

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 2 Term 6 Tuesday 3rd March – 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and St Monica's will be celebrating the wonderful opportunities that our school offers.

The theme of Catholic Schools Week is 'Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed'. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening connections between our school community - students, staff, priests, parishioners, and parents- showcasing our activities and actions.

On Friday 6th March we will take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens every day. Come join us at the book fair in the library which is followed at 12 noon by our liturgy then open classrooms. To end our celebrations please join your children for a picnic lunch in the playground.

This year we are also celebrating 200 years of Catholic schooling so you may like to share your stories of what school was like for you and discuss what is the same and what has changed when you visit the classrooms. We would love to hear your stories!

Yesterday Mrs Valenti and I welcomed prospective new parents to St Monica's. It was lovely to hear that they had heard what a fantastic community we have here and that St Monica's school was recommended to them from friends and family. Thank you for your continued positive support of our school. A second open day for new families will be held at 9:30 am on the 27th March so please continue to spread the word!

Congratulations are extended to our 2020 P&F Committee. Without your support and enthusiasm many of the wonderful activities could not go ahead. The minutes of the first meeting are included in the newsletter. We hope to see you all who can make it at our next meeting on the 18th March.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

Catholic Schools Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

If you believe in God you must try to live justly with everyone, according to the golden rule:
"Do unto others whatever you would have them do to you."

Pope Francis@Pontifex

FETE MEETING

Please join us for our first Fete Meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm in the library. We hope to make this year bigger and better with the help of our community!



What's Happening at St Monica's

Diary Dates			
Thursday March 5	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am Yr 6 Hot Dog Fundraiser		
Friday March 6	Book Fair – 8.30am-3.30pm Liturgy – 12:00pm Open Classrooms – 12:30-1:15pm Lunch – 1:30-2:10pm		
Monday March 9	Cr8 afternoon		
Wednesday March 11	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6 Yr 3 Excursion Observatory & Powerhouse		
Thursday March 12	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am		
Friday March 13	Parish Mass Yr 2 9am		
Monday March 16	School Assembly 2.15pm		
Wednesday March 18	FETE Meeting 7pm in the Library		
Thursday March 19	HARMONY DAY Wear Orange		
Friday March 20	Parish Mass Yrs 1 & 6 9am		



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their				
birthday over the next 2 weeks				
Jonathon P – 4w	Seth R – 3B			
Anthony A – 4W	Oliver G – KB			
Kane C – 5B	Jade O – 2B			
Richard D – 2W	Charlee R – 5B			
Jacinta A – 6B	Darcy H – 6B			
Rowdy G – 3B	Gracie B – 1W			
Isabella B – 5B	Felicity S – 4W			
Tyurone L – K6G	Luciana M – 6W			
Jenna C – 5W				

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in the canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend your rostered day please contact Michelle via the school office on 4570 3700.



Nednesday Natasha Josevski &		
March 4	Rebecca Briffa	
Friday	Jenny Hopper, Mariana	
March 6	Gelevski, Bethany Cox, Kerry	
	Robinson & Kristen Albert	
Monday	Melissa Panich	
March 9		
Wednesday	Jeanette Rogers & Ella Avery	
March 11	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6	
Friday	Louisa Berry & Alex Brown	
March 13		
Monday	Beverly Owens	
March 16		
Thank you 🤨		

CAKE RAFFLE ROSTER

Cake Raffle is held on Thursday mornings. Look below to see if your child is rostered to supply a cake and bring it to school on this day. The cake can be home-made or purchased as the grocery store.

Tickets are 20 cents each.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation and support. Leanne Ryan – Teacher Librarian

Week 6 – Thursday 5th March			
KB	Ariana B		
1B	Maddison C	1W	Gracie B
2B	Summah B	2W	Kruze C
3B	Lily-Rose B		
4B	Jacob C	4W	Marcus B
5B	Maddison B	5W	Jack B
6B	Leo B	6W	Morgan C
K6G	Ezekiel H		

Week 7 – Thursday 12th March			
KB	Samuel C		
1B	Sahana C	1W	Isobel C
2B	Hope C	2W	Mikkel D
3B	Tomas B		
4B	Patrick C	4W	Anika C
5B	Aiden B	5W	Jenna C
6B	Sascha B	6W	Layla D
K6G	Hamish J		

FROM THE REC

LENT

Read Matthew 4: 1-11

REFLECT

Why did Jesus go into the desert, the wilderness?

