



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FR GAYAN THAMAL

Week 2 Term 1

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed a restful break from school routines and were able to connect with family and friends during the holidays.

It is wonderful to see the school filled with smiling faces and to hear the excited chatter as we come together for a great year of learning ahead.



The classrooms have been abuzz with conversations. Since returning we have conducted our Maths assessment

Interviews (MAI's), began lessons in our new stage groups and we have welcomed our youngest members -

Kindergarten to school. This is an important milestone for these children and their buddies were on hand to ensure that the first day ran smoothly.

Today our Stage 2 and 3 students are off to our swimming carnival (look out for all the results in the next newsletter) and tomorrow our stage 3 students begin their band program. As a community of learners we are off to a great start.



As you know, COVID-19 still influences our daily lives and we respond to directions provided by the Department of Health NSW as well as the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP). At this time site access to parents remains limited. We appreciate your cooperation with procedures and look forward to being able to once again open up the school to the wider community when conditions allow. As always, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes.

May I also take this opportunity again to remind you that if at any time you need any assistance, have any questions or have any concerns regarding your children or any aspect of the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff or myself. I am more than happy to speak with you and if by chance I am unavailable at the time will do my best to contact you as soon as possible.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"The Lord looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him."

Pope Francis@Pontifex




Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated their birthday in January and over the next 2 weeks.		
Braxton H – S1W	Nicholas S – S2W	Hope C – S2W
Jordan R – S2B	Heath B – S2W	Ace S – S3B
Nikoliai J – S1B	Ariana B – S1G	Jazz S – S3G
Michael C – S1W	Ethan M – ES1	Indiana M – S1W
Levi M – ES1	Andrew P – ES1	Harrison M – S2B
Levi H-T – S1G	Aria B – S1W	Alyssa A-C – S1B
Sabrina D – ES1	Cameron F – S3B	Sophie Z – S3G
Monique S – S2W	Mackenzie R – S2W	Natalie Z – S3G
Kruze C – S2W	Aneeksha B – ES1	Chelsea F – S2W
Maddison C – S1G	Isobel C – S1B	Les H – ES1
Jacob G – ES1	Olivia S – S3B	Lucas N – ES1
Georgia Z – S1W	Lachlan Y – S2B	


CANTEEN

Wednesday February 3	Janina Zahra Hot Dog Day Kindy & Stage 1
Friday February 5	Jeanette Rogers & Melissa Panich
Monday February 8	Josephine Dahdah
Wednesday February 10	Natasha Josevski & Mariana Gelevski Hot Dog Day Stage 2 & 3
Friday February 12	Volunteer Needed Please
Monday February 15	Bev Owens & Jenny Hopper
Wednesday February 17	Kerrile Campbell
Thank you 😊	

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.



HOT DOG DAY



Kindergarten & Stage 1

WEDNESDAY 3rd February

Stage 2 & 3

WEDNESDAY 10TH February

\$3.50

STAGE TEACHERS 2021

Early Stage 1 Leanne Duval Lauren Sultana Ainsley McNichol Vanessa Muscat Teachers Aid	Stage 2 Allyson Reimer Pauline Kojic Helen Harper (Mon-Thurs) Reg Bryan
Stage 1 Teresa Valenti Carmen Brugman Danielle Egan Sue Pols	Stage 3 Mark Feneley (Mon-Thurs) Judy Gray Josie Malvagna Leanne Ryan Sally Shadlow (Tues-Fri)
Reading Recovery and Leader of Diversity Learning – Ainsley McNichol / Nicole Smith	EMU – Carmen Brugman (Stage 1)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools.

Every day of attendance adds to a student's academic achievement and success at school.



Every student. Every day.

Schools in partnership with parents/carers are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents/carers are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children a shared approach to school attendance between students, parents/carers, schools, system learning and CEDP will maximise the opportunity for every learner every day. In keeping with legislative and CEDP / school policies and procedures attendance rates for all students will continue to be closely monitored at St Monica's. The target level for all schools in the Parramatta Diocese is above 90% attendance rate.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2021

Congratulations to our Captains and Sport Captains for 2021. The Captains will officially receive their badges at our opening school mass in Week 4.

Captains

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

Sports Captains

- Red House: Maddison Bonadio and Ben McMurray
- Blue House: Matilda Berry and Lucas Reimer
- Green House: Jezebel Yuletian and Harry Duval
- Gold House: Evie Ross and Brayden Josevski

Sports Days Term 1 2021

Library Days Term 1 2021

<u>Kindergarten</u>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<u>Stage 1</u> (Years 1 and 2)	Wednesday and Friday
<u>Stage 2</u> (Years 3 and 4)	Tuesday and Thursday
<u>Stage 3</u> (Years 5 and 6)	Tuesday and Friday

<u>Kindergarten</u>	Thursday
<u>Stage 1</u> (Years 1 and 2)	Wednesday
<u>Stage 2</u> (Years 3 and 4)	Friday
<u>Stage 3</u> (Years 5 and 6)	Tuesday



Richmond Marketplace and the St Vincent de Paul Society team up each year to ensure families experiencing financial hardship get all the back to school necessities through Operation Backpack.

Thank you to the parents and friends who supported this event during the school holidays.

In addition to this worthy cause community members were also encouraged to nominate their school for a chance to receive a donation for their school. I am pleased to announce that we received the third highest vote count and as a result will receive \$500.

A welcome assistance for our school. This money will go towards our new band program starting this week for our Stage 3 students.

Congratulations Heath

Last year we advertised in our newsletter about a competition being held by our State Member of Parliament Robyn Preston to design her Christmas cards for 2020.

