



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MRS ANEEMARIE BOND

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

FR GAYAN THAMAL

Week 8 Term 1

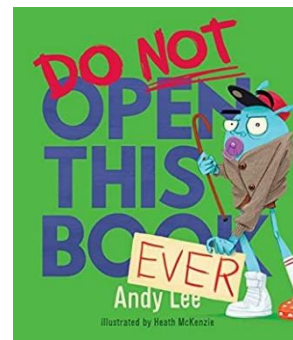
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

Welcome to Week 8.

Last week we celebrated a very successful Catholic Schools week and discussed with the students their ideas about what schooling in the next 200 years would be like. Please take some time to read some of their thoughts in the newsletter this week. We also celebrated our love of reading with our school book fair.

Thank you for your generous support. Yesterday at our school assembly the children were shown a number of books that the school was able to purchase for the school library as a result. One book's title was "Do not open this book ever!" which is one of a series of books by the author Andy Lee. The children have been challenged to write me a persuasive argument if we are to open this book and read it. You may like to assist your children formulate their arguments. I look forward to some robust reasons and being 'persuaded' to read our newest book.



### Open Days

Our Open days for prospective new parents are continuing and the dates and times are below  
Open Day | 17th March 2021 5:30pm - 7pm Open Day | 26th March 2021 9am - 10:30am  
When I speak with new parents to the school it is always lovely to hear that they have heard what a fantastic community we have here, and that St Monica's school was recommended to them from friends and family. Thank you for your continued positive support of our school.

### Harmony Day / Say NO to Bullying



This coming Friday St Monica's will be celebrating Harmony Day and Say NO to Bullying day.

We have a variety of activities planned across the day and we invite all children to come to school wearing something orange as this colour that is chosen to signify communication and meaningful conversations about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

The children will also be talking about how they can 'fill someone's bucket'. This concept discusses how each of us

carries an invisible bucket. The choices we make each day help us fill others' buckets and being kind to others also brings us happiness and meanness makes us all feel bad.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

*Mrs Melissa Beggs*

Principal

*"By receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that is the heart of our process of conversion, we spread forgiveness. Having received forgiveness, we can offer it through attentive dialogue and giving comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain."*

*Pope Francis@Pontifex*

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

Diary Dates	
Thursday March 18	School Cross Country Kindy & Stage 1 Fun Run
Friday March 19	Harmony Day Wear Orange Mufti
Monday March 22	Lots of Socks Day Wear multi coloured or odd socks  Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday March 24	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am
Thursday March 25	Stage 3 Canberra
Friday March 26	Stage 3 Canberra  Easter Morning Tea Notes due Easter Raffle Tickets due
Monday March 29	Assembly 2.10pm
Tuesday March 30	Easter Morning Tea & Raffle drawn
Wednesday March 31	Last Day Term 1
Thursday April 1	Pupil Free Day – No school for students
Monday April 19	School Returns for Term 2



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

Jenna C – S3W	Oliver B – S3G
Jayden V – S1W	Nickolas A – S3B
Thomas C – S2B	Sophia B – S2B
Hannah C – S1W	Amelia O – S1B
Matilda B – S3G	

## CANTEEN

Wednesday March 17	Paula Sciberras
Friday March 19	Jenny Grech & Josette Semaan
Monday March 22	Josephine Dahdah
Wednesday March 24	Catherine Chadevski & Louisa Berry
Friday March 26	Jeanette Rogers & Charlene Scicluna
Monday March 29	Beverly Owens & Jenny Hopper
Wednesday March 31	Janina Zahra & Natasha Josevski
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.

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

(Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April)



**Last Day of Term 1 is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is a PUPIL FREE DAY**

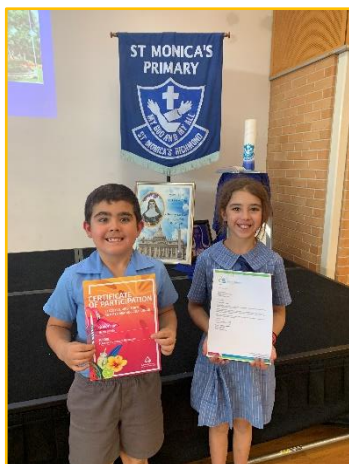
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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**