Why did Jesus choose solitude?

During his Baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus had just experienced a deep sense of being called to mission. In this call there was new sense of awakening. He was CURIOUS about the deeper meaning of these words,

"You are my son, the one in whom I am delighted."

Jesus sought CLARITY around what it meant to be the beloved of God. His journey into the desert, into silence and solitude, increased his capacity to listen deeply "to listen with ear of his heart."

The journey of Jesus from CURIOSITY to CLARITY brought him face to face with his demons aiming to obscure his vision and deter his path to clarity.

Jesus struggled with these forces of darkness and resisted the temptation to grasp hold of transient power offering only a false sense of CLARITY.

RESPOND

Can you remember a time or times in your life when you sensed the temptation to be distracted from your life goals and/ or commitment?

Recall a time or an event in your life when you have moved from curiosity, even confusion to clarity, because you took some "time out", gifted yourself with some solitude and remain committed to your core life choices.

CANTEEN NEWS

<u>LENT</u>

During lent **NO** meat or chicken products will be available on Fridays. (Friday 28th February – Friday 10th April)

The following menu will be available each Friday.

*Fish Burger	\$4.00
*Fish Fingers	3 for \$2.00 or 6 for \$4.00
*Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.00
*Nacho's	\$3.50
*Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$4.00
*Spinach & Ricotta Rolls	\$3.00
*Hash Browns	\$1.50
*Cheese Pizza	\$3.50
*Tuna Sandwich	\$3.00
*Tuna Salad	\$4.50
*Mediterranean Roll	\$3.00 (tuna, olives & tomato paste)
*Cheese Jaffle	\$3.00

Please see canteen price list for full selection.

School is better when your child is here!

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Attendance Matters

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

Top attendance tips for parents

- We want to work in partnership with parents act early if you have any concerns by contacting the school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect not only their educational outcomes but their social connectedness as well.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's teacher about all absences is an idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term wherever possible.
- Seek help from the school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. We want to work in partnership with you to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Week 6

On **Friday 6th March** Book Fair open from 8.30am – 3.30pm

Families are invited to attend a Liturgy in the hall @ 12:00pm

Open Classrooms 12:30pm - 1:15pm

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Parents are invited to stay for lunch with your children on our playground from 1:30pm - 2:10pm

St Monica's Primary School is having an

OPEN MORNING

for Prospective NEW Families to the school community

Friday March 27 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 4570 3700.

SCHOOL PHOTOS FRIDAY 20TH MARCH



St Monica's Primary School

Photo Day 2020

Friday 20th March

Cashless Made Simple!

Australia is on the brink of becoming a cashless society. MSP Photography have embraced this new change to help improve your school photography experience!

To Order Photos.

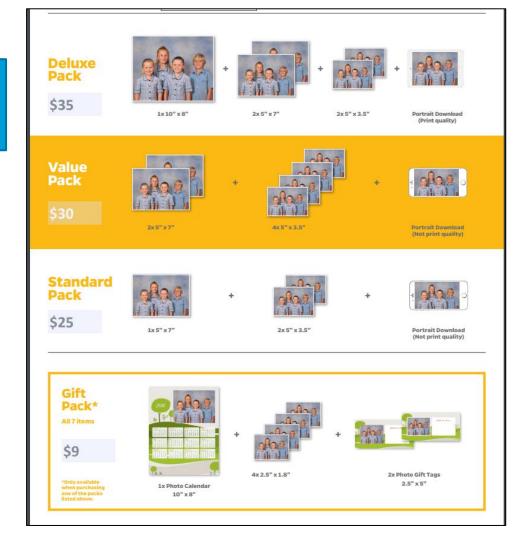
Your child has received their photo order form today. Go to www.msp.com.au, enter your unique shootkey and follow the prompts. If you're missing your shootkey, please give us a call on 02 9831 5505.

Family Photos.

Please order online prior to photo day with your unique shootkey. One shootkey per family.

