



# ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week 6 Term 4      Tuesday November 9, 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to Term 4, Week 6!

The term is well and truly underway with all students settled in their routines and actively engaged in their learning. It is now that time of year where many events take place, and we look forward to sharing these with you as COVID-safe regulations allow. We continue to share snapshots of our days on the St Monica's Facebook page and send out notices and reminders via the Skoolbag app.

### **Rainbow 'Mission' Day.**

On Friday we celebrated Rainbow Day at St Monica's. Michaela and Sydney in Stage 3, led the crane making initiative, to encourage families to talk about Mission Day. A colourful rainbow of paper cranes was displayed to build awareness of what our Mission Day is all about. The money donated helps children in Timor-Leste to have access to quality education. One such initiative is a Mobile Learning Centre which enables the poorest and most neglected children the opportunity to access books and educational facilities through the provision of a library learning centre and interactive workshops, encouraging children to develop a passion for education and creatively engage in key learning areas. Thank you for your support of this work through awareness, donations and prayer.

A special thank you also to our Year 5 students who visited the stage spaces and led each group in a liturgy. As future leaders of our school, we were so proud of them for leading our school community in faith and service.



### **Construction Update**

The past week has been very exciting with the demolition of the 'old' toilet block. The children are intrigued by the sound of construction at times throughout the day. Temporary toilet blocks have been installed for student use including the use of the Hall toilet facilities.



### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Thank you for your support of our COVID-safe drop off and pick up procedures. A reminder that parents and carers are asked not to enter the school gates and if you have any concerns, please briefly speak with Mrs Beggs or Mrs Bond at the gate or contact the school office.

With inclement weather set to continue over the next week, students may get wet as they walk to their afternoon pick up area and to the school gates to meet you. We ask that you please ensure your child has a raincoat in their bag should it be raining at pick up time.

# NEWSLETTER

## Remembrance Day

This Thursday 11 November, we will observe one minute's silence at 11am, to remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in wartime and as a result of war. As we remember the lives that have been lost, let us promise each other to work for the freedom of all who are oppressed in the world today. It is important that we continue to help our students understand the great sacrifices our veterans made in the past and our current peacekeepers make today.



### Peace Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that I may not so much seek;  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving That we receive,  
It is in pardoning, That we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen

Have a wonderful week,  
*Annemarie Bond*  
Assistant Principal



**Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated last week and will be celebrating over the next 2 weeks**

<i>Flynn F – S2B</i>	<i>Maya W-L - KW</i>
<i>Jack L – S2W</i>	<i>Alara P – S3W</i>
<i>Emily M – S1W</i>	<i>Ashton S – S3B</i>
<i>Joel S – S2W</i>	<i>Michael L – S2B</i>
<i>John M – S1B</i>	<i>Cooper S – S3W</i>
<i>Brodie R - KW</i>	





Kindergarten - Red



Year 1 & 2 - Orange & Yellow

## Rainbow Day!



Year 3 - Blue

Each year the teachers and children of Yr 5 help to raise money for our Mission Day and support the community of Timor-Leste. This year thanks to our school community St Monica's raised \$463. Although the year 5 children couldn't participate in our normal fund-raising activities as previous years, they did a wonderful job with the situation that was given to them.



Year 4 - Green



Year 5 - Indigo



Year 6 - Violet



**Congratulations to the children who celebrated a**

**Principal's Morning Tea today with Mrs Bond**

**Stage 3** – Levi R, Patrick C, Isabella B, Michaela L, Charlee R, Olivia S, Makayla G, Rhys T, Caitlin H, Ashton S, Lucas R, Eamon K, Annabel S

**Stage 2** – Heath B, Hayley C, Drew C, Abigail C-T, Austin D, Alyssa G, Pippa H, Jack L, Jake Y



## Don't Forget Foodie Friday begins this week!

### Friday 12th November 2021 - HOT DOG DAY

The Hot Dog Lunch Pack will consist of:

- a hot dog
- a juice popper/water



### Friday 19th November 2021 - ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAY

### Friday 26th November 2021- ICE-CREAM SPIDERS



## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

St Monica's Parent Portal is now active. You have received an email on the 1<sup>st</sup> November giving you information and instructions on how to register to be able to log into the portal. Using the Compass Parent Portal you will be able to:

- Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- Review your child's attendance
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

### Accessing Compass

Compass is a web based application that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by downloading the App called 'Compass School Manager' available through Apple Store or Google Play store for Android users.





9 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In the past days, there has been some misinformation circulating online suggesting that planning was underway for mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations of students at school.

I want to be clear that this is not the case. There are no plans for schools to arrange mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for students.

I hope that you find this clarification helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby', is written over a horizontal line.

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## St Monica's Parish White Elephant and Book Sale

Huge Bargains! Christmas gifts, glassware, crockery, kitchen items, craft, candles, vases, linen.

Clothes, jewellery, bags & shoes.

Some electrical and small furniture

Stationary, DVD's, CD's, paintings, toys, games puzzles,

Check us out at the Old Church,

Bourke Street, Richmond.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December.

9.00am – 3.00pm



### Nutrition Snippet

#### FRIDAY NIGHT FAKEAWAYS.



**Our 'fakeaways' are good for health and for the wallet!**

- [Easy pizza](#) - you have to try this recipe to believe how easy it is!
- [Mixed salad](#) - make the meal complete with this simple salad

 3.5 of your 5 veg serves!

For these recipes and more visit:

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box