



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday 30th June 2020

Dear parents,

Farewell Father Clifford

As you no doubt have heard we sadly bid farewell to Father Clifford this week. He has been called to assist with the ministry at the Cathedral Parish in Parramatta and when the world is a safer place back to his missionary work, home in India.

The students and staff had an opportunity to say farewell in person last Friday. We shall miss Father Clifford, his support of all we do at school, his jokes and guitar playing but we look forward to welcoming Father Gayan and getting to know him over the coming months.

Play at School

The following is an extract from an article written by Dr Amy Graham, a research fellow from UNSW Gonski Institute for Education. It is a timely reminder of the importance of play as we go about our busy lives. The full article can be accessed at [Why is Play Important?](#)

“What if you were told that there was something you could do everyday to help your child learn better, feel better, behave better and grow better? What if you were also told that it would not cost you a cent? Finally, what if you were told that your child’s doctor says it is an essential part of childhood? So, what is the answer? Let the children play!

Play has scores of benefits for a child’s learning and wellbeing:

- Physical development, including coordination and fine and gross motor skills;
- Social development, including the development of skills in collaboration, negotiation, and conflict resolution;
- Emotional development, such as helping children develop persistence, self-regulation and empathy for others;
- Cognitive development, including inquiry skills, the development of scientific and mathematical thinking and literacy skills.
- Creativity, including divergent thinking and generating multiple approaches to solving problems.

End of Term Thank You

As we complete this unusual term I wish to thank all our community on behalf of the staff of St Monica’s for your flexibility and cooperation as we moved firstly to remote learning and then transitioned back to face to face teaching. Your support has been invaluable as we worked together to ensure the learning continued in all its many forms.

To all our families, I wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting term of learning, commencing Tuesday 21st July. (Monday 20th July is a pupil free day.)

Wishing you a wonderful break over the holidays ahead.

Mrs Melissa Beggs
Principal



“Only those who see with the heart see things well, because they know how to “look into” each person: to see a brother or sister apart from his or her mistakes, hope amid difficulty. They see God everywhere.”

Pope Francis@Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the Holidays	
Valentina D - 3B	Christian B - 1B
Alicia P - 4B	Harry D - 5B
Layla P - 1W	Jessica P - 1W
Corbyn F - 6B	Aaliyah B - 4B
Marcus G - K6Gold	Michaela L - 4B
Joshua R - 2B	Alex Z - KB
Reuben S - 1W	Oliver M - 5B
Sofia P - KB	Dylan R - 4W
Eli L - 4W	

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 on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Wednesday July 1	Martine Kershaw & Kerrilie Campbell Hot Dog Day K-6
Friday July 3	Alex Brown & Louisa Berry
Monday July 22	Pupil Free Day
Thank you 😊	




Potato Pies are now available for Term 2 & Term 3

Fried Rice special \$3.00 while stocks last



Hot Dog Day
Wednesday 1st July
whole school K-6
\$3.50



Staff Development Day
Term 3 Week 1 - Monday 20th July 2020

Please note there will be no supervision at school for children on this day

GENERAL BUSINESS

The second-hand Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning 8.30am-9.30am located on Bourke Street in the old cottage.

A reminder that *every student* needs to bring a drink bottle to school every day. Due to current guidelines, the bubblers will not be in use until further notice.

School Banking – School Banking will resume Monday Term 3 Week 2.

BRYNORMS UNIFORMS – Notice of Temporary Closure for Stocktake

Brynorms will be temporarily **Closed from Monday 22nd June 2020 to Sunday 5th July 2020** inclusive for our annual stocktake. Our shop phone and email will not be attended during this time.

Parish News – Please be reminded to return your child's Communion and Confirmation enrolment forms to the parish office. Classes will begin in July, if you have any questions relating to the Sacramental Programme please contact Mary on [4578 1410](tel:45781410) or email sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au

Lost Property - With the weather chilly in the mornings and heating up during the day children are taking their jackets and jumpers off and walking away. We have NUMEROUS jackets/jumpers with no names in our lost property. As uniforms can be expensive if you need to keep replacing them, we cannot stress though the importance of putting your child's name on their clothing, so it can be returned to them.

FROM THE REC

A prayer for a safe and happy holiday for the family.

It's been a trying time so far this year. My prayer for the family of St Monica's Primary School Richmond, is that we look back with pride in what we have achieved, we sit in stillness and rejoice in the love of our family and we look forward to whatever God will gift us with in the future, knowing He holds us gently in His hands and we can holdfast in His love.

