



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: FR CLIFFORD D'SOUZA

Week 2 Term 1 4th February – 18th February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year for 2020. I hope you all had a peace-filled and relaxing holiday break and for those who have commenced work that it has been a good start for you. The first few days of the new school year are always filled with excitement as children reconnect with their friends and classmates and share their news of what they did in the holidays. On behalf of all the St Monica's staff I would like to wish the children a year of wonderful learning and success in achieving their goals. The staff have been working hard in preparation for the arrival of your children and have returned to work with enthusiasm and great energy for the year ahead.

A special welcome to our new families joining us this year and of course our kindergarten students who have begun their school journey. Thank you to the Year 5 students who have helped make this transition to 'Big School' go so smoothly being great buddies to their young friends!

I would also like to thank the St Monica's community for the fantastic welcome I have received. It has been wonderful getting to meet the many faces of the school, young and old and hear your stories and hopes for your children this year. I look forward to meeting many more in the weeks ahead.

Next week on Friday 14th February we will celebrate our Opening School Mass with Fr Clifford at 11:30am. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this important celebration.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that if at any time you need any assistance, have any questions or have any concerns regarding your children please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher or any other member of staff. I am more than happy to speak with you also and if by chance I am unavailable at the time will do my best to contact you as soon as possible.

With so much happening in our world recently; caused by the recent bushfires, drought and the coronavirus, especially the devastation to life, environment and country economies, let us keep all people affected in our prayers. Opportunities for our school to fundraise for the victims of the bushfires will be communicated soon.

God Bless

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

The secret to navigating life well is to invite Jesus on board. The helm of life should be given to Him, so that He can direct the route.

Pope Francis@Pontifex

What's Happening at St Monica's

Diary Dates	
Wednesday February 5	Hot Dog Day Kindy-Yr2
Wednesday February 12	Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Thursday February 13	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday February 14	Opening School Mass 11.30am - Church
Monday February 17	School Assembly 2.15pm - Yr 4 Prayer
Wednesday February 19	P&F Meeting 7pm in the Library
Thursday February 20	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Friday February 21	Parish Mass 9am – Yr 3



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday in FEBRUARY

Amelia H – K6G	Olivia S – 5W
Lachlan Y – 2B	Duncan J – KB
Chelsea F – 2W	Lawson D – 6B
Ellie J – 3B	Sophie Z – 4B
Natalie Z – 4W	Harrison M – 3B
Indiana M – 1B	Hope C – 2B
Ace S – 4W	Jazz S – 4B
Bridget M-C – 4B	Jake M – 1B
Alexandra D – 4W	Seanna S – 5W
Anthony V – 6W	Aaron H – 5B
Morgan C – 6W	Jake Y – 3B

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 via the school office on 4570 3700.

\$3.50

Hot Dog Day

Kindy-Yr 2
Wednesday 5th February

Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 12th February

\$3.50

Wednesday February 5	Natasha Josevski Hot Dog Day Kindy – Yr 2
Friday February 7	Alex Brown & Louisa Berry
Monday February 10	Volunteer Needed Please
Wednesday February 12	Jeanette Rogers & Ella Avery Hot Dog Day Yrs 3-6
Friday February 14	Monique Hodder & Marianella Malek
Monday February 17	Beverly Owens
Thank you 😊	



Please Join Us!

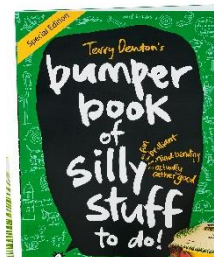
Parents, Carers and Family Members are all invited to join us for our Opening School Mass on Friday, February 14th at 11:30am in St Monica's Church. We would love to see you there if it is possible.

SCHOOL BANKING

This year our Dollarmites are taking the School Bankers on a Treetop Savings themed Adventure to the Tree House of savings by helping students to develop good savings habits and money skills

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last. Terry Denton's Activity Book Mini Soccer Ball.

