



# ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MRS ANEEMARIE BOND

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

FR GAYAN THAMAL

**Week 4 Term 2    Tuesday May 11, 2021**

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

Welcome to Week 4!

Last Sunday was Mother's day and despite the current COVID restrictions I hope you were able to enjoy and acknowledge the mothers in your family and those who take on the mothering role.

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Mother's Day stall. What an amazing array of gifts the children had to choose from! I know there would

have been many lucky mums, step mums, grandmothers and aunts receiving presents chosen with much care and excitement on Sunday morning. Thank you to those parents that were able to assist on the day. As they always say,

many hands make light work. In last week's Sunday readings the theme was about Love. Jesus calls us to love one another but this is a love of action and service. In many ways the love of a mother is a love of action. They call us to be the best we can be, model how we should treat others and hold us to high expectations. We are blessed to have people who mother us in our lives and hearts!



## Kindergarten 2021 / 2022



This term we have been very busy welcoming new families for enrollment into Kindergarten in 2022. It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed our present kindergarten children to school. It is delightful to see how independent they are becoming. Saying goodbye to mum or dad at the gate, carrying their own bags and walking in with friends ready to start the day. Thank you for your support of this step to independence at school. If you know of anyone who has a child ready to

start school please remind them that we are taking enrollments now and would welcome their application.



Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

*Mrs Melissa Beggs*

Principal

*"Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference.  
May we strive instead to live in global solidarity."*

*Pope Francis@Pontifex*

NEWSLETTER

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

Diary Dates	
Wednesday May 12	Hot Dog Day Stage 2 & 3
Friday May 14	School Photos - Winter Uniform Yr 6 Parish Mass
Wednesday May 19	Simultaneous Story Time
Friday May 21	Come to school dressed in SPACE Theme
Monday May 24	Stage 2 Rocks Excursion
Friday May 28	Easrly Stage 1 Sydney Zoo Excursion
Thursday June 3	Stage 3 Canberra Overnight Excursion
Friday June 4	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion



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

Aurora A - S2W	Tenielle R - S1W
Henry M - KW	Rowan H - S3G
Billy R - S2B	Reagan G - S1G
Lily C - S2B	

## CANTEEN

Wednesday May 12	Natasha Josevski
Friday May 14	Tara Fallon & <i>Volunteer Needed Please</i>
Monday May 17	Jenny Hopper & Beverly Owens
Wednesday May 19	Mariana Gelevski
Friday May 21	Charlene Scicluna
Monday May 24	Josette Semaan & Janina Zahra
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.

### HOT DOG DAY

\$3.50

Wednesday May 12

Stage 2 & Stage 3

every learner every day

### ABSENCES ADD UP!



## Attendance at St Monica's

At St Monica's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. We have had an improvement in our attendance rates over the last fortnight and a reduction in the number of unexplained absences which is fantastic.

Our younger stages are leading the way with Kindergarten's attendance rate at a high of 93.8%

We look forward to seeing each and every child here at school every day!

## School Photos Friday 14th May

Our school photos are this Friday 14th May.

Children are asked to come on that day in their full winter school uniform. Photo forms have been given to children. Please see the office if your child does not have one.



### School Name:

St Monica's Public School

### School Photo Date:

Friday 14th May 2021

### School Catch Up Date

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School photographs will be taken at school on the 14th May 2021

Order forms for individual student photographs accompany this note or will arrive shortly.

**Individual Portraits** - Prior to filling out your order check that your child's name is spelt correctly on the Order form, please make any necessary changes. Please complete the order online and students may then return the Order forms on the day of photography. If you misplace your order form please contact MSP Photography for your child's shoot key.

**Family Photos** - Should you wish to have a family photograph taken, please fill out the family section at the bottom of your ELDEST child's Order form. These photos are for school aged students attending the school and no family photo will be taken unless an order form has been received on photo day. Please ensure your children present to the portrait location to have their photo taken.

**Split Families** - you can use the same shoot key provided on the order form to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs sent in separate satchels to the school. There is a section on the order form for you to tick "Split Family" so we can place a "Mums Order" or "Dads Order" sticker on the satchel. If you think there may be a problem in receiving the photographs or you don't have an order form/shoot key, please phone MSP Photography on 02 9831 5505 so we can assist you.

