



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: FR GAYAN THAMAL

**Term 3 Week 2**

**28<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that you and your family had an opportunity to take some time out and slow down over the recent holiday break.

Our new grass areas are moving ever closer to completion and this week saw the first stage open for the children to use. This week will also see the new playground equipment installed. This has been a great addition to our school facilities and the children are very excited to finally be able to use the spaces after very patiently watching the construction.



Over the next two weeks I will be taking Long Service Leave to spend time with our daughter, her fiancé and extended family as we prepare to celebrate their wedding on the 6th August. This time is very exciting for us as a family and while due to COVID 19 restrictions it will be different from our earlier plans we are grateful to have time together to celebrate and bless them in their future together.

In my absence Mrs Jacqui Vanderburg will be Acting Principal and Mrs Leanne Duval will be Acting Assistant Principal. I know that the school will be in capable hands in my absence and I thank them for taking on these leadership roles at St Monica's.

Last week we also welcomed Father Gayan and Father Thomas into the learning spaces and the children engaged in discussions to get to know them both a little better. Father Gayan has also been visiting the children as they prepare for Confirmation and we keep these children especially in our prayers as they consider the importance of this sacrament.

This week we have also been conducting parent teacher interviews after the Semester 1 reports went home last Friday.

As with everything in 2020 they have taken on a different look however the opportunity to connect and discuss your children's learning successes and their next steps is an important one and we appreciate as a staff the time taken via phone or in person that you have made to continue this important dialogue.

Our assemblies too have begun again and this week we celebrated our mathematicians, writers and Voice of Youth finalists. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page as we share our successes and school events with the community.

Congratulations to Lidia Hoffmann who spoke so eloquently and persuasively about her cats and will go on to represent St Monica's at the Hawkebury cluster final in the coming weeks. Her speech maintained a high level of interest throughout due to the clever use of humour, imagery and her passion for her subject.

Finally I hope that those of you who purchased produce from the first of our veggie garden crops enjoyed eating the results. My lettuce was delicious!!

Have a wonderful week and I look forward to sharing the wedding news upon my return.

*Mrs Melissa Beggs*  
Principal



*"To pray means to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it always belongs to God."*  
*Pope Francis@Pontifex*



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

Travis L – K6	Sahana C – 1B
Lachlan E – 4W	Hunter C – 4W
Mikelia A – 3B	Emelia H – KB
Levi R – 5B	Andreus X – 2
Jack J – 2W	Ellie L – 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 on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.



**Hot Dog Day**

K-2

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**\$3.50**



<b>Wednesday</b> <b>July 29</b>	Kerrile Campbell
<b>Friday</b> <b>July 31</b>	Josette Semaan & Paula Sciberras
<b>Monday</b> <b>August 3</b>	Beverly Owens & Jenny Hopper
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>August 5</b>	Hot Dog Day K-2 Bethany Cox & <b>Volunteer Needed Please</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>August 7</b>	Catherine/Steve Chadevski Agi Tomasewski
<b>Monday</b> <b>August 10</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed Please</b>
Thank you 😊	



**Potatoe Pies are now available for Term 3**

**Pasta Cups are available during recess for Term 3 until sold out \$2.00**



## GENERAL BUSINESS

The second-hand Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning 8.30am-9.30am located on Bourke Street in the old cottage.

Lost Property - With the weather chilly in the mornings and heating up during the day children are taking their jackets and jumpers off and walking away. We have NUMEROUS jackets/jumpers with no names in our lost property. As uniforms can be expensive if you need to keep replacing them, we cannot stress though the importance of putting your child's name on their clothing, so it can be returned to them

Introducing

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for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:  
**www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

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Book Club brochures went home last Wednesday. If your child did not receive one, please ask them to see Mrs Ryan in the library.

Orders close Monday August 10. All orders are to be placed online by the parents. No cash will be accepted. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MONICA'S?

Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta has undergone much change in the last two years. Term 3 2020 marks the next step towards a new curriculum that will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new approach, currently known as the Draft New Curriculum, has been a collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. This innovative and ambitious project has led to the development of Learning Cycles (one per term), that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of young people. This endeavour supports our students to grow in faith and understanding through prayer, reason and action in daily life.

In Term 3, using experiential learning through student inquiry, students in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) will engage with one Learning Cycle (unit of work) from the Draft New Curriculum. In preparation for the 2021 implementation, teachers are continuing to participate in extensive theological formation and professional learning.

This is an exciting opportunity for our faith community of St Monica's to further exclaim our commitment to empowering all our young people to discover a meaningful and flourishing life.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the term and will keep you updated about opportunities that will extend the learning experience further for students and their families.



Fr Gayan Thamel was born in June 1974 in Sri Lanka and moved to Western Australia in 2000 to complete his priestly formation at St Charles' Seminary Guildford, WA. He was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury WA in 2002 and remained at the Cathedral parish for three years as an Assistant Priest. Since then he has been in four other rural parishes as the parish priest and enjoyed immensely his rural ministry and community involvement. He was residing at Pinjarra Catholic parish in WA as the parish priest before moving to Windsor in 2018.

Fr Gayan became a Specialist Reserve Chaplain in the Air Force in 2015 and was serving at RAAF Base Pearce WA. He will continue his Reserve Chaplaincy Ministry at RAAF Base Richmond on Thursdays. He enjoys his time walking and motor bike riding.



## FUN WITH MATHS!

Each term this year, St Monica's has entered two teams from Stage 3 into the Have Sum Fun Online Competition. This competition requires students to work as a team of four to answer 30 questions in the fastest time possible. Congratulations to both our Year 6 and Year 5 teams who achieved fantastic results in Term 2. These students were presented with their participation certificates at Monday's assembly.

A special mention to our Year 5 team who achieved a perfect score of 30 out of 30 and gained 1st place out of 32 schools across Australia. Each of these students has won a \$25 cash voucher. Well done Alayna.V, Nickson.M, Nicholas.N and Oliver.B.



Good luck to the two teams competing in Term 3.

Mrs Egan

## P and F Fundraiser We are fundraising with Tea Towels!

*We are Creating Lasting Memories!*



Our limited-edition tea towel design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff.

The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole school, then screen printed in blue onto premium 100% white cotton tea towels.

Don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box. Tea towels can be ordered by completing the form below and returning with payment to the office, in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL ORDER".

There is a sample tea towel hanging outside the office to view.

**\$15 for first T Towel and any additional T Towels are \$10 each**

**Orders due by this Friday 31st July.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

St Monica's P & F Committee

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### TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tea Towels Ordered:      1   2   3   4   5   6   or more \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose payment with your order:

TOTAL enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea in Week 10 last term.*

Yr 1 – Christian B, William C, Jake M, Maddison C,  
Michael C, Angus R, Indee B, John M, Jessica P, Isobel C

Yr 6 – Zoe H

K6G – Tyrone L



*Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea in today.*

Kindy – Brayden Y, Ariana B, Zoe N, Skylar S, Tenielle R

Yr 1 – Izabella P, Indianna M, Noah S, Jayden V, Jasmine L, Eliana G,  
Hannah C, Emma M, Oliver D, Amelia

Yr 6 – Emily H, Luciana M



**FROM THE REC**

Children's Liturgy in our Parish

Children's Liturgy has been suspended for the time being due to the circumstances of life throughout the world. However, we are looking to recommence this special gathering of the children during the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday morning 9:30am Mass.

We are in desperate need of parents to help lead the children in this type of prayer. Training will be provided, teaching notes and worksheets for the children are all provided. You do need to have a current Working with Children Check, which is obtainable through the MRTS.

If you think you would like to be involved, please leave your contact details at the school office and they will be forwarded to me. At this stage, it may not be until the beginning of Term 4.

