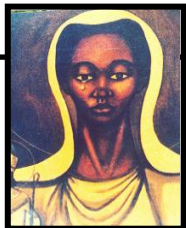


Term 2, Week 4

Tuesday May 22, 2018



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Wednesday May 23	National Simultaneous Storytime 11am
Thursday May 24	Yr 5 Bathurst
Friday May 25	Yr 5 Bathurst St Monica's Open Morning 9:30am for Prospective New Families
Sat/Sun May 26/27	Enrolment Forms available at Vigil Mass for First Eucharist
Monday May 28	Yr 4 Rocks Excursion School Assembly 2:30pm – Prayer Yr 3
Tuesday May 29	Nude Food Day Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday May 30	Fete Meeting 7:00pm – Venue TBA
Sat/Sun June 2/3	Yrs 1 & 6 Parish Mass 9am
Monday June 4	School Assembly 2:30pm – Prayer Yr 4
Upcoming Dates: Tuesday 5 th June – Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Friday 15 th June – St Monica's Family Walkathon Friday 22 nd June – Athletics Carnival	

FETE 2018

The next FETE Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th May at 7.00pm. Venue to be confirmed. All Welcome
St Monica's FETE will be held on Saturday 4th August. Plans are now in progress to make this day a success. Please come along and join us in the planning of this community event.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dear Families,

WOW! Another exciting week at St Monica's. Yesterday we had the NSW Police Band visit to perform for our children. Thank you to all of our children for their exemplary behaviour during the performance. The performance was fantastic. On Wednesday we have 'Simultaneous Storytime' at 11am, we along with other schools across the nation will stop at 11:00am and read a story called 'Hickory Dickory Dash.'

Thank you to Mrs Duval and the team for organising our 'Family Walk-Athon'. I encourage children to ask for sponsors for this fantastic event. Money raised will assist us in purchasing resources for Literacy and STEM.

Mrs Van Der Burg Assistant Principal

In the coming weeks all schools in the Diocese will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stmonric2018



Tell Them From Me

The survey will be activated on the 21st May 2018 and closed on the 1st June 2018.

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 23 rd May	Jeanette Rogers & Ella Avery
Friday 25 th May	Mardi Mantell & Corrine Anderson
Monday 28 th May	Joanne Apostolatos
Wednesday 30 th May	Alex Bourke & Kerry Robinson
Friday 1 st June	Louisa Cremen & Mel Carr
Monday 4 th June	Serina Tarpey

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

James A 5W
Jason A K6G
Lily C 1B
Jai C 6W
Archer B 2W
Jayden C 6B
Georgiana Z 4W
Sydney B
Josh V 6W
Alex Z 5W

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.

Week 4 – Thursday 24 th May			
KW	Thomas C	KB	Richard D
Year 1	Ceanna H-T		
2W	Bridget M-C	2B	Michaela L
3W	Lucas R	3B	Nicholas N
4W	Cruz H	4B	Reegan M
5W	William P	5B	Emma L
6W	Tayla K	6B	Nelson M
K6 Gold	Tyrone L		

Week 5 – Thursday 31 st May			
KW	Kruze C	KB	Chad H
Year 1	Ayla H		
2W	James N	2B	Ellen O
3W	Charlee R	3B	Levi R
4W	Thomas L	4B	Rhianna M
5W	Daniel R	5B	Isaac O
6W	Max L	6B	Kyla M
K-6 Gold	Matias M		



Walk-A-Thon

St Monica's welcomes you to participate in the

Family Walkathon

Come and join us for our Family Walkathon on Friday 15th June 2018.

The children will join their class mates, parents, grandparents, siblings and walk from school to Richmond Park where they will then have a picnic lunch.

We hope to welcome as many families as possible to our Family Walkathon and hope you can assist us in finding as many sponsors to achieve our fundraising target.

REC NEWS

Catholic Values and the Curriculum.

As many parents would be aware, we are focusing on Catholic Values throughout all curriculum areas. To help the students better understand what these values are, we focus our attention to one value over a 5 week period, acknowledging students who display signs of this value through their interaction with others and awarding them with a certificate based on that value. So far this term, we have focused on the value *that everyone has the right to freedom*. All human beings, created in the image of God, deserve a life of human decency and freedom to live morally. Christ calls us to identify with the oppressed and alleviate their suffering by giving them preferential love. In the week beginning June 4th, we will focus our attention on the Catholic Value of *search for the truth and wisdom*. God is the source of all truth and wisdom. Only in God will humanity find truth and happiness. We are called to use our knowledge, gifts and talents to learn more about God and to help others.

