



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 8 Term 1 17th March – 31st March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This coming Thursday St Monica's is celebrating a special event: Harmony Day.

We have a variety of activities planned for the day and we invite all children to come to school wearing clothes with the colour orange.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day and signifies communication and meaningful conversations.

Harmony Day is a national celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. Harmony day highlights the importance of tolerance and respect. Please take the time to speak to your children about the day and the key messages they have learnt.



As you are aware, the issue of the Coronavirus outbreak has affected many around the world.

It is now believed that the best way to avoid contamination is simple, good hygiene. Washing hands regularly with soap, coughing or sneezing into your elbow, not your hand and putting used tissues directly into the bin and then washing your hands are the most effective ways to prevent the spread of this disease, as well as others like the common cold. At St Monica's the teachers regularly remind children to demonstrate good

hygiene each and every day. Please note that our school cleaners have also increased their level of care and attention to ensuring the school bathrooms especially are cleaned thoroughly in response to the need for extra vigilance at this time. We will continue to keep you informed through the newsletter, Skoolbag and our facebook page of updates from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta and the Health Department as they come to hand.

On Thursday 9th April we will be having a staff development day to develop and continue the teachers learning around the new Religion curriculum being implemented across the diocese in the next three years. It aims to connect faith, learning and life and is based on contemporary research. It will speak not only to our students but to the world they live in. In transforming the way we teach Religious Education, we seek to transform students' lives as well as our schools and society. More information will be coming home during the year as we develop and work through the curriculum.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
Melissa Beggs

"Even before we set out to seek Him, we know that the Lord is seeking us and comes to meet and call us. We set out joyfully, for we know He is waiting for us!"
Pope Francis@Pontifex

Thursday 9th April is a Pupil Free Day

Last Day of Term 1 for students will be Wednesday 8th April 2020.

What's Happening at St Monica's



Diary Dates	
Thursday March 19	Second hand uniform shop open 8.30-9.30am HARMONY DAY
Friday March 20	School photos – Full Summer Uniform
Monday March 23	Cr8 ASfternoon Week 3
Wednesday March 25	Reconciliation Yr 6 10am
Friday March 27	School Cross Country Postponed Open Day postponed
Sat/Sun March 28/29	Confirmation Enrolment Ceremonies at Vigil & Sunday Masses
Upcomong Events: Tues 7 th April – P&F Eater Morning Tea and Raffle Wed 8 th April – Last Day Term 1 Thurs 9 th April – PUPIL FREE DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	

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

Oliver B – 5B	Elijah N – 2W
Jayden V – 1B	Nickolas A – 5B
Lauren P – 6B	Sophia B – 2B
Thomas C – 2B	Imogen F – 6W
Hannah C – 1B	Amelia O – 1W
Matilda B – 5B	

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.

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

Wednesday March 18	Charlene Scicluna & Janina Zahra
Friday March 20	Monique Hodder & Michelle Rodziewicz
Monday March 23	Sam Owens
Wednesday March 25	Nibya Ross & Rebecca Briffa
Friday March 27	Jessica Huges & Kristen Albert
Monday March 30	Kerrile Campbell
Thank you 😊	

Week 8 – Thursday 19 th March			
KB	Madison E		
1B	William C	1W	Michael C
2B	Thomas C	2W	Richie D
3B	Bastion C		
4B	Makayla G	4W	Hunter C
5B	Isabella B	5W	Cameron F
6B	Aaron C	6W	Aiden E
K6G	Tyrone L		

Week 9 – Thursday 26 th March			
KB	Samuel F		
1B	Maeve C	1W	Oliver D
2B	Ceanna H-T	2W	Austin D
3B	Chloe C		
4B	Ren G	4W	Alexandra D
5B	Kane C	5W	Kyle C
6B	Charlotte C	6W	Stavros A
K6G	Travis L		

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!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Mark Taylor Shield which was due to be played tomorrow has been POSTPONED until further notice.