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

### How to Order Online

- Log on to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click ORDER ONLINE.
- Place your order using the online system.
- Record your Order Reference Number on your student's Order form.
- Your child must present their own Photo Order form to the photographer on photo day.

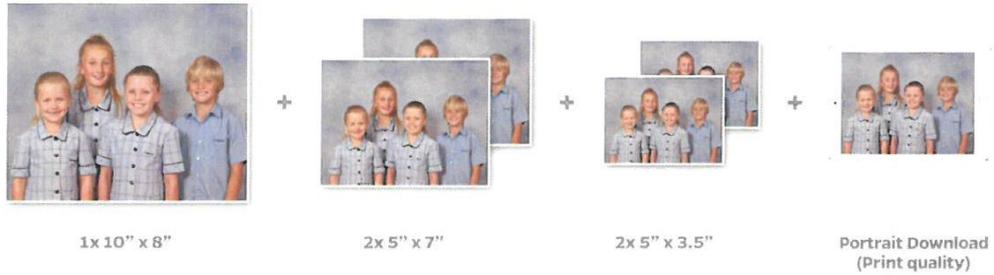
If you have no access to the internet or no credit/debit card – the school office does have some blank envelopes for cash payments. Should you have any further questions please contact MSP Photography – Sydney West directly;

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# Family Packs

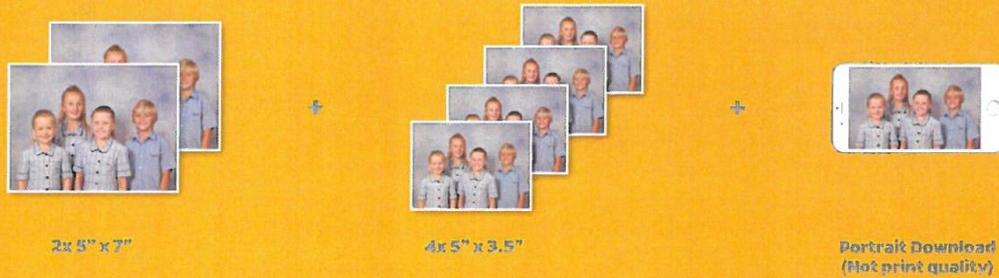
## Deluxe Pack

\$43



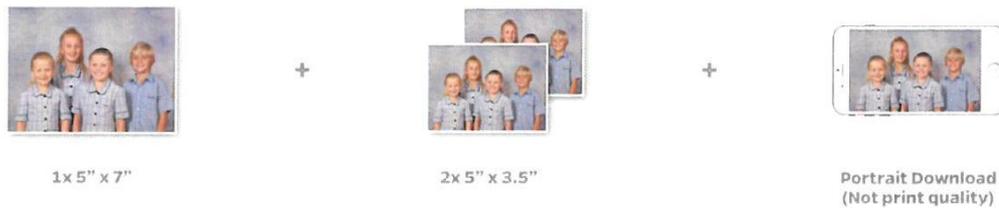
## Value Pack

\$38



## Standard Pack

\$30

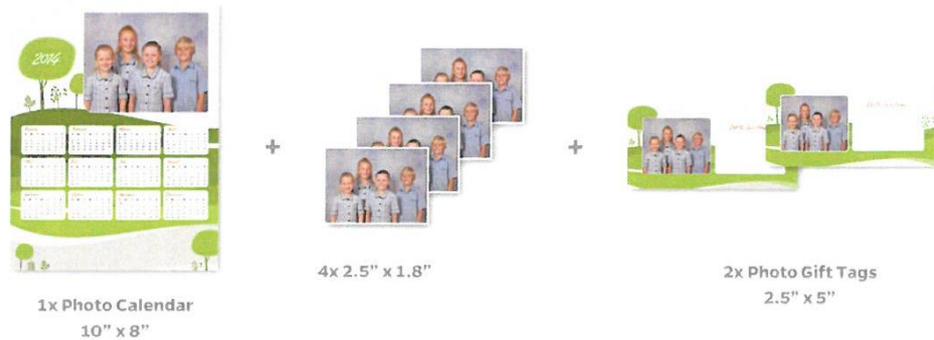


## Gift Pack\*

All 7 items

\$10

\*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.