Leanne Ryan
Religious Education Co-Ordinator.

First Eucharist Enrolments

Enrolment forms for those wishing to enrol for First Eucharist will be available from the 26-27 May 2018 at all week-end Masses until Enrolment Ceremonies

30 June-1 July, 2017: **Enrolment Ceremonies** at Vigil and Sunday Masses

Tuesday, 24 July, 2017: **Parent Night** starting at **7.00pm**

Sunday, 29 July – 24 August, 2018: **Sacramental Groups**. **4 weeks** duration

Tuesday, 28 August, 2018: **Reconciliation** available – **7.00pm**

8-9 September, 2018

15-16 September, 2018

} **First Eucharist** at Vigil and Sunday Masses

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

It is important that we try to keep interruptions to the Students learning time in class to a minimum. There has been an increase in the number of parents dropping off items that students have forgotten, or phoning in to make arrangements for how their child will be getting home. We ask that all children come to school with lunch box and the learning materials they need and that they are aware of how they are getting home in the afternoon. We understand on occasion that plans may change during the day and you may need to get a message to your child to change how they are getting home. We are more than happy to pass on these necessary messages to your child's teacher.

YEAR 6 STUDENT WRITING

Taleisha Muscat 6 White

The Little Refugee is a sad story that turns into a happy story. It reminds you to never lose hope because a good thing can come out of a bad situation. This is shown when the pirates attack the family, although then give them some water. I like the book and think it is a good book to read if you are having a bad day. Anh Do becomes class captain at the end of the book when he begins to lose hope. He is proud of himself.

Max Leabeater 6 White

This book shows all was wrong. They were treated unfairly, stolen from a normal life. This is what people across the globe face. Having nothing to live on at all. Currently in Australia only a certain number of immigrants are allowed into Australia. All through what the Do family faced, Mother always had hope. People travelling to different places, have a different language but many people call Australia home.

Mikaela Fleming 6 White

This story can prove to people that even in their darkest moments, things can turn around. This little boy cared for what his mum and dad did for the family, and he never complained to his parents because he knew how hard they worked to give them a better future. I believe as a little kid seeing such bad things happen, you would need to grow up quickly and be more mature.

Nicole Cabale 6 White

The Little Refugee by Anh Do and Suzanne Do is a book I can relate to. I remember being that person who couldn't speak fluently at school. I joined St Monica's in term 2, Kindergarten and I couldn't speak like the others because my parents always talked in Tagalog at home. I was so used to that. It took me so long to adjust, but I did. I can connect and understand Anh Do's situation.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Mathematics 'Problem Solving' information session and for your positive feedback. We are going to have another information session Term 3. Here are some fun activities for you to do at home with your children.

- Ⓢ Justin is inviting 11 friends to his party. He has 88 lollies. How many lollies will each friend get?
- Ⓢ Kate has 2 bottle caps. She finds another 77. How many bottle caps does she have altogether? Kate sells the bottle caps for 5 cents each. How much money will receive?

Magic Square Puzzle!
The sum of every row, column and diagonal must be the same.

6		
7		3
2		

4		
3		
8		6

BUSWAYS SCHOOL OPAL TAP CAMPAIGN TERM 2



This term Busways Inspectors will be checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that **do not present a valid Opal card** will be asked to **pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name.**

After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to the school, with a request for the school to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned.

All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

We are asking parents to explain to their children that an Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. **If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.**

For students that currently do not have an Opal card please direct them to the Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/



Thank you for your continued support.

Faith in Action
RICHMOND

St Monica's Catholic Church
1A Bourke Street, Richmond

YOUTH GROUP

Hawkesbury Youth Parish in Action

BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

HYPAR-XLT Adoration
occurs every First Friday of the month at 6:30pm.
This is led by the Youth followed by food and fun social activities.

HYPAR-Mass
occurs every Third Saturday of the month at 6:30pm.
Afterwards you are invited to supper and join in the group activities, they will be grouped as follows:

- Juniors (kids up to year 3)
- Pre-teens (year 4 to year 6)
- Teens & up (year 7 & up)

- Table Tennis
- Games
- Food
- and more...

- Basketball
- Bible Study
- Fun

Facebook.com/HYPARichmondNSW
Email: hyparichmond@gmail.com

The Teachers will be presenting

Hickory Dickory Dash

Teachers Readers Theatre -
23rd May 11am

A special performance for the children for National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.