St Monica's School Cross Country has also been postponed. A new date is still to be advised

In keeping with current advice, activities that would bring members of the public and family members to the school will be discontinued until further notice (e.g. assemblies, parent-teacher conferences, Open Days/Nights, school tours etc). We thank you for your understanding and should there be any change to this advice we will alert the school community through each of our communication channels.



FROM THE REC

Healing

2020 CEDP LENTEN REFLECTIONS



Gather

"I only know that I was blind and now I see." John 9:25

Generous and gracious God,
at times I can be blind to the path that You ask me to follow.
Open my eyes so that they may reflect the goodness of Your love.
Let my eyes feel with mercy and compassion.
Let my eyes understand with wisdom and acceptance.
Let my eyes be Your healing presence.

Amen

Listen

Gospel - John 9:1-42 (Amended)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam." So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" He himself insisted, "I am the man."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was Sabbath. ⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So, they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."



**'Christ and the pauper.
Healing of the blind man' by
A.N. Mironov**

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. I only know I was blind and now I see!"

Reflect

The encounter of Jesus with the blind man goes through several phases and is surrounded with much observance and conversation. The man, who has been blind since birth, comes to Jesus with the expressed hope and desire to be able to see. The response of Jesus is surprising! He makes a mud paste and places it over the eyes of the blind man. Such an action, bewildering to the onlookers, points to the fact that healing comes from the ordinary stuff of life; mud and clay which is very messy. Even though the blind man's journey from darkness to light seemed to take a long route, his final reply was one of sureness and **CLARITY**:

"I only know that I was blind and now I see."

In his humility and directness, the blind man gifts us all with **CLARITY** as we realise that the right attitude in receiving God's gift is simply one of gracious acceptance.

Respond

1. Recall times when you have been led to **CLARITY** through engaging with the ordinary and messy stuff of life.
2. When the disciples first saw the blind man they asked, "who is to blame?" The response of Jesus reminds us that sometimes no one is to blame but that difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn more fully into God's presence. Do you think that this is so?
3. Can you remember a time in your life when you have been in a situation that you found difficult and therefore resisted - but by trusting and remaining faithful to the situation you received insight and clarity?

Concluding Prayer

Glory to God source of all being, Eternal Word, Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen

From Curiosity to Clarity – From Curiosity to Clarity – From Curiosity to Clarity

EASTER RAFFLE & MORNING TEA

St Monica's P&F are holding an Easter Morning Tea and Raffle on Tuesday 7th April. The Morning Tea will consist of a hot cross bun or cookies and a popper for \$2.50. There will also be an Easter Raffle. Each grade will have a raffle with 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize. The tickets are 50c each totalling \$5 per book per family. Extra tickets are available from the office. A note will go home next week.

Easter Raffle Drawn Tuesday 7th April in class



CHILD PROTECTION—ONLINE

A reminder to parents that it is a diocesan requirement that you must have completed the Child Protection Module ONLINE if you would like to volunteer at school.

The link for the child protection module is available below or from our website under enrolment - parent involvement.

Please note there are two steps to complete the online course.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>



All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, in the uniform shop or any other help around the school. An email confirmation of both steps is then sent directly to the school to confirm your child protection is completed and valid for two years.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Yrs 3 and 5

12–22 May NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN information will be available through the newsletter over the next 2 terms.

Please watch this space.

Public demonstration site

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. (Links for Year 3 and 5 are below)

Some of the key features include a range of question types, on screen tools, timers and interactive navigation.

Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN. That is why you will not find answers to the demonstration tests.

All question types are keyboard accessible.



NAPLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will be tested?

- NAPLAN tests the important skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the Australian Curriculum.
- The Literacy tests are based on content in the English learning area, and the numeracy tests draw content from the mathematics learning area.
- For more information on the types of skills and understandings that students are generally expected to demonstrate at their particular year of schooling, refer to the information provided for each domain in the NAPLAN section. [NAPLAN Online](#)

What types of questions are in the tests?

- Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response for all tests except the writing test. Students are expected to write a continuous text for the writing task.
- For more information about the writing test, see the relevant FAQs at NAPLAN - writing test [NAPLAN Writing Test](#)

The links below take you to demonstration tests for conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), numeracy, reading and writing for each NAPLAN test year level: 3, 5, 7 and 9. As all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper, there is no Year 3 demonstration test for writing.

