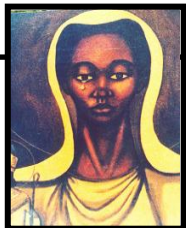


Term 1, Week 10
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St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Thursday March 30	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8:30-9:30am
Friday March 31	Storyfest Presentations Open Day 9:30-10:30am for prospective new families
Sat/Sun April 1-2	Enrolment Ceremonies for Sacrament of Confirmation at Vigil Masses
Monday April 3	School Assembly 8:50am Prayer – Year 6
Tuesday April 4	Nude Food Day Easter Raffle Tickets & Money Due Easter Morning Tea Orders & Money Due
Wednesday April 5	Hot Dog Day
Thursday April 6	Holy Week Liturgy 11:30am Easter Morning Tea Royce Simmons & Greg Alexander Cup Yrs 3-6 North Richmond Easter Raffle Drawn Last Day of School
Friday April 7	PUPIL FREE DAY – No school for students
Monday April 24	STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2 8:50am
Tuesday April 25	ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Term 2 Dates for your diary: *Monday 29 th May – School Photos	

Dear Families,

Increasingly we see young children engaging with their peers through various social media. While not denying that the use of social media apps can be an excellent avenue of communication through sharing comments, photos, messages etc, young children don't always understand the protocols around its use. More than ever before, schools are expected to deal with the 'fall out' from inappropriate and insensitive comments and posts placed by some children about their peers.

Young children often lack the social and emotional maturity to understand the impact of various social media apps. What might seem funny (or even harmless) at the time can often be misinterpreted and become upsetting, hurtful or offensive to those at whom it is directed. It is very difficult for us to deal with what is essentially happening outside the school. A child's first and most important educators are his or her parents, and so I urge you all to monitor closely the use of social media at home. Our School Counsellor has included more information about social media use later in this newsletter, particularly the age restrictions that are associated with many social media apps.

Cameron Lievore
Principal



St Monica's Primary School is having an

OPEN MORNING

for **Prospective NEW Families to the school community**

★ Friday March 31 from 9.30am to 10:30

Giving you the opportunity to tour our school and meet the Principal and K-2 Co-ordinator. Please phone the school to register your interest in attending on 4588 5405.

St Monica's Primary School last day of Term 1 is Thursday 6th April.
Friday 7th April is a Staff Development Day where the teachers will be focusing on
Literacy & Numeracy.
There will be no supervision for children.

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 Alison on 0428 228 121

Wednesday 29th March	Jeanette Rogers & Volunteer Needed
Friday 31st March	Agi Tomaszewski & Catherine Chadevski
Monday 3rd April	Chernai Smith
Wednesday 5th April	Alex Bourke & Kim Pearson
Friday 7th April	Canteen Closed – Pupil Free Day
Monday 24th April	Joanne Apostolatos



To the children who are celebrating their Birthdays over the next 2 weeks and during the Holidays.....

*Cohen F 5B	*Tyler H 1W	*Matilda B 2W
*Alyssa S 5B	*Taleisha M 5W	*Flynn B 1W
*Benjamin M 2B	*Kevin A 5B	*James P 6B
*Joshua J 4W	*Christian S 2B	*Shannon R 6B
*Zac K 6B	*Mitchell B 6B	*Savannah E 4B
*Jake C 5B	*Therese P 3B	*Laura A KB
*Jasmine R 4W	*Alayna V 2W	

CAKE RAFFLE

Cake Raffle is held on Thursday mornings. 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 20cents each. All proceeds go towards purchases for our library.

Week 10 – Thursday March 30			
KW	Ellie Jennison	KB	Ellie Lindop
1W	Lachlan Esposito	1B	Makayla Gauci
2W	Jacob Barbara	2B	Eamon Kendall
3W	Layla Donnelly	3B	Imogen Flemming
4W	Jack Hulett	4B	Jayanna Andary
5W	Jana Chadevski	5B	Evangelina Cruz-Tabua
6W	Jonathan Apap	6B	Holly Dalrymple

Week 11 – Thursday April 6			
KW	Matilda McKenzie	KB	Matilda Lucy
1W	Ariyah Grima	1B	Rowan Hargrave
2W	Sydney Dickinson	2B	Joel Lawrence
3W	Lawson Doyle	3B	Jaylee Foster
4W	Joshua Josevski	4B	Ashton Hawkett
5W	Hendrix Donnelly	5B	Ashton Evans
6W	Ella Camilleri	6B	Ryan Carr
K6G	Giovanni Porte		

FROM THE REC

Station 7 – Jesus falls a second time.

Jesus is tired, losing all His strength, not wanting to take another step. However... He keeps walking, taking another step, carrying His cross until Jesus falls again.

How do you feel really tired? Like you can't go on...

How do you feel standing at this station? Do you feel Jesus' exhaustion and sadness?

