



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 8 Term 2

Tuesday June 8, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 8!

Dear parents and carers,
Last Thursday and Friday I had the privilege of journeying to Canberra with our Stage 3 students and their teachers Mrs Shadlow, Mr Sultana, Miss Gray, Mrs Malvagna and our Assistant Principal Mrs Bond.

This overnight excursion was part of a unit of work about our Parliamentary system.

Our first learning experience took us to Parliament House where we were able to role play a bill being created while understanding the importance of each member of the parliament. We then had the privilege of a meet and greet with Susan Templeman, our local member for Macquarie in the Australian House of Representatives. Susan spent time talking about our local area and her work representing our community. The students asked many interesting questions and certainly made St Monica's proud.



We also visited other places of interest such as The Royal Australian Mint, The Museum of Democracy, The National Capital Exhibition Centre and the CSIRO Discovery Centre where we learned of the many innovations that Australians have been a part of including the invention of Wi-Fi. I would like to thank the teachers for their support and for giving up their own family time to ensure this learning can take place. I know there were many tired but excited faces as they headed home last Friday night to share their

adventures with family and friends,

Semester 1 Reports and Interviews

Later this week you will receive your invitation to book an interview with your child's teacher about their Semester 1 report which will be sent home on Friday 18th June. This is an important time to connect with the teacher and discuss your child's achievements and next steps in their learning. As part of our partnership in your child's education teachers are often asked how can I assist my child at home, especially in maths. For those parents who are interested I have included the link to a reading from the site 'Youcubed' which is run by Stanford University. The article discusses how to encourage your child to do well in maths and feel successful.

[Twelve steps to increase your Child's Math Achievement and Make math Fun](#)

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

*"The world tells us to seek success, power and money;
God tells us to seek humility, service and Love. "*

Pope Francis

What's Happening at St Monica's...

Diary Dates	
Wednesday June 9	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Friday June 11	Feast of the Sacred Heart Whole School Mass
Monday June 14	Public Holiday
Tuesday June 15	P&F Meeting 7pm
Monday June 21	Week 10 Assembly 2.15pm
Friday June 25	Last Day Term 2
Monday July 12	School Returns for Term 3



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

Valentina X – S1B	Sybella X – S1B
Anastas N – KW	Makayl G – S3B
Annalise A – S2W	Kegan O – S2W
Xavier J – KB	Sienna M – S3W
Jack - KW	Jack B – S3G
Indianna B – S1W	Pippa H – S2W
Izabella P – S1G	

CANTEEN

Wednesday June 9	Nibya Ross
Friday June 11	Jeanette Rogers
Monday June 14	Public Holiday
Wednesday June 16	Kerrilie Campbell & Rebecca Robinson
Friday June 18	Catherine Chadevski & Louisa Cremen
Monday June 21	Josephine Dahdah
Wednesday June 23	Natasha Josevski & Mariana Gelvski
Friday June 24	Jenny Hopper & Jeanette Rogers
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

\$3.50

Wednesday June 9
Stage 2 & 3




Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea with Mrs Beqqs today

Early Stage 1 – Anastas N, Levi M, Henry M, Jude B, Natasha Y

Stage 1 – Brayden Y, Nikolai J, William C, John M, Sam C, Maeve C, Indianna B, Michael C, Gerorgia Z, Emily M, Rose H



Congratulations!

Term 2 Awards

Week 8	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	Kindergarten	Addison O'Brien	Andrew Peckham	Willow O'Halloran	Jude Blessing
		Anna Bryant			
	Stage 1	Jessica Pisani	James Micallef	Layla Pisani	Jayden Vella
		Georgia Zammit	Levi Heine-Thompson	Abigail McIntosh	Jaiman Grima
	Stage 2	Bianca Tischler	Alyssa Seymour	Jordan Render	Zoe Larnach
		Abigail Cruz-Tabua	Alyssa Gelevski	Max Sansom	Kegan O'Halloran
		Tom Brown	Nicholas Suter	Hope Carroll	Chad Hopper
	Stage 3		Olivia Saliba	Lucas Reimer	Ashton Sieders
			Katelyn Hopper	Maximo Larrea Punzo	Rowan Hargrave
	K-6 Gold	Marcus Garland	Ezekiel Huxley		
		Tyrone Latu			

Writers Packs

Stage	Name
2	Valentina Diego
2	Lily Collins
1	Indee Blessing
1	Beau Seiders





Over the last few weeks the students of St Monica's have been busy writing letters to voice their opinions, raise issues and one letter in particular from Oliver in Stage 1 was concerned about the needs of others in our community. He asked if the school could raise funds for the recent flood victims.

In response to his letter I wrote and told him that there was a charity that accepted funds and items that people may have and no longer need that can be donated.

We agreed that I would place this information in the newsletter so that our community would be able to assist if they can.

