The newsletter is uploaded to our school website: [www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday afternoon. To receive a copy straight to you inbox please subscribe via our school website. This will enable you to receive an email in your selected account with a link to the Newsletter.

Please follow the details below to subscribe:

**Step 1:** Using your internet search engine, type in the following web address.

<http://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au>

**Step 2:** Select the [News and Events](#)

**Step 3:** In the dropdown box select Newsletters

**Step 4:** Scroll down and you will see the following:

**Subscribe to our school newsletter**

If you change email address, complete the above again. You will now receive the Newsletter each Tuesday afternoon.

- ❖ **Cake Raffle:** The cake raffle has been a long establishment and successful form of fundraising for the Library. At the beginning of each term a roster is drawn up so that each class has a cake to raffle. **How does it work?** Cake Raffle is held Thursday mornings. A roster is in the newsletter each fortnight. If your child's name is on for that week, please supply a cake for that day. The cake can be homemade or purchased from the grocery store. Tickets are sold for 20c
- ❖ **Clarification:** If you are not sure about any school event, activity, procedure, learning etc, I encourage you to please take the time to seek clarification with class teachers, specialist teachers, office staff, as opposed to relying on hearsay or someone else's interpretations or perceptions.
- ❖ **Uniforms:** Our school uniform gives the children a strong sense of identity and adds to their positive self-esteem as they take pride in their appearance. However, I would like to give a gentle reminder that the correct uniform does not include surf style shorts, jewellery or coloured hair. Shoes should be the correct black school shoes and all



children require the correct school hat. St Monica's school bags are mandatory now and can be purchased from the school office.

❖ **Uniform Shop:** All our School uniform, except school bags are available at: Brynorms, 328 Windsor Street, Richmond. 45782860. Library Bags, Hats & School Bags can be purchased at the school office. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Thursday Morning 8:30-9:30am.

❖ **Twilight Swimming Carnival:** Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm-9pm at Richmond Swimming Pool. Please see note that went home last week.



❖ **Bus Passes:** Bus pass applications are now done online. Go to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) to apply. Instructions are also available at the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions regarding Bus Passes.

❖ **Skoolbag app:** Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations and school related reminders. The Skoolbag School Mobile App is very flexible to allow schools to create their own customised content and provides a great alternative to school SMS alerts directly to parent smartphones. Information on how to download this app is available from the office.

❖ **Child Protection at St Monica's:** It is a diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module as well as the Building Child Safe Communities Form. This training is available online at:

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

Open the module by clicking on the START link. Read through the presentation. Complete and submit quiz questions – this will take approximately 10 minutes.



### Administering Medication to Children

It is important that parents/carers contact the office to fill out and sign a "Medication Advice" form if their child requires medication (eg antibiotics) at school for a short period of time. The medication **must** have the name of the student, name of the medicine and dosage clearly on the label. Without this signed form we are **not authorised** to administer medication to your child. Please ensure that a measuring device, preferably a measuring cup, is provided with the medication. Please also note that we are unable to administer paracetamol eg Panadol/Nurofen etc. If your child requires paracetamol for any reason, we require a Medical Certificate from the prescribing doctor authorising us to administer paracetamol and dosage. Due to the safety of your child and other children, **under NO CIRCUMSTANCE** are children allowed to keep paracetamol in their school bag.



## CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen provides a service to your children. We fill lunch orders and provide over the counter service. There is an extensive variety of foods and drinks available. This makes for a very busy canteen.

To keep up with the demands of our canteen we need your continued help. Canteen hours for volunteers are **9.30am to 2.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Could **all** volunteers please fill in the form which is available from the office so your name can be placed on a roster. If you are unable to fulfil your committed time please call Michelle on 0405 103 866, so other arrangements can be made. We need two helpers every day. Volunteers are supplied with a cuppa and lunch, and the benefit of giving and seeing the happy and caring environment our students are being educated in. Looking forward to your assistance in 2018.

### LENT

Ash Wednesday is next week 14<sup>th</sup> February. **No** meat or chicken products will be available.

During lent **NO** meat or chicken products will be available on Fridays.  
(Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March)

The following menu will be available on Friday's.

*Fish Burger	\$3.50
*Fish Fingers	\$0.60 each
*Macaroni & Cheese	\$3.50
*Nacho's	\$3.50
*Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$3.50
*Spinach & Ricotta Rolls	\$2.50
*Cheese Pastizzi's	\$1.00 each
*Tuna Sandwiches	\$2.20





Save the date for a night of fun,  
laughter and entertainment!

## St Monica's Got Talent

Family Social Night / Talent Quest

Thursday April 12th -

6:30pm free sausage sizzle

7:00pm Talent Quest



Can you sing...dance...play a musical instrument...tell a  
joke...magic tricks...are you a poet?

Perform as a group of friends, a family or on your own!

Our finale, term one social event!

The next day is a staff development day and children will  
not come to school.

Lots of prizes on offer!!

Lucky door prizes.... There will be a major prize on offer.....

Prizes also for the following...

- Best family talent (can consist of family and friends of family. This includes mums and dads!)
  - Most entertaining act
  - Best act 5 to 8 years
  - Best act 9 to 12 years

Free sausage sizzle!

Drinks will be sold on the night.

Talent Quest to commence at 6:30pm in the school hall.

Enter now!!

All acts must enter the talent quest by Thursday 29th March

Please see Mrs Duval if you have any questions.



### Talent Quest / Family Social Night Entry

Act Name:

Participants:

Brief description of act:

*All acts must be appropriate for a younger audience.*

*Depending on numbers, auditions may take place for children during the term.*

Volunteers - can you help?

Can you assist with prizes? Do you own a local business or can help provide sausages, drinks for the night?

Would you like to join the talent quest committee?

Please send in this note with your name or come and see Mrs Duval in the playground.