Dear Families,

The teachers at St Monica’s are currently working on the mid-year reports for each child. This year, there is a change to the reports for children in Years 1 – 6. In the past, the report has included a brief general comment about each child’s learning. This general comment will not be included with this year’s report. Instead, teachers are preparing a learning observation sheet that will guide the discussion to be had at the interview. It will list teacher observations about each child’s learning and will also include learning goals. In this way, you will be able to clearly see what your child is doing well and what they need to do to improve their achievement in particular areas.

The learning observation sheet will also act as a record of what was discussed at the interview and therefore, will only be handed out to parents at the interview and will not be sent home with the report. It is therefore important that all parents make an appointment to speak with their child’s teacher. Parents will have the opportunity to record a brief comment on the sheet during the interview. Once signed off, the sheet will be photocopies, filed with the report and a copy sent home.

This change will assist teachers to focus more clearly on what each child is able to do and to set goals for improvement. The remainder of the report will not change and will continue to include an E – A grade for achievement in all Key Learning Areas as well as the overall number of grades given across the both classes in each Key Learning Area. It is important that all families understand that the end-of-year report will not change and will continue to include a comment.

A reminder to parents that Child Protection training needs to be up-dated every two (2) years. Online training must be completed before you are able to assist in classrooms, work in the canteen, assist at school events, assist on excursions etc. Please check with the school office if you are unsure whether or not your training is up-to-date.

Families received a letter in Week 3 about a car parked in Bourke Street. A further letter was sent home on Thursday last week noting that what was reported was done in error and that information received last week indicates there is no need for concern.

Cameron Lievore
Principal
**WACKY-ATHON**

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their Wacky-athon money to date. Just a reminder that this Friday is the last day to return your sponsorship money.

Total to date: $5634.60

The prize dawn will be on this Friday May 30th.

Mrs McKay – Wacky-athon Coordinator

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**CHILD PROTECTION**

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that people entering the school premises have been authorised to do so. They do this by buzzing the gate and announcing themselves to the office. Please, if you are exiting the property, we ask that if someone is waiting to enter, you ask them to announce themselves to the office before entering. It has happened that persons have been let in by those leaving and we are not aware that they are on the premises. This is a child protection issue for the safety of all students. We would appreciate your assistance in this regard.

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE**

**ONLINE TRAINING MODULE**

**CHILD PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEERS**

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our schools every two years.

An online training module for use by volunteers is available for completion online. After you have completed the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to your email address and to the school principal. This email is a confirmation that the training has been successfully completed.

To complete the training module go to:


1. Open the module by clicking on the START link.
2. Read through the presentation
3. Complete and submit questions 0 this will take approximately 40 mins.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school.
5. A notification of successful completion of the module will be sent via email to the school and also to your email address.
6. Once the module has been completed and the email received, you will be able to do volunteer work within the school.

Parents who are working with students unsupervised are required to complete a Working with Children check for Volunteers. If you are a parent tutor you would be required to complete this.

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**SCHOOL FEES**:

Are due and payable by 4th June unless you have a flexible payment plan or have an arrangement through the school office. If you are unable to finalise your fees by this date, please contact Mrs Lynette Cummings.

**OUTSTANDING MONIES**:

After numerous reminders to number families we still have money outstanding for the following:

- Excuse me I was here first = 70 students to pay at $6.00 per student.
- Sports in School Australia = 50 students to pay at $45.00 per student.
- This equates to $2670 owed to the school.

It would be appreciated if payment could be forwarded to the office, as the school will need to pay the shortfall.

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS**

Students from St Monica’s, particularly those in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to be involved at the 9.30am Parish Mass on Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday. Students in these grades will be involved in different ministries, such as reading, offertory procession, money collection and singing. If you would like your child to be involved in some way, or would simply like to be present and celebrate this wonderful feast day, please complete the slip below and return to school by Friday May 30th. (Parents are not required to specify roles for their children as these will be distributed according to the numbers who attend).

Mrs Leanne Ryan
Religious Education Coordinator

My child: ______________________ in Class: ___ Will be attending Pentecost Sunday Mass on Sunday June 8th at 9.30am.

Signed: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian
SPORT UNIFORM – WEEK 5 ONLY

Just a reminder to parents of the change in sport uniform days due to the catch-up Sports in Schools Australia session held for all students on Monday.

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Mary Clark – Assistant Principal

Nude Food Day

Thank you to all parents and students for the big effort you make on Nude Food Day. It is wonderful to see lots of fresh, healthy food. Did you know that we reduce our rubbish from more than 4 bins to less than 1 bin on Nude Food Day?

Congratulations to our colouring contest and poster contest winners:
- Kinder: Aiden Cauchi
- Year 1: Joshua Josevski
- Year 2: Adrian Portelli
- Year 4: Madelyn Camilleri
- Year 5: Brianna Grubisic
- Year 6: Claudia Ingrao

Primary students start creating your computer animation to advertise our next Nude Food Day in Week 8. Entries may be given to Mrs Kojic or Mrs Kemble between Weeks 6 and 7.

Mary Clark – Assistant Principal

HAWKESBURY SHOW

The following letter was received from the Hawkesbury Show Art Steward…..

