



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 8 Term 4

1<sup>st</sup> December – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Sunday we began the season of Advent.

Advent is a time of anticipation. We anticipate and long for the coming of Jesus Christ as our loving Lord. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, when he came into the world as our Lord and Savior. We anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith everyday.

Throughout this Advent, let us take time to gather with our families for prayer and to continue to help others, especially those who have less or are experiencing hardship. Thank you to the many families who have responded to our St Vincent dePaul Christmas Hamper appeal. Your contributions will help to assist others and help to make a difference this Christmas season.



### School Leaders 2021

Over the last few weeks Year 5 have been examining what it means to be a school leader and preparing for the Captaincy positions for 2021. The field was narrowed to just eight candidates who spoke to Years 3,4 and 5 with eloquence and passion about what they will bring to the role if elected. Yesterday the four successful students were informed of their success.

We congratulate

- Olivia Saliba
- Oliver Balmforth
- Caitlin Hopper
- Marcus Gelevski

### St Monica's Authors

Earlier this term I spoke about two of our Year 2 students who had written a book as part of our Book Week celebrations. Last week I again visited the Year 2 classrooms and discovered that I had been written in by Heath as a character in the beginnings of another story. What a wonderful treat to find myself in a story!!!

### School Band 2021

Next week the children in Years 4 and 5 will meet with the Captivate Band teachers as they are introduced to the instruments that they can choose from as part of the band program next year. To begin a program like this takes a large financial investment by the school and this week we are very thankful to be the recipient of a very generous \$500 donation from Vibe Property in Richmond. We will put this money towards purchase of music books for the students to assist in their learning.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

**Mrs Melissa Beggs**

Principal

*"God is more patient than we are, and those who knock with faith and perseverance on the door of his heart will not be disappointed."*

*Pope Francis@Pontifex*





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

Maddison B - 5B	Charlotte R - 6W
Mason H - KB	William C - 1B
Charlotte B - 6W	Ariyah G - 4B
Audrey W - 6B	Ayla H - 3B
Nicky M - 1W	Lucas W - KB

Wednesday December 2	Jeanette Rogers <b>Volunteer Needed Please</b>
Friday December 4	Martine Kershaw & Kerry Robinson
Monday December 7	Jess Huges
Wednesday December 9	Mariana Gelevski & Natasha Josevski
Friday December 11	Monique Hodder & Michelle Rodziewicz
Monday December 14	Jenny Hopper & Bev Owens
Wednesday December 16	Jeanette Rogers
Thank you 😊	

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**HOT DOG DAY**

**WHOLE SCHOOL Yrs K-6**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**



\$3.50



Last Hot Dog Day for 2020

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



A huge thank you to the many families who have contributed to the Vinnies Christmas hamper appeal. All class baskets are full to overflowing and the excess is around the Christmas tree in the library. Our families were recognised at Mass last weekend for their generosity.

The groceries will be collected on Monday 14th December by the Richmond Chapter of St Vincent de Paul. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Leanne Ryan  
Religious Education Co-Ordinator.

## LIBRARY

There are many library books outstanding which need to be returned. Many children have 2 or more overdue books. Please check book shelves, under beds etc. All books need to be returned by this Friday as the library will be closed for borrowing as we stocktake.

Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!

Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/summer](http://www.scholastic.com.au/summer)

Happy summer reading!

## ANDREW CHINN COMES TO ST MONICA'S

Most of our school Masses and celebrations are filled with the music of Andrew Chinn. Andrew will be coming to St Monica's on Tuesday 8th December to work with all students in music workshops, then we will have a concert featuring selected students in the afternoon. We are very lucky to have this opportunity because in non-Covid times, Andrew is booked at least years in advance. It happened that he had a cancellation and he messaged me to see if we wanted to take the spot.

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas mufti, keeping in mind they need closed in shoes and a hat that offers sun protection. We are very fortunate to have this great experience.

Leanne Ryan

Religious Education Co-Ordinator

**Come to school dressed in Christmas Mufti on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**



### **END OF YEAR REPORTS - UPDATE**

This semester, our school is one of a number of Diocesan schools that is transitioning to a new CEDP reporting system through an application called COMPASS. This system when completed will allow parents to be able to go online and access school reports and attendance at any point throughout the school year.

As we begin to transition to this reporting system you will notice that this semester we are continuing to report student achievement in the same subject areas using the E-A grading as always, as well as providing information about effort and application. There will be a general comment and a section for work habits.

The whole grade comparisons of subject achievement will no longer be included on the report though can be requested once you receive the school report, if you so wish.

Next year we will be moving away from the E-A scale to a word based 5 point scale which will better reflect the achievements of each child in the respective curriculum areas.

Reports will be sent home Monday of Week 9 and as always the class teachers are available for further clarification or discussion if required. This report format will be used by all grades, Kindergarten to Year 6.



