



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 4 Term 1

Tuesday 16th February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4. The term is moving ahead fast with much happening at St Monica's. Yesterday we celebrated our first assembly and acknowledged our swimmers from our carnival. Congratulations to Blue House on being our Champions for 2021. Congratulations also to all our swimmers who will now go off to compete at the Zone carnival this Friday. I know that they will be great ambassadors of sportsmanship for the school.

Tomorrow we will be having a site inspection to begin work on a solar and LED lighting program for the school. This is being funded by CEDP and will help make our school more energy efficient and assist in our part in making our impact on the environment more sustainable. In more building news the Kindergarten rooms will be having building works in the term 1 holidays. New sliding glass doors will be installed so that they can better utilise the grass area behind the current classrooms. This space will be fenced to allow for a usable outdoor area and sensory play space during the day.

I would also like to invite parents to come to our first P&F meeting for 2021. This is a great way to meet other parents and to be involved in the school. We will be meeting at 7pm in the school library on Tuesday 23rd February.



As you know, this Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The children will be attending Mass or a Liturgy (Kinder) to mark this very important day in the Church's year. Here are some words of wisdom to reflect upon in your own prayer time:

*"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...
'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us.*

What are we to repent?

Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe?

Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor –

He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"To understand God's plan for our lives better, let us seek to strengthen our relationship with Him through Prayer. Thus we will discover that God is a compassionate Father who always takes care of us."

Pope Francis@Pontifex



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

Bridget M-C S3G	Jake M S1G
Alexandra D S3W	Seanna S S3G
Aaron H S3G	Jake Y S2W
Jonathon P S3W	Edgar S S1B

CANTEEN

Wednesday February 17	Kerrile Campbell & Rebecca Robinson No meat products available
Friday February 19	Paula Sciberras No Meat Products Available
Monday February 22	Jenny Hopper
Wednesday February 24	Nibya Ross & Stacey Moore
Friday February 26	Louisa Berry & Monique Hodder
Monday March 1	Bev Owens & Jenny Hopper
Thank you 😊	

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.



Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021.

No meat or chicken products will be available in the canteen on this day.

During lent **NO** meat or chicken products will be available on Fridays.

(Friday 19th February – Friday 1st April)

The following menu will be available on Friday's, as well as non-meat items from our regular menu.

Fish Burger	\$3.50	Spinach & Ricotta Rolls	\$3.00
Fish Fingers	\$0.60 each	Hash Brown's	\$1.00 each
Macaroni & Cheese	\$3.50	Cheese Pizza	\$4.00
Nacho's	\$3.50	Tuna Sandwich	\$2.50
Mediterranean Roll (tuna, olives, tomato paste)	\$3.00	Tuna Salad	\$4.00

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the recipients of placings in our swimming carnival events and to all our Age Champions and Runners Up. **A big CONGRATULATIONS also to our Colour House Winners.....BLUE HOUSE!!**

Age Champions :	Junior Boys - Rohan Swamy	Runner Up - Chad Hopper
	Junior Girls- Indiana Sieders	Runner Up – Monique Saliba
	11 Boys- Patrick Curl	Runner Up – Lachlan Esposito
	11 Girls – Olivia Saliba	Runner Up – Matilda Berry
	Senior Boys – Ashton Sieders	Runner Up – Ben McMurray
	Senior Girls – Caitlin Hopper	

We wish our zone swimming team the very best on Friday as they attend the Zone Carnival and represent St Monica's.

Sydney Barglik
Matilda Berry
Jenna Carr
Valentina Diego
Alex Duncan
Caitlin Hopper
Mackenzie Refalo
Monique Saliba
Olivia Saliba
Indiana Sieders

Felicity Scott
Phoebe Berry
Patrick Curl
Chad Hopper
Ben McMurray
Harrison Moulton
Lucas Reimer
Jordan Render
Ashton Sieders
Rohan Swamy





Term 1 Awards					
Week 4	Class	Dispositions	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	Kindergarten	Lily Dawson	Ella Bridges	Diesel Robinson	Cristina Rulli
		Addison O'Brien	Anna Bryant	Lucan Nankervis	Murphy Anderson
	Stage 1	Oliver Donelly	Edgar Stockey	Abigail McIntosh	Emily McIntosh
		Gatleen Kaur	William Black	Georgia Zammit	Isla Lindop
		James Michalef			
	Stage 2	Harrison Moulton	Harper Moore	Addison Munro	Indie Sieders
	Stage 3	Lincoln Abela	Annabel Stockey	Michaela Laws	Cameron Farrugia
				Caitlin Hopper	
	K-6 Gold	Marcus Garland	Vlan Reyes	Tavish Mendratta	



SAVE THE DATE

The last day of term 1 Thursday 1st April is a pupil free day which means no children are to be at school and alternative care arrangements will need to be made for this day.

The staff of St Monica's will be engaged in professional development in mathematics. The focus of our work will be about educational challenge - how do we strengthen the intensity of our teaching and learning to ensure high academic achievement and success.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2022 are available from the school Monday to Friday or alternatively the enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website

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

Applications can be emailed to the school or returned in person along with any supporting documents. However if you email your forms please retain the original application form as you will be required to submit that at a later date.

Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2021.



P & F MEETING

Parental involvement takes high priority at St Monica's. One of the most proactive groups supporting the school is our P&F. Meetings are held at the school twice a term. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our first P & F Meeting for 2021 will be held in the school library on Tuesday 23rd February beginning at 7pm.