Leanne Ryan
(Religious Education Co-Ordinator)



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Pyjama Day Friday 19th June!



Thank you to the generous families of our school community. Last Friday we raised \$439.30 which will be used to purchase food vouchers for those in need. We managed to fill the boot of a car with the donations of gloves, scarves, socks and hats, we even had a family donate pillows, all of which was gratefully collected by members of the St Monica's Conference of St Vincent de Paul.

I feel very blessed to work in a community that helps their children realise that we are called to reach out to others and make whatever difference we are able to.

Leanne Ryan
Religious Education Co-Ordinator.



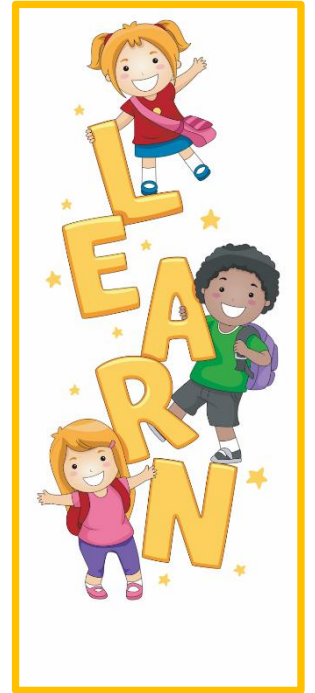
Semester 1 Reports

Dear Parents

Just a reminder that Semester One reports will be issued at the end of Week One Term 3.

Parent / Teacher interviews will be scheduled for Week 2 of Term 3 and there will be options for parents to choose either to have a phone or face to face interview. Health regulations around social distancing and sanitisation will be in place for face to face interviews. As usual we will be using the school interview site for bookings. A separate note detailing times will go out later this week to all students.

Thanking you in advance
Melissa Beggs



Congratulations to the following students who have joined our group of children who have completed the 2020 reading challenge.

Heath Barglik - Year 2
Hope Carroll - Year 2
Sydney Barglik - Year 4
Jacob Carroll - Year 4

Don't forget that the holidays are a great time to sit and read and complete the challenge. We are working towards everyone completing the challenge and our reward is a mufti and gaes day for all!

Remember all participants including Years 3-6 can include 10 free choice books this year and all students are able to include books read as part of collaborative reading with teachers or parents/ carers, either in person or online. So what are you waiting for??
Let's get reading!

Remember...
Please see your teacher if you have misplaced your login details.
For further information, please visit the [PRC website](#).
Parents can access the 2020 booklist at the following address,
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>



ST MONICA'S GARDENING TEAM



A huge thank you to the families who have donated plants for our garden and to Bunnings (McGraths Hill) for donating mulch, gloves, fertiliser and plants. Thank you, Terry, for picking up the donations from Bunnings - McGraths Hill and spending time with the Gardening Team on Monday morning planting with us. The team was very busy Monday planting all the plants in our gardens.

I have had some inquiries as to what plants to buy for the school gardens. I have recorded the names of the plants that have been donated.

Hopefully this helps

- Geranium Cottage – Zonal Pelargonium
- Geranium Cottage – Scented Leaf Geranium
- Rhodanthe Starshower – Rhodanthe Anthemoides
- Patio Sensations – Brachyscome Mix
- Garden Jewels – Daisy – Argyranthemum Hybrid
- 140mm or 68 mm Gardenia Magnifica - Gardenia Jasminoides
- vegetables and herbs

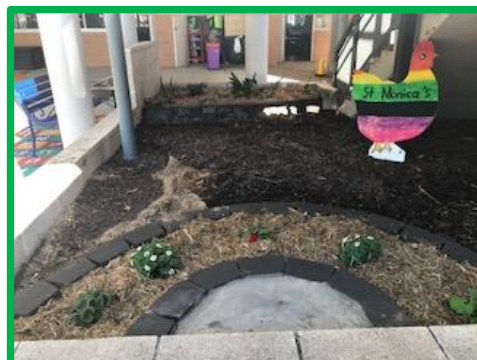


The Gardening Team is very grateful for your donations and would love for you to keep supporting this project into next term, planting more plants as the weather warms up. The team would be very grateful for Herbs and vegetables for our herb garden and vegetable patch in the senior playground.

Congratulations to our Gardening team for all the hard work you have put into making our school look colourful. You are to be commended for your hard work volunteering your time during recess and lunch maintaining our gardens and all the research that went into looking for plants to plant in these areas. I personally have learnt some new things about gardening 'the Do's and Don'ts'.