#### *Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea last Tuesday*

Kindy – James M, Samuel F, Nikolai J, Mason H

Yr 1 – Hannah C, Izabella P, Sahana C, Addison F, Oliver D, Nicky M, Layla P, Issy C, Jessica P, Tilly N, Michael C

Yr 2 – Halle S

K6Gold – Tyrone L





## *THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK! WIN A CHROMEBOOK.....*

*We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity too. These summer holidays, we are encouraging all students to take the reading challenge and read, read, read!*

### **ENTRIES OPEN ON 23 NOV 2020 AND CLOSE AT 5PM ON 1 FEBRUARY 2021.**

Click on the link to find out more about this great summer competition!

[Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge](#)

### **MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS**

At the beginning of the 2021 school year the teachers at St Monica's will again be administering the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) for each of the students in their stages.

This is a 1:1 interview with a student and takes approximately 30 minutes. The information gathered from this assessment will assist the teacher's knowledge of where the students are in their understanding of number.

In week 10, families will receive a login code via Skoolbag to use with the school interview online booking tool to organise an appointment time.

The MAI interviews will take place on:

- Wednesday 27th January
- Thursday 28th January
- Friday 29th January - Kindergarten children only



Please note that all interviews will be held in the 2021 classrooms and bookings can be made with any of the teachers in your child's stage.

*If your child is unable to be tested at a suitable time for you with their stage teacher Mrs Maria Famularo, Mrs Karen Buccini or the Assistant Principal will be available for interview bookings during the times.*

Any child who is not assessed at one of these opportunities will be assessed as soon as possible in the first weeks of school.



## **Gingerbread House Making Event**



If you would like to attend the Gingerbread House Making Event you still have time. Please send orders into the office ASAP if you would like to join us. Looking forward to a fun filled night!





Term 4 Awards					
Week 8	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	<b>KB</b>	Mason H	Tahlia N	Samuel C	Beau S
	<b>1B</b>	Addison F	Izabella P	William C	Christian B
	<b>1W</b>	Amelie D	Reuben S	Oliver D	Amelia O
	<b>2B</b>	Mackenzie R	Pippa H	Sophia B	Chad H
	<b>2W</b>	Halle S	Richie D	Annalise A	Monique S
	<b>3B</b>	Indiana S	Jordan R	Chloe C	Abigail C-T
	<b>4W</b>	Eli L	Lachlan E	Nathan S	Dylan R Olivia W
	<b>5B</b>	Maximo L-P	Ashleigh T	Evie R	Kane C
	<b>5W</b>	Nicholas N	Jack B	Marcus G	Georgie S
	<b>6B</b>	Cruz H	Lawson D	Thomas L	Audrey W
	<b>6W</b>	Zoe H	Luciana M	Aiden C	Anthony V
	<b>K-6 Gold</b>	Connor W	Marcus G	Travis L	Hamish J

## Writers Packs

1B	William C
1B	Maddison C
6W	Charlotte B
KB	Braxton H
KB	Shelby S
2W	Annalise A
2W	Zoe L





## Bring Your Own Device to School 2021 (Years 5 and 6 only)

**FREE DELIVERY TO OUR SCHOOL  
IF ORDERED BY **FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER****

**How can I purchase a Device?**

### **Chromebooks**

The Catholic Education Office has a purchasing portal for Chromebooks which includes the Google Management Console (Licence) and is fully set up for our school's network at **approx \$396**. You can access the ordering site here <https://ceoparramattabyod.asi.com.au/chromebooks.html>



**\*\* 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

**Order your device by **4th December** to receive free shipping to our School.**

**All you have to do is change the delivery address to our School and all Chromebooks will arrive before the end of term.**

***(this does not relate to home deliveries - a delivery fee is charged)***

**Set your delivery address to :**

**32 Francis St, Richmond NSW 2753**

**Your invoice address will be listed as your home address.**

**If you have purchased your Chromebook from another supplier you will need to purchase a Google Chrome Management Console (Licence) You can purchase these online here**

**The CEDP BYOD portal > CompNow: <https://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au/>**

***If you order your chromebook from the CEDP portal (above), you do not need to do this.***

***(this does not relate to home deliveries - a delivery fee is charged)***

**Set your delivery address to :**

**32 Francis St, Richmond NSW 2753**

**Your invoice address will be listed as your home address.**

# School Resumes for 2021

## Week 1, Term 1, 2021

*Tuesday, January 26*

*Australia Day Public Holiday*



**Staff Only: Wednesday, January 27**

*K-6 Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 11am – 3:30pm*

**Staff Only: Thursday, January 28**

*K-6 Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 8:30am – 3:30pm*

**Friday, January 29**

*Years 1-6 8:50am – 3:10pm*

WELCOME  
BACK!

