



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 2 Term 4 20th October – 3rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4!

It has been a great start to the term as we embrace the theme of book week "Curious creatures and Wild Minds". We are looking forward to our book fair and character parade on Friday and of course completing the challenge set to discover what is inside the box 'mysteriously' left at school during the holidays.

Whilst it will be a different celebration due to COVID we will still share the day with the community via Facebook and of course through the after school conversations that are so important in families. Time taken to spend together in the art of conversation is precious.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program

Last term the parents in Years 4 and 5 were informed about the introduction of a BYOD program for the students in Years 5 and 6 in 2021. This program is voluntary and whilst we at this stage are only extending this opportunity to Stage 3, parents in other grades may purchase a Chrome book for their children to use at home through the portal run by CEDP. (Details for purchasing a Chromebook are contained in this newsletter)



The BYOD program further extends the student's experience of technology from an entertainment device to a powerful learning tool.

Using the personal device in class benefits students through:

- Enhanced engagement and motivation in learning.
- Further development of literacy skills.

Increased opportunity for collaboration and communication within and beyond the classroom and school day.

- Opportunities to create purposeful digital content.

By using a personal device, the children are able to seamlessly switch from personal use to learning anytime, anywhere, enabling access to academic learning tools wherever they are. If you would like to know more about this program or missed the zoom meeting for parents please contact Mrs Leanne Duval or myself for further information.



This week we celebrated the 10 Year Anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first saint - Mary MacKillop. Her strong belief led her to respond in diverse ways to the needs of those who were poor or marginalised in society. Mary created opportunities for people to grow in fullness of life through education and her abundant capacity to care for others. May she continue to be a role model for us to all those we meet in our life journey.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"Let us try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act."

15.09.1890

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the next 2 weeks	
Aidan E – 6W	Gatleen K – 1W
Madeline S – 6B	Emily H – 6B
Zoe L – 2W	Emily M – 2W
Tahlia N – KB	Lily Rose B – 3B


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.



Wednesday October 21	Kerrile Campbell & Patreece Smith
Friday October 23	Jenny Hopper, Josette Semaan & Agi Tomaszewski
Monday October 26	Jess Hughes
Wednesday October 28	Janina Zahra
Friday October 30	Jeanette Rogers and Volunteer Needed Please
Monday November 2	Beverly Owens
Thank you 😊	

Did you miss out on ordering a 2020 School Tea Towel?
 We have some still available in the office for \$15.00.
 Please come in and see the office ladies if you would like to purchase one.



SPORT DAYS FOR TERM 3

Kindergarten	Tuesday / Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday
Year 2	Tuesday / Friday
Year 3	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday / Friday
Year 5	Tuesday / Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday / Friday

LIBRARY DAYS FOR TERM 3

Kindy	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday

SCHOOL FEES ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENTS

St Monica’s would like to ensure that all our Families are aware that fee assistance is available if they were to find themselves in hardship. For our families that have been impacted financially by Covid 19, I encourage you to complete our simplified application for assistance via this link https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b15pyjGxwgRR65

For financial hardship not directly relating to COVID 19, please email myself cbolton@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss assistance or if you would like you can make an appointment to discuss with the Principal Melissa Beggs by calling 4570 3700.

**For all other families who have been blessed to not be impacted we ask that you make payment as you normally would. Details on how you make payment are on the bottom of your fee statement or you can call the school office and pay over the phone.

To request a statement, check your balance, make a payment or setup a payment plan please email me cbolton@parra.catholic.edu.au or call 02 45703700.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.



Term 4 Awards					
Week 2	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	KB	Rose H	Beau S	Aria B	Lucas W
	1B	Isla L	Christian B	John M	Maddison C
	1W	Tilly N	Micheal C	Gatleen K	Amelia O
	2B	Chad H	Hope C	Lachlan Y	Braxton M
	2W	Monique S	Jacinta Z	Billy R	Jack J
	3B	Lily Rose B	Indiana S	Lily C	Mikeila A
	4B	Bridget M - C	Jordan S	Max T	Jacob C
	4W	Natalie Z	Eli L	Alex D	Anthony A
	5B	Matilda B	Cooper S	Nickolas A	Ashton S
	5W	Ben McM	Rhys T	Alayna V	Nickson M
	6B	Gabrielle L	Corbyn F	Georgia D	Ryan L
	6W	Grace F	Sydney S	James P	Morgan C
	K-6 Gold	Ezekiel H	Hamish J	Anthony A	

Writers Packs

Grade	Name
1W	Amelia O
1W	Michael C
5B	Oliver B
2B	Bianca T





SCHOOL BANKING

Term 4 2020 Tree Top Savers Rewards - rewards are now available to order



Snakes & Ladders Game

Emoji Wallet



Our snakes and ladders Game is a fun way for children to learn to count and follow instructions and is painted on FSC approved paper. Even the game pieces were made out of wood (and not plastic).