I am very pleased to announce that Heath Barglik received a Highly Commended Award in this competition and had his artwork included within the card. He also received a framed edition of the card to keep. Heath is the first winner of this competition from St Monica's. Congratulations Heath from all of us at St Monica's and we hope to see more of your artwork in the years ahead!



Nutrition Snippet

BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

Kids will take around 200 packed lunches to school each year!



Check out our [top tips for packing a healthy lunch box](#) to make your job a bit easier!

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

Want healthy lunch ideas?



[Sign up to the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter.](#)

Our quarterly e-newsletters will keep you up-to-date with the latest recipes, healthy swaps and informative blogs to make packing a healthy lunch box easy!

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



From the beginning of the 2021 School year St Monica's will no longer be accepting cash as a form of payment, with the **only exception being students purchasing snacks** from the Canteen. This is in line with changes for all schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

Lunch orders - must be paid for using QKR app (instructions attached). Around 75% of our families are already ordering this way so for the New families and others who have not yet had the chance to order this way please jump onboard. No more looking for lunch bags or searching for cash so you can place an order!

Hats and School/Library Bags from the school office - These can also be purchased using the QKR app or if needed call the school office on 4570-3700 and we will take your payment over the phone and send the item home with your child.

School Fees - can be paid using the methods shown on the bottom of your fee statement via BPAY, BPOINT etc. We can also take your Credit/Debit card payment over the phone or at the school office.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me @ cbolton@parra.catholic.edu.au

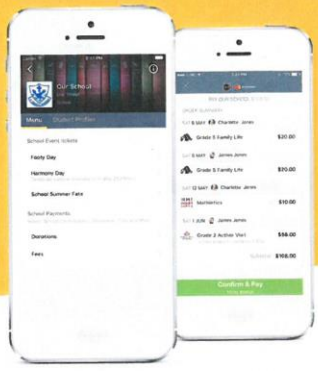
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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

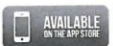

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

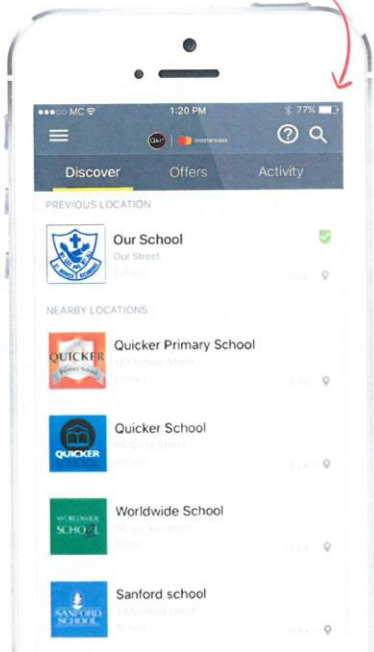
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

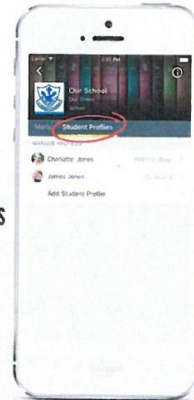
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu
from our canteen

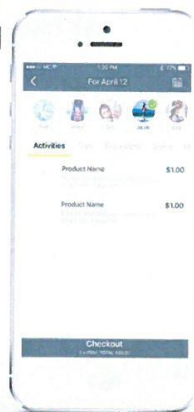


Tap the green
box to view
your receipt
or to cancel
an order



Select a date
for a child and
order a meal

Tap 'Repeat
order' to
copy all paid
orders from
one week to
the next



Tap to change
the date you
are ordering for

Tap to change
the child you are
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

School Banking is a great way to practice regular savings.

Remember, **Monday** is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **St Monica's Primary**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Safer Internet Day - 9 February 2021 eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers



An invitation from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta.

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join the following free webinar for parents and carers:

eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama

- Tuesday 9 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm
- Wednesday 10 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 10 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm
- Monday 15 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm
- Monday 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

This live webinar will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinar

The session will cover topics including:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.

What you need to do

Please register for the course via the eSafety Commissions website via the following link:

- February 2020 - March 2020 sessions - [link to register](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars) or via <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au

A few pics from the

Swimming Carnival 2021





Road Rule
Do not parallel park the wrong way



School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You cannot park on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic and other vehicles. You must park facing the direction of the traffic flow. This is for safety when leaving the kerb.

Road Rule
Do not park on a nature strip, above the kerb or gutter




School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You cannot park on a nature strip, bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area.

Road Rule
Do not park near a bus stop




School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You cannot park within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop unless there are signs that permit parking. This is for the safety of bus passengers.

Road Rule
Do not park at an angle to the road




School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You must park close and parallel to the road unless there are signs permitting angle parking.

Road Rule
Do not park across your driveway



School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You cannot park on the road blocking a driveway or on the driveway (even your own) outside the property boundary. This is for access and pedestrian safety.

Road Rule
Do not park within 3 metres of a median strip or double white lines



School Zone
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$272

You cannot park within 3 metres of double white lines or a traffic island/median strip unless a sign says otherwise. This is for traffic flow and safety.




SCHOOL ZONE
8-9:30 AM
2:30-4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

Parking in School Zones

40


No Parking



You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty
\$194
+ 2 demerit points


No Stopping



Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

BUS ZONE



You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty
\$349
+ 2 demerit points

Stop on path or nature strip **\$349 + 2 demerit points**

Stop across driveway **\$349 + 2 demerit points**

Fines current as of July 2020
Fines and demerit point are subject to change
View the current demerit point and offences list at
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-parking.pdf>
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>



Casual Work

Multiple Casual positions – Penrith, Hawkesbury & Llandillo Area - 8382

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
 - ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!