Please note - All orders placed after photo day incur a \$20 late fee.

Your child has received their Photo Form today.



ST MONICAS P&F MEETING — AGM

Date: 19th February, 2020

Minutes by: Kristen Albert

Meeting Opened 7pm

Attendees: Jenny Hopper, Juliette Curl, Anna Seymour, Nibya Ross, Vanessa Bonadio, Louisa Berry, Mariana Gelevski, Bethany Cox, Melissa Beggs, Jacqui Van Der Berg

Election of P&F members

President – Jenny Hopper Seconded by – Anna Seymour

Assistant President – Mariana Seconded – Bethany Cox

Secretary – Kristen Albert Seconded – Jenny Hopper

Treasurer – Louisa Berry Seconded – Vanessa Bonadio

Assistant Treasurer – Anna Seymour Seconded- Mariana Gelevski

Discussion Topics

Grass in playground.

 Mrs Beggs is looking into to discuss further with Father Clifford. CDP took photos and are currently assessing.

Mothers Day

- P&F agreed on the budget of \$1,500
- Breakfast to occur on Wednesday 6th of May.
- Stall Monday 4th of May and Tuesday 5th of May (week 2).

Easter

- 8th of April last school day. Raffle on 7th of April with baskets, buns and Easter eggs given to children.
- Raffle tickets to be sent out 2 weeks before on the 23rd of March (Monday)
- 260 kids enrolled, therefore 1 book per family.
- Print and organise 200 booklets.

Father's Day

- Stall 3rd and 4th of September
- Father's day Breakfast 3rd of September

Disco

- Location to be confirmed.
- If held at school appropriate procedures to be in place if at school. Duty of care for teachers to be there.
- Infants and Primary separate Disco.
- To occur on 16th of October (week 1)

Parental Communication:

- Could another flavour of Hot Cross Buns be made available if possible. (Kimberly)
- Could we have an Easter Hat Parade? No due to students losing meaning of the concept of remembrance for Easter. (Kimberly)
- School Photos

- Discussed the possibility of changing photography companies due to some students pictures not appearing clearly in group photo, as well as the quality of the photographs.
- Discussed the idea of doing the photographs in an area that ensures all students images come out clearly.
- Ensure consistency amongst uniforms.
- Mrs Beggs will look into different companies and see if they are available to do the photos on the 20th of March.
- Vanessa to communicate other photography companies.

• School Calendars

- One parent across each year level to be responsible in collecting photographs across the duration of the school year to collate and use for a classroom calendar.
- The calendar will cost approximately \$15 and \$5 from each sale will be raised to contribute to the P&F
- Discussion about taking photos of children due to privacy policies.
- Some parents might not wish for their child to be included in the photos.
- Parents may not feel comfortable in purchasing these to hang up on their wall at home with other children included.

Tea Towels

- Each student draws a picture on a small piece of paper and writes their first name underneath, these are collected and distributed to the appropriate company to print children's drawing on tea towel.
- Discussed as this being a less invasive idea as a photograph of a child isn't published to the community.
- Parents could possibly purchase 2 tea towels, one to use and one to keep. Good fundraising concept.
- Melissa will ask staff if they would be able to provide students with time to complete these illustrations in class.
- Quad Clock & Tractor Tyre (Juliette)
 - The clock in the guad has the incorrect time.
 - There is a special Allan key that unlocks the clock and Jacqui will keep trying to locate the key.
 - There is a tractor tyre in the corner of the front grassed area (up against the fence). Long grass surrounds it and it has bricks inside it. Could be a home for insects, snakes etc. to live inside. It is a safety concern for children as some have fallen in it or ran into it. If we could have it removed please.
- Reading Eggs and Mathletics (Kristen)
 - Does the P&F contribute to the costs of Reading Eggs or Mathletics as a whole school initiative? Some parents of the school community have purchased this to use at home with their children.
- Parent Representative (Melissa)
 - If we could nominate or ask the member of the school community to become a parents representative. If we could nominate someone by this Friday (however, it can be extended).
 - The representative will need to attend one meeting a term (Week 6).
 - At each meeting, different topics are presented as well as guest speakers.