The Emoji wallet is a great way for children to practice using money in shops and counting change. A perfect time in the lead up to Christmas.

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS: DRAFT NEW (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) CURRICULUM

In week 8 of last term, all parents of students involved in the Term 3 "Test Runs" of the Draft New Curriculum in Religious Education, were given the opportunity to share their feedback and insights. Thank you to all parents who were able to do so. Over 450 parents from across the Diocese have responded and there has been a positive response with the majority of parents agreeing to each of the statements listed below:

- My child has been enabled me to think about their faith
- My child has connected what they have learned to their life
- My child has responded positively to their lessons
- My child has spoken about their lessons at home

Important insights and points of feedback were also provided which, along with feedback from students and teachers, will be read and reflected on by Mission leaders as they continue to refine the Draft New Curriculum.

Updated Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available online

An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

To assist with any enquiries schools may receive about student travel applications, we have provided some information below. We have also attached an information sheet on School Travel for 2021 if you wish to share this in your school newsletter.



Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pa

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM 2020 - PARISH OF RICHMOND

Don't forget to get your enrolment forms in if you would like to be part of our 2020 Reconciliation program. Just complete the forms and email them back to mary@parishofrichmond.org.au

Enrolments close Tuesday the 20th of October.

Parent Information Night is on Thursday the 22nd of October.

Please contact the Parish office or myself on 0409 308 449 if you have any questions or if you didn't receive the forms.

Mary Pirovic
Sacramental Coordinator

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

St Monica's Richmond staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Beggs through the school office (4570 3700) or via the school email address stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au.

The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy. <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

E-SAFETY

In an increasingly digital world, we need to ensure all students have the skills and confidence to engage online safely and enjoy the many positive benefits of the internet.

During the holidays many children will be engaging positively online however as parents we need to be mindful that our children are aware of what to do if they encounter content that makes them uncomfortable or troubled by.

Below are some tips from the e-safety commissioner in assisting children dealing with exposure to harmful content online

- Engage in your child's online activities – ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're age-appropriate
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps
- Let them know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online.



If you do encounter harmful or disturbing content online, you are asked to report it immediately to the social media platform it was seen on first, and then to eSafety at esafety.gov.au/report/illegal-harmful-content.

We also urge you to take a look at the esafety web page as it is a great resource for advice on having safe and positive experiences in the online world. [Esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au).

COVID-19 REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has continued to assist the school in following our procedures for school drop off and pick up during the term.

Below is a reminder of the protocols. If you have arranged for a relative or friend to pick your child up please ensure that they are aware of the procedures.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

- *In the morning parents say goodbye to children at the front school gate in Francis Street.*
- *In the afternoon at the first bell (3:05pm) we will again open the school for pick up. The front school gate (Francis St) for children in K-3 and side gate (Bourke St) for children in Years 4-6.*

All students will be seated outside the eldest child's dismissal area.

This is done to assist us with limiting the movement of adults inside the school grounds.

Adults are asked not to congregate inside the school grounds but exit the playground promptly to ensure social distancing rules are maintained.

COVID-19 symptoms	Stay Safe
Fever	Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
Cough	
Sore throat	
Shortness of breath	
Loss of smell	
Loss of taste	
	Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands

SUN AND UV AT SCHOOL

Sun and UV at School: Learning about skin cancer prevention

In the lead up to summer, students will be learning about sun protection, and how to make healthy, safe and proactive choices that reduce their risk of skin cancer.

Statistics show that melanoma is the most common cancer affecting young Australians aged 15-24. With that in mind, we will be teaching students about the dangers of sun exposure and that skin cancer prevention starts with practising sun-safe behaviours at school.

This focus on sun safety follows the release of a suite of interactive skin cancer prevention resources for NSW schools. The *Sun and UV at School* classroom resources are curriculum aligned and have been developed by the Cancer Institute NSW in consultation with the NSW Department of Education, other education advisors and Cancer Council's SunSmart program.



BYOD PROGRAM - PURCHASING DETAILS

NB: Please note that for our school's BYOD (for years 5-6) program our preferred device is the Chromebook. I pads may be used as well however please check that they meet the requirements to be able to work on the school network. Macbooks and PC laptops will not be considered for the BYOD program.