## *Week 2*

*Monday, February 1*

*All Children Kinder to Yr 6 8:50am to 3:10pm*

# We're Going Back To School







# Bede Polding College

## Year 7 2022

### Key Enrolment Dates

- Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2022 will be available from the College Office or online from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020
- Completed Enrolment Applications are to be submitted to the College no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Year 7 2022 Enrolment Interviews will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the College Library
- Letters of acceptance will be emailed to families by Thursday 1 April 2021



*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.*





## **2021 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN!**

ALL 2021 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of **BASKETBALL & TENNIS** registrations close for these sports only on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November as these trials are planned for November & December 2020. This will be confirmed closer to the date due to COVID-19 restrictions and venue availability.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2021.

**Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2021 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.** It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who **display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport**. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: **AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football**. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

WEBSITE: [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<del>Basketball</del>	<del>Open boys &amp; girls</del>	<del>1<sup>st</sup> December 2020</del>	<del>Open 2 Nov 2020</del>	<del>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</del>
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs boys & girls	Term One 2021	Nominations Open in 2021	Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2021	Nominations Open in 2021	Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Netball	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Rugby League	11yrs boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Rugby Union	Open boys & girls	April – May 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Softball	Open boys & girls	April – May 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<del>Tennis</del>	<del>Open boys &amp; girls</del>	<del>27<sup>th</sup> November 2020</del>	<del>Open 2 Nov 2020</del>	<del>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</del>
Touch Football	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

# CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES		
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
SALAD PACKS		
Salad with Avo, Feta & Olives		\$4.50
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	
Hot dog with sauce		
HOT FOOD		
Chicken Nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00
Gluten free nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00
Hash browns		\$1.50
Fish fingers	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00
Corn on the cob		\$1.50
Hot roast chicken roll		\$3.50
Pie -Traveller (Large)		\$3.50
Pie - Snack (small)		\$2.00
Potato Pie (ONLY Term 2 & 3)		\$4.00
Lite sausage roll		\$3.00
Spinach & cheese rolls		\$3.00
Pizza – Cheese & bacon		\$3.50
Lasagne		\$4.00
Macaroni & cheese		\$4.00
Mamee chicken noodles		\$3.00
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce		\$4.00
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato		\$4.00
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese		\$3.50
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00
Paper bags \$0.10		
Apples \$1.00		
		
		
Extra Fillings		
Mayonnaise		\$0.30
Lettuce, tomato		\$0.30
Tomato sauce		\$0.30
Cheese, egg or avocado		\$0.50
FRUIT & JELLY		
Jelly cup		\$1.00
Jelly & custard		\$1.50
Custard cup		\$1.00
Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)		\$1.00
RECESS MENU		
Garlic bread		\$1.00
Cheese & bacon rolls		\$2.00
Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)		\$2.00
Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip		\$1.00
Popcorn		\$1.00
Chocolate or banana muffins		\$1.00
Vegemite & Cheese Scrolls		\$0.50
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.		
SNACKS		
Red rock deli chips – Honey & soy		\$1.50
Smith's salt & vinegar (Gluten free)		\$1.50
Bread sticks (pizza & plain)		\$0.30
Want Want Rice Crackers		\$0.30
Eucalyptus drops		\$1.00
ICE BLOCKS		
Quelch – 99% Fruit juice		\$1.00
Zooper Doopers		\$1.00
Zing (yoghurt & fruit)		\$1.00
Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups		\$1.00
Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)		\$0.30
DRINKS		
Popper juice Apple or Orange		\$1.50
Spring water		\$2.00
Quench (green, red)		\$2.50
Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate		\$2.50
Cup of plain milk		\$1.00
Please Note: RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS		

**CANTEEN OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS ONLY**

## Canteen PRICE LIST 21/08/2020



## Hawkesbury Library Service

The Summer Reading Club (SRC) is on again at Hawkesbury Library Service and continues until Sunday, 31 January 2021.

Children are encouraged to get involved and get reading.

To join in the reading fun, just register at either Hawkesbury Central Library or Richmond Branch Library and pick up a starter pack, collect your reading journal and start reading – you'll be rewarded with coupons for the books that you read. You can then 'spend' the coupons in our SRC shop once the holidays are over.

The SRC is free and available to children 16 years and under who are library members.

Bookings to visit the SRC shop will be essential and can be made from 27 January

via [hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com](https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com)

For more information please call the Library 4560 4460.

**Hawkesbury Library Service has a COVID safe plan in place, please do not attend if you are unwell.**

**On Monday 30 November, the Library Service will return to normal operating hours. Central Library, Windsor will open Mon to Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-1pm & Sun 2-5pm. Richmond Branch will open Mon to Fri 9.30am-6pm & Sat 9am-1pm.**