Dear Families,

Last week you would have received a flyer, advertising for a fete coordinator. This is a very important position requiring a person with excellent communication and organisation skills to oversee all things related to the combined school / parish fete which is held annually in August. Profits raised are shared equally between the school and parish and enables both to maintain and purchase resources and equipment. The school uses funds raised by the fete in ways that directly benefit the children of St Monica’s. For example, the money raised means that we can purchase much needed literacy and numeracy resources, ICT hardware and software, library resources and sport equipment.

I urge you to consider taking on the role of fete coordinator. You will work with a dedicated and hard-working team of parents and parishioners who are committed to school and parish improvement.

Recently, all families would have received a flyer requesting assistance with traffic navigation and parking at the Hawkesbury Show in May. This is an opportunity for St Monica’s to repay the generosity of the Rotary Club who cooked the BBQ at the 2013 fete. Volunteers will be fully briefed regarding duties, provided with refreshments and will be fully insured. It is also an opportunity to raise funds as a donation to the school will be made depending on the number of volunteers who assist.

In the last newsletter, I included some tips from the teachers at St Monica’s on how parents and carers can help their children improve their reading. Here are some tips on how you might improve your child’s writing:

- Have a supply of materials (coloured pencils, crayons, paper etc) and encourage young children to draw and write about their picture
- Make sure your child sees you writing
- Write shopping lists together
- Encourage children to write their own short stories
- Write letters to grandparents and other family members
- Have a family message board – a good place to write reminders
- Encourage children to write notes as reminders (note-taking is a powerful way of encouraging writing)
- Respond positively to your child’s writing
- Praise the writing
- Assist children with spelling without making it a ‘spelling lesson’
- Assist your child when they are writing

A reminder to parents that Friday 11th April (Week 11) is a pupil free day and there will be no classes for children on this day. The teachers will be participating in professional learning about how to improve children’s numeracy skills and understanding.

Cameron Lievore
Principal
FROM THE REC........

We invite parents to come and be part of our Holy Week celebration on Monday, 7th April commencing at 12.00 noon. It is unusual this year because Holy Week is not until the first week of the holidays but we cannot let such an important celebration of the life and death of Jesus go by without recognition. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus when we return in Term 2.

Leanne Ryan
Religious Education Co-Ordinator

SCHOOL FEES
If you have sent an arrangement letter back to CEO but received an overdue notice, please contact Lynette Cummings at school and advise what the arrangement was and it will be documented, then no further overdue notice will be sent unless the arrangement is not withheld. There appears to have been some sort of glitch with arrangements being uploaded at CEO.

WINTER UNIFORM
Students can return to school in winter uniform. There will be a 2 week change over if weather is still warm with all students in Winter Uniform by Monday May 12th.

KINDERTGARTEN ENROLMENTS

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.

SPORT DAYS TERM 2, 2014

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RUGBY GALA DAY

On Wednesday, 19th March, St Monica’s was proudly represented at the Hawkesbury Valley Rugby Union Gala Day by our Under 12 boys team. We were entered into the Div.1 competition against a number of "rugby" playing schools with more playing experience than our boys. The performance both on and off the field by our boys was exemplary! We played six games and won all six! This has resulted in our team going through to the Sydney West Championships representing Hawkesbury. The boys, their parents and coach were thrilled by their efforts. Well done boys!

Mr Mark Feneley

Canteen Special
Friday April 4

Support the school garden this Friday the 4th April by purchasing a healthy salad for lunch. The salad is $3.00 and the money raised will go back into the garden. Not only are you supporting the school but you are creating a healthy body and a healthy environment.
CAKE RAFFLE

WEEK 10 - Thursday April 3rd

Kinder White  Georgia Denham
Kinder Blue   Emily Donlevy
1 White       Riley Hale
1 Blue        Kiancy Godsell
2 White       Jackson Clark
2 Blue        Phoenix Carter
3 White       Ella Camilleri
3 Blue        Aara Dahl
4 White       Danielle Costa
4 Blue        Ebony Cusack
5 White       Callum Burgess
5 Blue        Elizabeth Carpenter
6 White       Liam Cassin
6 Blue        Mason Bullock

WEEK 11 - Thursday April 10

Kinder White  Lawson Doyle
Kinder Blue   Layla Donnelly
1 White       Ashton Hawkett
1 Blue        Conner Hale
2 White       Finbar Hicks
2 Blue        Jana Chadevski
3 White       Makyah Campbell Gray
3 Blue        Georgia Estreich
4 White       Mikayla Ducksbury
4 Blue        Max Fleetwood
5 White       Brayden Carr
5 Blue        William Cremen
6 White       Mary Godsell
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CANTENEER ROSTER

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CONGRATULATIONS:

To Caitlin Lemon who successfully tried out for the Parramatta Diocese Netball Team. Caitlin was selected to be part of this Team and will now travel to Canberra in May to represent the Parramatta Diocese for the Mackillop Trials.

