

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 6 Term 3 27th August – 10th September 2019

Principals Message.....

Dear Families,

It was a privilege to welcome so many parents and grandparents to St Monica's yesterday for our Book Week and Grandparents' Day. The children always look forward to welcoming family members into their classrooms and yesterday was no different! Thank you all so much for giving up your time (and in many cases, travelling long distances) to join in our celebrations and to support our Book Fair. The atmosphere during the day was amazing! I would like to acknowledge the exceptional behaviour of the children during the Liturgy and the respectful manner in which they participated in the parade. My thanks also to the teachers for supporting the day and for the wonderful work carried out in constructing the robots. On behalf of the St Monica's community, I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Reimer, Mrs Grubesic and Mrs Duval for their contribution in making the day a success.

Just a reminder to all dads to join us on Thursday morning from 7:30am for our Father's Day breakfast. As Bede Polding College are also hosting a similar event on Friday, we thought it was better to move our breakfast to Thursday this week so that dads wouldn't have to make the difficult decision of which breakfast to attend. I apologise in advance that I will not be able to be present to serve tea and coffee as I have an early meeting (off-site) that I need to attend. I wish all dads a great morning and a great day on Sunday.

Cameron Lievore Principal

Affirmation

Congratulations to Lauren A who was awarded runner-up at the recent 'Voice of Youth' cluster final. Both Lauren and Sarah H spoke very well on the day and were excellent ambassadors for St Monica's. Lauren and Sarah competed against Year 6 speakers from St Matthew's (Windsor), Chisholm (Bligh Park) and St John's (Riverstone).

From The REC....

On Tuesday 13th August, Joshua B, Isaac O, Seanna S and myself travelled to St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta for the Education Mass. The Diocesan Education Mass is an occasion for students of Catholic Schools in the Diocese to gather to celebrate their role in the mission of the Church. My sincere thanks to Michelle Saliba who attended as a parent representative for St Monica's. I would like to commend the three school captains who attended, on their outstanding behaviour and reverence. A true example of leadership and service. We were lucky enough to meet Bishop Vincent Long before Mass began and we also caught up with Fr Chris del Rosario who now calls the Cathedral his home.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs Reimer -Acting REC





CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in the canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend your rostered day please contact Michelle on 0405 103 866.

Wednesday August 28	Alex Bourke
Friday August 30	Louisa Berry, Alex Brown
Monday September 2	Kerrile Campbell
Wednesday September 4	Jeanette Rogers, Ella Avery
Friday September 6	Monique Hodder, Michelle Rodziewicz
Monday September 9	Bev Owens

Dates For Your Diary				
Wednesday	St Nicholas Netball Gala Day			
August 28	Fete Evaluation Meeting 6.30pm			
Thursday	Father's Day Breakfast 7.30-9am			
August 29	Father's Day Stall			
Monday September 2	No Assembly – STEM Workshop			
Tuesday	Nude Food Day			
September 3				
Wednesday	Hot Dog Day K-2			
September 4				
Friday	Parish Mass Kindy & Yr 5			
September 6				
Monday	Assembly 2.15pm			
September 9				
Tuesday	Nude Food Day			
September 10	Yr 5 Taronga Zoo Excursion			
Wednesday	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6			
September 11				

Cake Raffle Roster

Cake Raffle is held each Thursday morning. Check each fortnight to see if your child is rostered to supply a cake on this day. The cake can be homemade or purchased from the grocery store. Tickets are sold for 20c each. All proceeds go towards purchases for our library.

Week 6 – 29 th August				
KB	William C KW Oliver D			
1B	Chelsea F	Chelsea F 1W Ceanna H-T		
2B	Alexander P			
3B	Sydney B 3W Makay		Makayla G	
4B	Marcus G 4W Kyle C		Kyle C	
5B	Michael B 5W Aaron C			
6B	Jayanna A 6W Joshua B		Joshua B	
K6G	Tyrone L			

Week 7 – 5 th September				
KB	Addison F	KW	Amelie D	
1B	Zoe L	1W	Pippa H	
2B	Seth R			
3B	Flynn B	3W	Ariyah G	
4B	Caitlin H	4W	Elizabeth F	
5B	Georgia D	5W	Aidan E	
6B	James A	6W	Dylan B	
K6G	Travis L			

FETE EVALUATION MEETING

A Fete Wrap-Up meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th August at 6.30pm in the library. All welcome.

SCHOOL FEES

2019 School Fees are <u>due in full by the 28th August</u> unless you have a formal arrangement with the school. Please also note the following message from Catholic Educationn Office"Reconciliations to external sibling discounts are conducted by CEDP. If your circumstances change in regards to sibling discounts please notify us immediately. Failure to do so could result in an increase in fees throughout the year and your current payment arrangement may not cover the balance of your account."

YR 4 ROCKS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 15th August, Year 4 went to The Rocks for an excursion about the early days of British colonisation. The children enjoyed the tour immensely and we all learnt a lot!







SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all the children who represented St Monica's at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday. Alicia P 3W came third in girls U9 100mtr race & is now off to represent the school at the Mackillop Track Championships on 16th September at Sydney Olympic Park.



FATHER'S DAY

Please join us for our Father's Day Breakfast

ON THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2019 FROM 7.30AM-9.00AM

Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday also, All gifts are **\$6.00 each.** It would be greatly appreciated if children could please bring the exact money and a plastic/reusable bag to put their gift in. <u>There will also be "Grandfather Gifts"</u> <u>available to purchase.</u>

2019 Fete Art Competition Winners

Apologies as in our last Newsletter the 2019 Fete Art Competition Winners were incorrectly advertised. <u>Congratulations to this year's winners!</u>

GRADE	1 st	2 ND	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
K – 6 GOLD	Marcus Garland	Shae Neely	Hamish Jensen
к	Maddison Campbell	Christian Bujega	Maeve Collins
1	Chelsea Fitton	Archie Jarvis	Jacinta Zahra
2	Rowdy Gatt	Flynn Farrugia	Ellie Lindop
3	Anika Chadevski	Archer Buchert	Zac Wiklinson
4	Peter Higgins	Jenna Carr	Olivia Saliba
5	Thomas Lewis	Annabelle Mulley	Charlotte Rodziewicz
6	Jesse Keenan	Halle Thomas	Connor Battese



<u>Kindy – Yr2</u>



Wednesday 4th September

<u>Yrs 3-6</u>

Wednesday 11th September

\$3.50 w/sauce

































ACARA COLLECTION STUDENT BACKGROUND DATA NOTICE

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

> If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- . Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off⁺
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fe

† The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.infortickets-opal/opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms app.stransport.nsw.gov.us/sst#//termsAndConditions



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