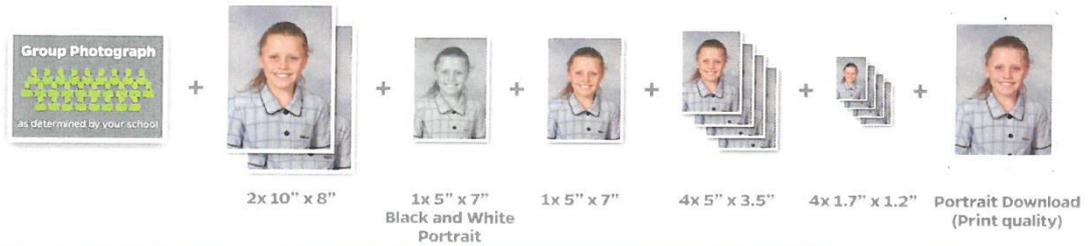
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**CAPTURING  
SCHOOL  
MOMENTS**

**Premium Pack**

\$59



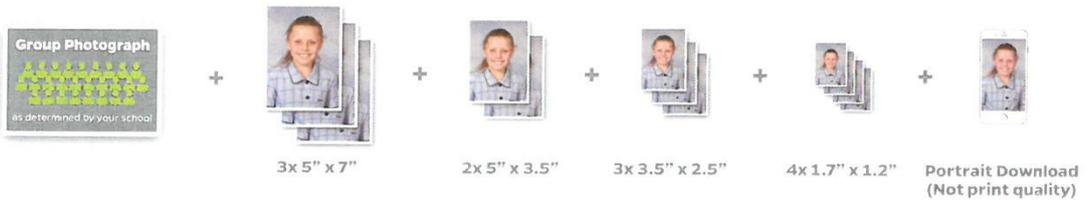
**Classic Pack**

\$52



**Value Pack**

\$49



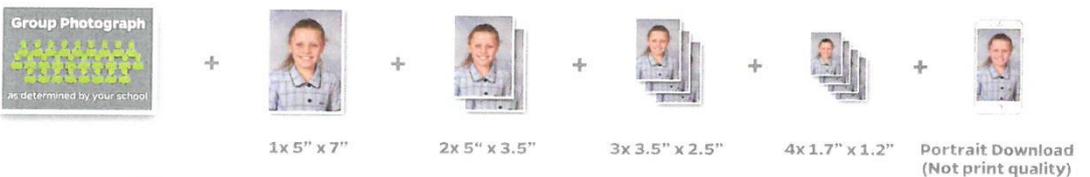
**Essential Pack**

\$45



**Basic Pack**

\$40



**Gift Pack\***

All 12 items

\$10



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**Group Only**



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**CAPTURING  
SCHOOL  
MOMENTS**

# Congratulations!

## Term 2 Awards

Week 4	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	Kindergarten	Isabella Borg	Aidon Nicol	Alicia Vella	Ethan Morgan
		Cristina Rulli			
	Stage 1	Sam Fitton	Jake Moulton	Indianna Morgan	Nikolai Josevski
		Shelby Sultana	Madison Estreich	Nicky Medina	Valentina Xerri
	Stage 2	Ayla Hermens	Bastion Coffey	Sophia Bilbija	Braxton Matthews
		Summah Borg	Phoebe Berry	Chelsea Fitton	Aurora Anderson
	Stage 3	Eamon Kendall	Bridget McKinley-Corben	Maddison Bonadio	Georgie Saliba
			Aiden Borg	Max Tishler	Ariyah Grima
	K-6 Gold	Ezekiel Huxley	Tyrone Latu	Marcus Garland	

### Writers Packs

Stage	Name
3	Alara Pederson



# NUMERACY AT ST MONICA'S

## 'MULTIPLICATION MATTERS' IN STAGE 2!

Stage 2 students are learning to apply a range of multiplication and division strategies to open and challenging problems. In our Numeracy Warm-up time we are using exciting number games to develop our recall of multiplication facts with speed and accuracy. These number games include Bump!, Headache, Dominoes, Partner Roll and Compare along with skip counting by fours, sixes, sevens, eights and nines from any given number.