School Banking Days are MONDAYS



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

- ❖ **Kiss and Drop:** Please farewell children in the Covered Learning Area. All adults must sign in at the office before passing this point. This is not just a school rule, but a directive from the Catholic Education Office, due to Child Protection Legislation.
- ❖ **Appointments:** If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment through the school office. We want to ensure you that we believe very strongly in being available for such meetings.
- ❖ **School Fees:** Statements will be posted to your nominated address from the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that school fees will be billed over 3 Terms only. For families who had a child in Year 6 who has left, please ensure that you change your BPay details as per your fees statement.
- ❖ **Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones by students is not permitted on school property. If your child is in need of a mobile phone for parental contact after they have left the school grounds, the phone must be turned off and kept in their school bag or given to their class teacher for the day. Please discuss this matter with your child.
- ❖ **Morning Arrivals:** The playground duty roster for student supervision commences at 8.20am. Students arriving before this time will need to sit in the COLA with their school bags. Bourke Street gate (near the 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.
- ❖ **Punctuality:** Parents are reminded of the importance of having your children at school on time. School commences at 8.50am, all students should be at school by 8.45. I want to stress that late arrival to school means that your child/children are missing important information communication, either at assembly or within class. Late arrival to class also creates a great deal of disruption. If your child is arriving at school after the 8.50am bell, **the parent, or adult who has brought the child to school must accompany the child to the office** to complete and sign a late note. Once this has been attended to and signed by the office staff, the child will proceed to class.
- ❖ **Afternoon Pick-up:** Parents please wait in the COLA until the 3.10pm bell when children can be collected from the central court yard 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 near Year 6 classroom 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 Hall. All children should be collected from school before 3.30pm.
PLEASE NOTE: As a matter of safety, no preschool child is permitted on the play equipment at anytime.
- ❖ **Road Safety:** As you are aware Francis & Bourke Streets are major traffic areas, please make sure all children cross safely at the crossing with Michelle our crossing lady on Francis Street or please cross with your children on the Bourke St crossing. Please discuss road safety with your children.
- ❖ **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 your children. The Parish driveway is closed from 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm.
- ❖ **Sport Uniform & Library Day:** The children are to wear their sport uniform as follows, and bring a library bag for borrowing:



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Sports Days Term 1		Library Days Term 1
Kindergarten	Wednesday/Friday	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday/Friday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday/Thursday	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday/Friday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday/Friday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday

- ❖ **Labels:** Please label all clothing and items belonging to your child. The beginning of a school year means many new items all look the same to the children if they are not labelled.

❖ **Lost Property:** The lost property bin is located outside the school office, student foyer entry. If your child's clothes are labelled they will be returned to them. Clothes that have not been collected after a 2 week period will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

❖ **Student Banking:** Student Banking will take place on a Monday of each week. Banking books will be collected from the children each Monday Morning in class and returned to them in the afternoon. If you would like to open an account for your child please apply -

Online: Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

OR

In branch: Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child's birth certificate.

❖ **Newsletter:** The school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday. The newsletter is uploaded to our school website: www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday afternoon. To receive a copy straight to your inbox please subscribe via our school website. This will enable you to receive an email in your selected account with a link to the Newsletter.

Please follow the details below to subscribe:

Step 1: Using your internet search engine, type in the following web address.

<http://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au>

Step 2: Select the [Community Tab](#)

Step 3: In the dropdown box select [Newsletters](#)

Step 4: On the right you will see the following:

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If you change email address, complete the above again. You will now receive the Newsletter each Tuesday afternoon.

❖ **Clarification:** If you are not sure about any school event, activity, procedure, learning etc, I encourage you to please take the time to seek clarification with class teachers, specialist teachers, office staff, as opposed to relying on hearsay or someone else's interpretations or perceptions.

❖ **Uniforms:** Our school uniform gives the children a strong sense of identity and adds to their positive self-esteem as they take pride in their appearance. However, I would like to give a gentle reminder that the correct uniform does not include surf style shorts, jewellery or coloured hair. Shoes should be the correct black school shoes and all children require the correct school hat. St Monica's school bags are mandatory and can be purchased from the school office.

❖ **Uniform Shop:** All our School uniform, except school bags are available at: Brynorms, 328 Windsor Street, Richmond. 45782860. Library Bags, Hats & School Bags can be purchased at the school office. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Thursday Morning 8:30-9:30am.

❖ **Bus Passes:** Bus pass applications are now done online. Go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students to apply. Instructions are also available at the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions regarding Bus Passes.

❖ **Skoolbag app:** Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations and school related reminders. The Skoolbag School Mobile App is very flexible to allow schools to create their own customised content and provides a great alternative to school SMS alerts directly to parent smartphones. Information on how to download this app is available at the office and in this newsletter.

