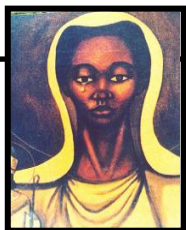


Term 1, Week 4

Tuesday February 20, 2018



# St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Mr Cameron Lievore  
Assistant Principal: Mrs Jacqui Van Der Burg  
Parish Administrator: Fr Clifford D'Souza

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	P&F Meeting 7pm
Friday 23rd February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival Parish Mass Year 2
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School Assembly 2.30pm – Prayer Yr 1
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Nude Food Day</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Yr 3 Blue Mountains Excursion Parish Mass Year 3
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly 2.30pm – Prayer Mrs Ryan

## Upcoming Dates

- \*Week 6 - Catholic Schools Week
- \*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Cross Country
- \*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – School Photo's

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION!

2018 School Fees were issued this week unfortunately with the incorrect BPAY Biller Code - the correct code for St Monica's is 535377. Please ensure you use this code when setting up your BPAY payments. New fee statements will be issued, and the Catholic Education Office Parramatta apologises for any inconvenience.

## P&F

The annual General Meeting of St Monica's P&F will be held at 7.00pm this 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!

## Dear Families,

Parents often ask teachers how they can best help their child to read. Supporting children's reading at home adds value to what they learn at school. First and foremost, reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. Children of all ages enjoy being read to and the importance of reading to your child regularly can't be over-stated! A few things that parents can do include:

- model good reading habits at home – demonstrate that you enjoy reading
- provide a variety of reading material
- using the cover and pictures of a book, encourage your child to predict what the story might be about
- talk about books that you have read together (characters, setting, events etc.)

Well-known Australian author and educator Mem Fox wrote her 10 Read Aloud Commandments for parents in 2013. You can't go past these top tips as a sound guide to supporting reading at home:

1. *Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud. From birth!*
2. *Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!*
3. *Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.*
4. *Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners*
5. *Read the stories that your child loves, over and over, and over again, and*
6. *Always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations and volume and speed, on each page, each time.*
7. *Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games*
8. *Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.*
9. *Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.*
10. *Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books. Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do*

(Source: [memfox.com/for-parents/for-parents-ten-read-aloud-commandments/](http://memfox.com/for-parents/for-parents-ten-read-aloud-commandments/))

Cameron Lievore  
Principal

## 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>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Nibya Ross & Elissa Esposito
<b>Friday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Mariana Gelevski & Mel Carr
<b>Monday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sam Owens
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jeanette Rogers & Belinda Battese
<b>Friday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Louisa Cremen & Corrine Anderson
<b>Monday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Serina Tarpey

## 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 4 – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February			
1B	Hayley C		
2W	Aaliyah B	2B	Luella B
3W	Maddison B	3B	Kyle C
4W	Ashton B	4B	Layla D
5W	Joshua B	5B	James B
6W	Cohen F	6B	Alec B
K-6 Gold	Hamish J		

Week 5 – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March			
1B	Sebastian C		
2W	Archer B	2B	Marcus B
3W	Aiden B	3B	Elizabeth F
4W	Leo B	4B	Lawson D
5W	Zachary C	5B	Imogen C
6W	Nicole C	6B	Jayden C
K-6 Gold	Tyrone L		



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating over the next 2 weeks ... ..

Hayden T 5B
Eva H 6W
Noah T 5W
Aaron H 3B
Jake Y 1B
Alexandra Duncan 2B
Seanna S 3W
Anthony V 4B
Morgan C 4W
Jonathon P 2B
Seth R 1B
Matthew B 6W
Isabell V 4W
Anthony A 2W
Joaseph S 3W
Jade O KB

## CANTEEN MENU DURING LENT

During lent **NO** meat or chicken products will be available each Friday.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

The following menu will be available on Friday's.

*Fish Burger	\$3.50
*Fish Fingers	\$0.60
*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



## SCHOOL OPAL PASSES

There have been some improvements made to the School student Transport Scheme (SSTS) system. Students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 DO NOT need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- Are continuing at the same school
- Are residing at the same address
- Have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

### A new application is required when:

- applying for a travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- changes address.
- changes school.



**An important requirement of School Opal is the need for student to TAP ON and TAP OFF when they travel to and from school.**

## Star Spot

Noah T and Cody J from Year 5 represented Norwest U11s Boys in the recent oztag State Championships in Coffs Harbour.

The boys competed over 4 days in heat conditions and made the quarter finals.

Well done to the both of them and the rest of the competitors on a successful tournament.



## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the St Monica's Swimming Team who competed at the Zone Carnival yesterday. They all represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship. Tayla K (6W), Emily K (5W) and Tyler H (2B) qualified to compete at the Diocesan carnival on Friday. In addition to this the senior girls relay team were successful in qualifying for the zone carnival.

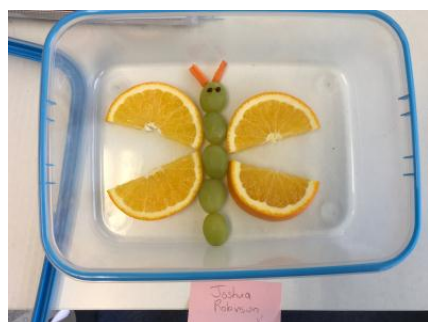
Congratulations to Tayla K who was awarded Senior Girls Runner up Champion.

