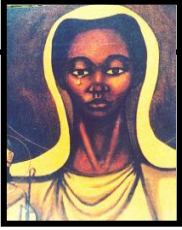


Term 1, Week 8  
Tuesday March 14, 2017



# St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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## Diary Dates

Wednesday March 15	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Thursday March 16	Staff Briefing 8:30am Second hand uniform shop open 8:30-9:30am Royce Simmons/Greg Alexander Cup
Friday March 17	Parish Mass Yr 5 & Kindy
Monday March 20	School Assembly 8:50am – Prayer Kindy Year 1 Sydney Museum excursion
Tuesday March 21	Nude Food Day Staff Meeting 3:30
Wednesday March 22	Reconciliation Yr 4
Thursday March 23	Staff Briefing 8:30am Second hand uniform shop open 8:30-9:30am
Friday March 24	Cross Country – Bensons Lane Years 2-6
Monday March 27	School Assembly 8:50am – Prayer Year 1
Tuesday March 28	Nude Food Day Staff Meeting 3:30
Term 2 Dates for your diary: *Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – School Photos	

### Second Hand Uniform Shop Help Needed

Our lovely volunteer from the second hand uniform shop is going on holidays and we would require someone to manage the uniform shop while she is away. If you are able to spare 1 hour each Thursday morning from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May please contact the office. (6 weeks )

### Year 6 T-Shirts

Order forms for year 6 t-Shirts need to be returned by Wednesday.

### Notes Sent home recently

- Year 6 Teacher Placement
- Year 2 Teacher Placement
- Cross Country
- Year 6 T-Shirts Order
- Year 1 Museum excursion

## Talking to your children about the Stations of the Cross.

Talk about stations in general. Can you name anything that stops at a station? Can you name any stations?  
A station is a place where you wait to start or take the next part of a journey. It's a place where you meet other people and a place where you are still.  
What are the Stations of the Cross?  
They are the places Jesus went on the last day of His life. They are places where we wait with Jesus, meet with Jesus and talk with Jesus. It is a way to feel closer to Jesus.

The first 3 stations:

### Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death.

The crowd are loud. The priests are angry. The rulers are confused. The disciples are scared. Jesus is calm, accepting and quiet.  
How do you feel when you stand at this station? Do you feel calm like Jesus, or do you feel angry for Him?

Here Jesus shows us how to behave when we are treated badly:

- be quiet and composed
- rise above the person causing hurt to you
- forgive

*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 2: Jesus is given His cross.

The soldiers put a huge, heavy wooden cross on Jesus' shoulders for Him to carry. Still, Jesus is quiet and accepting. He knows it's the hardest thing He's ever done. He trusts God, His Father to help him to get through it.  
How do you feel when you stand at this station? Can you feel the weight of the cross? Can you feel the splinters and sharp edges of the cross? Can you feel the dread of the journey ahead?

We all have times in our lives when we are burdened with sadness and fear; at these times we are carrying a cross just like Jesus did. Jesus shows us how He wants us to behave at these times.

- trust that God will help us every step of the way
- do not panic about the road ahead
- just put one foot in front of the other

*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 3: Jesus falls the first time

Jesus is carrying his heavy, hard cross and it hurts. He is walking bare foot along the Jerusalem streets made of pebbles and stones and it hurts. He is quiet through it all.

The soldiers and spectators shout at Jesus to go faster, to stand straight and tall. Jesus is calm through it all. But then He stumbles and falls to the ground. He does not cry out loud, He cries out in His heart to God for help.

How do you feel at this station? Do you feel the pain? Do you wish you could help? Do you feel your heart break? Does your hope fade?

Have you fallen over recently? I have and I was reminded how much it hurts, physically and emotionally. It is hard to fall and even harder to get up and keep going.

In life we have times when our load is too heavy and we stumble and fall; Jesus reminds us that when we fall He is with us and knows how it feels. We can ask Jesus for his companionship and support and He will provide it.

Leanne Ryan  
REC Co-ordinator

## 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

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Hot Dog Day Yrs. 3-6</b> Amy Lucy & Michele Delia
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mel Carr & <b>Volunteer Needed Please</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Carly Collins
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Belinda Battese & Nicole Bawcombe
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Louisa Cremen & Nanni Leng
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Serina Tarpey



*To the children who are celebrating their Birthdays over the next 2 weeks.....*

\*Luciana M 3B    \*Jenna C 2W    \*Oliver B 2W  
 \*Faustina P 6W    \*James S 6W    \*Charlee P 4B  
 \*Lisa T 4W    \*Nickolas A 2W    \*Lauren P 3B  
 \*Imogen F 3B    \*Jaxson C K6G    \*Christian E 6W  
 \*Siannah-Lilly B 6W

## 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 8 – Thursday March			
KW	Rowdy Gatt	KW	Alyssa Gelevski
1W	Patrick Curl	1B	Alexandra Duncan
2W	Will Camenzuli	2B	Marcus Gelevski
3W	Bella Coventry	3B	Aiden Esposito
4W	Sarah Higgins	4B	Mia Garrick-Popata
5W	Jai carratt	5B	Blake Condon
6W	Christian Elizalde	6B	Daniel Bugeja

