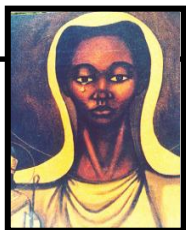


Term 3, Week 8

Tuesday September 5, 2017



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Wednesday September 6	Hot Dog Day K-2
Thursday September 7	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Monday September 11	Assembly 8:50am – Prayer Yr 1
Tuesday September 12	Nude Food Day
Wednesday September 13	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6 Musica Viva 12:30-3:10pm
Thursday September 14	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Friday September 15	Parish Mass Year 4
Monday September 18	Assembly 8:50am – Prayer K6Gold Book Week
Tuesday September 19	Nude Food Day Book Week
Wednesday September 20	Grandparents Day Book Week Parade
Friday September 22	Last Day Term 3

Pupil Free Day

Term 4

Monday 9th October

School resumes Tuesday 10th October

EXCURSION PERMISSION SLIP

When there is a school excursion / incursion, permission is required from the parent/guardian for their child/children to attend an event or excursion. It is really important that we get a permission slip signed for each individual student. Therefore, please do not enter all your children on the one permission slip unless stated. These slips go back to each individual class for archiving. There are a large number of permission slips that are being returned to the office with no names on them, or hand written (please use original note) and many with all siblings on the one permission slip.



Dear Families,

Last Friday, Izaak P and Claudia J-B competed in the Cluster Final of the Voice of Youth Speech Contest. They competed against Year 6 children from St John's (Riverstone), St Matthew's (Windsor) and Chisholm (Bligh Park). Izaak and Claudia spoke exceptionally well on the day and were excellent ambassadors for St Monica's. Claudia was placed first in the contest and now competes in one of two semi-finals. Congratulations to both Izaak and Claudia for their outstanding effort! I am sure everyone joins me in wishing Claudia well for the next level of competition.

This morning Kindergarten and Year 1 had a visit from Year 7 students from Bede Polding College. The purpose of the visit was to read picture books that they had written as part of their English program. It was lovely to welcome back ex-students of St Monica's and see the growth in their maturity and confidence. The standard of their work was excellent and I could see that a great deal of thought and effort had gone into producing the books. I would like to thank their teacher, Mrs Jan Trefoni for organising the visit and allowing the children to experience reading their work to an audience. The Kinder and Year 1 children enjoyed the visit immensely and were captivated by the stories.

Cameron Lievore

Principal

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

If your child is in year 3 or above? This term we are beginning the Enrolments for the Sacrament of Penance. Please see below for the details. Any questions please call the Parish Office on 4578 1410.

- 9-10 September - Enrolment forms available at Vigil & Sunday Mass until the enrolment ceremonies.
- 14-15 October - Enrolment ceremonies at Vigil & Sunday Mass
- Tues 24th October - Parent Night 7pm
- 29 October - Parent Groups begin (4 weeks duration)
- 28-29 November - Reconciliation Ceremonies 5:30 & 7:00pm



RECONCILIATION

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

Wednesday 6th September	Belinda Battese Hot Dog Day K-2
Friday 8th Sep	Louisa Berry & Volunteer Needed Please
Monday 11th September	Chernai Smith
Wednesday 13th September	Jeanette Rogers & Ella Avery Hot Dog Day 3-6
Friday 15th Spetember	Mardi Mantell & Louisa Berry
Monday 18th September	Lisa Xerri
Wednesday 20th September	Alexandra Bourke & Kim Pearson
Friday 22nd September	Agi Tomaszewski & Catherine Chadevski



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

*Lily V 6W	*Sophia S 5B	*Jett T 3B
*Massimo R 3W	*Charlotte C 3B	*Aiden C 3W
*Vanessa A 6B	*Scarlett P 1W	*Ashton E 5B
*Maya H 4W	*Georgia D 3W	*Max T 1B

Hot Dog Day

K-2 - Wednesday 6 September
3-6 – Wednesday 13th September
Hot Dog \$3.00
Sauce \$3.30
Cheese \$3.50

CAKE RAFFLE ROSTER

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 September 7

KW	Rowdy G	KB	Valentina D
1W	Flynn B	1B	Seanna B
2W	Oliver B	2B	Aiden B
3W	Cailan W	3B	Anthony V
4W	James A	4B	Lauren A
5W	Paul V	5B	Sophia S
6W	Lily V	6B	Taleah R
K6Gold	Dylan C		

Week 9 – Thursday September 14

KW	Ayla H	KB	Flynn F
1W	Aaliyah B	1B	Luella B
2W	Jacob B	2B	Isabella B
3W	Jacinta A	3B	Ashton B
4W	James B	4B	Connor B
5W	Aidan W	5B	Finbar H
6W	Kobi W	6B	Vanessa A

SPORTS NEWS

St Nicholas Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to the 49 girls and boys who represented our school at the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day on Tuesday 22nd August. All children demonstrated good sportsmanship and beautiful manners throughout the day.

