Dear Families,

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Vanessa Bonadio to St Monica’s. Vanessa has been appointed to replace Sue Blessing and will work in the school office each Monday and Tuesday for 2014.

Awards

This year there will be a change to the awards that are presented to children. The St Monica’s awards will remain unchanged. However, the KLA awards that are presented at the end of the year will be replaced by a number of awards that celebrate broader achievement in learning. The awards to be presented are:

- **Learning Achievement Award (2 per learning group)**
  
  - Awarded for consistent high achievement across all Key Learning Areas

- **Work Habits Award (2 per learning group)**
  
  - Awarded for working diligently, completing all set tasks, taking care with presentation and demonstrating highly effective organisational skills

- **Encouragement Award (2 per learning group)**
  
  - Awarded for perseverance in learning, attempting all tasks and completing tasks to the best of his/her ability

- **Mary MacKillop Award (1 per learning group)**
  
  - For never seeing a need without doing something about it

Cameron Lievore
Principal

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**Christmas In The Parish**

**St Monica’s**

- 24 December: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
- (Children's Mass); 12:00am Midnight Mass
- 25 December: 7:30am and 9:30am

**St Gregory’s**

- 24 December: 9:00pm Vigil Mass
- 25 December: 8:00am

**St John of God Chapel**

- 24 December: 8:00pm Vigil Mass
- 25 December: No Mass

**Christmas Reconciliation (2nd Rite)**

- St Monica’s, Monday, 15 December, 7:30pm

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**The Lighting of the Hawkesbury District Health Service Christmas Tree**

- Thursday 4 December 2014 at 7.30pm
**Dear Parents,**

The end of year reports will soon come home for the 2014 school year. There will be a small change to this year’s report. In the past the children’s absences have been recorded for 2 half-year periods (or at the end of each semester.) In order to follow the Catholic Education Office Enrolment Policy, absences and part absences will now be counted for the whole year and will also be recorded on the report. This adjustment to the reports is necessary as St Monica’s is changing over to the electronic roll marking in 2015. All absences and part absences will be recorded and downloaded into the CEO database so information can be gathered on attendance patterns for all schools in the diocese.

**Mary Clark**  
**Assistant Principal**

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**YEAR 2 STUDENTS BUS PASSES FOR 2015**

All students in Year 2 proceeding to Year 3, 2015 who currently have a Bus Pass are required to complete a new application form. Application forms have been distributed to all Year 2 students who currently hold a bus pass today. **PLEASE NOTE:** if you do not submit a new application by Friday November 28th 2014 your child will not receive a bus pass in 2015.

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**FROM THE REC……..**

**Year 6 Graduation Mass Choir**

To support our Year 6 Graduates in the celebration of the Graduation Mass on Tuesday, December 16th, I would like to invite the siblings of the graduates to form a choir that will practise one lunch time per week commencing next week. If you will allow your child to be part of this choir, please fill in the form below so I know who will be attending the Mass.

Leanne Ryan  
**Religious Education Co-Ordinator**

I would like my child ___________________ in Year ______ to be part of the Graduation Choir.

Signed: ____________________________  
Parent/Carer

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Please Note**

There will be no Hotdog Days for the remainder of the year.

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**Head Lice**

There has been 9 reported cases of Head Lice within the school. In order to determine if your child has been infected we are asking all parents to check their child's hair. If you require information please contact your local pharmacy as treatment is readily available.

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**Diocesan Work fund**

Envelopes were given out in week 6 to help raise much needed funds to support CatholicCares welfare services. We understand this is a busy time of year for everyone but any donation will be greatly appreciated.
AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL HELPERS

As a token of our appreciation we would like to invite you to a “Thank You” morning tea which will be held in the Hall on Wednesday December 10 at 10:45am.

This function enables us to acknowledge the role you have played in the education of the students at St Monica’s. Your dedication, commitment and the assistance given to the children is greatly appreciated. Our school community is strong and our students benefit from “teamwork”

We look forward to sharing this morning tea with you.

With thanks

The Staff of St Monica’s

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Dear Families,

Our Christmas Celebration this year will be held on;

Friday December 5
at 11:30
in the School Hall

This year we will tell a story, through the eyes of a small child who discovers the true meaning of Christmas. This prayerful reflection will remind us that, “A gift of love is best of all.”

We ask that the children wear the following clothes or items to add to the storytelling. Please do not go to any expense or feel that you have to buy special clothes. Please do not wear t-shirts with logos on the front.

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We look forward to sharing this celebration with you,
From the Staff and Students.

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CAKE RAFFLE

WEEK 8 - Thursday 27th November

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**Ingredients**

1 Large ripe banana
1 cup milk
1 egg
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1 cup self raising flour
120g caster sugar
120g choc bits

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 190°C and grease a 12 cup muffin tray
2. In a mixing bowl, mash the banana, add the milk, egg and melted butter. Mix well.
3. Stir the flour, sugar and choc bits into the banana mixture, mix only until the ingredients are combined.

Serve warm or cold.

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## Richmond Vacation Care

**Monday 12th January**  
**Sustainable Craft Day**  
![Craft Day Image]

**Tuesday 13th January**  
**Richmond Fire Station Visit**  
![Fire Station Visit Image]

**Wednesday 14th January**  
**Excursion: Skatel**  
$15.00  
![Skatel Image]

**Thursday 15th January**  
**Boots Camp**  
![Boots Camp Image]

**Friday 16th January**  
**Kidz Zoo Incursion**  
$10.00  
![Zoo Incursion Image]

**Monday 19th January**  
**Gardening Day**  
![Gardening Image]

**Tuesday 20th January**  
**Cultural Cooking**  
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**Wednesday 21st January**  
**Excursion: Featherdale Wildlife Park**  
$25.00  
![Featherdale Wildlife Park Image]

**Thursday 22nd January**  
**Water Splash Day**  
![Water Splash Image]

**Friday 23rd January**  
**Australia Day Activities & Pizza @ Pugh’s Lagoon**  
$5.00  
![Pizza Image]

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**Children’s Names:**

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**Parents Signature:**

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**Date:** ________________

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### $35.00 per day Less CCB%

**Excursions additional**  
(incl. admission & transport)

**BOOK NOW on 4578 3442**  
or email richoosh@hotmail.com

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### Astronomy Night

The UWS Penrith Observatory will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 6 December from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

**Bookings are essential:**
Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory),  
What's On Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au,  
[www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory](http://www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory)

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### Londonderry Playgroup

Come and Join Londonderry Playgroup  
Every Thursday 10am-12pm (excluding school hols)  
Londonderry Community Centre, Carrington Rd  
Contact Julie: 0414 665 236