Mrs Buccini and Miss Gray.

### TERM 1 2018 STUDENT REPS

<b>KW</b>	Sophia B Billy R	<b>KB</b>	Luke W Scarlett P
<b>1B</b>	Jonathon H	<b>1B</b>	Savannah R
<b>2W</b>	Sophie Z Anthony Apostolatos	<b>2B</b>	Elizabeth P Eamonn P
<b>3W</b>	Peter H Joel L	<b>3B</b>	Cameron F Brayden J
<b>4W</b>	Ashton B Luciana M	<b>4B</b>	Jesse H Imogen F
<b>5W</b>	Jalene S Nelson M	<b>5B</b>	Seanna S Hayden T
<b>6W</b>	Elysia Z Joshua V	<b>6B</b>	Clayton B Jana C
<b>K-6 Gold</b>	Jason A	<b>K-6 Gold</b>	Tyrone L

SOME OF THE WONDERFUL CREATIONS FROM  
MRS KEMBLE'S NUDE FOOD COMPETITION!



### 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



## Expression of Interest

<b>Position</b>	<b>Canteen Manager (Part-time)</b>
<b>Commencing</b>	Term 1, 2018
<b>Position Status</b>	Temporary Position for 2018
<b>Position Criteria</b>	<p>The Canteen Manager is responsible for the efficient and professional operation of St Monica's Primary School Canteen including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing high quality, healthy food to our children and staff in a professional manner</li><li>• Ensuring that the school canteen is compliant in accordance with CEDP guidelines</li><li>• Supervision of volunteers</li><li>• Financial management and associated record keeping</li><li>• Stock management</li><li>• Maintaining a high level of cleanliness and hygiene</li><li>• Ensuring WHS practices are observed</li><li>• Planning and providing for 'special food days'</li><li>• Working with the Principal and Finance Secretary to ensure the canteen operates profitably</li><li>• Ensuring that all volunteers comply with all relevant procedures</li></ul>

**Closing Date** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018

### Further Information

For further enquiries, contact Cameron Lievore (Principal)  
Phone: (02) 4570 3700

**A Written Expression of Interest (no longer than one A4 page) outlining your suitability for the role should be forwarded to**

Cameron Lievore  
Principal  
St Monica's Primary School

Or email to [StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au)

St Dominic's College  
**OPEN DAY 2018**  
Sunday the 4th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

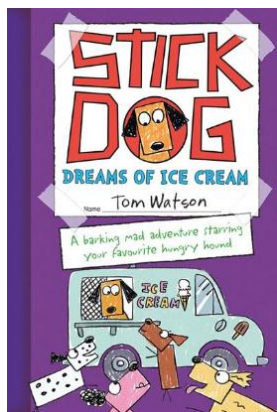
The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.

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Website: [www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au)  
ABN 12 838 505 432



## Student eBook Of The Week



### Suitable for years 2 – 4

The temperature is rising - and Stick Dog and his pals are feeling the heat! The dogs need cold, cold ice cream on this hot, hot day - but their quest to find a sweet treat is threatened when Stick Dog is spotted by a human and the police are hot on his tail... Funny, furry and loveable, this four-legged hero is destined to be Top Dog.



<https://goo.gl/GjDRjp>





# Parent Calendar Term 1 – 2018

<i>LSL</i>	<i>Month / Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>
	<i>W1</i> <i>JANUARY</i>  <i>FEBRUARY</i> <i>Y</i>	29 SDD – MAI's	30 SDD – MAI's	31 Yrs 1-6 return to school	1 Kinder 930-1230	2 Kinder 930-1230	3 / 4
	<i>W2</i>	5	6	7	8	9 Opening School Mass 9:15am	10 / 11
	<i>W3</i>	12 Twilight Swimming Carnival 6-9pm	13	14 Ash Wednesday K-2 Liturgy 3-6 Mass 9am	15	16	17 / 18
	<i>W4</i>	19 Zone Swimming Carnival	20	21	22	23 Dio Swimming Carnival	24 / 25
	<i>W5</i> <i>MARCH</i>	26	27	28	1 March	2 Yr3 Blue Mountains Excursion	3 / 4 Kinder & Yr5 Mass 930am
	<i>W6</i>	5 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 1:40pm	6	7	8	9 K,1 & 2 Excursion Australian Museum	10 / 11
	<i>W7</i>	12	13	14	15	16 Cross Country	17 / 18
	<i>W8</i>	19 Yr4 Excursion Cares	20	21	22 Yr4 Excursion Cares	23 School Photo's K-6	24 / 25
	<i>W9</i>	26 Holy Week	27	28 Holy Week Celebration	29	30 Good Friday	31 / 1 April
	<i>W10</i> <i>APRIL</i>	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5 Canberra Yr6	6 Alleluia Mass K-5	7 / 8
	<i>W11</i>	9	10	11	12 "Family Fun Night – Talent Quest"  Last Day for Students	13 SDD Literacy / Numeracy	14 / 15
	<i>Term 2</i> <i>W1</i> <i>APRIL</i>  <i>MAY</i>	30	1 May	2	3	4	5 / 6



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.

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day 



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# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE  
THAN

=

**1** YEAR OF  
LEARNING IN **12** YEARS

## DID YOU KNOW



**1 IN 6**

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT  
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

## EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



## GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner  
every day 

