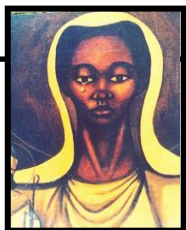


Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday March 19, 2019



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Wednesday June 5	Yr 4 Rocks Excursion Hot Dog Day K-2
Thursday June 6	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am
Friday June 7	Yr 3 Blue Mountains Peer Support
Monday June 10	Public Holiday – No School
Wednesday June 12	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Thursday June 13	Yr 5 Bathurst Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30am – 9.30am
Friday June 14	Yr 5 Bathurst Kindy – Yr 1 Athletics Fun Day Yr 2 & 3 Parish Mass 9am
Monday June 17	School Assembly 2:15pm
Tuesday June 18	Nude Food Day Fete Meeting 3.15pm
Friday June 21	Athletics Carnival Yrs 2-6

Upcoming Events

- 25th June – Yr 6 Fundraiser
- Week 10 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Affirmation

To Valentina S and Layla D who stepped in as Reading Tutors at short notice last week to cover for Year 6 Tutors who were at the Soccer Gala Day. Their assistance was very much appreciated!

Thank You

Dear Families,

During the course of each school term, many professional magazines are sent to schools. As you can imagine, the articles contained in each one vary considerably and cover a broad range of topics. Often an article or section of an article resonates with our thinking. The following section of an article about children learning to write grabbed my attention and reinforced what teachers already know about the writing process. The article dealt with the importance of fine motor skill development in children.

Children need to write. The act of writing involves the fine motor skills of the Hand, the fingers, the face and eyes; writing also involves the gross motor skills of the arm, shoulders and torso. Research suggests that fine and gross motor deficits has the potential to influence poor student achievement during the first three years of school. Fine motor skill development is directly connected to cognitive [thinking] abilities as well as to reading, writing, literacy development, numeracy development and comprehension.

(Source: PURJE, R. (2019). The Write Stuff Achieves the Right Stuff. Education Today, 19(2) p. 18

Housekeeping:

Please be aware that for child protection reasons, parents are to remain under the COLA before school and are not to be on the playground. In the afternoon, parents are also requested to remain under the COLA until the 3:10pm bell rings when you are then able to collect your children from outside the classrooms. When children are late to school, it can be disruptive to the teaching and learning if parents deliver children to the classrooms and engage the teachers in conversation. Please bring the children to the office foyer, sign them in and the office staff will watch them walk to class. Please also be aware that teachers are not in a position to have conversations during class time.

On assembly days the main gates will not be open before 2.10pm

Thank you for your understanding and on-going cooperation.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

**Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day has been postponed for tomorrow.
New Date is to be advised.**



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

Wednesday June 5	Charlene Scicluna & Anita Vella Hot Dog Day Kindy – Yr 2
Friday June 7	Monique Hodder & Alex Brown
Monday June 10	Public Holiday
Wednesday June 12	Alex Bourke & Kim Pearson Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Friday June 14	Steve Chadevski & Paula Sciberras
Monday June 17	Kerrile Campbell



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the next 2 weeks

Phoenix I 2B
Tomas N 2B
Isaac T 5B
Bryton M 5B
Makayla G 3W
Luella B 3B
Annalise A 1B
Sydney S 5B

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.

Week 6 – Thursday 6 th June			
KB	Aubrey G	KW	Maddison F
1B	Billy R	1W	Halle S
2B	Jonathon H		
3B	Felicity S	3W	Alicia P
4B	Charlee R	4W	Georgie S
5B	Bryton M	5W	James P
6B	William P	6W	Isabella N
K6G	Shae N		

Week 7– Thursday 13 th June			
KB	Nate J	KW	Emilia H
1B	Bianca T	1W	Andreas X
2B	Phoenix I		
3B	Jordan S	3W	Ace S
4B	Joseph S	4W	Christian S
5B	Lauren P	5W	Massimo R
6B	Jasmine R	6W	Charlee P
K6G	Tyrone L		

YEAR 3 AUSSIE EXPO

To celebrate our research of Australian places, Year 3 welcomed parents, grandparents and Year 2 to our Aussie Expo on Friday 31st May. Year 3 presented speeches and a slideshow to visitors. At the conclusion of the expo, Year 3 voted for the top tourist destination in Australia.

