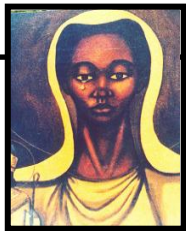


Term 1, Week 10

Tuesday April 3, 2018



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

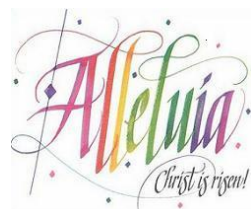
Thursday April 5	Year 6 Canberra 6:30am arrival for 7am departure Alleluia Mass 10am
Friday April 6	Year 6 Canberra Arrive 7:45pm (check skoolbag for travel updates)
Monday April 9	School Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday April 10	Nude Food Day Parent Night for Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm in the church
Thursday April 12	Last Day Term 1 St Monica's Got Talent Family Fun Night
Friday April 13	Staff Development Day – No school for students
Monday April 30	School Returns For Term 2

Mathematics Workshops:

Over the past four years we have hosted a number of successful Mathematics workshops for parents where teachers present how an aspect of the maths curriculum is taught in primary schools. On Monday 7th May and Wednesday 9th May (Term 2, Week 2), two of our teachers will present a workshop on problem solving. I invite all parents to attend either of the workshops, which will begin at 8.50am and finish at 9.30ish.

Alleluia Mass

You are invited to come and
celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus
with our school community on
Thursday 5th April at 10am in the
Church.



Dear Families,

Social Justice is a focus in all Catholic schools and as such, is an important element of our Catholic identity. At the core of Catholic social teaching is the belief that all people are equal and deserve to be treated respectfully and with dignity.

In supporting any social justice initiative, our Diocese requires that we adhere to the following two questions:

- Are the values and projects of the organisation consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church?
- Are the organisation's philosophy and ethics in harmony with Catholic social teaching?

St Monica's has a strong commitment to social justice through our support of Caritas Australia and Mary MacKillop International (East Timor) as part of our Religious Education curriculum. Teachers and staff also support St Vincent de Paul, the San Miguel Family Centre and Food for All.

St Mary MacKillop's maxim 'Never see a need without doing something about it' challenges us to act when we see hardship, struggle, poverty and lack of opportunities. A small group of committed girls have done just that. They approached Mrs Ryan and myself with a plan to run a competition, raffle and sell stationery and pocket puzzles to our student community in support of Caritas Australia. This level of social awareness is outstanding and I congratulate Charlize S, Alyssa S, Sienna S, Olivia S, Taleisha M, Angelique P, Mikaela F and Tiana H for their efforts. Just over \$500.00 was raised. Each girl will receive a social justice certificate in recognition of their commitment.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"
(Matthew 25:40).

As a way of acknowledging the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (Bullying. No Way!), St Monica's recently welcomed Snr Constable Janine Elliot (Hawkesbury LAC) who presented on Cyber Safety. All children in Years 3-6 attended and Snr Constable Elliot also presented to parents in the afternoon. The main points from her presentation were:

- The dangers associated when chatting and posting online
- Knowing the person with whom you are communicating online
- Parent awareness of children's use of technology
- Once a comment, image etc is posted, it is very difficult to take it back

Again I ask all parents to closely monitor their children's use of social media to ensure not only that they are safe, but that they are using social media respectfully.

I would like to thank Mrs Van Der Burg and Mrs Duval for organising the day.

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

Wednesday 4th April	Belinda Battese & Kim Pearson
Friday 6th April	Louisa Cremen & Agi Tomaszewski
Monday 9th April	Serina Tarpey
Wednesday 11th April	Jodie McMurray, Bethany Cox & Elissa Esposito
Friday 13th April	Pupil Free Day
Monday 30th April	Joanne Apostolatos

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 10 – Thursday 5 th April			
1B	Valentina D		
2W	Olivia F	2B	Alexandra D
3W	Marcus G	3B	Micah K
4W	Morgan C	4B	Jesse H
5W	Sarah H	5B	Corey H
6W	Canberra	6B	Canberra
K-6 Gold	Luis V		

Week 11 – Thursday 12 th April			
1B	Erik F		
2W	Makayla F	2B	Clinton F
3W	Peter H	3B	Eamon K
4W	Georgia D	4B	Zoe H
5W	Joshua J	5B	Cody J
6W	Hendrix D	6B	Jack H



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the next 2 weeks and during the school holidays.....

Flynn B 2B
Benjamin M 3B
Joshua J 5W
Christian S 3W
Savannah E 5B
Therese P 4B
Jasmine R 5B
Alayna V 3B
Ceanna H-T 1B
Alyssa S KB
Dylan B 5W
James P 4W
Michael B 4W
Clinton F 2B
Zachary C 5W
Ellen O 2B
Max S KB
Daniel R 5W
Grace F 4W
Rhys T 3B

Reading Tutors

Reading Tutoring before school finishes this Wednesday (Year 6 are in Canberra Thurs/Fri).

It is not on Week 11 or Week 1 of Term 2

Tutoring will recommence at 8:30am Week 2 of Term 2.