“To The Principal, Organising Art Teacher and most importantly, the students,

On behalf of the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association I would like to thank you for your school’s participation in the Hawkesbury Show and all your efforts in the preparation of the arts.

This year there was an increase of just on 400 entries from our local schools with a total of about 1,200 school entries.

You are all to be congratulated. Unfortunately not everyone can be a winner but every student should be very proud to see their art work hanging at the Hawkesbury Show.

I look forward to seeing all your students’ work at the 2015 Hawkesbury Show.

Sincerely
Margaret Terry
Chief Steward Art”

KINDERGARTEN 2015

A reminder to parents that applications for 2015 Kindergarten close this Friday 30th May.

Application forms are available from the school office or online at: www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au

Don’t FORGET!

Parish/SCHOOL FETE SATURDAY

AUGUST 2

Another successful meeting and many things are underway!

The rides that we have booked are Cup & Saucer, Rocking Tug, Inflatable Lost Temple, Storm, Simulator, Giant Slide and Dodgems. Although Dodgems are a little more expensive they are a favourite. We still need more volunteers to help on stalls so if you can spare an hour, send me an email at stmonicasfete@gmail.com

I am also looking for someone who can coordinate the Plant Stall, please let me know if you can.

The White Elephant Stall will be accepting donations in the Old Church on Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 July.

Thanks for all your support!
Zac Culican (Fete Coordinator).

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Fete Mufti Day last Friday. Our next Mufti day is: Friday 20th June: Scientist Theme

Come dressed in a lab coat, wacky hair, glasses, stethoscope etc.

K-2 Blue: Kitchen items: eg; tea towels, oven mitts, tongs & other utensils, mugs, bowls etc.

K-2 White: Bathroom items: eg; soaps, face washers, body sprays, hand/body creams etc.

Years 3-6: Gourmet food: eg; biscuits, chocolates, tea/coffee, sauces, jams etc.

DWF Appeal Donation envelopes were sent home last Thursday. We understand that this may place a burden on families so any donations would be greatly appreciated by the DWF.
CAKE RAFFLE
WEEK 5 - Thursday May 29

| Kinder White | Thomas Lewis |
| Kinders Blue | Lidia Hoffmann |
| 1 White      | Christina Mansour |
| 1 Blue       | Nelson McKinley |
| 2 White      | Taleisha Muscat |
| 2 Blue       | Harry Lawson |
| 3 White      | Lachlan Gorman |
| 3 Blue       | Olivia Jones |
| 4 White      | Patrick Horne |
| 4 Blue       | Oliver Hoeflake |
| 5 White      | Isaac Miloloza |
| 5 Blue       | Jack Leabeater |
| 6 White      | Kristen Hollier |
| 6 Blue       | Bradley Kelly |

WEEK 6 - Thursday June 5

| Kinder White | Luciana Malek |
| Kinders Blue | Luke Parisi |
| 1 White      | Alexandra Nassar |
| 1 Blue       | Isabella Nott |
| 2 White      | Olivia Myers |
| 2 Blue       | Nelson Mantell |
| 3 White      | Harrison Hanna |
| 3 Blue       | Anna Kennedy |
| 4 White      | Julia Lukawski |
| 4 Blue       | Katelyn Large |
| 5 White      | Imogen Myers |
| 5 Blue       | Lara Mayfield-Smith |
| 6 White      | Claudia Ingrao |
| 6 Blue       | Caitlin Lemon |

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

- Samuel Andary - Grace Fitton
- Emma Bracks - Grace Bracks
- Mickayla Bugeja - Kobi Walsh
- Joshua Vella - Alex Zaghoul
- Stephen Attard - Jazmine Galea
- Emerson Smith - Alanah Wright
- Kristina Barclay - Anna Kennedy
- Edward Kennedy - Bailey Small

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 0428228121.

| Wednesday May 28 | Kath Purvis & Linda Myers |
| Friday May 30    | Agi Tomaszewsk & Catherine Chadevski |
| Monday June 2    | Elizabeth Sward & Julia Houchin |
| Wednesday June 4 | Katie O’Sullivan & Nicole Wright |

HOT DOG DAY K-2 STUDENTS

| Friday June 6   | Rebecca Fitzsimons & Nicole Davidson |
| Monday June 9   | Public Holiday |

ANNULEMENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry present Information Sessions to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment, how to start the process, etc. The evening is open to anyone at all who is interested in gaining more information about the Annulment process in the Catholic Church. Venue: CCSS Centre, 2 A Villiers St. Parramatta. Date: Tues 20th May. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205. Later in the year we will advertise more details of the same Seminar to be held in Springwood on 14th October.

Rita Chater
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PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday, 7 June (7pm – 9pm)
WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A RADIO DISH OR TWO
Radio astronomy involves looking at light from the weakest part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which has such little energy that giant radio dishes are needed to collect it. We'll look at what you can do with a dish or two (or a few thousand), including historic discoveries, the space program, pulsars, radio dishes in space, future massive radio telescopes, and so on.

The night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

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

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What’s On Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

bede Polding College is now enrolling for 2015. Applications for Year 7 in 2015 close Friday 30 May, 2014. Enrolment forms are available at the College Office.