Mrs Jacqui Van Der Burg



Year 5 Parables

Dodo, Terry & Brachi

By Oliver Balmforth

The yellow sun shone through the treetops. Below the trees were two friends, Dodo and Brachi. Brachi had a long long neck. He was odder than the other dinos. Brachi was an odd one but he was very smart. When Dodo and Brachi were throwing and catching the ball, Dodo accidentally threw a ball at Brachi's head. Dodo apologized but Brachi really didn't care that Dodo hurt him.

Thump! Thump! Brachi's face lit up with joy when he heard Terry the T-Rex. Dodo sighed because Terry was a bit goofy. Dodo usually gets hurt by Terry.

Terry saw Brachi and ran towards him. Terry tripped over a tree root and squashed Dodo. When will Dodo learn to move away from Terry rather than fear what's going to happen? When do you think he'll learn?

One day Volcano Blast was going to erupt. Dodo's parents told him to pack his stuff and head to the bunker. But Dodo didn't listen. He lost all of his best toys. Luckily next time a meteor strike hit he listened.

MORAL: You can either run from your mistakes or learn from them.



The Small Cat

By Matilda Berry

"Hey can I please play with you"? meowed the pink cat. The purple cat just ignored the pink cat so she asked again.

Then the purple cat said just go away and play with other cats your colour. So she did

Instead of a cat she found a sad grey dog. The dog and the cat started talking then became friends. When the pink cat told the grey dog about the purple cat he was angry because the same thing happened to him.

He found the purple cat. Then when the purple cat saw them both she said, "what are you annoying guys doing here." Then the grey nipped her.

The small pink cat asked if she was ok. The purple cat couldn't believe that she wasn't laughing and saying, "Who's annoying now!" Instead she was helping her up.

MORAL: Don't judge a book by its cover.



The Knight and the Dragon

By Kane Coghlan



One day in a galaxy far, far away on a planet called New Topia, there lived a magical Dragon and Knight.

Everyday the Dragon would bully the Knight. He would always laugh at him when he failed.

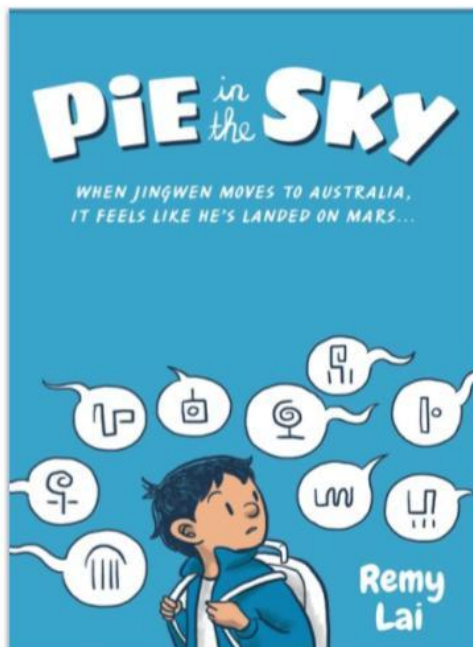
The next day the Dragon was in danger. He had fallen off a cliff. He had hurt one of his wings so he couldn't fly. The Knight had gone to help him. After a long time the Dragon was free. The Dragon said I will never bully you again.

The whole crowd was clapping and cheering for the brave Knight.

MORAL: Do not bully.

Student eBook Of The Week

Primary Schools
Jun 17, 2020



<https://bit.ly/2UHZRZY>

Years 4 - 6

Knowing very little English, eleven-year-old Jingwen feels like an alien when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes.

[More information available on Novelist](#)



 **Sora App**
Audio & eBooks

[More books on Refugees](#)

NEW REQUIREMENTS TO VOLUNTEER AT ST MONICA'S PRIMARY, RICHMOND

Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

Dear Parents/Carers

At St Monica's, we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in the school in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, coaching sporting teams, supporting extra-curricular activities, canteen support and many other various ways of help.



A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. (Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta). These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities. CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP. The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on about us/building child safe communities.

Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your children.

Melissa Beggs

Lunchbox Recipe

Basic Muffins

Makes 16

Ingredients

- 1 cup white self-raising flour
- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup apple puree, or 1 banana, or 1 cup (150g) blueberries
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup canola oil
- ¾ cup reduced fat milk

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C and line a muffin tray with patty cases.
2. Add flours, sugar and fruit to large mixing bowl. Mix dry ingredients.
3. In a pouring jug, mix together eggs, oil, and milk. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and gently pour over wet ingredients. Mix ingredients until just combined.
4. Spoon mixture into muffin tray and bake for 15 minutes, or until fully cooked through.



St Monica's Primary School RICHMOND

(Since 1859)



At St Monica's Primary School, our aim is to personalise learning to enable children to reach their full potential emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

Our vision challenges us to provide and support quality Catholic education that prepares each child for the future, through caring and innovative teaching.

Therefore, we believe:

- All children can learn
- Learning is dynamic and lifelong
- Children develop deep understanding when given the opportunity to engage, explore, reflect, revise and apply.

Enrolling Now for All Grades 2021

Email enquiries: stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au

Address: 32 Francis Street RICHMOND

Phone: 4570 3700



A reminder that limited places are still available for 2021 in Kindergarten and Years 1- 6. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact our school office on 4570 3700 or visit our website at <http://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au/>

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 86.3%

At St Monica's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities.

We appreciate your continued support in emphasising the need to be at school on time each and every day.

Our attendance levels for the past week are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 3 who are again maintaining our school target of 90%.



Thank you to the parents who have returned their outstanding notes for this term.

Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level	Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	86.9%	Yr 1	85.4%
Yr 2	88.9%	Yr3	96.7%
Yr4	81.1%	Yr5	89.8%
Yr6	79.7%		

I like playing with my friends. Emilia KB

You can make friends. Levi KB

I like the teachers. Sam C KB

I love school because you can make new friends. Lucas KB

I love playing in the hall. Oliver KB

I like to play with my friends. Olivia KB

I love all the places we get to play in. Nikolai KB

I like learning new things. Madison KB

I like playing with my friends. James KB

I love how we make lots of friends. Sybella KB

I love playing with my friends. Rose KB

KINDERGARTEN LOVE ST MONICA'S!

I like my teachers because they teach me good. Ariana KB

I love storytime. Jaiman KB

I like recess and lunch. Tenielle KB

I love making things at school. Skyla KB

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Playing with my friends. Valentina KB

I love the teachers so much. Alex KB

I love my teachers and my teachers help me do lots of work. Shelby KB

I love playing in the cola courtyard playground. Mason KB



I love playing with my friends. Tahlia KB

At school I get to do the weather chart and dress Olivia up in her raincoat. Sam F KB

It is great at school because we can make new friends. Aria KB

I like recess and lunch because you can play. Duncan KB



I like everyone at school. Rylan KB

I love my friends. Sofia KB

I like writing in my star story book. Ava KB

I like playing with my buddy. Brayden KB

I like spending time with my friends. Lachlan KB

I like playing hide and seek with my friends. Archer KB

I like school because it is so fun. Zoe KB

School is fun. Braxton KB



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

Creating an inclusive learning environment, encouraging individual excellence and success for your Son

YEAR 7, 2021 ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

The College is now accepting online enrolments

Please visit our website at www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au



Live Life Well @ School

BREAKFAST IS THE BEST ROUTINE



Breakfast is important for a student's blood sugar levels. It helps them to concentrate while learning, moderate behaviour and have the energy to engage in physical activity.

Breakfast also reduces the desire to snack on high sugar and high fat foods.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthy-kids.com.au

TIP:

Help kids be in a better frame of mind for school work by discouraging them from eating in front of the TV.



CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES					
Bread rolls (add extra)		\$0.50	 Paper bags \$0.10 Apples \$1.00 		
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	Extra Fillings		
Jaffle: Ham & cheese		\$3.50	Mayonnaise	\$0.30	
Jaffle: Cheese		\$3.00	Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30	
Buttered bread		\$0.60	Tomato sauce	\$0.30	
SALAD PACKS			Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50	
Chicken & salad		\$4.50	FRUIT & JELLY		
Ham & salad		\$4.50	Jelly cup	\$1.00	
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50	Jelly & custard	\$1.50	
Egg & salad		\$4.00	Custard cup	\$1.00	
Salad bowl		\$3.50	Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00	
WRAPS			RECESS MENU		
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50	Garlic bread	\$1.00	
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50	Cheese & bacon rolls	\$2.00	
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50	Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00	
			Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00	
			Chocolate muffins	\$1.00	
			Pikelets (ONLY Wednesday)	\$0.50	
\$3.50 Hot dog with sauce		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			