OPEN DAYS

St Monica's Primary School is having three OPEN Days for Prospective NEW Families to the school community. These are being held to give you the opportunity to meet the Principal and hear in person what our school has to offer your child. Please phone the school to register your interest in attending on 4570 3700 or visit our website <https://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au> and register online.

Details of the Open Days are below.

Open Day | 8th March 2021 9am - 10:30am

Open Day | 17th March 2021 5:30pm - 7pm

Open Day | 26th March 2021 9am - 10:30am

TODAY IS SHROVE TUESDAY.

'Shrove' means being forgiven for wrong doings. Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day. A long time ago this was a day for feasting and having a good time. People went to church to confess the bad things they had done and would be forgiven before the start of Lent. As rich foods such as eggs were forbidden during Lent, one way of using them up would be to make pancakes. We thank the P & F for giving up their time today to prepare pancakes for the students of St Monica's. A very yummy treat for our students.

Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday and this marks the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent goes for forty days and is a time for Catholics to prepare for Easter. Lent is usually a time of fasting and repentance as well as a time for reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifices for us. When we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday we show Jesus the choice we have made. Ash Wednesday signals our choice to turn away from sin. We turn over our lives to Jesus and we try to become more like Jesus. Lent is a season of penance. During Lent we admit that we have turned away from Jesus. We admit that from time to time we have been selfish and unkind. We are sorry that we have sinned. We want to make up for our sins so that we can grow closer to Jesus. During Lent we show that we are sorry and that we want to be better by doing three things. We pray, we fast and we do kind deeds for other people. Doing kind deeds is called almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday, Years 1 to 6 will attend 9am Parish Mass. (Year 6 will attend in the church and all other students will be in the hall with the Mass live streamed to them.) They will receive the ashes on their forehead and hear these words 'turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'. Kindergarten will have a short prayer service during the day and then receive their ashes.



We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with Pancakes for the whole school!



NEWS FROM THE PARISH

2021 TERM 2: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Year 5 - must have completed the Sacrament of Penance & Sacrament of Eucharist

20 & 21 February 2021: **Enrolment Forms available** at all weekend Masses until 28 March 2021

1 April 2021: **Enrolment Forms Due** –

No Enrolment Ceremony will be held due to Covid Restrictions **Enrolment Forms are to be returned electronically or via office by Thurs 1 April.**

Enrolment Prayer Ceremony will take place instead during Group Session Week 1

Thursday, 22 April 2021: **Parent Night** starting at **7.00pm St Monica's, Richmond**

Sunday 25 April 2021: **Sacramental Groups** begin - **4 week** duration

Sunday 16-21 May 2021: **Reconciliation** will be available during final Group Session Week 4

Wednesday 26 May 2021 **Confirmation Ceremonies** – under normal conditions

& Thursday 27 May 2021 under 2m² rule (limited guests will apply)

commencing at 7.00pm St Monica's, Richmond

Plus:

Monday 24 May 2021 **Additional Confirmation Ceremonies** to be held if 4m² rule applies

Tuesday 25 May 2021 **commencing at 7.00pm St Monica's, Richmond**

& Friday 28 May 2021:

2021 TERM 3: SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Year 4 – must have completed Sacrament of Penance

29 & 30 May 2021: **Enrolment Forms available** at all weekend Masses until Enrolment Ceremonies 10 & 11

July 2021 **Enrolment Ceremonies** at Vigil and Sunday Masses

Thursday, 22 July 2021: **Parent Night** starting at **7.00pm St Monica's, Richmond**

Sunday, 25 July 2021: **Sacramental Groups** - **4 week** duration

Sunday 15-20 August 2021: **Reconciliation** will be available during final Group Session Week 4

28-29 August 2021 & **First Eucharist Ceremonies** will be held at Vigil & Sunday Masses 11-12 September 2021:

2021 TERM 4: SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Year 3 – must be Baptised

4 & 5 September: **Enrolment Forms available** at all weekend Mass until Enrolment Ceremonies 9 & 10

October 2021: **Enrolment Ceremonies** at Vigil and Sunday Masses

21 October 2021: **Parent Night** starting at **7.00pm St Monica's, Richmond** Sunday, 24

October 2021: **Sacramental Groups** begin. **4 weeks** duration

Wednesday 24 Nov & **Reconciliation Ceremonies**: 3.30pm (First Rite) & 7.00pm (Second Rite)

Thursday 25 Nov 2021: **St Monica's, Richmond**

All Enquiries: Irene Galea sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au

The Parish of Richmond



St Monica's school and Parish work closely together and support each other in every way possible.

Parish Mass Times St Monica's

Saturday: 6.00pm (Must book online)

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm (Must book online)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am

St Gregory's Saturday: 9am (Must book online) Sunday: 8am & 9am (Must book online)

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PARKING IN THE PARISH CARPARK

Parking in the Parish Carpark for school drop off or pick up is not permitted. The carpark can be a hazard to the children when busy. Please consider arriving at school for pick up a little earlier or a little later to stagger the flow of traffic around the school zone.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



Bede Polding College

Year 7 2022 Key Enrolment Dates

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.



Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2022 are now available from the College Office or online

College Open Day will be on Tuesday 9th March

Completed Enrolment Applications are to be submitted to the College no later than Friday 12 March 2021

Year 7 2022 Enrolment Interviews will be held during March in the College Library

Letters of acceptance will be emailed to families by Thursday 1 April 2021