Dear Families,

During Term 1, the teachers at St Monica’s worked in teams to review a number of policy areas. Mrs Ryan led a team that developed a Statement on Formation, the purpose of which is to outline in a succinct way, our commitment to ensuring that St Monica’s is a centre of evangelisation and authentically Catholic in all that we do. I congratulate Mrs Ryan and her team and include the statement with this newsletter for your interest.

Last Friday we held our ‘Wacky-athon’ – our annual ‘athon’ fundraiser that enables us to purchase much needed resources for learning and teaching. I would like to congratulate the children for their participation – everyone had a great time! My thanks also to the teachers for organising the activities and to Mrs McKay for her overall coordination of the day. Of course, it would not have been the success it was without the support of families and friends in sponsoring the children.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
Enrolment packs are now available from the school office for Kindergarten 2015, or by downloading from the website: www.stmonicarichmond.catholic.edu.au
Application need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 30 May 2014.
What a day we had last Friday! The children participated in a variety of activities in each stage including: wacky-maths, wacky-science, wacky-art, nutty netball, paper games and puzzles, obstacle course, orienteering, batty board games, crazy cricket, wacky dance and much, much more!! Thanks to the small band of mums who once again helped on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Sponsor Cards & Money** – Please make sure that you put your child’s name on the card as well as on the envelope. Money and cards have already started coming in with over $2000.00 collected. All money will be due in by Friday 30th May when we will have our major prize draw. Remember for every ten dollars collected your child receives one ticket in the class and major draw.

Thanks for your continued support of this major school fundraiser.

Mrs McKay – Wacky-Athon Coordinator

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**Mothers’ Day Morning Tea**

Following a beautiful liturgy, the hall was a lovely sight last Thursday with over eighty mums and grandmothers enjoying morning tea and each other’s company. The choir entertained everyone with their great singing.

Thank you all for coming and making the day so special.

Joanne McKay - Coordinator

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**Year 5 Vege Patch And Nude Food Day**

**Nude Food Day Competitions**

Primary Poster Competition due Wednesday 14th May

K-2 Colouring In Competition due Friday 16th May

Please hand in to class teachers.

**Nude Food Day**

Tuesday 20th May

Healthy Food = Healthy Environment

Can you beat the no rubbish challenge?

On Friday 2nd May, Year 5 held a garden stall to sell some fresh produce that was grown in the school gardens. The sale was a great success, every item offered for sale was sold and we managed to raise $177.15. This money will be put back into our gardens.
Year 5 have had a wonderful crop this season, we really enjoy the gardens and we have learnt a lot about good eating habits. We hope we have inspired others to do the same. We would like to thank the parents, guardians and friends that bought the produce.

I just want to remind families that the first Nude Food Day for this term is next Tuesday 20th May. Let’s see everyone participate by bringing in fresh healthy produce in re-usable containers.

Kellyanne Kemble - Nude Food Coordinator

WINTER UNIFORM
All students should now be wearing their winter uniform. Please refer to the uniform clarification letter sent home to all families yesterday to ensure your child/children are wearing the correct winter uniform.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP
The secondhand uniform shop is a service provided to parents by volunteers. Please be aware that when purchasing from this uniform shop that it is CASH ONLY. The secondhand uniform shop is located in the old cottage, in Bourke Street, just near the Year 5/6 gate. The opening days and times are on the parent notice board outside the office.

GREG ALEXANDER SHIELD
On May 2nd, the St Monica’s rugby league team participated in the Greg Alexander Shield. The St Monica’s Rugby League team consisted of Bailey Small, Liam Buchan, Adam Zahra, Riley Gonzalez, Jarrod Stokes, Jackson Piggott, Tim Allen, Lachlan Taylor, Jordan Ryke and Jordan Webster.

Our first game was up against Blaxland East. Unfortunately we lost 24-6. The second game we came out and smashed Bligh Park Blue 34-0. After that we met Mario Fenech (the rabbitos superstar). He gave us an inspirational talk which helped us win our next game 24-4. After 2 wins and one loss we made it to the Grand Final against Blaxland East. We played much better than our first game, but we lost 18-6. We received our medals which were presented to us by Mario Fenech.