Our learning activities have included opportunities for:

- making arrays with counters to solve problems
- seeing the relationship between multiplication and division, e.g.  $6 \times 4 = 24$  so  $24 \div 6 = 4$
- using factors to solve problems
- recalling and applying multiplication facts up to  $10 \times 10$ , including zero facts
- completing multi digit multiplication problems using the area model

**Why not challenge us to a multiplication game if you dare!**



Human Arrays

-  
3 rows of 9  
 $3 \times 9 = 27$



9 rows of 3  
 $9 \times 3 = 27$

Warming Up: The Array Game



## Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start to allow more parental involvement within our school community it is a timely reminder that all parents need to complete the Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module.



In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities. The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the online form and training module can be found on our school website under Enrol now and clicking on parental involvement. <https://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Parental-Involvement>

Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Students from our school in Stage 3 will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.**

**The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.**



**HELPING YOUR CHILD  
MANAGE ANXIETY**

Join the PRC and guest speaker  
Anoushka Houseman

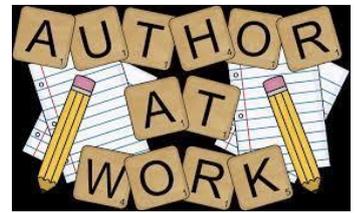
REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY

EVENT FOR PARENTS ON  
MONDAY 24th MAY

If you are interested in this topic click on the link and register. The meeting is being held via zoom.

[Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety](#)

## Writing in Stage 2 at St Monica's.



Last week I was treated to an amazing story written by Lily C in Stage 2.

Below is an excerpt from the story. As you read the story, like myself, you will be swept up in the adventure and suspense. Enjoy the beginning and like all good dramas we will leave you with a cliffhanger. Stay tuned for further details about "the wolf pack".

Mrs Melissa Beggs  
(avid reader!)

### Wolf Pack

The wolf pack moved slowly. They had just finished their meal. The leaves on the trees swayed in the soft wind.

The two largest wolves, Dusk and Fern, led the pack through the night. Their fur shimmered in the moonlight. Their pup, Rage, padded along with her cousins, Shadow and Ronin.

But, among the pack, there was jealousy.

Jealousy coming from Joffa. He was a brother to Dusk, a father to Shadow and Ronin, and a husband to Tara. He looked completely innocent from the outside, but on the inside, his heart was as frozen as a river in the winter.

At early dawn, the pack stopped to sleep. The night was done. Every wolf slept, all except Joffa, who was staring at Dusk with monstrous eyes. His revenge had begun...

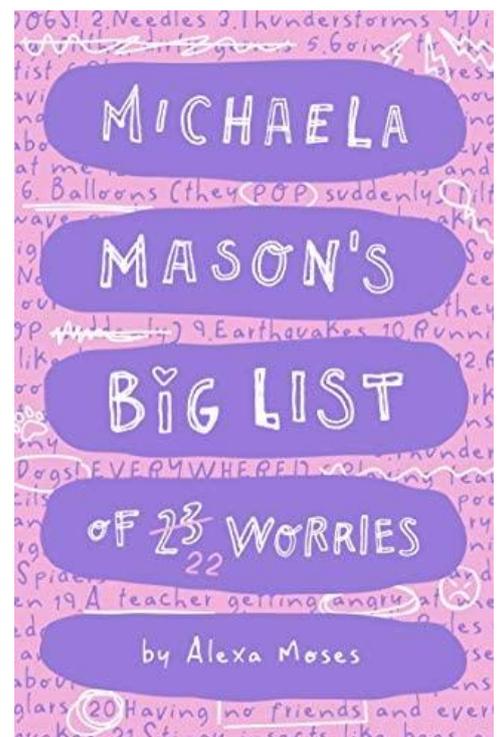
By Lily C.

### Michaela Mason's Big List of 22 Worries Book Review

I give this book 5 out of 5 stars because I relate to Michaela Mason. She is scared of dogs and I am scared of dogs (the big ones only). I like the book because at the end of the book Michaela faces her fears of dogs. At the start of the story Michaela had to move to another home and school. When it is her first day of school she meets a group of girls called The Pretty Posse. If Michaela wants to join The Pretty Posse she has to do one thing, throw flour on one of the teachers' cars.