We all have things in life we find difficult. Perhaps they are physically hard, or maybe we don't know where to start. Do you keep trying? Or do you give up?

Jesus knows we find this hard but He's ready to help us. We need to stand at the station and ask for help, strength and peace.

Station 8 – Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Jesus gets up, takes up His cross again and continues on the road. He passes the crowds along the road and then, He sees a group of women crying. He knows their tears are because of Him. Jesus goes towards the women and speaks to them.

How do you feel as you stand at this station? Do you feel the sadness of the women? Do you feel Jesus' love for these women?

When we are sad or stressed or worried, it can be easy to only think of ourselves. Jesus shows us that we should think about others. Jesus us shows us to have hope.

Ask Jesus to help you when you are sad for yourself. Ask Him to show you others who need your help.

Station 9 – Jesus falls the third time

Jesus was tired, exhausted, barely walking, stumbling, finding it hard to breathe. He falls again. Now Jesus asks God for help, for strength, courage, energy to get up. God answers and Jesus gets up again.

How do you feel as you stand at this station? Do you feel the exhaustion, desperation, His cry for help?

Ask God to be there when you need His help and ask Him to remind you to ask when you feel desperate.

Station 10 – Jesus is stripped of His garments

Jesus is finally at the hill where He will die. The horror is coming to an end. But the soldiers have plans in store. They steal all his clothes, but He is not alone; this is what He clings to.

How do you feel as you stand at this station? Do you cling to your things? Are your clothes important? What about your toys and devices?

Could you easily have everything stripped away from you? Are you jealous of what others have? Are you able to appreciate what you have? Ask Jesus to be with you and help you to value your things less than people and God.



I would like to thank the Saliba and Portelli families as well as our 4 School Captains for all the work they put into raising money for Project Compassion this year. Between them and with your support, they have raised \$659.50! This will be added to the money collected in class and at the canteen. Thank you to all who have placed the needs of others before their own needs. Well done everyone.

Leanne Ryan
RE Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2018 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at St Monica's in 2018, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office. We are hosting another Open Day for prospective new families on Friday 31st March. Please see the office for more information.

SPORTS UPDATE

Royce Simmons & Greg Alexander Cup is rescheduled for Thursday April 6 at Turnbull Oval North Richmond. Parents are required to transport their children to and from the oval and they need to be there by 8:30am, the day should finish around 2pm. Please ensure they bring their mouth guard as this is compulsory and they will not be permitted to play without one.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club was sent home last Friday. Please return all orders with your child by this Friday 31st March.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 Fees are now due. Fees can be paid by BPAY/Eftpos or cash at the front office. If you are experiencing any difficulty please contact Cheryl Bolton or make an appointment to speak with Mr Lievore on 4588 5405.

Notes Sent home recently

- Easter Morning Tea & Raffle

EASTER 2017

On **Thursday 6th April** we are having an **Easter Morning Tea** for the children. The morning tea will consist of a hot cross bun or cookies and a popper.

We are also having an **Easter Raffle**. Each grade will have a raffle with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. The tickets are 50c each and families participating in raffles will be sent home a book of tickets, totalling \$5 per family.

NB. Extra tickets will be available from the school office.



- **Easter Raffle Tickets and Money Due - Tuesday 4th April**
- **Easter Morning Tea Order and Money Due – Tuesday 4th April**
- Please note there will not be any extensions on the return of morning tea orders and raffle tickets, deadline is 3.10pm Tuesday 4th April.
- **Easter Raffle Drawn - Thursday 6th April in class.**

Winter Uniform Changeover

Students can return in Term 2, Week 1 (i.e. Monday 24th April) wearing their winter uniform. There will be a two-week changeover. All students are required to be in full winter uniform by Week 3, Monday 8th May 2017. The uniform can be purchased from Brynorm's in Richmond or the second hand uniform shop is open each Thursday morning from 8:30-9:30am.



Year 2 Museum Excursion



Last Monday Year 1 students visited the Sydney Museum.



Children and cyberspace.....

Parents sometimes question what's best for their children in the fast-changing world of technology.

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner looks at the question.....

Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join.

What about APPS? App stores set their own age ratings based on the app's content.

Natasha Burgert, a paediatrician, offers three reasons for not allowing children to start using social media before the set age limit:

*** Kids know the U13 rule.** So, if you, as a parent, falsify your child's age to create an account, you are actively providing a foundational example that is it OK to lie on the internet.

***Children U13 do not have the intellectual or emotional maturity to handle many social media themes.** Pre-teens are also increasingly becoming victims of online harassment, solicitation, and cyberbullying.

***For children U13, there are safer alternatives.** Learning how to navigate and interact on social media sites is an important skill set. Reviews of responsible pre-teen social network options is provided by [Common Sense Media](http://CommonSenseMedia.org).

For more information on keeping children safe online, please go to <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

