All equipment must be brought in from home. Please do not ask teachers for ingredients, hot water etc.

The Science Expo will go for approx. 1 hour and the whole school will be visiting. Every child must have enough equipment to last the hour (several viewings).

On arrival in the morning, children can place their bag of science things on a table to secure their spot. (they do not set up equipment until 9:15).

At 8:50am there will be a whole school assembly for children (parents are welcome to join us) and children will then be dismissed to go and set up for the science expo at approx. 9:15.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to help with set up and pack up and also stand next to your child through the viewing time.

Children will stand up behind their experiment and explain to visitors the science of their experiment.

Children may like to display a poster or information explaining how they made it/ what it does etc.

Children may have to share a table with another child/group. Set up will begin at 9:15 and pack up at 10:20.

Please bring a garbage bag, paper towel, and towel, tray to collect spillage and keep your area clean. All children are responsible for their own clean up. Liquids or evasive products are not to be thrown down the sink.

If you are using food colouring, you may need to wear a paint shirt or gloves.

If you have an experiment which projects food, water or objects, please set up at a table with clear space around you.

Children taking part in the Science Expo can wear something “sciencey” such as a lab coat or goggles etc. This day will also be a gold coin donation day for our Fete fundraising (Science mufti). Please come and see me in the library if you have any questions.

Mrs Duval
**Fete News**

**Fete Mufti Day Friday 19th June: Scientist Theme**

Come dressed in a lab coat, wacky hair, glasses, stethoscope etc. and bring a gold coin donation towards our upcoming Parish & School Fete to be held on Saturday 1st August.

**Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets will be distributed to each family before our school fete. There will be lots of great prizes to win. Each family will need to fill out a “Raffle Ticket Consent Form” which has been sent home to each family at the beginning of the year. Due to new policies your child will not receive raffle tickets unless this form has been signed. If you have not completed this form please call into the office or phone and one can be sent home with your child. *Don’t miss the chance of winning some great prizes!*

**Fete Meeting**

Our next fete meeting is on Thursday, 18th June at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Please come along to lend a hand as fete preparations have already begun!

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**Religious Education News**

**Coming to Mass?**

Parents and family members often ask me - “Can we come along to the next school mass?” My response is always a resounding “Absolutely!”

For whatever reason, attending Mass regularly on a Saturday evening or Sunday can be difficult. My most difficult time was taking my two children of three and five years to mass at Frankfurt Dom (Frankfurt Cathedral), whilst we were living in Germany, compiled with two very vocal and energetic toddlers, it really didn’t help that we couldn’t speak German!

However, we searched for ways of making more sense out of our situation. We found that there was an English mass on once a month and a Latin mass was held most Sunday evenings. There was enough for us to get by until our German kicked in, which is still pretty shabby at best.

In a survey published in the Catholic Family Magazine for May-June, the two main reasons why families stop attending mass are:

1. My kids are disruptive (33%).
2. My kids don’t want to go (29%).

School masses are fantastic masses to help with both of these. Most kids actually want to attend these masses because their friends are there and they get to see their big brothers and sisters. The liturgical music is usually upbeat and the homily is succinct, drawing on the main essence of the scripture. People of any age often come away feeling Spirit filled.

As for attending mass more regularly on Saturday evening or Sundays, there is a wonderful article title; *Raising Catholics: Taking Kids to Mass* published by Catholic Family. The highlight of the article is a section called ‘The Ultimate Mass Survival Guide for Parents’. Please see below for your free access to the publication.


**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

Last Friday the school came together to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It was a wonderful celebration! We would like to thank all of the parents and family members who were able to attend.

**Nepal Fundraiser**

The generosity from our community keeps getting better! We have had some more money come in for our Nepal fundraiser and we now have raised **$1980**, AMAZING!!!! Thank you.

**Sr Rosie Drum**

Over the past two weeks we have had Sr Rosie Drum come in to St Monica’s and speak with the children. Sr Rosie is the Youth Coordinator for the Parramatta Diocese. She came to speak with the children about her vocation. The children loved her! They asked some great questions, like;

“So let me understand this… You can’t get married to a man?”  
“Why can’t women become priests?”  
“Why did you become a sister?”  

(Year 4)  
(Year 6)  
(Year 3)
“Do you always wear white and brown, or do you have pyjamas?”

(Year 1)

“Who made God?”

(Kindergarten)

Sr Rosie really enjoyed coming to be a part of our community, and from time to time she will visit here again. Sr Rosie has also been visiting parishes around the diocese talking about World Youth Day 2016. Thanks for answering all of our questions Sr Rosie, especially Kindergarten’s!

Mr Ben Oxley
Acting Religious Education Coordinator
Dear Parents

Year 1 to 6 - Parent Teacher interviews will be held at various times between (Monday to Friday June 22nd – 26th).
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Please note Kindergarten will have interviews later in Term 3.

St Monica’s School, Richmond

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Looking for assistance?

For parents that don’t have access to the Internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please call the school office for assistance.

Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly.

Bookings close Friday June 19th.