[Year 3 Demonstration Tests](#)

[Year 5 Demonstration Tests](#)

Assembly Awards

Kindergarten	
Zoe Nott	For always working hard at her desk
Brayden Young	For always answering questions in class
Year 2	
Austin Doyle	Working hard to improve your handwriting
Halle Sherwood	Improved reading!
Joshua Robinson	Improved sentence writing
Lachlan Young	Being a diligent worker
Yr 3	
Flynn Farrugia	For working very hard on his asteroids research project
Yr 4	
Hunter Clark	For his kind and thoughtful nature
Evie Sullivan	For the effort she puts into all her learning
Jacob Carroll	For excellent contributions to class discussion
Max Tischler	For excellent work in descriptive writing
Yr 5	
Brayden Josevski	For improved writing quality
Nickolas Andary	For effective & accurate use of addition and strategies
Yr 6	
Aidan Esposito	For demonstrating perseverance in challenging mathematics tasks
Grace Fitton	For illustrating her heritage creatively on her self portrait
Rhianna Muscat	For an excellent presentation on the wool industry
Ryan Ludwig	For creating an artistic representation of his self portrait heritage
Charlotte Cauchi	For presenting an engaging and well researched presentation on the poultry industry
Thomas Lewis	For writing a beautiful Haiku poem
K6Gold	
Hamish Jensen	For significant improvement in attitude to learning
Connor Worsman	For excellent participation in class activities
Catholic Values Awards	
Tahlia Nicol KB	For being a kind friend
Jade Owens 2B	For being a peacemaker in Yr 2
Alyssa Seymour 2W	For always showing kindness
Alex Duncan 4W	For showing initiative and caring for our animals
Charlotte Hodgson-Harvey 4B	For always treating others with respect
Jacinta Anderson 6B	For seeing the beauty of God's creation through photography
Luciana Malek 6W	For showing respect to everyone
Travis Leslie K6G	For being a calming and kind person in our class
Anthony Attard K6G	For being a wonderful friend in K6G



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.

Children are to wear full summer uniform – if your child usually wears their sports uniform on this day, they are able to change into their sports clothes and shoes if they wish to bring them.

ATTENDANCE

"Mum and dad, why do I have to go to school?"

To get the most out of education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.



Parents can encourage their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education. Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of **ten days of school** a term adds up to **missing two full years** of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Each and every day our teachers plan the learning for our children considering the skills and knowledge they have and what they need to know or be able to do next. Each day we focus on developing the children's ability to collaborate, communicate their thinking and ideas, be critical thinkers who can solve a range of problems, respond to social issues that they see around them in a creative way, be global citizens and have the character to be able to live and work in a rapidly changing world.

Many of your children may already be coming home talking about their growth mindset, resilience and what it means to collaborate.

For all our children to have the best learning experience at school they need to come every day. This allows their brain 'muscle' to work and become stronger and better.

Of course, we do understand that at times your child may be unwell and must stay at home to be cared for until they are well.



*Everyday missed is a missed opportunity to learn and grow in knowledge!
We love learning at St Monica's Primary School!*

2020 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

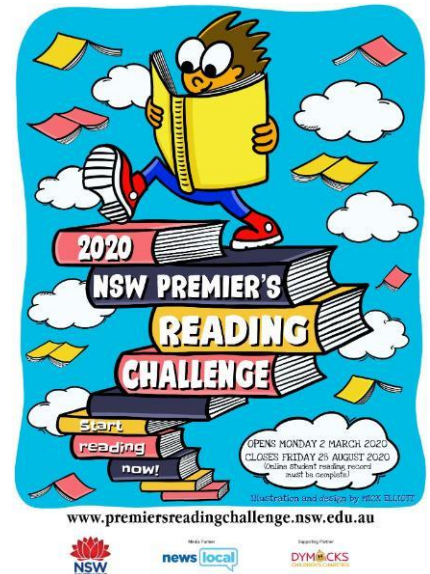
Our reading Challenge is underway at St Monica's. The usernames and passwords notes are being prepared by the teachers and will arrive home very soon!