Leanne Ryan  
Religious Education Co-Ordinator

***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey***

In the coming weeks (10<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> August) we will be inviting students in Years 4-6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey - ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey***. This survey is an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we greatly value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would appreciate your feedback. The information you provide in the survey will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Further information on how to access the survey will be sent home in the next few weeks.



Tell Them From Me

## “Deep Blue Sea”

In Week 5 we will be celebrating **National Science Week**. The theme is the “**Deep Blue Sea**” investigating our Oceans and the issues affecting their sustainability.

We have organised a number of exciting events for the week:

### MONDAY AUGUST 17TH

Everyone will attend **The Deep Blue Oceans Show** in our School hall. The cost for attending has been covered in each child's school fees.

### STEM/PROJECT BASED LEARNING TASKS

Throughout the week all classes will work on mini tasks relating to the oceans. For example stage one will be investigating floating and creating dioramas, stage two will design and make sailing boats and a fish farm and stage three will investigate ocean probes and floating rigs.

### THE DEEP BLUE SEA ART SHOW

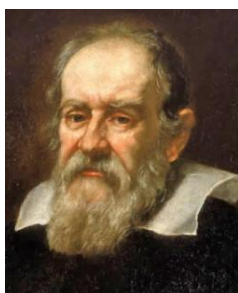
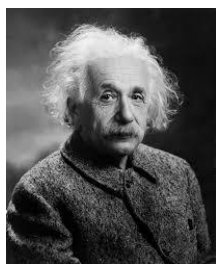
We will be holding an Art/Craft exhibition. Artworks/crafts/models should be completed with the theme of 'Deep Blue Sea'. Children can use any form of media. Exhibits should be returned to school by **Wednesday August 19th** and will be displayed in the Hall on **Friday August 21st**.

### FRIDAY AUGUST 21st

Our Deep Blue Sea showcase! Each stage will present their learning tasks throughout the week and also view the Art show.

**Friday August 21 - everyone is asked to come to school dressed as a famous Scientist in history.**

*Eg: Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Galileo, Isaac Newton, Leonardo Da Vinci!*







Dear parents,

The cold weather has arrived and many students at St Monica's have taken the opportunity to "curl up" with a good book.

Congratulations to the following students who have joined their peers in successfully completing the 2020 challenge.

Indee B - Yr 1  
Jake M - Yr 1  
Phoenix I - Yr3  
Harrison M - Yr3  
Tomas N - Yr3  
Jake Y - Yr3  
Patrick C - Yr4



Many more students are on their way to finishing with just a few books left to read. All classes received their usernames and passwords earlier this year from their class teachers and should be able to log on to the website (below) to fill in their book titles.

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

*(Please advise your class teacher or myself if you are having any difficulties)*

**Remember you have until the end of August to get those entries logged!**

***"Happy Reading!"***

*Melissa Beggs*

*Principal*

## Stage 1 Grass Area @ St Monica's

We are excited to play on our new grass area and look forward to stage 2 near the cricket nets opening soon!



# Lunchbox Recipe

## INGREDIENTS

- 200g mini farfalle [pasta](#)
- 1 x 310g can corn kernels, drained
- 1 x 250g punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
- 150g ham slices, coarsely chopped
- 80g (1 cup) grated cheddar
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, coarsely chopped
- 125ml (1/2 cup) caesar salad dressing



## Method

Cook the pasta in a saucepan of salted water following packet directions until al dente. Drain.

Combine the pasta, corn, tomato, ham, cheese and cucumber in a large bowl. Add the dressing and toss until well combined. Store in an airtight container.

## St Monica's Primary School RICHMOND

(Since 1859)



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 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.

**Enrolling Now for All Grades 2021**

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Phone: 4570 3700



A reminder that limited places are still available for 2021 in Kindergarten and Years 1- 6. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact our school office on 4570 3700 or visit our website at <http://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au/>



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