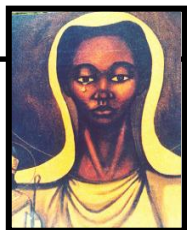


Term 1, Week 2  
Wednesday February 1, 2017



# St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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## Diary Dates

Monday February 6	School Assembly 8:50am Prayer – Mrs Van Der Berg
Friday February 10	Parish Mass Yrs 1 & 6
Tuesday February 7	<b>Nude Food Day</b>
Monday February 13	Opening School Mass 9:15am - Church
Friday February 17	School Swimming Carnival – Richmond Pool

School Canteen is open  
Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

Canteen orders are to be handed in at  
the canteen between 8:30-8:50am

Recess & Lunch orders are to be in  
separate bags

Hot Dog Day is available  
The first Wednesday of the month  
for Kindy to Yr 2  
The Second Wednesday of the  
month is for Yrs 3-6



**NUDE FOOD DAY IS EVERY  
TUESDAY**



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I trust that all families had a peace-filled Christmas and an enjoyable summer break.

The first day of the new school year is always one of great excitement as the children catch up with their friends, talk about everything that they did in the holidays, meet their new teachers again and hear about what they will be learning during the year. In my address to the children at yesterday's assembly, I reminded them that each one of us brings something special to St Monica's. Maybe it's the kind way in which we speak to others, or the respectful way in which we listen and respond to each other. It could be how we reach out to those who need a helping hand and it might even be something as simple as a lovely smile and greeting each morning.

Whatever our gifts are, we can all contribute to making St Monica's a wonderful school. There is an old saying that bricks and mortar don't make a school. It's the people and the way in which they behave and interact with each other that makes a good school and great school. That is something that I hope everyone will remember each day that you walk through the gates.

At the assembly, we also prayed the following prayer together to begin the school year:

*God of love and compassion,*

*Help us to be people of peace and justice.*

*Motivate us to be like St Mary MacKillop and never see a need without doing something about it.*

*Give us the wisdom to Act justly, Love tenderly and Walk humbly with you, our God.*

*Guide us so that we will listen carefully to each other.*

*Give us courage to respect each other.*

*and inspire us to look after each other.*


*Give us the desire to say yes to you, so that St Monica's School will continue to be an example of your kingdom on earth.*

*Amen*

Best wishes to all families for an enjoyable and rewarding 2017.

Cameron Lievore  
Principal

## 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 this week. 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.
- ❖ **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 anytime.
- ❖ **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. **NEED TO KNOW**
- ❖ **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	Wednesday	
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday	Thursday	
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday	Friday	
Year 3	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday	
Year 4	Wednesday	Monday 4B	Tuesday 4W
Year 5B	Tuesday & Friday	Thursday	
Year 5W	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday	
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday	Monday & 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 week 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.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Swimming Carnival:** Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 17th February at Richmond Swimming Pool. Further details relating to this event will be sent to you in the coming weeks.
- ❖ **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:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

Open the module by clicking on the START link. Read through the presentation. Complete and submit quiz questions – this will take approximately 10 to 15 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 Alison on 0428228121 ASAP, 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 2017.

*If you have helped in the canteen in previous years and are unable to continue with this commitment can you please notify Alison ASAP so you can be removed from this year's roster.*



*To the children who are celebrated their Birthday in January and over the next 2 weeks.....*

*Jayanna A 4B	*Charlie S K-6G	*Samuel K 4W	*Lawson D 3W
*Daniel B 6B	*Joshua B 4B	*Emilie M 2W	*Ellie J K
*Jordan R K	*Elijah B K	*Nicole C 5W	*Sophie Z 1B
*Riley H 4B	*Conner H 4B	*Emma M 3B	*Harrison M K
*Claudia J-B 6W	*Ellee S 6B	*Lidia H 3B	*Giovanni P K6G
*Jack P 6B	*Cameron F 2W	*Mia G-P 4B	*William P 4B
*Ella C 6W	*Lincoln D 3W	*Hunter R 2B	*Natalie Z 1W
*Ashton H 4B	*Sarah H 4W	*Olivia S 2B	*Bryce R 5W
*Sienna B 5B	*Emma R K		