We had a successful day with the following results:

Our Year 4 Girls team were undefeated and won their division. Our Year 6 Boys and Girls teams both came 2nd in their divisions. Our Year 5 Girls team came 3rd in their division. Our Year 4 and 5 Boys teams played well throughout the day. Thank you to our parent managers and supporters for their help on the day.

A special mention to Shannon R and Olivia T who both received a Courage Award for supporting their team through adversity. Both girls continued playing after rolling their ankles and being treated by the physiotherapist.

Congratulations also to our 6 umpires from Bede Polding for their maturity, organisation and umpiring skills. Thank you Annabel, Caitlin, Stephanie, Brooke, Tiffany and Emma.

Mrs Kojic



Year 4 Girls



Year 5 Boys



Year 6 Girls



Year 5 Girls



Yr. 6 Boys

We apologise as we do not have an available team photo of Yr. 4 Boys.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank You to the Father's, Uncles, Grandfather's etc. who made the time to spend the morning with the children celebrating Father's Day. Thank you to our P&F and parent helpers who spent the morning serving breakfast to the adults and children. We hope you enjoyed the morning as the children love seeing you around the school.



Book Week & Grandparents Day!

Book Fair Viewing – Friday 15th September

Our book Fair will be open for children from Monday September 18th until Wednesday September 20th.

Wednesday 20th September

11:30 – 12:00	Liturgy in the Hall
12:00 – 12:30	Open Classrooms
1:00 – 1:40	Lunch with your children in the playground
1:45 onwards -	Book Parade in the courtyard – Escape to Everywhere Parade

Children are encouraged to dress in the Book Week Theme – Escape to Everywhere!

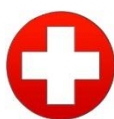
If you wanted to escape inside the world of a book....what would you become? What would you experience?? Eg children could dress as a character in a story, a pirate, fairy princess, adventurer, famous person, sports person, cowboy, superhero.....anything and everything is possible!



COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES

Should parents have any questions or concerns about their child's learning or well-being, the first point of reference should always be the child's teacher. Parents are most welcome to then contact the member of the Leadership Team who has responsibility for the grade that the child is enrolled (Mrs McKay for K, 1 and 2; Mrs Van Der Burg for Years 3 and 4 ; Miss Gray for Years 5 and 6). Parents are then most welcome to contact the Assistant Principal or Principal for an interview. The school has formal written protocols in place to address complaints and grievances. These protocols are in line with the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), Complaint Handling Policy. A copy of this policy is available from the school office or from the CEDP website <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Please note that the P&F is not a forum for parents to air complaints or grievances.



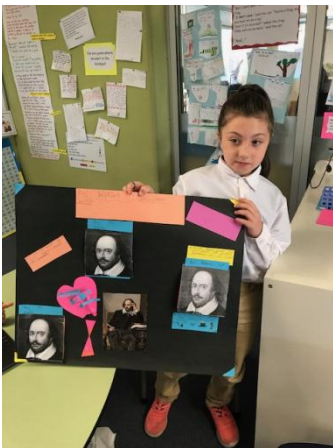
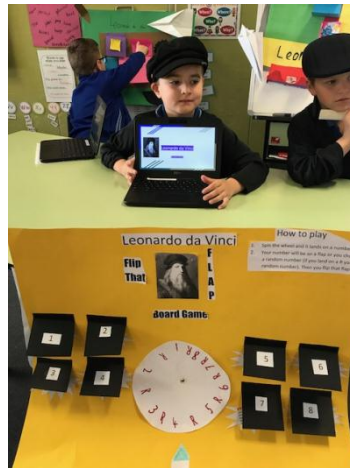
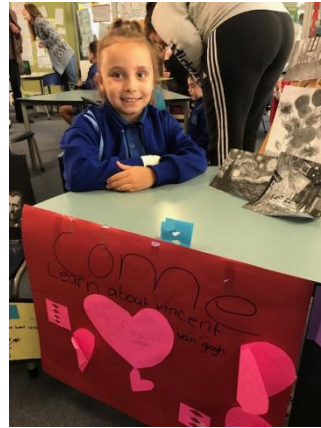
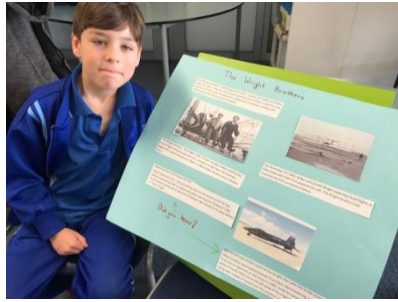
Administering Medication to Children

