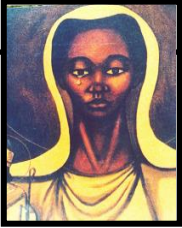


Term 4, Week 5
 Tuesday November 13 2018



St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Wednesday November 14	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Thursday November 15	Yr 6 Fundraiser – All Students Ice-Cream and Spider Day
Friday November 16	Yr 3 Longneck Lagoon Countdown to kinder playgroup
Monday November 19	School Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday November 20	Nude Food Day
Friday November 23	Yr 5 Yarramundi Countdown to kinder playgroup
Monday November 24	School Assembly 2.30pm Kinder 2019 Orientation 9.15am Yr 6 Bede Orientation
Tuesday November 25	Nude Food Day Kinder 2019 Orientation 9.15am Nude Food Day
Wednesday November 26	Kinder 2019 Orientation 9.15am
Thursday November 27	Kinder 2019 Parent Orientation Session 9.15am
Upcoming Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Dec – Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-5 • - Yr 6 Reflection Day • 6th Dec – School Disco • 14th Dec – EOY Mass, Awards & Christmas Celebration • 17th Dec – Yr 6 Tree Tops Fun Day • 18th Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6pm • - Promotions Day • 19th Dec – Yr 6 Dinner 	
LAST DAY SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	

Yr 6 Fundraiser

Thursday 15th November

Ice-cream Cones \$1.00

Spiders \$2.00



Dear Families,

Recently, I have been reading about resilience in children and how it impacts on their learning. I came across the Kids Matter website which is an initiative for schools, early childhood educators, families and health professionals. The 'Kids Matter' initiative is supported by the Australian Government (Dept. of Health), Beyond Blue and Early Childhood Australia. It has a wealth of information and strategies for working with children across a range of topics. I thought families might be interested to read some of the information from the website about building resilience in children.

Resilience refers to a child's ability to overcome or bounce back from anything that they find challenging, including events that seem relatively minor to others.

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life's ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times.

Skills and qualities that help children cope with life's ups and downs include:

- **Trust** - that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them.
- **Belief** - in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals.
- **Feeling good** - about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents and carers.
- **Optimism** - that things generally turn out well.
- **Regulation** - Ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Source: <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>

Reading Tutors

I would like to acknowledge (and thank) the following children who stepped in as Reading Tutors last week when I needed someone to listen to younger children read on Wednesday morning:

Bryce R, Samuel K, Emily H, Audrey W, Leo B (Yr 4), and Zoe H.

Their willingness to step in at short notice is very much appreciated!

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 November 14	Elissa Esposito & <i>Volunteer Needed Please</i>
Friday November 16	Mardi Mantell & Marija Barclay
Monday November 19	Anabel Olmos
Wednesday November 21	Jeanette Rogers & Ella Avery
Friday November 23	Olivia Portelli & Charlene Scicluna
Monday November 26	Beverly Owens

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 5 – Thursday 15 th November			
KW	Sophia B	KB	Richie D
Year 1	Phoebe B		
2W	Ariyah G	2B	Tyler H
3W	Charlee R	3B	Levi R
4W	Grace F	4B	Lidia H
5W	Nevaeh M	5B	Alvin K
6W	Tiana H	6B	Alanah K
K6 Gold	Giovanni P		

THE GIVING TREE

This year we would like to make part of our outreach to the community, a giving tree. There will be a Christmas tree in the foyer of the library with gift tags attached. We invite families to take a tag, which will have the age and gender of a child or parent from San Miguel Family Centre at North Richmond. San Miguel is a non-profit organisation that provides accommodation and support for young parents and their children who are experiencing homelessness. I have spoken to the students at last week's assembly and the tree will go up in the first week of Advent. Our contact person at San Miguel said that simple gifts of socks and undies, clothing, tactile gifts such as playdough and lego are items that the families can't afford. Toiletries for the parents are also greatly appreciated. Please come and see me if you have any further questions.



Leanne Ryan
RE Co-Ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Gala Day

Last Wednesday the Stage 3 basketball teams participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day at Cambridge Park. They had a wonderful day and represented our school with great sportsmanship. Our Year 5 girls team were undefeated and won the day, Year 6 girls came a close 2nd only having one defeat all day. The Year 5 and Year 6 Boys competed strongly all day finishing third and fifth respectively.

A big thank you to Miss Gray for helping out with the Year 5 girls on the day and to Mr Saab, Mrs Ross and Mrs Kirkbride and Mrs Evans for their hard work coaching and scoring. Your help is much appreciated. Congratulations to all the students for doing their best and never giving up.



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

Hendrix D 6W
Seanna S 5B
Fearne I KW
Olivia T 6B
Charlise M 6B
Joel S 1B
Michael L KW
Joel S 1B
Cooper S 3B
Bianca T KB
Ezekiel H K6G

HOT DOG DAY

Yrs 3-6
Wednesday November 14

\$3.50 with sauce

Royce Simmons and Greg Alexander Shields

Recently a junior and senior Rugby League side represented St Monica's at the Royce Simmons and Greg Alexander Shields. This competition boasted over 80 teams on the day representing schools across western Sydney. Our boys all played exceptionally well and represented our school admirably. They not only excelled on the field but off the field as well, showing great skill and sportsmanship on the day. Our junior boys, with many new players to the game, tried their hearts out walking away with one win and two losses. Our senior boys had three wins and one loss and only just missed out on a quarter final berth. Well done to all boys for showing grit and determination on the day. Many thanks to our wonderful coaches, Martin Duncan and Bill Jansen for giving up their time and doing a tremendous job in skilling and encouraging the boys in both teams.