## Term 1 Awards

Week 8	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	Natasha Young	Anastas Nazarian	Levi Mulligan	Les Horkings
		Joshua McGregor			
	<b>Stage 1</b>	Tenielle Refalo	Hannah Cahill	Oliver Gent	Maddison Finch
		Izabella Pace	Christian Bugeja	Archer Hagelburg	John Micaloff
	<b>Stage 2</b>	Braxton Matthews	Lucas Ornatowski	Luke Wilkinson	Felicity Rogers
		Lily-Rose Brown	Pippa Hodder	Jack Laws	Chelsea Fitton
	<b>Stage 3</b>	Lucas Reimer Alan Pederson	Charlee Render	Nickolas Andary	
		Ashleigh Tyrpenou	Jazz Sciberras	Jordan Semaan	
	<b>K-6 Gold</b>				



Congratulations Sydney Barglik for coming Runner Up in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

Sydney received a \$30 gift voucher.





## FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

St Monica's Richmond staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Beggs through the school office (4570 3700) or via the school email address

stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au.

The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy. <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

## Attendance

### What are my responsibilities regarding attendance!

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using the **Skoolbag App**
2. Email: the school at stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Note sent with your child



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.



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### Second Hand Uniform Shop Hours:

*Monday 2.30-3.30pm and Wednesday 8.30-9.30am.*

*We are looking for donations for the uniform shop, if you have any items that you no longer need please hand them in at the office or the uniform shop during opening hours.*

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# Lots of Socks – World Down Syndrome Day 2021

Sunday 21 March is World Down Syndrome Day. It is a day that promotes discussion about the acceptance of all our differences as what makes us fantastic as an individual.

**Next Monday** March 22nd as a school we are going to be wearing our most amazing, colourful or mismatched socks with your school uniform to celebrate 'Lots of Socks!'

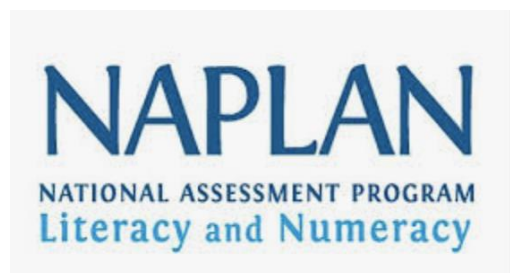
Donations can be made via the QKR app, the event will **opened on March 15th and will close on March 26th.**

Alternatively, donations can be made using the following link: <https://www.downsyndrome.org.au> We are no longer

able to accept cash donations at school. Money raised will be donated to Down Syndrome NSW to help support families and people of all ages who have Down syndrome.

Let's show that being different is a good thing and something to be celebrated.

*Thank you for your support!*

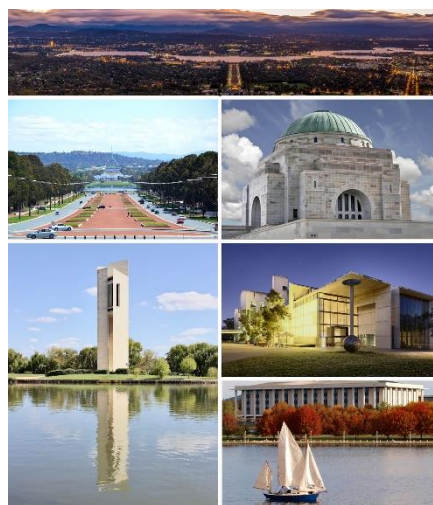


## NAPLAN AT ST MONICA'S

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual

NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**. The NAPLAN online **PRACTICE** tests will be conducted on **Wednesday 24/3/2021 (Year 5)** and **Thursday 25/3/2021 (Year 3)**.

On Monday, students in Years 3 and 5 brought home information regarding the NAPLAN schedule and the preparation of BYOD devices. This important information was also sent out via the Skoolbag app.



## STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our Stage 3 Canberra excursion is fast approaching. Just a reminder that all orders for McDonald's need to be placed via the QKR app by **this Wednesday, March 17th**. Unfortunately, late orders can not be accepted. This is an optional opportunity.

Parents/Carers of Stage 3 students are **required** to complete a Personal Health Declaration (PHD) for students in accordance with the **Work Health and Safety Act 2011** related to visiting National Attractions. Upon entering attractions, teachers will be asked to sign attesting that each student has a completed PHD. The form will be sent out next week and students will not be able to depart unless teachers have received these as they will not be

able to enter attractions without it. Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are able to participate in this excursion in a 'COVID Safe' way for all!



# ST MONICA'S NUMERACY CORNER

As mentioned in last fortnight's newsletter, games that encourage the use of numeracy skills will be included in the newsletter on a regular basis. These can be played with siblings or other family members and are a great alternative to television or device time. Have a go at this week's games..

