IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the total disruption for teachers who need to have things organised before events, permission notes and/or money will no longer be accepted on the day of an event, or after the event eg: excursions, incursions, catering etc. These must be sent to the office via the class office bags, so that they can be recorded in the class books which are sent to the office. So please give envelopes to your child so that they can be placed in the office bags.

ABSENTEES ON CENSUS DAY

It is a legal requirement, that if a child is away on any day, an explanation, in writing, must be sent to the school by the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence. It is particularly important to be accountable on Census Day, August 1st last Friday. If students don't have written explanations, then they may not be counted in the Census figures which are sent to the Government so that the Catholic Schools can obtain funding. If your child was away on Census Day, please forward a note to their teacher or office. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners of our Fete Raffle.

1st Prize  $2,500 Gift Voucher from Richmond Travel Centre plus $500 spending money was won by Hayley Heskett.

2nd Prize  $500 Coles/Myers Gift Card won by Catherine Duck

3rd Prize  $250 Bunnings Gift Card won by Louise McGraw.
**BOOK WEEK NEWS - Important dates for families**

**Scholastic Book Fair in the Library**
**FRIDAY 15th August until WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST**

The Book Fair will not be open in the morning before school. **Friday August 15th** – boys and girls will be viewing the fair and completing wish lists. **Monday August 18th and Tuesday August 19th** – boys and girls can purchase throughout the day. Parents are invited to visit after 3:15pm until 3:45pm. **Wednesday only** – The Book Fair will be open throughout the day for parents and will close at 2pm today.

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20th**
**Book Week Celebration/ Grandparents Day!**

All children and staff will come to school dressed as a character from any storybook. Some popular characters may be Dr Seuss, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Koala Lou, Pippy Longstockings, pirates, fairies, sports people…. You will find the ideas endless as there is bound to be a book character that will suit the clothes you have at home. There is no need to purchase or hire costumes for the book parade.

**Grandparents Day Liturgy in the hall – 12:30**
**Open Classrooms – 1:00 until 1:30** Grandparents may be asked to read a special story to the children.

**Book Fair buying in the Library** with parents/grandparents in the Library (after liturgy – 2:00)
**Picnic in the playground 1:30 – 2:00** Parents and Grandparents are invited to sit and eat with their children on our school grounds. Bring a picnic blanket and some picnic food to share with your children.

**Book Week Parade at 2pm**

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**Peppercorn Hawkesbury**

**Family Day Care**

Interested in a Child Care Career?

Hawkesbury Family Day care is a professional home-based childcare service operating for over 30 years.

**IF YOU HAVE...**
- a child you want to stay at home with and still contribute to family income
- a warm, secure and safe home environment
- a desire to build a successful home-based childcare business
- an interest in promoting the best outcomes for children

**WE HAVE...**
- a fantastic self-employed career opportunity for you

(Please note: All applicants are subject to a Working with Children Check)

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**Information sessions will be held.**

Please call to get an information pack and make an appointment.

Ph: 4504 7009
or 9045 8201
Fax: 4577 8910
The theme for Book Week this year is called **Connect to Reading**.

You are welcome to visit the Library, connect to reading and enter the world of the shortlisted picture books!

2 weeks to go......

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The money raised from the Book Fair will go towards buying new Library books.  
Book donations from the Book Fair will be most welcomed!

There is a Book Week Challenge at the bottom of this letter. Please return your challenge to the Library by Friday of this week. Entries will be drawn out of a box. 5 winners of the challenge/draw (with correct answers) will receive a voucher to select a free book in the Book Fair.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 15th**

**Connect to Reading Opening Ceremony and a special visitor!**
Each grade will parade into the hall with their book week book. The assembly will be held for children during the day.

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**GRANDPARENTS DAY**
The St Monica’s School children welcome their family and especially Grandparents to attend this special day.

The day will include:  
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**BOOK WEEK PARADE**

The Book Week Parade will take place from 2:00pm.
Each class will be parading to a chosen song with actions or a dance. Prizes will be up for grabs for the most amazing class parade. Our mystery judges will be looking for creativity and participation by all members of your class/group.

**THURSDAY AUGUST 21st**
**Connect to Reading Book Week Displays**
All classes, LSC and the Office will decorate their classroom with themes from a shortlisted Book Week book. Every class in the school will then walk to view all displays and award a score out of 10. At the end of the day we will announce the winner of the best Book Week display.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 22nd**
**Closing Ceremony**

Book Week is an exciting time for the community of St Monica’s. I hope to see many families during the week.

Happy Reading

Mrs Duval - Teacher Librarian

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**BOOK WEEK CHALLENGE NO 1**

Place your entry in the box out the front of the Library by Friday of this week. The first 5 correct trivia entries pulled from the box receive a voucher for a free book from the Book Fair.

1. Who is the author of the “Silver buttons”?
2. Who is the illustrator of the book “I’m a dirty dinosaur”?
3. What is the date of Grandparents Day?
4. What is the theme for Book Week?
5. In what year was the Children’s Book Council of Australia established?
6. What is the title of the 2013 winner of Best Picture Book?
7. What is the title of the 2014 shortlist book written by Libby Gleeson?
8. When does the Book Fair open this year?
9. Who is the illustrator of the book week book “Windy Farm”?
10. What can you come to school dressed as on our Book Week parade day?