



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week 8 Term 4      3<sup>rd</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### What's Happening at St Monica's .....

Diary Dates	
Wednesday December 4	School Disco Richmond Club
Friday December 6	Swimming Carnival Yrs 1-5 Yr 6 Reflection Day
Monday December 9	Yr 2 Expo of Learning 9-9.30am School Choir visit to Richmond Nursing Home School Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday December 11	Reports to go home Gingerbread House Making Evening
Friday December 13	EOY Awards, Morning Tea, EOY Mass Carols in the Cola 6.30pm
Monday December 16	Icely Park – games morning School Choir Christmas Concert
Tuesday December 17	Promotions Morning Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm
Wednesday December 18	Year 6 Fun Day <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday January 28	Mathematics Assessment Interview Yrs 1-6
Wednesday January 29	Mathematics Assessment Interview Yrs 1-6
Thursday January 30	Years 1-6 Return 8.50am-3.10pm
Friday January 31	Kindy Returns 9.30am-3.10pm



St Monica's  
2019  
School Disco

Wednesday 4th December  
@ The Richmond Club  
Years K-2 5.30pm - 6.45pm  
Year 3-6 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
\$5 per child to be paid at the door  
This is a P&F organised event there will be no  
teacher supervision

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENING

The P & F Committee would like to invite you to an evening of gingerbread house building. The evening will be held in the **school hall** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and begin at **6pm**. All you have to do is order a gingerbread kit, gather some family & friends, book a table and bring along some lollies to decorate. Families and children are most welcome. Cold soft drinks and ice blocks will be for sale on the night. We will also be providing a sausage sizzle on the night.



The gingerbread house kit includes; 4 walls, roof, icing and a piping bag, board, cellophane and an instruction sheet. **Cost is \$24.00.** Gluten Free is also available for \$28.50

**Orders and payment are to be in by Friday 6th December 2019.**

If you wish to purchase a Gingerbread Kit and cannot make it to the night, a take home kit is available for \$24.00. The take home kits include: 4 walls, roof, dry icing, cello and a board.

# St Monica's Primary School

Formally invites you to our End of Year Celebrations

Friday 13th December 2019

Awards Ceremony 9.30am in the hall  
Morning Tea 10.40am in the hall  
End of Year Mass 11.30am in the Church

Carols in the Cola 6.30pm - Gates open at 6pm

Join us to celebrate the Christmas story at an evening concert. Please have the children arrive by 6.15pm to commence at 6.30pm.

Battery operated candles will be available for preorder at a cost of \$2.50 (please see note sent home)

\*\*\*\*\*Children are to wear Christmas Mufti on the night\*\*\*\*\*

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 December 4	Josette Semaan & Paula Sciberras-Thompson
Friday December 6	Canteen Closed – Swimming Carnival
Monday December 9	Kerrile Campbell
Wednesday December 11	Ella Avery & Jeanette Rogers
Friday December 13	Volunteer Needed Please
Monday December 16	Beverly Owens
Wednesday December 18	Alex Bourke

\$3.50

## Hot Dog Day

Kindy-Yr 2  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Yrs 3-6  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

\$3.50

## 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 8 – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December			
KB	Indiana M	KW	Angus R
1B	Lachlan Y	1W	Chad H
2B	Lily C		
3B	Felicity S	3W	Sophie Z
4B	Cooper S	4W	Christian S
5B	Bryton M	5W	Therese P
6B	Ryan P	6W	Charlee P
K6G	Shae N		

Week 9 – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December			
KB	Jake M	KW	Noah S
1B	Annalise A	1W	Fearne I
2B	Chloe C		
3B	Jordan S	3W	Aaliyah B
4B	Seanna S	4W	Rhys T
5B	Lauren P	5W	James P
6B	William P	6W	Angelique P
K6G	Connor W		

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday the 6th December at Richmond Swimming Pool East Market Street, Richmond. Years 1 - 5 attend the carnival. Year 1 students must be turning 8 in 2020 and be able to swim 50m.

We will leave school by bus at 9am and return by 2:30 pm.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen, a shirt (sun shirt), hat, recess and lunch, water, a change of underwear and a jumper.



