

Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday March 20, 2018



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Tuesday March 20	Nude Food Day Staff Meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday March 21	National No Bullying Day on Harmony Day. Please wear something ORANGE . It is not a mufti day eg, ribbon, tshirt, scarf. This could be worn with your sports uniform. (No open shoes eg sandals) Yrs 3-6 Cyber Safety Talk Parent Cyber Safety Session 2.10pm
Thursday March 22	4W Cares Bike Safety
Friday March 23	School Photos - PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU BRING YOUR ORDER FORM ON PHOTO DAY. Full Summer Uniform Book Club Orders Due
Monday March 26	School Assembly 2:30pm – Prayer Yr 1
Tuesday March 27	Nude Food Day Staff Meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday March 28	P&F Meeting 7:00pm in the Library
Friday March 30	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday April 2	EASTER MONDAY
<u>Upcoming Dates:</u> *April 5/6 – Yr 6 Canberra *Thursday 12 th April – Family Fun Night - Last Day Term 1 *Friday 13 th April – Pupil Free Day	

P&F Meeting

Our next P&F Meeting will be held
on Wednesday 28th March at 7:00pm
in the school library. Please enter
the school through the parish car
park.
All welcome!

Dear Families,

At our recent P&F AGM, a new Committee was formed in accordance with the P&F Constitution. I would like to thank and congratulate the following people for agreeing to serve on the Committee during 2018:

President:	Jenny Hopper
Vice-President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Ilonka Tischler
Treasurer:	Megan Mulhall
Fete Co-ordinators:	Vacant
Fundraising Co-ordinator:	Nibya Ross

Our P&F does a wonderful job of raising much-needed funds for learning and teaching resources and other playground and classroom resources. In recent years, the P&F has raised funds for the refurbishment of the school library as well as the cricket nets. It has also contributed significantly to purchasing Literacy and Numeracy resources. The P&F also has an ongoing commitment to contributing to the school library budget.

Last week a letter regarding NAPLAN was sent to all parents of children in Years 3 and 5. The letter contained information about participation in NAPLAN and the dates of each of the tests. Further information for parents is available at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Cross-Country or the Fun Run last week. The events ran smoothly and this was due to the outstanding behaviour of the children, the assistance that we received from parent helpers and the excellent organisation and planning by Miss Gray, Mrs Buccini, Mrs Van Der Burg and Mrs Duval. The Kindergarten and Year 1 children also enjoyed a rotation of activities at school and I would like to thank Mrs Valenti and her team for organising the event.

Last week I also had the pleasure of attending an excursion to Hawkesbury Museum with Year 2. Our children were excellent ambassadors for the school and were fully engaged in their learning. We received very positive feedback about their behaviour and interest in the exhibits and activities. Well done Year 2!

Mr 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 March 21	Nibya Ross Michelle Delia
Friday March 23	Mariana Gelevski Marija Barclay
Monday March 26	Sam Owens
Wednesday March 28	Jeanette Rogers Ella Avery
Friday March 30	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday April 2	EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday April 4	Belinda Battese, Charlene Scicluna, Kim Pearson



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

Charlee P 5B
Lisa T 5W
Nickolas A 3W
Lauren Philips 4B
Thomas C KW
Sophia B KW
Imogen F 4B
Tyler H 2B
Matilda B 3B
Alyssa S 6B
Taleisha M 6W

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 8 – Thursday March 22			
1B	Abigail C-T		
2W	Lachlan E	2B	Sarah D
3W	Harry D	3B	Brayden J
4W	Charlotte C	4B	Imogen F
5W	Ashton H	5B	Jack H
6W	Jai C	6B	Blake C
K-6 Gold	Giovanni P		

Week 9 - Thursday 29
Holy Thursday – NO Cake Raffle



Book Club Orders are due back to school this Friday 23rd March.

EASTER RAFFLE 2018

On Thursday March 29 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. There will also be an Easter Raffle. Each grade will have a raffle with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. The tickets are 50c each totalling \$5 per family. Extra tickets are available from the office. Raffle ticket and Morning Tea money is due on Monday, March 26.