Thank you,
Mrs Smith

P&F NEWS

St Monica's students are invited to participate in the ANZAC Marches that are held at Richmond and Kurrajong. Information about this will go out next week.

Mother's Day

- Wednesday 2nd May – Mother's Day Wrapping. Help is needed on Wednesday Morning 9am in the school hall to wrap gifts for the Mother's Day Stall.
- Thursday 10th May – Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 11th May - Mother's Day Breakfast

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you for all your contributions to our Coles Sports for Schools Program. St Monica's have collected approximately 60,000 vouchers to date. Today is the final day that stores will hand out vouchers, however vouchers can be returned to school up until early May. We look forward to being able to provide our students with new sports equipment in the near future.



Mrs Buccini
PE Teacher



It has been lovely watching and listening to all the children being involved either singing or narrating in the Holy Week Liturgy's last week. A lot of time and hard work has been put into organising these liturgies.

WINTER UNIFORM

Children are to return to school in Term 2 in their winter uniform. We allow a 2 week changeover period for the first 2 week of term 2 which children can have the choice (for weather purposes) to wear summer or winter uniform. All children are to be in full winter uniform by Monday Week 3, May 14th.

Winter Girls

Grey, Navy blue check tartan drop waisted pinafore
(to be of length to cover the knee)
Sky blue Peter Pan collar shirt and navy tab tie
or
Royal blue slacks with sky blue Peter Pan collar shirt with royal tab tie
School sloppy joe, Jacket or royal blue woollen mix jumper
Black leather polishable shoes
Either blue socks or navy tights

Winter Boys

Grey melange school trousers (not jeans)
Midford vic blue shirt
Sky blue Peter Pan collar shirt and
School sloppy joe, jacket or royal
blue woollen mix jumper
Grey socks
Black leather polishable shoes
School hat

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2018 Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learnt in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. The dates for NAPLAN 2018 are 15th-17th May. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Tuesday 15 th May	Wednesday 16 th May	Thursday 17 th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar) Writing test	Reading test	Numeracy test

NSW Fire Brigade Visit



As part of the "Safety" strand in PD, health and PE, K-3 & K-6G students will have the opportunity to take part in this incursion on Monday, April 9th. They will talk to NSW Fire Brigade members, recognise key parts of a fire truck and learn the basics of fire safety. Please take this opportunity to revise fire safety strategies with your child. Eg: "Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go"; "Get Out and Stay Out"; "Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll" and telling an adult.

SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

PRC 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A copy of the calendar can be downloaded via [2018 Calendar of Events](#) for the Parents Representative Council (PRC). All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Richmond Community Services Inc.

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[20 West Market Street](#)

[Richmond NSW 2753](#)

Tel: 02 4588 3501 (Mon, Tues, Wed 9.00 – 4.00 pm and Thurs 9.00 – 2.30 pm)

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Beating Bullying WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 28th March 2018	6.30 - 9pm
Helping Teens with Risky Behaviours	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of teens	Weds 4th April 2018	6.30 - 9pm
Toddler Behaviour - Tactics for Parents WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 11th April 2018	10am - 12.30pm
My Space - Your Space— Socialisation Skills for Primary School Kids	For Primary school children aged 5- 8years	Tuesday 17th April 2018	9.30am - 12.30pm
Stress Management for Dads WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads	2 x Monday evenings 30th April & 7th May 2018	6.30-9pm

St Monica's



We are still looking for acts for our talent show



Can you sing...dance...play a musical instrument...?
tell a joke...do a magic trick,
are you a poet?

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

Let Mrs Duval know if you would like to perform. It would be great to see lots of mum's and dad's, aunties, uncles and grandparents join in too!



Family Social Night / Talent Quest
Thursday April 12th –
6:30pm free sausage sizzle
7:00pm Talent Quest



What's On at Penrith Observatory in April

Date: 14 April

Event name: Astronomy Night: Stars, Supernova, & the size of the Universe

Event details:

Speaker – Dr Luke Bozzetto

Come and explore the life-cycle of stars, from their birth all the way to their deaths - in some cases the cataclysmic explosion known as a supernova. Followed by a journey through the Universe - starting from our position on Earth we will explore our surroundings by travelling outward to gain some perspective of the vast space that we live in.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1657296901021184/>

Date: 20 April

Event name: Hands On Workshop: Rockets

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer

Lots of fun for children ages 4 - 12. Build and launch paper rockets using compressed air and watch a demonstration of a model rocket launch.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie and safe viewing of the Sun through a telescope (weather permitting).

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/carers to remain with children at all times.

All attendees (parents/carers and children) require a workshop ticket \$12 each.

ALL CHILDREN and any parents/carers that wish to participate in rocket building need to also pay for the rocket kits \$12 + \$5 = \$17 each.

BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/232689780633424/>

Date: 28 April

Event name: Astronomy Night: Space Rocks & Cosmic Collisions

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer

Asteroids, Comets and Meteors, oh my! What are they and what happens when they hit Earth? Want to know more about the first interstellar asteroid we detected?

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

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Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/214801002596693/>

Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb – Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan –Nov)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00