



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 4 Term 2

18th May – 2nd June 2020

Dear Parents,

Last week and again this week we began the gradual return to school for students.

Whilst we have greatly enjoyed the presence of the children who have been regularly attending school, it was also wonderful to see students whom we have not seen at school for a while.



One student I spoke with this week exclaimed it was

'amazing' to be back at school and from the teacher's observations we have noticed the children actively and happily engaged in their class learning with their peers and class teachers.

For some children however, the transition back to school may be an anxious time. Below are some helpful tips if your child is a little anxious about returning to school.

Reconnecting and re-engaging with school.

1. If you suspect your child will struggle with the transition back to school let their teacher know (via email or phone) as soon as you can, so that the school can be best prepared to provide consistent support when they arrive at school.
2. Remind your child of who/when/how they are getting home from school.
3. Say goodbye briefly, don't make it longer than it needs to be. Being kind but firm.
4. Speak positively about their return to school.

This morning you would have heard NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian announce the return to face-to-face teaching for students in all NSW public schools, effective from next Monday, 25th May. This announcement also brings forward the timeline for the return to regular school attendance for our students.

Therefore from next week St Monica's students will be asked to return to school full time. Further information from the Executive Director of Schools in Parramatta Mr Greg Whitby will be sent to parents later this afternoon.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's return to school please contact the school via email or phone.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

Today we remember the great faith and example of John Paul II. Let us hear the echo of his appeal to open wide the doors to Christ, to not be afraid. Let us walk joyfully along the paths of the world, following the footsteps of the giant who has preceded us.

We are never alone!

Pope Francis @ Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children celebrating their birthday over the next 2 weeks.....

Reagan G – 1B	Lily C – 3B
Archer B – 4B	Ryan L – 6B
Skylar S – KB	Georgiana Z – 6W
Sydney B – 4W	Angus R – 1W

FROM THE REC

The Feast of the Ascension

Ascension Day refers to Jesus bodily ascending to heaven. According to the New Testament, the Ascension of Jesus occurring 40 days after the [Easter](#) on a Thursday (and ten days before [Pentecost](#)) but some religious celebrate it on Sunday in the sixth week following Easter Sunday. The Feast of the Ascension is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar.

The Acts of the Apostles says that after the resurrection Jesus stayed with his apostles for 40 days. Afterwards, they came to the Mount of Olives from where Jesus ascended to heaven to be with God.

Planning worship around Ascension once a year is an especially good option for children for two reasons:

1. The Ascension story answers the child's question, "where is Jesus now?" His life walking around on the earth is over, but he lives with God and continues to love the whole world from there. As he left, he clearly passed the baton to his disciples – and to us.
2. As you complete the cycle of liturgical seasons about Jesus' life and passion (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter), Ascension Day is a chance for worship review (How did we follow and celebrate Jesus in each season?) and a peek ahead to the rest of the liturgical year.

(Taken from the Worshipping with Children blog)

Leanne Ryan

(Religious Education Co-Ordinator)

SCHOOL FEES

You will shortly receive your Term 2 Statements. If you are wanting to set up a payment arrangement please contact Cheryl Bolton via details below. If any of our Families are being financially impacted by COVID-19 we encourage you to complete our short online application form to request assistance via this link https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b15pyilGxwgRR65.

If you require a paper copy of this form to complete, please contact me.

For any fee assistance or any other School Fee related enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me in the office on 4570 3700 or via email cbolton@parra.catholic.edu.au

GENERAL BUSINESS

Attendance

Students will continue to be recorded as "Flexible" if they are not physically present at school and are learning remotely. Students who are present at school will be marked present on the roll. Parents need to inform the school when a student is absent from their online studies due to ill health or another reason eg Medical appointments etc.

Illness

If your child is not feeling well, even with the slightest symptoms, they MUST be kept at home. We thank you for your understanding at this time.