Easter Raffle Drawn – Thursday, March 29



Harmony Day and Say No to Bullying!

St Monica's School will celebrate National No Bullying Day on Harmony Day! Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, themes that link directly to the anti-bullying focus of the National Day of Action.

On this day our school community is asked to wear orange to demonstrate our solidarity as a school community. Our children will be asked to imagine a world without bullying.

In the days leading up to Harmony Day, our classes will be decorating a hand garden display which will be planted throughout the school grounds on March 21st. We will also take a photograph of our school community wearing orange and holding their hands in a large love heart shape. Parents are most welcome to also wear orange and join the photo at 8:50am in the school courtyard.

Also on this day the police will give a presentation to students and parents about cybersafety (online protection for children).

Parents can find information to help your child understand what bullying means or if you suspect your child is being bullied on this site: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/forkids>



School Photos – Friday 23rd March 2018

Full summer uniform is to be worn

Every student must return their form on Photo Day.

School photos are being held this Friday 23rd March. Please remember to order your child's photos online. MSP photography has a new system in place regarding family photos. If you have any queries please contact the office or MSP Photography direct (02) 9831 5505.

2019 ENROLMENTS

I would just like to remind everyone that we have begun the process of enrolment for the 2019 school year. If you have a child beginning school next year, now is the time to come and collect an enrolment form to begin this process. We also have some vacancies in other grades so if you know of anyone who is interested in enrolment, your support and encouragement of St Monica's is greatly appreciated

POLICE VISIT – CYBER SAFETY

On Wednesday an officer from the Hawkesbury Youth Liaison Team will visit St Monica's to conduct an information session called Cyber Safety. The presentation will be for all of the children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 12:00pm.

The Youth Liaison Officer will also conduct a **Parent Session at 2:10pm for parents of all grades K-6** in the school hall. We warmly invite parents to attend this session followed by a discussion after the presentation.

We encourage you to attend the parent session, sharing our commitment to keeping the children safe and informed within our school and community about Cyber Safety.

GRIP LEADERSHIP

On the 7th March we went to Homebush for the GRIP Leadership Conference. We had an opportunity to talk to other school leaders, sharing our leadership experiences at St Monica's. We listened to presenters talk about effective leadership and the key qualities of effective leaders. We discussed the importance of being authentic, genuine and to have integrity and be positive role models for others, by following the school rules and modelling good behaviour traits. We talked about leaders being transformers inspiring others to lead and be leaders. We had a great day and learnt lots of new things about the importance of being an effective school leader. Ariana, Mikaela, Charlise, Tiana, Alec, Jonah, Jack and Lucas Year 6.

Generous

Responsible

Integrity

People



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Last Friday we held our School Cross Country at Bensons Lane. We had great weather for running.

All children were involved in either the cross-country run or a fun run/walk.

A big thank you to the parent helpers who assisted in allowing the event to run so smoothly. The first 6 children completing the cross-country will represent the school at the Diocesan Cross-Country at Eastern Creek Motorsport Park on Tuesday the 1st May, 2018.

The winner and runner-up for each age bracket are as follows:

8/9 Girls Matilda B, Charlotte H-H

8/9 Boys Tyler Ht, Nicholas A

10 Girls Rhianna M, Sascha B

10 Boys Ashton H, Joshua B

11 Girls Imogen C, Jasmine R

11 Boys Bryce R, Jai C

12 Girls Sophie S, Michaela F

12 Boys Jonah B, Jack B

Thank you to all staff for your great support.

Judy Gray

Sport co-ordinator

Best Wishes and Good Luck to Tyler H 2B, Tayla K 6W and Emily K 5W who are competing at The NSWCCPS Swimming Carnival on Wednesday.

KINDY & YR 1 AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM EXCURSION



As the bus operator that providing 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 tap 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.



Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you for all your contributions to this program with the handing in of the Coles vouchers. Our school has already collected around 30,000 vouchers which is an amazing effort. There are approximately 2 weeks left in the program so collect as many as you can in these final weeks. We look forward to being able to provide the children of St Monica's with some new and exciting sports equipment.

Mrs Karen Buccini
PE Teacher

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