## VINNIES APPEAL

A big thank you to the families who have so far responded to our social justice outreach, donating non-perishable items for the families in need in our local area. The shopping bags full of groceries will be collected by St Vincent de Paul members on Tuesday, December 17th. If your family would like to donate, please drop the hamper items into the library.

Leanne Ryan  
REC



## Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday in DECEMBER

Maddison B	Charlotte R
William C	Charlotte B
Ariyah G	Audrey W
Ayla H	Nicholas M
Corey H	Maximo Larrea Punzo
Maeve C	Sascha B
Halle S	Jack H
Mia S-B	Lucas R
Hayley C	Braxton M
Nate P	Dylan S
Nevaeh M	Aubrey G
Lucas O	James B
Jazmyn F	Evie R

## YR 6 THEATRE OUTING

Last Thursday Yr 6 enjoyed the day visiting the Riverside Theatre and had the opportunity to watch a live performance "Emil and the Detectives". The children also had the chance to attend Parish Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and had a nice surprise when they arrived to see the service was led by Father Chris.



## PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (PBL)

Project-based Learning (PBL) is an approach to teaching that enables children to undertake an investigation into an aspect of a topic in which they are interested. It is not a 'free for all' where children select anything of interest to them in isolation to what is being taught in class. Rather, the project must be selected from the unit of work being taught in class. PBL has been introduced into our Diocesan schools over the last few years and St Monica's is one of the last schools to have received the training. In 2019, all teachers in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 together with myself, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Van Der Burg undertook training in PBL.

Project-based Learning has been introduced this term and will continue to be used next year when planning some units in some subject areas (History, Geography and Science) and in Religious Education where the Diocese has written a new curriculum.

If you would like to know more about PBL, I invite you to meet with myself and some of the teachers from 8:30am - 8.50am on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week in the library.

Mr Lievore

# Year Two Cultural Day

*A cultural explosion of dance, music, history and  
lots and lots of amazing food!  
Monday 18th November 2019*

Mrs Duval would like to thank and congratulate the Year Two children, parents and extended family and friends who attended, presented, offered assistance, served food and supplied food for our Year Two Cultural day. The support of our families is truly amazing and the Year Two children will certainly never forget this day.

Our Year Two History focus this term has been to study the impact migration and immigration has had on Australia's identity and culture. We asked the children to consider the question "Is Australia richer because of migration?" Our children have been researching the cultures and historical backgrounds of their own families and discovered that in our grade alone we have family members coming from countries such as Poland, Malta, England, Fiji, Austria, Norfolk Islands, Spain, Italy, Macedonia, Canada, NZ, Ireland, France, Australia, South Africa with Aboriginal descendants and much more.

The Cultural Day has become a yearly event at our school which sees the families of Year Two children offering their time to showcase their culture to the children.

## **Our presenters were amazing and entertaining:**

- First of all we were inspired by **Mr Diego** sharing his knowledge of his homeland Chile. **Valentina** we thank you for asking your dad to join us. The children danced, played and learnt about the fascinating country of Chile!
- We then moved to Fiji in the Library with the wonderful **Mrs Lester**. The children loved learning about Fiji and touching traditional Fijian plants, materials and coconut oil. Thank you Abigail for sharing your grandmother with us!
- It was then time to travel to the Year 2 classroom and experience the traditional games of **Malta with Mrs Scicluna**. The children found out you don't need an ipad or electronic device to have fun! Thank you **Joel** for bringing your amazing mum to our school.
- The sounds of **Macedonia** were streaming from the hall thanks to **Alyssa's mum Mrs Gelevski** and **Hayley's mum Mrs Chadevski**. This was a popular stop on our cultural journey with children dressing in traditional Macedonian clothing and dancing.
- Last but not least a much-loved game by the children was the Maori traditional stick game with **Harrison's mum Mrs Moulton**. It certainly made us learn our left from our right!

The day ended with a feast of food from many countries. The families of all the children baked and cooked the most amazing spread of hot dishes and delicious desserts. The children went away with very full stomachs as they sampled all of the food on our cultural dinner table. **Mrs Diego's** empanadas were a big hit as well as **Mikeila's** lasagne and **Mrs Moulton's** hokey pokey ice cream!!