NBN COVID-19 Education Relief Package

As part of the NBN COVID-19 Education Relief Package, approximately \$50 million will be directed from NBN to help retailer providers support low-income households with school-aged children who do not currently have an active NBN™ connection at home. Further information is available [here](#).

School Pick Up Safety

The front gate will now stay closed until the first bell at 3.05pm. If you need to collect your child prior to this time please buzz the office. Thank you for your understanding and supporting social distancing.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd hand uniform shop will be open this Wednesday from 8.30am-9.30am (week 4). From week 5, Thursday 28th May the hours will return to each Thursday morning from 8.30am-9.30am.

Playground Equipment News

Over the next few weeks two new features will be installed in our playground. These are a wobble walker and arched bridge. (pictured below)

Following this we will have the rest of the playground equipment painted so that it will complete the renovations begun last year.

This addition was possible due to the grant awarded late last year from the Local Schools Community Fund.



EXTRA SCHOOL CLEANING BEING UNDERTAKEN

As more children return to school, the health and safety of our students and staff continues to remain extremely important.

To minimise the risk, the school is ensuring the following environmental cleaning regularly takes place throughout the school, especially for high touch areas.

High touch areas include:

- Student Desks
- Devices
- Door handles in the classrooms and bathrooms
- Light switches
- Taps in the classrooms and bathrooms

These accommodations are extra to the following recommended guidelines:

- washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and / or using hand sanitiser at regular intervals throughout the day - particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet. Soap and hand sanitiser are available in all classrooms.
- covering coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue
- placing used tissues straight into the bin
- avoiding touching one's eyes, nose and mouth
- not sharing food or drink
- closing all communal bubblers



The community can also assist us by continuing to follow the Health and Safety Guidelines below:

Health and Safety Guidelines Message for Parents

- if your child is sick, **they must not go to school**. You must keep them at home and away from others. If your child has a cough, sore throat, runny nose and sneezing, they should remain at home until they are completely better.
- Remember to maintain physical distancing from other parents and teachers when attending school, including when dropping off and picking up your children.
- Please send a drink bottle with your child as communal bubblers will not be available until further notice.

Congratulations to William Cleary in Year 1.

William is the first student at St Monica's to complete the reading challenge in 2020! A fantastic achievement!!

William will receive a Dymocks voucher so that he can continue to enjoy his love of reading with some new books.



How many books do you have left to go?

Remember you can choose 10 books of your own choice this year and all children from K-6 can include books that you have read with your teachers or parents in person or online.



Which grade will be the first to finish the challenge?

What treat will be in store for these students?

***Melissa Beggs
PRC Coordinator***

SKOOLBAG APP

A reminder that we are encouraging all parents and carers to download the Skoolbag App. All school information is distributed through this app. If you have any problems please contact the office.

1. Download the SkoolBag app
2. Create an account
3. Add your school





What eggsactly is happening at St Monica's lately??

Whitney and Britney have arrived!!

It all started last week with some mysterious wooden chickens appearing in our playground!



And then... real life chickens entering our playground on the weekend!

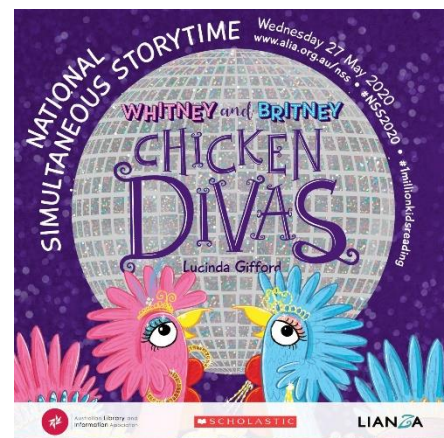
Our staff members are about to crack..... and cannot stop reading stories about chickens! Can you help reveal their identities??



Get **eggcited** St Monica's!

Wednesday 27th May at 11am

on our Facebook Page and Google Classroom - Join us for the reading of the picture book "Chicken Divas" by Lucinda Gifford. You may also see and hear some other exciting events!