Brynorms

- The wide brim hat will be phased out and will be made cheaper at Brynorms.
- In relation to the Winter School Uniform, Brynorms asked if we would like them to stock the lighter grey boys pants as they haven't been popular. P&F agreed to the darker grey option for boys pants.
- For the girls Winter pants, it has been decided to allow girls to either have the elastic waist navy pants as well as the navy pants with the navy button
- Fete
 - Is on the weekend of the 1st week in August
 - Fete meeting will be on the 18th of March, 7pm

Next Meeting – Fete 18/3/2020



For parents/guardians of students:

2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a 'statement of addresses', in accordance with the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) (Regulation).

A statement of addresses contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (not student names)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate the estimated capacity of a school community to contribute to the schools' operating costs (capacity to contribute). Australian Government funding to non-government schools takes this estimated capacity to contribute into account.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. Known as the direct measure of income (DMI), the proposed new methodology is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school. This is in contrast to the current area based measure which is a point in time analysis based on average circumstances in 2011 of the area in which students at the school lived. This change follows a review of the existing methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found on the department's website: https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the ABS, for the purposes of reviewing capacity to contribute methodology, calculating capacity to contribute and Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

Your personal information will be provided to the ABS for capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Departmental staff will use the ABS' secure DataLab to undertake analysis and calculate capacity to contribute scores for schools using de-identified data (i.e. data that has had identifiable information such as name and address removed). The linked information will not be used for other purposes. Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

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The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process of the address collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@dese.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.dese.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

ROE POLDING COLLEGE

Bede Polding College Year 7 2021

Key Enrolment Dates

Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2021 will be available from the College Office or online from

Monday 2 December 2019

- Completed Enrolment Applications are to be submitted to the college no late than Friday 6 March 2020
- Year 7 2021 Enrolment Interviews will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 and Wednesday 25 March 2020 in the College Library
- Letter of acceptance will be emailed to families by Friday 17 April 2020.

Families are reminded that every new student to the College is required to follow our enrolment procedures, even if siblings have previously attended the College.





AT ST MONICA'S, OUR AIM IS TO PERSONALISE LEARNING TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL EMOTIONALLY, SOCIALLY, INTELLECTUALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

We are committed to providing each student with a learning environment that is comprehensive, inclusive and challenging.

We offer

- a team of professional and dedicated educators, who plan the learning in detail to help each child do his or her best
- technology enabling up-to-date learning
- learning and teaching experiences that meet the diverse needs of children
- a supportive and caring community where students and their families feel welcomed and safe.



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BE BUS AWARE

Bus Safety Week - 24 February to 1 March 2020

We all have a part to play in bus safety









BeBusAware.com.au



As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.





Dear parents,

In 2020 the students of St Monica's will once again have the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

In the next weeks the students will be issued with their usernames and passwords to access the online site to complete their reading logs.

The challenge begins this week and runs until the end of August.

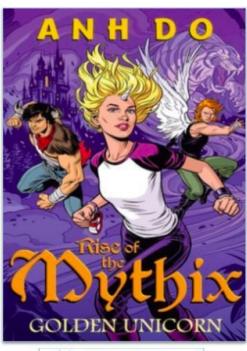
More information will follow in our next newsletter.

Happy Reading

Melissa Beggs

Student eBook Of The Week 🖭

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http://bit.ly/2VsmIKP

Years 4 - 6

An epic new universe of adventure from best-selling author Anh Do.

Some heroes are legends. Some legends are real.

The tyrant known as the Soul Collector hunts down anything that is beautiful, unusual or unique.

Kelly Swift is trying hard to be an average teenager, to fit in. But every day her powers are growing: she can run faster than the wind, she can hear people's thoughts, she is not normal.







'Youth Farming' Holiday Workshops

At the The Secret Garden WSU

School Holiday Programs Mon 13th -17th April 2020







AT THE ONE AND ONLY MOTIVESPORTS SUPER CAMP.

Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. All camps are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily non-sleep over events.



CHECK OUT THE CAMP DATES BELOW

CAMP #1 APRIL 16th-17th - Nepean Christian School CAMP #2 APRIL 20th-21st - St Clair HIGH SCHOOL
CAMP #3 APRIL 23rd-24th - Penrith Anglican College