The day could not have been a success without the extra help and support of family and friends on the day - **Mr and Mrs Berry, Mr Condon, Mrs Reed, Mr Diego, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Moulton, Mrs Refalo, Mrs Chadevski and Mrs Gelevski**. Not only did they join us on the day, they set up and packed away tables, cooked, served and cleaned up our hall kitchen. Thankyou also to **Mrs Buccini** and **Mrs Bradley** for helping us.

*Referring now back to the Year Two History focus question..... "Is Australia richer because of immigration?". We can certainly say that St Monica's School is very lucky to have the talents, generosity, knowledge and compassionate families who are willing to share their lives with us and help make our school and country a wonderful place to be!*

**Mrs Duval (year 2 teacher)**



**2020**

**Principal**  
**Assistant Principal**  
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Mrs Melissa Beggs  
Mrs Jacqui Van Der Burg  
Mrs Leanne Ryan  
Miss Judy Gray  
Mrs Leanne Duval

**Kindergarten Blue**

Mrs Allyson Reimer

**Year 1 White**  
**Year 1 Blue**

Mrs Teresa Valenti  
Mrs Tricia Holt

**Year 2 White**  
**Year 2 Blue**

Mrs Marisa Grubisic  
Mrs Carmen Brugman

**Year 3 Blue**

Mrs Leanne Duval

**Year 4 White**  
**Year 4 Blue**

Mrs Helen Harper / Mrs Maria Famularo (Friday)  
Mr Mark Feneley / Mrs Kristy Hulett (Friday)

**Year 5 White**  
**Year 5 Blue**

Miss Judy Gray  
Mrs Pauline Kojic

**Year 6 White**  
**Year 6 Blue**

Mrs Lauren Sultana  
Mrs Josephine Malvagna

**Learning Support**  
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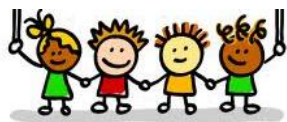
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Mrs Cheryl Bolton  
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**Canteen Supervisor**  
**Maintenance / Grounds**

Mrs Michelle Saliba  
Mr Terry Munsey



## School Resumes for 2020

### Week 1

**Monday, January 27** *Public Holiday*

**Staff Only: Tuesday, January 28**

*Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 11am – 3:30pm*

**Staff Only: Wednesday, January 29**

*Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 11am – 3:30pm*

**Thursday, January 30**

*Years 1-6*

*8:50am – 3:10pm*

**Friday, January 31**

**Kinder**

**9:30am – 3:10pm** *(NB Week 2, normal school start for Kindergarten at 8:50am)*

*Years 1-6*

*8:50am – 3:10pm*



### Week 2

**Monday, February 3**

*All Children Kinder to Yr 6 8:50am to 3:10pm*



## Bede Polding College Year 7 2021 Key Enrolment Dates

- Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2021 will be available from the College Office or online from **Monday 2 December 2019**
- Completed Enrolment Applications are to be submitted to the College no later than **Friday 6 March 2020**
- The College Open Day will be held on **Tuesday 18 February 2020**, 3-6pm
- Year 7 2021 Enrolment Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 18 March 2020** and **Wednesday 25 March 2020** in the College Library
- Letters of acceptance will be emailed to families by **Friday 17 April 2020**.

*Families are reminded that every new student to the College is required to follow our enrolment procedures, even if siblings have previously attended the College.*




Thank you to the P&F Committee for providing the children with a sausage sizzle lunch today. A very big thank you to Mrs Hopper and Mrs Reimer for organising, and also to our wonderful parent helpers for giving up your time to assist with the BBQ and serving the children today.



Brynorm's Uniforms would like to inform you that they will be closing for annual holidays from Saturday 21st December 2019 to Wednesday 1st January 2020 (inclusive). Brynorms will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

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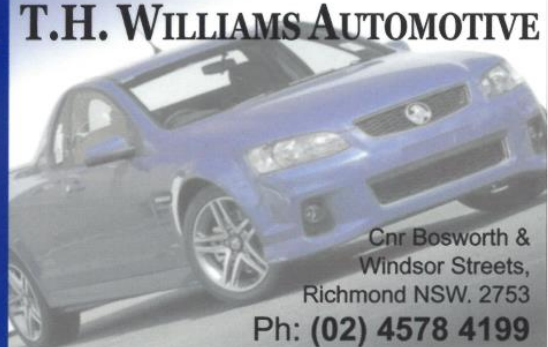
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