Below is some information about the charity and their endorsement from the NSW Government. There is also a link to the site so that if you are able you may like to donate cash or items of need. Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

GIVIT coordinating donations and offers of assistance to help people affected by severe storms and flooding

GIVIT works closely with the New South Wales Government to assist people and communities affected by floods across the state. As the [Government's donation partner](#), GIVIT manages donations of money, items, services and volunteering during recovery via the [Severe Storms and Flooding Appeal](#).

If you would like to help please contact the [GIVIT Flood Appeal](#)

"We would Love to Hear from You to Help us Improve the Education we provide"

'Tell Them From Me' Survey

Parents/carers are invited to provide feedback on their experience at St Monica's using the online 'Tell Them From Me' survey. The survey is an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. As we value the role of parents within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please use this link to access the survey <http://tellthemfromme.com/jxr46>



LOCKDOWN DRILL



Earlier in the year, the students participated in an evacuation drill and we were pleased with the mature and prompt response of all involved. On Thursday morning, students will participate in a Lockdown drill with their teachers and peers. In some emergency situations, an evacuation of a building and/or classroom is not advisable. These may include a hostile intruder, criminal activity near the school or vicious animals near/in playground. General emergency lockdown procedures are developed and practised in the unlikely event a lockdown should occur. We know that the concept of a lockdown can cause some anxiety which is why we have a drill to familiarise staff and students with the procedures. The teachers will talk to the students about the drill to prepare them for Thursday.

ATTENDANCE

Dear parents,

In the Semester 1 reports you will notice that your child's attendance is reported in two forms.

The number of whole days absent and partial absences are included. These are further broken down into absences that we have had a reason given and for those that are still unexplained.

Attendance

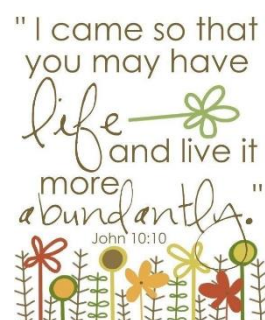
Attendance			
Attendance Period		21/07/2020 - 01/12/2020	
Whole Days Absent (Explained)	0	Partial Days Absent (Explained)	0
Whole Days Absent (Unexplained)	3	Partial Days Absent (Unexplained)	0

Today letters have been distributed to parents who have unexplained absences still outstanding for their child(ren). Very occasionally a note can be missed so if you have any queries on the unexplained absences please notify the office.

The easiest way to avoid having an outstanding unexplained absence is to send in the reason via Skoolbag. This goes directly to the office and is entered into our system daily.



Living Life to the Full: our Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education



For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This draft new curriculum for Religious Education will be known as **Living Life to the Full** and is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

[RE Living Life to the Full explained](#)

Faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Catholic Teaching and Values, **Living Life to the Full** is designed to be age-appropriate for children and young people. 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.

Premiers Reading Challenge



Congratulations to Jake M (Stage 1) and Harrison M (Stage 2).

Jake and Harrison are the first students at St Monica's to complete the reading challenge in 2021! A fantastic achievement!!

Both boys will receive a Dymocks voucher so that they can continue to enjoy their love of reading with some new books over the holidays.

How many books do you have left to go?

Remember you can choose 5 books of your own choice and children from K-2 can include books that you have read with your teachers or parents in person or online.



Remember....

Please see your teacher if you have misplaced your login details.

For further information, please visit the [PRC website](#).

Parents can access the 2021 booklist at the following address,

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

Melissa Beggs
PRC Coordinator

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AT ST MONICA'S

Last week and earlier this term you may have noticed some work being done around the school.

We have been the recipient of a Diocesan wide commitment to reduce our schools impact on the environment by having new solar panels installed at the school and just recently LED lights installed in all our admin and learning spaces including the library. LED lights use around half the energy of older style lights and last about five times longer, meaning they don't need to be replaced as often and draw down less energy from the electricity grid. In addition to being better for the environment, the LEDs also enhance the learning experience for students by providing improved lighting levels in classrooms. We are very grateful to have the support of CEDP in making our school better and more sustainable.



UNIFORMS - PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Unfortunately, we have a lot of jumpers/jackets in lost property, some with names and others without. If you purchase a second-hand item, please also make sure that you cross out the old name and mark it with your child's name. We also ask that you regularly check the jumper/jacket that your child comes home with as they may have inadvertently picked up someone else's. Often names on jumpers are on the back side of the tag. While we regularly sort through the lost property collection, since the weather has become cooler, we are unable to keep up with the ever increasing pile. Please feel free to look through the collection when you come to pick up your child in the afternoon. It is a shame that so many items do not get claimed.



Term 2 2021 eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) sees 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 guide to parental controls - Thursday 24 June 2021, 12:30 -1.30 pm

This live webinar explores the latest research and is a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. The session is delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinar

eSafety's guide to parental controls

This webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 4-13. It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

What you need to do

Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:

- 24 June 2021 session - [link to register](#)



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



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

\$35 A DAY OR 3 DAYS FOR \$100
Lunch orders available on the day

Monday 28th June 2021
Carnival Games Multi Sport Finger Print Painting
Tuesday 29th June 2021
Soccer World Cup Basketball Skills Animal Rock Painting
Wednesday 30th June 2021
Hockey Scavenger Hunt Science Experiments
Thursday 1st July 2021 - Don't forget to wear your PJ's
PJ Party Interactive Games Paper Plane Flying School
Friday 2nd June 2021 - Dress up as your favourite Emergency Service
Emergency Services Visit and Arts and Crafts
Monday 5th July 2021
Mini Olympics Olympic Art Olympic Ring Decorating
Tuesday 6th July 2021
Out of this world Arts & Crafts Rocket ship Decorating Multi Sport

All activities run 9am to 3pm & are for children aged 5-14 years old.
Payment must be made at time of booking.
Book now! Places are limited; call 4505 5070
A \$10 yearly membership is required.
ALL School Holiday Activities accept a Creative Kids Voucher





SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

HOW TO BOOK IN

1. Please head to our Website
<https://www.pccynsw.org.au/hawkesbury/school-holidays>
2. Scroll down and
Click on the
BOOKING FORM BUTTON
3. Then
Fill out Booking Forms & return into the club or via email below
4. Hawkesbury@pccynsw.org.au
16 Stewart St, South Windsor



The Stage 3 soccer girls had a wonderful day last Wednesday at the Soccer Gala day. They were great competitors and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. The team won their pool, winning all 6 games and not allowing any goals to be scored against them. Amazing effort and Congratulations girls!!



Congratulations to our Stage 2 and 3 Rugby League teams who participated in the Panther Trophy Cup on Tuesday 25th May. The teams gave it their best against very strong competition and we were very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mr Duncan who assisted with the coaching of the teams. This was very much appreciated. There will be a presentation at the week 10 assembly for these students. Well Done !!

St Monica's Colour Athon

Our Colour Athon donations are being finalised. If you still have any cash donations can you please send it into school so we can organise the ordering of our prizes.

If you need any help with ordering your child's prizes please contact Mrs Duval through the office and she will get back to you asap.

Thank you again for your wonderful support of our Colour Run and St Monica's Primary School.

Stage 3 Canberra 2021



More stories and pics
to come in Week 10
Newsletter





Parish White Elephant Stall

It's time to declutter, to clean out your cupboards, drawers and shed.

Donations of items (in good condition) that you no longer need will be greatfully accepted during June Monday-Friday 9am-3pm for the Parish White Elephant Stall to be held in the Old Church 25th, 26th, 27th June. Please contact Nolene Fienberg 0432355162 for further information

The Parish of Richmond

St Monica's school and Parish work closely together and support each other in every way possible.



Parish Mass Times St Monica's

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm


Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am

St Gregory's Saturday: 9am

Sunday: 8am & 9am



CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES			<div></div> <div>Apples \$1.00</div> <div></div>	
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			Extra Fillings	
Salad with Avo, Feta & Olives		\$4.50	Mayonnaise	\$0.30
Chicken & salad		\$4.50	Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30
Ham & salad		\$4.50	Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50	Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50
Egg & salad		\$4.00	FRUIT & JELLY	
Salad bowl		\$3.50	Jelly cup	\$1.00
WRAPS			Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50	Custard cup	\$1.00
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50	Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50	RECESS MENU	
\$3.50 Hot dog with sauce	HOT DOG DAY		Garlic bread	\$1.00
	K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month 3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month		Cheese & bacon roll	\$2.00
HOT FOOD			Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip	\$1.00
Gluten free nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Banana muffin	\$1.00
Hash browns		\$1.50	Chocolate muffin	\$1.00
Fish fingers	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Vegemite & Cheese Scrolls	\$0.50
Corn on the cob		\$1.50	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.	
Hot roast chicken roll		\$3.50		
Pie -Traveller (Large)		\$3.50	SNACKS	
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese		\$3.50	Red rock deli chips – Honey & soy	\$1.50
Potato Pie		\$4.00	Smith's salt & vinegar (Gluten free)	\$1.50
Lite sausage roll		\$3.00	Popcorn	\$1.00
Spinach & cheese roll		\$3.00	Want Want Rice Crackers	\$0.30
Pizza – Cheese & bacon		\$3.50	Eucalyptus drops	\$1.00
Lasagne		\$4.00	ICE BLOCKS	
Macaroni & cheese		\$4.00	Quelch – 99% Fruit juice	\$1.00
Mamee chicken noodles		\$3.00	Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
Burgers			Zing (yoghurt & fruit)	\$1.00
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce		\$4.00	Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups	\$1.00
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato		\$4.00	Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)	\$0.30
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00	DRINKS	
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00	Popper juice Apple or Orange	\$1.50
			Spring water	\$2.00
			Chill J (Raspberry, orange passion)	\$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	