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 etc) 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 the dosage required. Due to the safety of your child and other children, **under NO CIRCUMSTANCE** are children allowed to keep paracetamol in their school bag.



HEROES OF HISTORY

Friday of week 6, Yr 2 had their heroes of history day. They had lots of fun learning about the different people and were happy to be able to share this with parents and students who come to visit them.

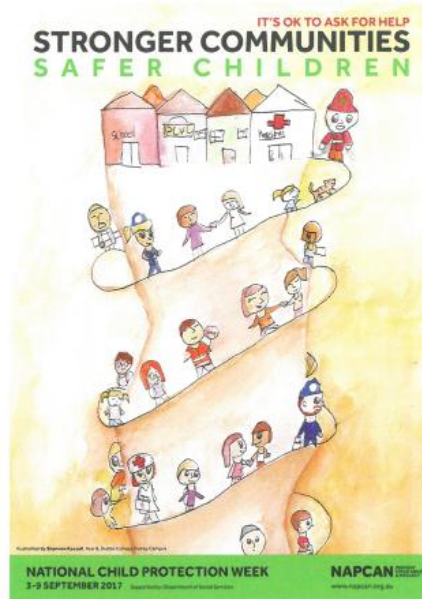


THE STORIES BEHIND OUR NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017 POSTERS

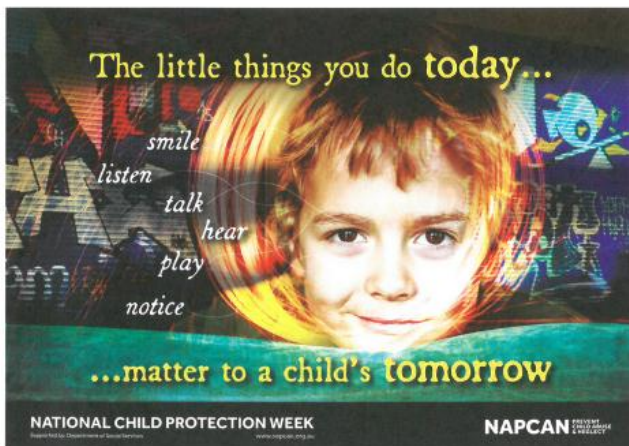
Poster 1: 'Stronger communities, safer children'

Research is telling us that strong social cohesion in a community has a protective effect for children. Communities where children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued, and where their families can get the support they need, are stronger communities that help to keep children safe and well. We also wanted to remind families that it's ok to ask for help; we all need to support each other if we are to build a brighter future for children. This poster features artwork by a Year 8 student from Dubbo NSW, Shannon Kassell, who has captured the concept beautifully:

"My painting represents a play on words being 'people who build up our community'. The tower with small houses and work buildings such as a hospital and school, represents the community 'up' therefore the people walking upwards represents the townspeople in the community. There are many indigenous and non-indigenous people, with couples, students, police and health workers to be seen, that make up our community."



Poster 2: 'The little things you do today...matter to a child's tomorrow'



This poster reminds us that even the small things we do (e.g. smile, listen, talk, hear, play, notice) can make a difference to a child's future.

As recognised in the Federal Government's *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020*, for children to reach their full potential it's important to consider their early development, especially in the first 1000 days.

All positive experiences and relationships - no matter how small - help to positively develop the child's brain and build strong foundations for better health and development outcomes. For a great explanation, see the video 'How Brains are Built: The Core Story of Brain Development' (www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmVWOe1ky8s).





Having even one positive adult in a child's life can help them overcome negative experiences and build healthy brain foundations. You can, and might already be, that one person!

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