❖ **Child Protection at St Monica's:** It is a diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module as well as the Building Child Safe Communities Form. This training is available online at:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Open the module by clicking on the START link. Read through the presentation. Complete and submit quiz questions – this will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.



Administering Medication to Children

It is important that parents/carers contact the office to fill out and sign a "Medication Advice" form if their child requires medication (eg antibiotics) at school for a short period of time. The medication **must** have the name of the student, name of the medicine and dosage clearly on the label. Without this signed form we are **not authorised** to administer medication to your child. Please ensure that a measuring device, preferably a measuring cup, is provided with the medication.



CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen provides a service to your children. We fill lunch orders and provide over the counter service. There is an extensive variety of foods and drinks available. This makes for a very busy canteen.

To keep up with the demands of our canteen we need your continued help. Canteen hours for volunteers are **9.30am to 2.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

If you are able to volunteer please leave your details with the office. Volunteers are supplied with a cuppa and lunch, and the benefit of giving and seeing the happy and caring environment our students are being educated in. Looking forward to your assistance in 2020.

SPORTS NEWS – YEARS 5 & 6 STUDENTS

2020 PARRAMATTA TEAM TRIALS NOMINATIONS

It is that time of the year again with the selections of our Parramatta Representative teams for team sports.

The trials were opened last year to all current Year 5 & 6 students enrolled at our school who play the sport and it is preferable that they are of **REPRESENTATIVE** standard. There are costs involved with the trials and **payment is to be made to the school prior to the trials NOT at the trials. The trial fee is \$10 no matter if it is an afternoon, half-day or full day – The same fee will apply...**

Nominations close NEXT THURSDAY 6th February. Please be reminded to complete the nomination prior to the closing date. www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

becoming the best we can be

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CATHOLIC PRIMARY RICHMOND

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AT ST MONICA'S, OUR AIM IS TO PERSONALISE LEARNING TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL EMOTIONALLY, SOCIALLY, INTELLECTUALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

We are committed to providing each student with a learning environment that is comprehensive, inclusive and challenging.

We offer:

- a team of professional and dedicated educators, who plan the learning in detail to help each child do his or her best
- technology enabling up-to-date learning
- learning and teaching experiences that meet the diverse needs of children
- a supportive and caring community where students and their families feel welcomed and safe.

We provide and support a quality Catholic education that prepares each child for the future through caring and innovative teaching.



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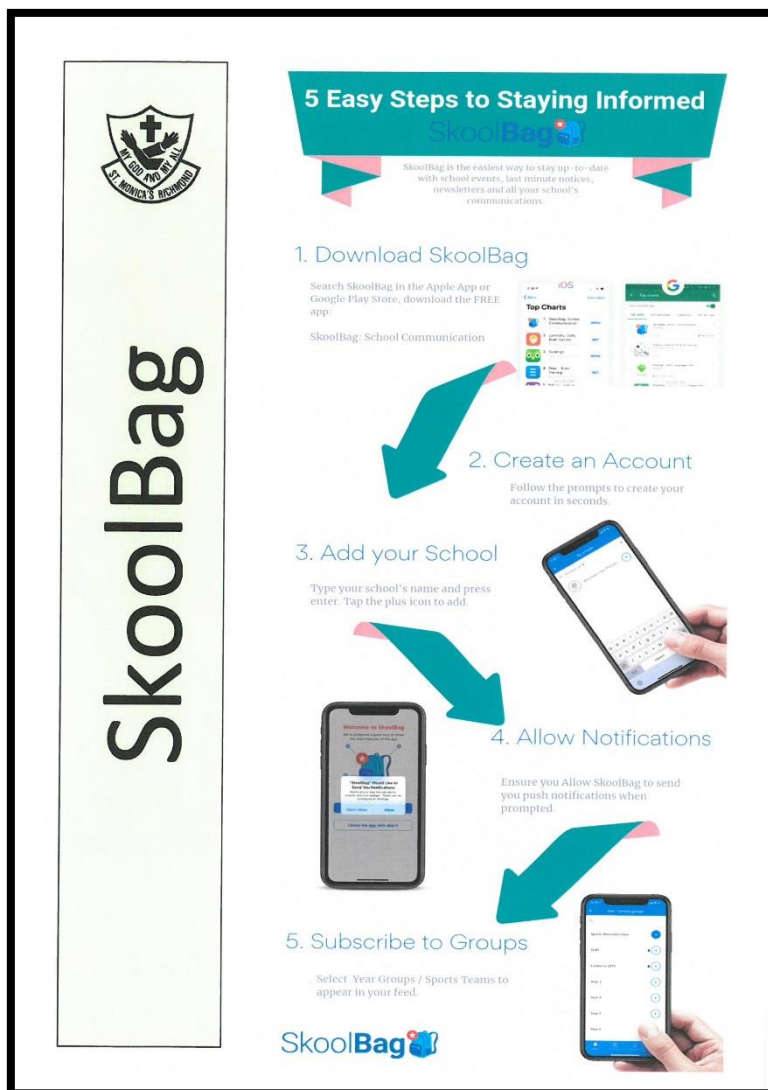