Enjoy!

**Mrs Bond**

## CROSS OUT

### **FOCUS: Addition**

An activity for two to four players.

### **Equipment**

Two regular dice, paper and pencil

- Each player writes all the numbers from 2 to 12, on a piece of paper.
- Player A rolls the two dice, adds both numbers together and then crosses out the total on their piece of paper.

For example, student rolls a two and a three. On this roll, the player may cross out 5 ( $2 + 3$ ). If the same player is rolls  $4+1$ , they skip their turn as they have already crossed out the number 5.

- Player B then rolls the two dice, adds both numbers together and then crosses out the total on their piece of paper.

The first player to cross out all the numbers is the winner.

## MULTIPLICATION SNAP!

### **The rules of Multiplication Snap are simple...**

- Use an ordinary pack of cards
- Distribute the cards equally between two players.
- Each player puts out a card without looking what it is.
- The first player to give the correct product gets both.  
For example, the correct answer below is  $8 \times 5 = 40$ .

### **The winner is the one with the most cards at the end of the game.**

Decide before the game starts on the values of these cards.

To being with, we recommend:

- o Ace is 1
- o Jack is 11
- o Queen 12
- o King 13
- o Joker 20

### **CHALLENGE:**

- o Ace is 15
- o Joker 100





Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Hulett and family on the birth of their baby daughter. May she bring abundant love and joy to your home.



## FROM THE REC

### Holy Week at St Monica's.

With the end of term quickly approaching, the staff and students are beginning to prepare for Holy Week. Each class will respond to an assigned Station of the Cross through art, music, prayer, reflective writing, photos and frozen statues. The students will then be allotted a time to go and pray the Stations of the Cross, listening to the Scripture, reflecting on the meaning of that Station for their life and then joining together in prayer. We will post pictures on our Facebook page so you can have a sense of what we experienced.

ES1 and Stage 1 will be joining with their buddies, other Stages will go in roll class groups. If the opportunity arises, please consider taking your child/children to at least one of the Holy Week ceremonies in the Parish. You will need to register on the Parish website due to Covid restrictions. These ceremonies only take place at this most sacred time of the Church's Liturgical year and are significant to our Catholic identity.

Thursday night (April 1st) in the evening is the Mass of the Last Supper,

Friday morning (April 2nd), Stations of the Cross, and Friday afternoon, 3pm is Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday evening is the Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday morning, 7:30am, 9:30am.

Leanne Ryan

Religious Education Co-Ordinator

## CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Teresa Valenti on the recent passing of her father. We know you join with the staff both past and present in sending her our love and support.

Please keep Mrs Valenti and her family in your prayers.





## **Catholic Schooling in 200yrs**

Teacher's asked the children what they thought school would be like in 200 years. Here are some of their responses.....

I think teachers will be computers and we will have special brain chips. I don't think our school will still be here, because they might have destroyed it. I think we will be able to upload our minds onto the computer so that information can be loaded onto our brain.

Lily-Rose S2W

In 200 years we would live in space on Mars and we would be taught by electronics. Also we would work on iPads and computers and everything would be using technology. We would all have food microchips that will help us eat at special times of the day, e.g. when it's lunch, we would put in the lunch chip.

Lily S2B

The school will have flying computers Jude KW

The school will have alien teachers Marlowe KW

Watch this space for Stage 1 & 3 responses in the next newsletter.....

## *Easter Morning Tea & Raffle 2021*



On **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** we are having an **Easter Morning Tea** for the children. The morning tea will consist of a hot cross bun or cookies and a popper. The cost is \$2.50.

We are also having an **Easter Raffle**. Each grade will have a raffle with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. The tickets are 50c each and families participating in raffles will be sent home a book of tickets, totaling \$5 per family.

**Please see the note sent home today with the eldest child in the family.**



	<h1>The Parish of Richmond</h1>	
St Monica's Church Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts Richmond NSW 2753	St John of God 177 Grose Vale Road North Richmond NSW 2754	Parish Office 1A Bourke Street Richmond NSW 2753 Ph: 4578 1410 <a href="http://www.parishofrichmond.org.au">www.parishofrichmond.org.au</a> Mon 10.30am-2.30pm Tues, Wed & Fri 9.30am-4pm
St Gregory's Church 5 Old Bells Lind Road Kurrajong NSW 2758	St Monica's Primary School 32 Francis Street, Richmond PH: 4570 3700	

## A Special Invitation

***At your First Eucharist you will receive Jesus  
into your heart and life.***

We invite you to consider committing yourself to take up the important role  
of serving at the Altar as a Junior Server.