Chromebooks

The Catholic Education Office's purchasing portal for Chromebooks (including the Google Management Console Licence which is required so that the device is fully set up for our school's network) is accessible through the following link. <https://ceoparramattabyod.asi.com.au/chromebooks.html>

The cost is approx \$396

** Please note you MUST click on REGISTER first **

There you will be prompted to enter first name, last name, email address and a password. To order and gain access to the portal you must use the Activation code **ceobyod**



Save the Date



The P & F Committee would like to invite you to an evening of gingerbread house building. The evening will be held in the **school hall** on **Wednesday 9th December** and begin at **6pm**. All you have to do is order a gingerbread kit, gather some family & friends, book a table and bring along some lollies to decorate. Families and children are most welcome.

The gingerbread house kit includes; 4 walls, roof, icing and a piping bag, board, cellophane and an instruction sheet. **Cost is \$24.00.** Gluten Free is also available for \$28.50

Due to current restrictions on COVID – we are waiting on confirmation that this event will be able to go ahead. If it is not able to go ahead you will still receive your gingerbread kit to take home.

More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Book Week and Book Fair!!!!

Get ready St Monica's for....."Curious Creatures and Wild Minds"

Week 2 19th - 23rd October.

Showcase of curious creatures/wild minds all week

Every stage in the school will take part in a number of different activities and inquiry based on the book Week theme.

For example.... Have you heard of a Flabbit?..... Or the mysterious Black Panther roaming the mountains?.... Investigating other mysterious and curious stories from history!

A week of writing, poetry, art, craft or research to stimulate our wild minds.

Wild Minds Art and Writing Spectacular Exhibition

Have you been working on your masterpiece for our **Wild Minds Spectacular Exhibition!** We would love to receive as many different exhibits showcasing the wonderful talents of our children. All exhibits will be on display in our School hall and visited by the children on Friday 23rd October. With holidays fast approaching it will be a great time to work on exhibition pieces.

Book Fair in the Library

This year our Book Fair will look a little different as we will not be able to invite parents to view the Fair. Your children will have a chance to visit and purchase books on Friday 23rd.

Dress Up Day - Friday 23rd October

Our dress up day will be on Friday 23rd October. On this day everyone will come to school dressed in the theme **Curious Creatures and Wild Minds...**

Some ideas - Curious creatures such as mermaids, unicorns, Harry Potter characters, The Gruffalo, Where the Wild Things are... **Wild Minds** - Eccentric characters such as Einstein, other Scientists, Inventors or artists in History. Or an intriguing character from any book.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we will not be able to invite parents into the school for a book parade, however K-2 will still parade and we will Facebook Live various activities on the day from our St Monica's Facebook page. Years 3 -6 will take part in other fun events to celebrate.



ICE CREAM SPIDERS

Will be available this Friday
at Recess and Lunch

\$2.00

Choice of

Curious Cola Spider

Or

Laughing Lemonade Spider



Welcome back to Term 4

The gardening team are very excited to be back at school working in the gardens again. We are going to have another 'Growers Market' this week.

SALE - \$1.00

Wednesday 21/10/2020

Thursday 22/10/2020

3:00pm-3:30pm

We will be selling spinach, lettuce and a variety of herbs



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

invites you to participate in a Christmas themed Drawing Competition.
Please draw your Christmas Card front cover design in the box below:

(Suggested themes include the birth of Jesus, Christmas in Australia, giving gifts, celebrating Christmas, etc.)

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

The winning drawing will be featured on the cover of Robyn Preston’s 2020 Christmas Card, with the student’s name, grade and school listed. The winning artist will also receive a gift hamper from Robyn.

Entries must be received by post (P.O. Box 505, RICHMOND, NSW, 2753)
or delivered to the Hawkesbury Electorate Office, Building R4, Western Sydney University,
Hawkesbury Campus, College Drive, Richmond
by **5:00 p.m. Friday, 30 October 2020**

COMPETITION ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- All entries submitted must be the original work of the student entering the competition;
- A maximum of **ONE entry per student** is permitted. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual school can submit;
- **Entries will not be returned to students.** If you wish to retain a copy of your work, please make a photocopy of your work before submitting your entry.

PARENTAL CONSENT:

I consent to the competition guidelines (left) and the use and publication of my child’s artwork, name, school and grade by the office of Robyn Preston MP.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature: _____ / /2020

CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES						
Bread rolls (add extra)		\$0.50			Paper bags \$0.10	
Roast chicken		\$3.50			Apples \$1.00	
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 DAY				
Hot dog with sauce		K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month 3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month				
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				

Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Need help packing a lunch box?

Check out our new [online presentation](#) that will show you how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love to eat!

For recipes, tips and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box