Congratulations to the following students for their winning presentations.



DARWIN by Zac W

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS by Aaliyah B



COOBER PEDY by Patrick C

TIWI ISLANDS by Charlotte H



BROOME by Tyler H

KANGAROO ISLAND by Alexandra D

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF by Charlotte H



Congratulations to the students who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea in May

Kindy – Aubrey G

Yr 1 – Michael L, Luke W, Mackenzie R, Jade O, Richard D

Yr 2 – Valentina D, Monique G, Chloe C

Yr 3 – Dylan R, Jordan S, Evie S, Zachary C, Anika C, Oliver B, Aaliya B, Ariyah G

Yr 4 – Oliver B

Yr 5 – Emily H, Charlotte C, Cailan W



Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 5th June

Kindy, Yr 1 and Yr 2

Wednesday 12th June

Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6

\$3.50



SPORTS NEWS

Last Wednesday the Stage 3 girls' soccer teams attended the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day. The students had a great day and represented our school with pride. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork and gave their best efforts all day. Our Year 6 team were successful in winning their pool and received medals for finishing in first place. The Year 5/6 team also had an excellent result finishing 3rd in their pool. Thank you to Miss Schembri for her assistance on the day.



What a wonderful experience for Halle Thomas who represented Mackillop Girls Football at the recent NSWPSA Championship in Lismore. The Mackillop team finished third overall. The competition was held over three days, where all Primary schools - Catholic, Public and Independent schools are represented.

Congratulations Halle.

St Monica's FETE White Elephant & Pre Loved Books

The White Elephant and Book Stall will begin taking donations at the beginning of July.

We all have treasures that we no longer need or use, that may be just the thing that someone else is looking for

Please remember a White Elephant should have some utility use and be in working order. We are unable to accept:

Electronics, Car Seats, old VHS videos, Cassettes, Encyclopaedias



Parents are warmly invited to attend our Stemathon Finale to commence

2.30pm - Friday July 26th

Everyone is welcome to visit each group and look at the amazing creations of each STEM group.

Things to remember.....

Bring your Stemathon fundraising card every Friday with a new sponsor listed to receive a raffle ticket.

Place your raffle ticket in the Stemathon prize draw every week. Write your name and class on the ticket. The prize will be given out on our Stemathon day.

Start gathering Stem materials to help us with our Stem tasks. Get ready to work together and be creative Friday July 26th

Prizes on Offer.....

The highest overall money fundraiser will receive - \$100 gift card

The highest fundraisers in each grade will receive - \$20 gift card

For returning Stemathon cards each Friday and continually gathering sponsors, everyone who actively participates in our fundraising efforts will have a chance to win...



Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that provides your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip. Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be. Opal data gathered by **tapping on and off** is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available. If students don't **tapping on and off** then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for **cancellation based on low passenger numbers**. Please help us reinforce the message that **tapping on and off** every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on. To help us achieve this, please talk with your child: • Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card. • If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important. • If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why. Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed. Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line. Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it. Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running. Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au. If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at info@busways.com.au. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.



Parent Line NSW
1300 1300 52

IMMEDIATE PARENTING SUPPORT

9am-9pm
Monday to Friday
4pm-9pm
Saturday & Sunday

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parentline.org.au

Tell Them From Me - TTFM **Partners in Learning Parent Survey**



Tell Them From Me

Parents are invited to participate in the **Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning** Parent Survey. This survey is completely anonymous and confidential, and will help provide reliable data that can be used to shape the future direction of our school.

The survey will be available to complete until Friday 14th June.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stmonric2019>



St Monica's Fete Committee 2019

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Saturday 3 August 2019
9AM til 3PM
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