To Ryan Lawrence (4Blue) who competed in the NSWCPs Swimming Championships on Friday 28 March 2014 at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, SOP. Ryan achieved the following results 8-10 Junior Boys Multiclass events

- 50m Freestyle – Multiclass - GOLD MEDAL and Mackillop Champion
- 50m Backstroke – Multiclass - GOLD MEDAL and Mackillop Champion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To students celebrating their birthday during the next two weeks and during the school holidays:

Isabell Berndt  Alyssa Semaan
Taleisha Muscat  Lachlan Moon
Declan Hamilton-Lewis  Timothy Allen
Eleanor Buchan  Kevin Ambasha
Roman Olmos  Olivia Sokol
Alexandra Nassar  James Portelli
Joshua Jovevski  Shannon Robinson
Savannah Esposito  Zac Kemble
Jasmine Rodziewicz  Shelby Kingcott
Madalyn Camilleri  Aaron Camilleri
Dylan Bugeja  Christina Mansour
Michael Bugeja  James Pearson
Harrison Hanna  Zachary Cauchi
Daniel Ross
EASTER 2014 SCHEDULE

THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17
Mass of the Lord’s Supper Richmond 7.30pm
Blessed Sacrament reserved at the Altar of Repose till 11pm

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19
Prayer in preparation for Vigil Richmond 10.30am
Easter Vigil 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20
Mass Richmond: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Kurrajong: 8.00am

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
Stations of the Cross St John of God 10.30am

RECONCILIATION
SECOND (COMMUNAL) RITE
Friday April 11 Stanhope Gardens 7.30pm
Monday April 14 Richmond 7.30pm

FIRST (INDIVIDUAL) RITE
Saturday April 12 Kurrajong after Mass 9.00am
Richmond 5-5.30pm
Good Friday April 18 St John of God after stations
Richmond after Passion

Please Note: Easter Vigil Holy Saturday 7.30pm (not 6.30) there will be NO Reconciliation Holy Saturday

BUS CHANGE:
Commencing Monday 7th April 2014 there will be a change to the departure times and start location of afternoon School Service 5562.

School Service 5562 will now start at Chisholm Catholic Primary School at 3:05pm and operate via Collith Av (R) Harpur Cr (L) Mileham St (L) Rifle Range Rd to Bede Polding at 3:12pm (4 minutes earlier). The service will operate at amended times as displayed below:

School Service 5562 departs Bede Polding College at 3:12pm via Rifle Range Rd (R) Sirius Rd (R) Colonial Dr (L) George St (R) Blacktown Rd (R) Bourke St (L) Francis St to St Monicas Public School at 3:24pm (5 minutes earlier). Then via Francis St to Richmond Public School at 3:26pm (5 minutes earlier). Then via Francis St L East Market St to Richmond Station at 3:30pm (4 minutes earlier).

PICK UP XAVIER COLLEGE FROM SCHOOL SERVICE 5594.
Then continues via East Market St (R) March St, Kurrajong Rd, Bells Line of Rd (L) Grose Vale Rd (R) Pecks Rd (R) Campbell St (R) Elizabeth St (L) Grose Vale Rd (L) William St (R) Charles St (L) Bells Line of Rd to Colo High School at 3:45pm (5 minutes earlier).

DROP TRANSFERS FOR SCHOOL SERVICE 5550 TO TENNYSON.
Then continues via Bells Line of Rd (L) Redbank Rd to Kuyper Christian School at 3:50pm (5 minutes later). Then continues via Redbank Rd (R) Bells Line of Rd (L) Terrace Rd (R) Kurmond Rd (L) Creek Ridge Rd (L) Spinks Rd to Grand Pd (4:20pm). Then continues via (L) Rose Cr, Kentucky Dr (R) Golden Valley Dr (L) Lindsay Pl (R) Chestnut Dr (L) Spinks Rd (L) Boomerang Dr (R) Ian St (R) Mitchell Dr (L) Spinks Rd (R) Creek Ridge Rd (L) Kurmond Rd, Old Sackville Rd (R) Coburg Rd (R) George Rd to Wilberforce Public School (4:43pm).

For further information please contact our Mulgrave Depot on 4574 9200 or visit our website at www.busways.com.au.