**Training will be provided and will be held at the parish,  
dates are yet to be decided.**

A parent must accompany the child during the training session.

Please know that the parish has taken every precaution and has procedures in place in  
accordance with our COVID-19 safety plan to help protect our community.

**If you have any questions please ring Martin Crew at the parish office.**

Please, fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office or put it in  
the collection boxes in an envelope marked **Junior Server**

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✂ I wish to learn about being a Junior Server

.....  
(Please, print name clearly)

I give permission for my child to be trained as a Junior Server

..... (Name of Parent/Guardian)	..... (Signature of Parent/Guardian)
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Contact Phone Number .....

Email address .....

### 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.

## **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 2m<sup>2</sup> 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 4m<sup>2</sup> rule applies

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

& Friday 28 May 2021:



All Enquiries: Irene Galea [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto: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)

#### **Parish Clergy**

Fr Gayan Thamel [frgayan@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:frgayan@parishofrichmond.org.au)

Fr Thomas Bui [frthomas@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:frthomas@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### **Parish Co-ordinator of Ministries**

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#### **Pastoral Care of the Sick Co-ordinator**

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#### **Parish Administration**


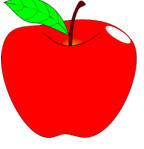
Teshana Laferla & Kara Hargrave [admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### **Sacramental Co-ordinator**

Irene Galea [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au)



# CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES				 <div>Apples \$1.00</div> 	
Bread rolls (add extra)		\$0.50			
Roast chicken		\$3.50		Extra Fillings	
Roast chicken with salad		\$4.00		Mayonnaise	\$0.30
Ham & salad		\$4.00		Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30
Ham		\$3.00		Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Tuna		\$3.00		Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50
Vegemite		\$2.50		FRUIT & JELLY	
Cheese		\$2.50		Jelly cup	\$1.00
Cheese & salad		\$3.50		Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Mediterranean roll (w/Tuna, olives & tomato paste)		\$3.00		Custard cup	\$1.00
Egg & lettuce		\$3.00		Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00
Jaffle: Ham & cheese		\$3.50		RECESS MENU	
Jaffle: Cheese		\$3.00		Garlic bread	\$1.00
SALAD PACKS				Cheese & bacon roll	\$2.00
Salad with Avo, Feta & Olives		\$4.50		Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Chicken & salad		\$4.50		Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip	\$1.00
Ham & salad		\$4.50		Banana muffin	\$1.00
Tuna & Salad		\$4.50		Chocolate muffin	\$1.00
Egg & salad		\$4.00		Vegemite & Cheese Scrolls	\$0.50
Salad bowl		\$3.50		<div>\$3.50</div> <div>Hot dog with sauce</div>	
WRAPS				<div>HOT DOG DAY</div> <div>K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month 3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month</div>	
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo		\$4.50		<div>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.</div>	
Roast chicken & salad		\$4.50			
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo		\$3.50		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		Popcorn	\$1.00
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
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese		\$3.50		Zing (yoghurt & fruit)	\$1.00
Potato Pie		\$4.00		Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups	\$1.00
Lite sausage roll		\$3.00		Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)	\$0.30
Spinach & cheese roll		\$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		Chill J (Raspberry, orange passio)	\$2.50
Mamee chicken noodles		\$3.00		Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.50
Burgers				Cup of plain milk	\$1.00
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce		\$4.00		Please Note: RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS	
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato		\$4.00			
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00			
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo		\$4.00			

# Stepping Beyond

## Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



Living through a separation or divorce can be an overwhelming experience. Not only are the hopes and dreams for your future shattered, but this experience accompanies isolation, loneliness, challenges supporting or caring for your children, and sometimes difficulty communicating with your spouse or partner over legal matters.

**Stepping Beyond Monthly Support Group is a safe environment to explore these issues. Together with trained facilitators, each month members explore their challenges and celebrate their achievements on their journey.**

**Due to Ongoing Covid concerns, this group will be held in person or via Zoom meetings, depending on restrictions. To join or be part of this group, registration is essential, please contact Rita on details**



**below.**

**DATE:** Last Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Nov)  
**TIME:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**NU:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta  
**FEE:** Donation

For Further information and registration, please call Rita on 8843 2500 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)