Week 9 – Thursday March			
KB	Ayla Hermens	KB	Phoenix Irwin
1W	Sarah Dickinson	1B	Clinton Foster
2W	Jenna Carr	2B	Brayden Josevski
3W	Georgia Denham	3B	Grace Fitton
4W	Maya Hoffmann	4B	Conner Hale
5W	Aimee Bawcombe	5B	Matthew Ballard
6W	Jaime Attard	6B	Breannah Cauchi
K6G	Shae Neely		

## FROM THE REC

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment Forms for Sacrament of Confirmation will be available at weekend Masses from 4-5 March until the Enrolment Ceremonies at weekend Masses on 1-2 April.



### *Come and Join Us!*

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am Mass, all St Monica's students are invited to celebrate together. Students in Kinder, Year 2 and 5 will be actively involved in many ministries for this Mass. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the meeting room. All students are welcome, regardless of the class they are in.

## SPORTS UPDATE

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, St Monica's will hold its annual Cross Country/Fun Run at Bensons' Lane. Year 2 – 6 will attend this event, which begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:50am. The children will be walking with their teachers to and from Bensons' Lane.

11/12/13 year old children run 3km from 9:30am to 10am. They will leave school at 9am and return by 10:30am  
 8/9/10 year old children run 2km from 10am to 10:30am. They will leave school at 9:30am and return by 10:50am.

All other children will run or walk a FUN RUN course during the time frame of their corresponding age cross country runners.

Children are to wear their sports uniform, including their hat and sunscreen. They will also need to bring a water bottle with their crunch 'n' sip.

**This is a school event and attendance is expected. Children will resume their lessons from 11:30am as normal.**

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**Good Luck to the year 3, 4, 5 & 6 boys representing St Monica's in the Royce Simmons/Greg Alexander Cup on Thursday at North Richmond!**

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2017

This year we have a number of students wishing to raise money for project Compassion. They have 2 stalls in the playground at recess and lunch. Please help the students raise money for this cause.

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**Attention all families:** The school captains have organised a colouring competition. Entry fee is \$1.00 and you can enter as many times as you like. All money will go to Project Compassion. Entries close 24/3/17 and the captains will sell the colouring sheets at recess and lunch from Monday to Friday this week outside the Hall.

There will be a first prize chosen for:

K-2    3-4    5-6    K-6Gold

Winner will be announced at Monday assembly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*So come and get your colouring pencils out and donate for this great cause!*



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Come and take a look at some of the exciting things we have for sale. Help us to raise money for Project Compassion. Our stand is outside the Kindergarten rooms at recess and lunch

Easter Raffle \$1  
Book Marks 50c  
Lolly Guessing \$1



Soccer Ball Key Rings \$1.50  
Smiley Keyrings \$1  
Colouring Comp \$1



Spin Tops \$1  
Cool Rubbers \$1  
Chatterboxes 50c



## YEAR 2 HAWKESBURY MUSEUM

Last Thursday Year 2 went to the Hawkesbury Museum as part of our history unit. We had an **amazing** time finding out about how people used to live in the past. We dressed up, visited Howe House and explored the museum looking at the artefacts from the past. We could not believe how much floods have impacted on the Hawkesbury community.



Dear Families,

At our P&F meeting last week, we were able to form a new Committee for 2017. I am very pleased to announce the following people who nominated for positions on the P&F Executive:

President:	Jenny Hopper
Vice-President:	Nicole Bawcombe
Secretary:	Ilonka Tischler
Treasurer:	Mardi Mantell
Assistant Treasurer:	Elaine McKee
Fundraising Co-ordinator:	Allyson Reimer
PRC Representative:	Ainsley Barglik

I look forward to working closely with the new Committee. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the 2016 Committee who, under the leadership of Samantha Owens, ensured that we were able to refurbish the school library, purchase Literacy and Numeracy resources for the school and make a considerable donation to the school library. On your behalf, I thank Samantha for her leadership and commitment to our school.

A very big 'thank you' to all parents and grandparents who joined us last Friday for our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many family members at morning tea and visiting classrooms. Your support means a great deal to the children and was appreciated by the teachers as well.

Cameron Lievore  
Principal



St Monica's Primary School is having an

## OPEN MORNING

for *Prospective NEW Families to the school community*

- ★ Friday March 17 from 9.30am to 10:30am.
- ★ Friday March 31 from 9.30am to 10:30am.

*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.*

## Hot Dog Day



Years 3-6  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Hot Dog \$3.00  
w/sauce \$3.30  
w/cheese \$3.50



### Bede Polding College Year 7 Enrolments 2018

Enrolment Application forms for Year 7 2018 will be available from the school office from **Monday 27 February 2017**. **All feeder schools will also have enrolment forms available from this date**. Completed applications **MUST** be returned to the College no later than **Friday 26 May 2017**.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2018. **The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.**