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(Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10)

Road Rule
Do not parallel park the wrong way



School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You cannot park on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic and other vehicles. You must park facing the direction of the traffic flow. This is for safety when leaving the kerb.

Road Rule
Do not park on a nature strip, above the kerb or gutter




School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You cannot park on a nature strip, bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area.

Road Rule
Do not park at an angle to the road




School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You must park close and parallel to the road unless there are signs permitting angle parking.

Road Rule
Do not park across your driveway

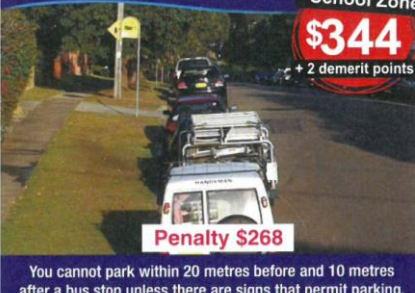


School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You cannot park on the road blocking a driveway or on the driveway (even your own) outside the property boundary. This is for access and pedestrian safety.

Road Rule
Do not park near a bus stop



School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You cannot park within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop unless there are signs that permit parking. This is for the safety of bus passengers.

Road Rule
Do not park within 3 metres of a median strip or double white lines



School Zone
\$344
+ 2 demerit points

Penalty \$268

You cannot park within 3 metres of double white lines or a traffic island/median strip unless a sign says otherwise. This is for traffic flow and safety.

SCHOOL ZONE
8-9³⁰ AM
2³⁰-4^{PM}
SCHOOL DAYS
40

Parking in School Zones

No Parking
You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty \$191
+ 2 demerit points

NO STOPPING
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty \$344
+ 2 demerit points

BUS ZONE
You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty \$344
+ 2 demerit points

Stop on path or nature strip **\$344 + 2 demerit points**

Stop across driveway **\$344 + 2 demerit points**



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.





Australian
Air League

JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

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Free Call: 1800 502 175



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner

Information session and overview of the Program

Thursday 6th February 2020

Time: 10am–11am

Followed By 7 Weekly Sessions

Thursday 13th February to 26th March 2020

Time: 10am –12pm



This Program is aimed at those who are widowed, to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives.

An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of the uncharted waters of this long and painful journey.

*When we are listened to with empathy, we are consoled in our grief,
our loneliness is alleviated and connections are created amongst us.*

Topics for each Session

Session 1: Physical Effects of Grief

Session 5: Tasks of Grieving

Session 2: Images and Frameworks for Grief

Session 6: Grief /Anxiety/Depression?

Session 3: Dealing with Intense Emotions

Session 7: Continuing Bonds and Closing Ritual

Session 4: Social Effects of Grief

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: **Contact**—St. Michael's Parish Office
or

Rita Chater—Solo Parent Services PH: 8843 2575

email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



VENUE: St. Michael's Catholic Church
Downey Room
1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

DATE: Intro and overview - Thursday 6th February 2020 - 10am - 11am
Followed by 7 Thursday Sessions – 13th February - 26th March
TIME : 10am - 12pm



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Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities – whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

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- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with backpack and choice of bonus item!



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!



YOU COULD PLAY WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST FOR FREE!



Thanks to the NSW Government, every student (K-12) is entitled to 2x \$100 Active Kids vouchers each calendar year. **Remember to use your voucher when you sign up at playcricket.com.au**

Richmond CC Junior Blasters

Starts Wed 12th Feb, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Richmond Oval | Ages 5 - 10

1ST SESSION IS FREE TO COME & TRY!

Contact Mitchell - 0432 876 028

*BASED ON PROGRAM RRP OF \$99. MORE INFO AT SERVICE.NSW.GOV.AU/ACTIVEKIDS



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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM

