



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 2 Term 2

5th May – 19th May 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2.

Again a very different school to the one we are used to. Thank you for your willingness to embrace the necessity for social distancing and respecting the rules we currently have in place for drop off and pick up times. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Most importantly thank you for the support and persistence you have demonstrated with remote learning for your children. The teachers have been very busy planning, teaching and meeting via classroom chats and discussions with your children over the last weeks of Term 1 and into Term 2. This has been a 'new way of doing' for us all and I am impressed by the resilience and willingness with which you have accepted this challenge and the patience and commitment shown to embrace different ways of learning. Students and parents alike have definitely risen to the challenge!

The lessons learned during this time are as much about the learning dispositions of cooperation, independence, resilience, patience, tenacity, balance, family teamwork and prioritizing, as it is about the content and skills particular to the Key Learning Areas scheduled. I truly believe that children have an amazing way of adapting and capacity for bounce back and I am very confident that we will be witnessing this in very positive ways in the near future.

(More information about the gradual return to school and attendance can be found in our newsletter this week.)

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day and as I move around the school this week I would usually see all our students busily preparing cards and gifts. Missing is the excitement in the air as they looked forward to visiting the Mother's Day stall and the tales told about what makes their mum so special as they wait to purchase their special gifts.



Although this year we are celebrating in a different way, Mother's Day in isolation still allows us to stop and reflect on the important job of mothering and to give thanks to those who have mothered us. There are many ways to answer the question, "What is Motherhood?" and one of those ways might be that Motherhood means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying and giving birth to a human being, is as close as any person can get to the act of creation. This is the beginning of Motherhood but it is far from the end. Motherhood is also about nurturing, sacrificing, loving and ultimately, letting go.

We wish all the mums, grandmothers, aunties and special women at St Monica's a very happy and love filled Mother's Day this Sunday.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Melissa Beggs
Principal

Our witness opens the way for others.

Our prayer opens the door to the Father's heart. Let us ask the Lord that we might live our work with witness and prayer, so that the Father might draw people to Jesus.

Pope Francis @ Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the past week & next 2 weeks.....	
Jezebel Y – 5W	Summah B – 2B
Micah K – 5B	Thomas L – 6B
Rohan S – 4B	Jesse H – 6B
Lucas Z – 4B	Chad H – 2B
Aurora A – 2W	Tenielle R – KB
Hamish J – K6Gold	Nathan S – 4W
Rowan H – 4B	Billy R – 2W

Gradual Return to School

From Monday May 11 (Week 3) every student will have the opportunity to start attending school one day a week. This will be a rostered system with each student attending only on their designated day.

Each school and local context is different, and our plan reflects the needs of our community to ensure that onsite learning and remote learning continues.

From Week 3 (Monday 11th May)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red House	Blue House	Essential Workers	Green House	Gold House
+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers
Remote learning will be scheduled for home	Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	Remote learning will be scheduled for home	Remote learning will be scheduled for home

As you can see, our teachers will be providing onsite and remote learning opportunities every day of the week. There will be times when teachers are unable to respond as promptly to remote learners as they have been as we move forward with students on site. Please be assured teachers will respond as soon as they can. Students will be aware of their house colours from previous years (siblings are in the same house colour). If you are unsure of your child's house colour please call or email the office for confirmation.

CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Helen Harper (4B) on the recent passing of her husband.

We know you join with the staff both past and present in sending her our love and support. Please keep Mrs Harper and her family in your prayers.



SCHOOL BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.



WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

As the weather remains warm at this time of year the changeover to winter uniform will be phased in during the first two weeks as per the usual custom.

In Week 3 we will move to full winter uniform.

Our school uniform supplier Brynorms have revised their trading hours due to COVID-19 restrictions. They will be re-opening for 3 days a week including Saturday morning from today to assist parents who may need to purchase new winter stock.

Tuesday (9:30am -4:45pm closed 1:00pm-1:30pm)

Thursday (9:30am -4:45pm closed 1:00pm-1:30pm)

Saturday (9:00am-12:45pm).

Their phone number is 4501 1143.

In week 3 the students will begin a phased return to school. Students will be required to wear their full winter uniform.

The second-hand uniform shop will be open this week (week 2) on Wednesday and Friday morning from 9am-10am. The second-hand uniform shop is located in the old cottage on Bourke St and has stock available.

FROM THE RE CO-ORDINATOR

Mary, The First Disciple



We know this month as the month of Mary. During these times, while we can't be physically close, we may find ourselves with more time to pray and be still. I would like to share with you some links to resources to help to encourage you and your family to go deeper in their understanding of Mary.

Let's Learn about Mary

- Mother Mary...Who Is She?: <https://lifeteen.com/cym/blog/mother-mary-who-is-she/>
- Mary, Mother of God:
 - PART 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hpph7nwpZN8> |
 - PART 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8BZ4DQJyIg>
 - PART 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVA9uy0mg7E>
 - PART 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayz15mdkh5o>
- Imitating Mary's 10 Amazing Virtues: <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/2509/documents/2018/8/2018-19%20Virtues.pdf>
- Why is May called Mary's Month? <https://aleteia.org/2018/05/02/why-is-may-marys-month/> or <https://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=35778>
- Why Catholics Call Mary Their Mother? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGRGv9_60iI
- The Virgin Mary's Struggles: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwoXc_7i5zY
- Why Do Catholics Honour Mary?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxbZ4SyHQXg>
- Mary, Catholic Central: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1G-v8rchOA>
- Why We Should Love the Virgin Mary: Pope Francis Minute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WN0JC9B4Gw>
- Is Mary The Mother of God?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n88xsp57cZY>

every learner every day

Dear parents,

During term 2 it remains important that your child attends their schooling either at home through remote learning or at school on their scheduled day(s) to attend.

As you would be aware each grade on Google classroom has an opportunity for your child to log on as present for the day and in addition opportunities to be involved in a discussion online.

This alerts the teacher that your child has been online, and is interacting with the lessons.

Children at school will be marked as present and those who are working remotely will be marked as F for flexible learning. This is not considered an absence.

As per our usual practices if your child is sick please send through an email or notification through Skoolbag (preferred). In this way the teacher will be alerted and will not expect your child to be continuing with their activities until they are well enough to do so.

Please note that we have a number of outstanding days from Term 1 where no letters of explanation have been received for the absence. We will be sending out reminders at the end of this week. If you think you have received a letter in error (ie: have already sent in an explanation note) please note this on the letter and we will rectify the problem.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RICHMOND (Since 1859)

ENROLLING NOW

FOR

2020 & 2021 All Grades

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 a 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

Enrolment Applications may be collected from:

St Monica's Primary School – 32 Francis Street

Email: stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au

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The following information is to inform you of the changes that have been made to the 2020 PRC rules to help support students to participate in and complete the Challenge whilst their access to books at school and local libraries are restricted.

What is happening with the Challenge in 2020?

The Challenge is well equipped to support student participation from home. It will continue with the same closing dates for validation of entries, and the same number of books to be read for all challenge levels. Adjustments have been put in place to support students who are learning from home, and have reduced access to suitable reading material to complete the Challenge.

What changes have been made to the PRC rules for 2020?

The main changes to the Challenge rules are as follows:

- Students on all Challenge levels are **able to read 10 choice books** - an increase from five.
- Students on all Challenge levels will be **able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.**

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9

If you have misplaced your log in details please ask your class teacher and they will be able to assist you.

The website to log the books you have read is

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Congratulations to all those children who have already begun the challenge for this year.

I wonder who will be the first in the school to finish and which grade will be the first to have everyone participate in 2020?

Will it be you!!

Happy reading
Melissa Beggs



Mother's Day



*A prayer in Gratitude for our Mothers
Good and Gentle God,*

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

*Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.*

*Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.
Amen*

I would like to wish all our mothers and those who take on a mothering role a wonderful family time for Mother's Day this Sunday. My dear friend, Andrew Chinn has just released a beautiful song for mothers. You can access it through YouTube on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BdgLNKMstM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1LbUIHjAU11Y4vvr6AyG6lcVTEW6rg2nmFqXCg88TckhGAJ4tIhmPxWLS>

Leanne Ryan - RE

We are thinking of all our wonderful Mother's, Grandmother's and Carers on this special day. We hope you have a lovely Mother's Day! Please enjoy some pictures from previous years we have celebrated with our school community.



At this time in particular it is most important to keep up to date with news from the school. Please make sure to inform the school if any of your details change, including email address'.

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Accessing our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Monicas-Primary-School-Richmond-1452420771540958>

or goo.gl/SeBdoA





SkoolBag

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

- ### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app.

SkoolBag: School Communication


- ### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.
- ### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.


- ### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.
- ### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



SkoolBag

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		Extra Fillings	
Ham		\$3.00			
Tuna		\$3.00			
Vegemite		\$2.50			
Cheese		\$2.50		Mayonnaise	\$0.30
Cheese & salad		\$3.50		Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30
Mediterranean roll (w/Tuna, olives & tomato paste)		\$3.00		Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Egg & lettuce		\$3.00		Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50
Jaffle: Ham & cheese		\$3.50		FRUIT & JELLY	
Jaffle: Cheese		\$3.00			
Buttered bread		\$0.60		Jelly cup	\$1.00
SALAD PACKS				Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Chicken & salad		\$4.50		Custard cup	\$1.00
Ham & salad		\$4.50		Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50		RECESS MENU	
Egg & salad		\$4.00		Garlic bread	\$1.00
Salad bowl		\$3.50		Cheese & bacon rolls	\$2.00
WRAPS				Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50		Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50		Chocolate muffins	\$1.00
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50		Pikelets (ONLY Wednesday)	\$0.50
\$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 dog with sauce					
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			
Pie - Snack (small)		\$2.00		Quelch – 99% Fruit juice	\$1.00
Potato Pie (ONLY Term 2 & 3)		\$4.00		Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
Lite sausage roll		\$3.00		Zing (yoghurt & fruit)	\$1.00
Spinach & cheese rolls		\$3.00		Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups	\$1.00
Pizza – Cheese & bacon		\$3.50		Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)	\$0.30
Lasagne		\$4.00		DRINKS	
Macaroni & cheese		\$4.00		Popper juice Apple or Orange	\$1.50
Mamee chicken noodles		\$3.00		Spring water	\$2.00
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce		\$4.00		Quench (blue, green, red)	\$2.50
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato		\$4.00		Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.50
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese		\$3.50		Cup of plain milk	\$1.00
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00		Please Note: RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS	
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00			