Georgiana in 6 White has dressed up "Henny Penny" her Silky chicken in preparation for Simultaneous Storytime



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RICHMOND (Since 1859)

ENROLLING NOW

FOR

2020 & 2021 All Grades

At St Monica's Primary School, our aim is to personalise learning to enable children to reach their full potential emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

Our vision challenges us to provide and support a quality Catholic education that prepares each child for the future through caring and innovative teaching.

Therefore, we believe:

- All children can learn
- Learning is dynamic and lifelong
- Children develop deep understanding when given the opportunity to engage, explore, reflect, revise and apply

Enrolment Applications may be collected from:

St Monica's Primary School – 32 Francis Street

Email: stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au

Tel: (02) 4570 3700

Healthy Lunchbox Recipe

Muesli slice

Makes 24

Can be stored in an airtight container for up to 5 days

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¾ cup sultanas or other mixed dried fruit
- ½ cup canola oil
- ½ cup honey
- 2 mashed bananas



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a slice tray with non-stick baking paper.

In a mixing bowl, add the dry ingredients and mix through.

Add the remaining ingredients and mix with a wooden spoon until fully combined.

Place mixture into a lined slice tray and press down firmly.

Cook for 30 minutes until golden.

Allow to cool before cutting into squares

CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES				
Bread rolls (add extra)		\$0.50		Paper bags \$0.10
Roast chicken		\$3.50		Apples \$1.00
Roast chicken with salad		\$4.00		
Ham & salad		\$4.00		
Ham		\$3.00		
Tuna		\$3.00		
Vegemite		\$2.50		
Cheese		\$2.50		
Cheese & salad		\$3.50	Extra Fillings	
Mediterranean roll (w/Tuna, olives & tomato paste)		\$3.00	Mayonnaise	\$0.30
Egg & lettuce		\$3.00	Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30
Jaffle: Ham & cheese		\$3.50	Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Jaffle: Cheese		\$3.00	Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50
Buttered bread		\$0.60	FRUIT & JELLY	
SALAD PACKS			Jelly cup	\$1.00
Chicken & salad		\$4.50	Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Ham & salad		\$4.50	Custard cup	\$1.00
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50	Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Egg & salad		\$4.00	RECESS MENU	
Salad bowl		\$3.50	Garlic bread	\$1.00
WRAPS			Cheese & bacon rolls	\$2.00
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50	Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50	Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50	Chocolate muffins	\$1.00
			Pikelets (ONLY Wednesday)	\$0.50
\$3.50	HOT DOG DAY		To provide the best canteen service for the children, it is necessary for all orders to be handed in at the canteen before 9am. Thank you.	
	K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month 3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month			
Hot dog with sauce			SNACKS	
HOT FOOD			Red rock deli chips – Honey & soy	\$1.50
Chicken Nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Smith's salt & vinegar (Gluten free)	\$1.50
Gluten free nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Bread sticks (pizza & plain)	\$0.30
Hash browns		\$1.50	Want Want Rice Crackers	\$0.30
Fish fingers	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	Eucalyptus drops	\$1.00
Corn on the cob		\$1.50	ICE BLOCKS	
Hot roast chicken roll		\$3.50	Quelch – 99% Fruit juice	\$1.00
Pie -Traveller (Large)		\$3.50	Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
Pie - Snack (small)		\$2.00	Zing (yoghurt & fruit)	\$1.00
Potato Pie (ONLY Term 2 & 3)		\$4.00	Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups	\$1.00
Lite sausage roll		\$3.00	Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)	\$0.30
Spinach & cheese rolls		\$3.00	DRINKS	
Pizza – Cheese & bacon		\$3.50	Popper juice Apple or Orange	\$1.50
Lasagne		\$4.00	Spring water	\$2.00
Macaroni & cheese		\$4.00	Quench (blue, green, red)	\$2.50
Mamee chicken noodles		\$3.00	Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.50
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce		\$4.00	Cup of plain milk	\$1.00
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato		\$4.00	Please Note: RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS	
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese		\$3.50		
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00		
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00		