School Based Fees

Due to the increase of every day expenses and especially in the field of Technology, we now feel the need to raise our Technology and Administration fee by $5 per term per family and our Resource fee will raise by $10 per annum per child. We understand that this may place a burden on some families and if this is the case, then we ask that you make an appointment to discuss your situation with Mr Lievore.

Students not returning in 2016

This is the time of year when classes, buddies etc are being structured for 2016. We have been advised by a number of students that they will not be returning in 2016, for various reasons. It is very important that the school office is notified by parents and relevant processes put into place, so that teachers can program and set guidelines for the following year. We ask that those families who will not be returning from grades K-5 notify the school office as soon as they are aware they will not be returning.

Year 6 Fundraising Events

This Thursday the Year 6 Fundraiser will be ICE CREAM DAY. Ice Creams will be sold for 50 cents each. All funds raised go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

Year 2 Opal Cards for 2016

All students in Year 2 progressing to Year 3, 2016, who currently have a Bus Pass are required to complete a new application form. Application forms have been distributed to all Year 2 students. Your application needs to be returned by Friday, November 27, 2015, or your child will NOT receive a bus pass in 2016. NB: It is very important that the nearest cross street is entered at "Details of Journey" – Question 5, otherwise your application will be returned to the school and NOT processed.

Christmas Concert

As preparations have begun for our end of year concert, we would like to know if your child/children cannot be part of the evening, please advise the class teacher ASAP.

"THE STAR"
A Musical Play presented by the students of St Monica’s
Friday December 4th
7 – 8 pm
Social Media
The Australian Government - Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has provided this website that offers valuable information to parents about social media sites:

For each social media site eg: Facebook, it includes answers to the following questions:

Who can access this?
How can I protect my information?
How can I report cyberbullying or abuse?
Are there ways to spend money?
Where can I get more information?

Book Club Orders
Book Club Orders have now closed. If you have missed out on ordering from this issue of book club, there will be more opportunities in the new year.

Save the date....
Thursday 10th December
Gingerbread House Making Evening
6pm in the school hall

A note will be sent home later this week with more details.
The P & F Committee look forward to seeing you there!

Astronomy Night - Telescopes for Christmas
The Penrith Observatory together with the Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 28 November from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation from WSAAG members who will look at some of the different types of telescopes you could buy for your families and friends, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).
Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online:
www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatory What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au

Year 4 Book Reviews

One Perfect Pirouette.
By Sheryl Clark

Have you ever wondered what it was like to pursue your dream to be a ballet dancer when you are only 12 years old? Well this book is for you. It is another amazing book by Sheryl Clark, which will make your heart melt.

One Perfect Pirouette is an amazing book. I love the parts when Bryon moves to Melbourne from Bendigo. She finds it hard to make friends. But when Bryon moves to another school she finds another girl that was at the same audition as her at a professional ballet school. She does not remember her name. It makes my heart melt with sadness.

I recommend this book for girls aged 10 to 12. One Perfect Pirouette is an amazing book because it has no pictures and it makes you think about the description of the characters.

I give this book 7 out of 10 because sometimes the book intrigues you so much but when you get to a new chapter it changes and leaves you hanging.

By Lily
Go Girl Surfs Up Book Review

By Chrissie Perry

Are you one of those people who love surfing, riding on those waves and through the crystal water? Then the go girl book surfs up is the one for you. Surfs up is about a girl named Lucy and her best friend Bonnie who is taking her on a holiday to the beach to use her new surf board. They take fun surf classes but it does get a bit competitive at who rides the best waves.

This book is very interesting because I love a story with a great big twist. My favorite part is when Bonnie and Lucy stuffed tissues up Bonnies brothers noses.

Surfs Up is a great book because it funny and nice at the same time!

Surfs Up is a great read and I love it. Surfs up is very similar to my life because I love catching waves and going to the beach and playing in the sand. I recommend this book for girls who love a great beach and friendship book.

I am giving this book a 5 star rating because this book is great in every way and it appeals to your emotions.

Reviewed by Adelaide age 9
Daring BMXERS
By Michael Sandler

BANG HOP BANG HOP! What? Haven’t you heard the sound of a BMX bike bunnyhopping? Well you sure can here by reading Daring BMXERS by Michael Sandler.

Daring BMXERS is not a funny book it is more of a information book. It is a great book to learn lots more tricks for a chance to turn PRO!

My favourite part was when a man named Matt Hoffman rode of a cliff with a parachute. He was 16,000 feet off the ground. I like this because most people wouldn’t do that but he was that cool to do it.

This book is different to other books because Daring BMXERS only has about 25 pages but all of them pages tell you something amazing.

I recommend this book for ages 8-20 because it is good to teach kids tricks at a young age so that when they’re older they can do the tricks better. I give this book a 5 star rating because the photos in the book are amazing. I recommend this book for YOU

Book reviewed by
Kobi Walsh

DARING BMXERS

BY MICHAEL Sandler
Smooch And Rose Book Review

Do you like books that intrigue with cute but sad stories? Then this books for you! Smooch and Rose by Samantha Wheeler has a story with a fun but hard adventure to come. This story taught me many things but the main thing was to after any living thing.

My favourite part is when Rose saves smooch from the blood hungry dogs. Her, her gran and some help from carol they can look after smooch and keep the koala safe. I enjoyed that part because Smooch was safe from the dogs.

The book was interesting because Rose dose something you don’t expect. I recommend this book for ages 9-13 because it is sad and happy when they can keep the farm. I also recommend this for girls because it is a story about a girl named rose and she lives with her gran on a farm.

I give this book 5-5 stars because it is funny sad and adventurous also give it 10-10 because the story telling and that I can imagine what will happen next. If you want to know what happens next you have to read the book.

Reviewed by Holly £103