Our Premier Gladys Berejiklian is encouraging school students to find the same joy in books that she has had since she was a child.

"It's important for children to discover what books have to offer because we know a passion for learning will set them up for the future. The great thing about books is they cover just about any issue or story you can imagine. I would love to see as many children as possible develop an interest in reading like I did when I was at school," she said.

Yesterday when I visited Year 1 the idea was posed for the teachers to participate in the reading challenge as well. The students in Year 1 strongly believe though that they can achieve 100% participation before the teachers. Challenge accepted - Watch this space!

Happy Reading
Melissa Beggs



WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

As of Monday 27th May children are to return to school for Term 3 in Winter Uniform. If the weather is still warm, they will be permitted to wear their summer uniform for the first 2 weeks but will be required to be wearing Full Winter Uniform by Monday 11th May. Winter uniforms are available for purchase from Brynorms: 2/328 Windsor St, Richmond 2753 or the second hand uniform shop each Thursday morning between 8.30-9.30am located in the old cottage on Bourke St.

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best we can be

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Step 2: Select the Community

Step 3: In the dropdown box select Newsletters

Step 4: Subscribe by using the green window on the right hand side.

If you change email address, complete the above again. You will now receive the Newsletter every second Tuesday.
(Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10)

CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES				 <div>Paper bags \$0.10 Apples \$1.00</div> 		
Bread rolls (add extra)		\$0.50				
Roast chicken		\$3.50				
Roast chicken with salad		\$4.00				
Ham & salad		\$4.00				
Ham		\$3.00				
Tuna		\$3.00				
Vegemite		\$2.50				
Cheese		\$2.50				
Cheese & salad		\$3.50				
Mediterranean roll (w/Tuna, olives & tomato paste)		\$3.00				
Egg & lettuce		\$3.00				
Jaffle: Ham & cheese		\$3.50				
Jaffle: Cheese		\$3.00				
Buttered bread		\$0.60				
SALAD PACKS						
Chicken & salad		\$4.50				
Ham & salad		\$4.50				
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50				
Egg & salad		\$4.00				
Salad bowl		\$3.50				
WRAPS						
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50				
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50				
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50				
\$3.50		HOT DOG DAY K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month 3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month		To provide the best canteen service for the children, it is necessary for all orders to be handed in at the canteen before 9am. Thank you.		
HOT FOOD				SNACKS		
Chicken Nuggets	3 for	\$2.00	6 for	\$4.00	Red rock deli chips – Honey & soy	\$1.50
Gluten free nuggets	3 for	\$2.00	6 for	\$4.00	Smith's salt & vinegar (Gluten free)	\$1.50
Hash browns				\$1.50	Bread sticks (pizza & plain)	\$0.30
Fish fingers	3 for	\$2.00	6 for	\$4.00	Want Want Rice Crackers	\$0.30
Corn on the cob				\$1.50	Eucalyptus drops	\$1.00
Hot roast chicken roll				\$3.50	ICE BLOCKS	
Pie -Traveller (Large)				\$3.50	Quelch – 99% Fruit juice	\$1.00
Pie - Snack (small)				\$2.00	Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
Potato Pie (ONLY Term 2 & 3)				\$4.00	Zing (yoghurt & fruit)	\$1.00
Lite sausage roll				\$3.00	Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups	\$1.00
Spinach & cheese rolls				\$3.00	Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)	\$0.30
Pizza – Cheese & bacon				\$3.50	DRINKS	
Lasagne				\$4.00	Popper juice Apple or Orange	\$1.50
Macaroni & cheese				\$4.00	Spring water	\$2.00
Mamee chicken noodles				\$3.00	Quench (blue, green, red)	\$2.50
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce				\$4.00	Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.50
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato				\$4.00	Cup of plain milk	\$1.00
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese				\$3.50	Please Note: RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS	
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo				\$4.00		
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo				\$4.00		