As Captain, Adam Zahra and Vice Captain, Liam Buchan, we thank the parents for taking the boys down to compete and we also thank Mr Oxley for organising the Gala Day.

Adam Zahra and Liam Buchan

Mark Taylor Cricket Game 2
Our team travelled to St. Mary’s on Thursday 1st May to play game 2 against Trinity Kemps Creek. We had fantastic bowling performances on the day, keeping Trinity to just 97 runs. Our batsmen went in confidently but after some very tight bowling we were bowled out with just seven balls to go and only 5 runs to get. The parents, boys & girls and myself were on the edge of our seats!!! It was a great game and once again the team played with great sportsmanship.

Thanks to Mr Beirne for helping out with umpiring on the day and to all the parent and spectators who cheered us on! Well done to a great team!

Mrs McKay - Team Manager
**MORNING ARRIVALS AND AFTERNOON PICKUPS:**

**Arrival:** Playground supervision does not begin until 8:20am. Children who arrive before this time will need to sit on the seats between the Canteen and Library. Bourke Street gate (near Year 6 classrooms) will be opened at 8:30am for STUDENTS ONLY entry. This is NOT an entrance for parents. If you wish to accompany your child onto the school grounds, please use the Francis Street entry. Bourke Street gates will be locked at 8.50am.

**Afternoon Pick Up:** Parents please wait in the COLA until the 3.10pm bell when children can be collected from the central courtyard area, in front of the K-2 classrooms. Please be considerate of children catching buses and teachers already on bus duty. The Bourke Street gate will also be open at 3.10pm for the pick-up of children. Children will still be sitting in their after school positions and parents must walk in to collect them. This gate will be closed promptly at 3.20pm, when remaining children will be moved to the COLA area. All children should be collected from school before 3.30pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As a matter of safety NO preschool children are permitted on the play equipment at any time.

**Parish Car Park:** STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ENTER SCHOOL VIA THE PARISH DRIVEWAY. We know that you will support this as it is for the safety of all children.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish driveway is closed from 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

To Ryan Lawrence (4 Blue) who competed in the NSWPSSA Swimming Championships on 9 & 10 April at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park with the following results in the NSWPSSA 8-10 Junior Boys Multiclass events:

- 50m Backstroke – Silver Medal
- 50m Freestyle – Fourth Place

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**CAKE RAFFLE**

**WEEK 3 - Thursday May 15**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

To students celebrating their birthday during the next two weeks:

Kiera Gemmell  Ellynah Pitt
Jasmine Fry    Ryan Lawrence
Halle Thomas   And’re Magazzu
Blake Hall     Sahra Bigeni-Stubbings
Annabel Bruzzese Max Fleetwood
Elise Lewis    Dylan Tanti
James Apap     Chanel Bastin
Paige Lewer    Jarred Ryan
Jai Carratt    

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**Canteen Roster**

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in our canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Alison on 45885405.

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Statement on Formation

Staff spiritual formation is firstly individual and personal. It is about promoting a personal encounter with Jesus Christ to nurture a deeply personal following of Jesus that is transformative. It is about our shared Catholic identity and involves us all at a communal level.

St Monica’s Primary School seeks to be a creative learning community that embraces the teachings of Christ. In striving towards this vision, we support both the parents of our students in their role as primary educators of the faith, and the Catholic Church in its evangelising mission.

To evangelise is to proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. Its goal is to bring people to faith through a personal encounter with Christ. This evangelisation must be complemented by a sound Religious Education program and engagement in the Catholic tradition.

At St Monica’s Primary School, we commit ourselves to the invitation of the Bishops of NSW and the ACT, seeking to ensure that our school:

- Is truly Catholic in its identity and life
- Is a centre of the new evangelisation
- Enables our students to achieve high levels of Catholic religious literacy and practice
- Is led and staffed by people who contribute to these goals

In engaging in the work of evangelisation and Religious Education, we are building a school community characterized by:

- Value-centred education in the Catholic tradition
- Preference for the education of the poor and marginalised
- A hallmark for excellence
- Compassionate presence

Through staff formation, teachers are better equipped to educate their students in a more meaningful and deeper level of purpose and understanding.

‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.’ John 10:10