Hawkesbury Cup

Last Wednesday, a senior Rugby League team representing St Monica's competed in the Hawkesbury Cup. This is a highly prized local derby and the competition is always played in a very competitive spirit! Though missing a few key players and with a few new players to the game, the boys from St Monica's played brilliantly. For a relatively small side, these boys play well above their weight and won all their games bar one only just missing out on the Final. Again, thank you to Bill Jansen for his generosity in coaching the boys on the day in very ordinary conditions!



ARE YOU LEAVING ST MONICA'S IN 2019?

To estimate enrolments for 2019, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified of any children who may be leaving St Monica's at the end of the year from grades other than year 6. Please note that under the School Fee Policy as set out by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta: 'A terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please notify of any changes as soon as possible to the school office.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Blue Awards Morning Tea in October:

Kindy – Joshua R, Fearne I, Luke W, Summah B, Riley M, Thomas O, Scarlett P, Chad H, Jessica P, Alyssa S, Annalise A, Billy R
Yr 1 – Daniel M, Harrison M, Flynn F, Jordan R, Tomas N, Rowdy G, Seth R, Erik F, Ayla H, Jake Y, Savannah R, Ceanna H-T, Lucas O, Valentina D, Lily C

Yr 2 – James N, Evie S, Nathan S, Olivia F, Luella B, Patrick C, Jonathon P, Bridget M-C, Ariyah G, Makayla G, Archer B, Desmond H

Yr 3 – Jazmyn M, Aaron H, Maddison B, Charlee R, Sydney D, Lucas R, Levi R, Nicholas N, Micah K, Christian S

Yr 4 – Imogen F, Zoe H, Lauren M,

Yr 5 – Maya H, Charlee P, Jayden S, William P, Lauren A, Alex Z

Yr 6 – Tiana H, Sienna B

K6G – Tyrone L



Thank you to the St Monica's families from Kindergarten through to year 6 who came to Richmond Park for the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday.





You are invited to
A day of great celebration!

Friday 14th December

Celebrating a wonderful 2018!



Order of Events

- 9:30am Awards Presentation
- 10:50am Thank You Morning Tea
- 11:30am End of Year Mass in Church
- 1:00pm Family Picnic Lunch
- 1:45pm Christmas Concert



BYO Picnic Lunch on this day.

Only Hot Dogs will be available for sale from the canteen on this day (due to end of year and low stock) as well as snacks and drinks.

No other normal canteen ordering will be available.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

KIDS SINGING ABOUT THEIR FAITH

What if ...there were a group of kids who sang songs, sounded cool and the songs were fun to sing? What if it was also a place you could belong, connect to your faith and let your light shine?

A new kid's choir is springing up in the Hawkesbury and it's about having fun, learning to sing and why faith matters to kids in a church community.

Once a month we will be starting to sing at the 9.30am mass at St Monica's and we will be doing simple harmonies, a few moves and a mix of 2019 and traditional songs.



Adults, young adults or kids who *play an instrument* are also welcome. We ask for parents to simply support – it's not much work but more about getting to know each other and be in communication about what's coming up, suggesting a new hymn, finding new people to be involved and helping out with the power point or resources.

If you think you could give it a go, please put your name and details below. You can also email Anne Maree Higgins for further questions: am@canarystudios.com.au or call 0404 035 320 – no question is too silly.

Rehearsals are at lunchtime on Wednesdays at St Monica's and the first church rehearsal is on Monday 26th November at 3.30pm.



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NEXT GENERATION SCHOOLS



What is the new normal for education?

Greg is at the coalface of designing and establishing the new normal for preschool to post school learning. He believes we need to adopt a continuum model of education, challenging educators to use time in creative and innovative ways. He'll explain how parents, teachers and enterprise partners can transform learning so that each student understands their strengths and capabilities. Greg is an educational leader with heart. He is passionate about enabling students to discover their strengths and find their purpose in this changing world.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mr Greg Miller

Principal and Educational Leader

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 19 November 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

(Term 4 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

at St Luke's Catholic College, Lot 1104, Frontier Ave, & Northbourne Dr, Marsden Park

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Saturday, 15 December 2018

St Monica's Catholic Church

1A Bourke Street, Richmond

Movie night to be held in the Old Church

Join us for the HYPA Youth Mass at 6:30pm followed by a FREE Sausage Sizzle and other treats!

Santa will be making an appearance followed by a Christmas movie in the Old Church.

Feel free to bring your picnic blankets and pillows.

It will be a fun night for the whole family



How to keep your child safe online

TIPS FOR PARENTS

BE RESPECTFUL

- Talk to your children about **cyberbullying**. Online communication should be responsible and respectful.
- Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor.
- Advise your child **not to respond** to any negative messages and to **keep evidence**. Tell them to **report** any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted adult.
- Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au



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