What will Michaela do?

Borrow the book from the library and find out!



## Representative Sport news

Congratulations to Nickolas Andary on representing St Monica's in the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. Nickolas was successful in being selected for the Rugby League Mackillop team. He was also selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football team. We wish Nickolas all the best as he progresses to these events.

*Congratulations on a terrific effort!*



Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Cross Country. The children received certificates for participation at the Diocesan Cross Country and certificates for place results at our school cross country.



**Maximo Larrea-Punzo was badged Green House Sports Captain this week. Congratulations Max.**



## WEEK 5 GIVE ME SOME SPACE Spectacular Space Week at St Monica's!!

Once again we will take part in the National Simultaneous Storytime on **Wednesday May 19th**. On this day we will be beamed to Space and listen to astronauts reading the story "Give me some Space"!

**On Friday May 21st all children will come to school dressed in the SPACE theme... Children might like to dress up as aliens, planets, astronauts etc**

We will also be holding a **SPACE Exhibition in the hall on this day**. Children are invited to create an artwork, research project, diorama, model, poetry, story, movie... anything at all!! Parents are invited to view the exhibition before and after school on this day. Times will be advised closer to the time.

Please return the entry slip to take part in the exhibition and return to school by Wednesday 19th May.

**Mrs Duval**  
Leader of learning - Learning Technology

## GIVE ME SOME SPACE Spectacular Space Week EXHIBITION in the hall

Artworks/crafts/models/research should be completed with the theme of '**SPACE**'.

You might paint a picture, create a collage, sculpture, mixed media artwork using photos, materials, create a research project and present on cardboard... The ideas are endless!

[Stage 3 children may wish to use their devices to create a media presentation.](#)

Exhibits should be returned to school (**in readiness for the exhibition**) by May 19th. Certificates will be awarded to all participants.



### EXHIBITION ENTRY - Due Wednesday 19th May

**NAME OF CHILD :**

**CLASS :**

**Name of item :**

**Materials Used :**

**Brief description of item for exhibition :**



### **Parish White Elephant Stall**

It's time to declutter, to clean out your cupboards, drawers and shed.

Donations of items (in good condition) that you no longer need will be gratefully accepted during June (times and days to be confirmed) for the Parish White Elephant Stall to be held in the Old Church 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Nolene Fienberg 0432355162 for further information

### *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**

Martin Crew [martin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:martin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

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

Mary McGuiness [mary.mcguiness@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:mary.mcguiness@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### **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			
Bread rolls (add extra)			\$0.50
Roast chicken			\$3.50
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
Jaffle: Ham & cheese			\$3.50
Jaffle: Cheese			\$3.00
SALAD PACKS			
Salad with Avo, Feta & Olives			\$4.50
Chicken & salad			\$4.50
Ham & salad			\$4.50
Tuna & Salad			\$4.50
Egg & salad			\$4.00
Salad bowl			\$3.50
WRAPS			
Roast chicken, avocado, lettuce & mayo			\$4.50
Roast chicken & salad			\$4.50
Chicken tender wrap with lettuce & mayo			\$3.50
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">\$3.50</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">Hot dog with sauce</div>		<div style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">HOT DOG DAY</div> <div style="color: blue;">K-2 - First WEDNESDAY of each month</div> <div style="color: blue;">3-6 - Second WEDNESDAY of each month</div>	
		<div style="color: purple;">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>	
HOT FOOD			
Chicken Nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	
Gluten free nuggets	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	
Hash browns			\$1.50
Fish fingers	3 for \$2.00	6 for \$4.00	
Corn on the cob			\$1.50
Hot roast chicken roll			\$3.50
Pie -Traveller (Large)			\$3.50
Nacho dippers with salsa & cheese			\$3.50
Potato Pie			\$4.00
Lite sausage roll			\$3.00
Spinach & cheese roll			\$3.00
Pizza – Cheese & bacon			\$3.50
Lasagne			\$4.00
Macaroni & cheese			\$4.00
Mamee chicken noodles			\$3.00
Burgers			
St Monica's cheese burger with tomato sauce			\$4.00
St Monica's beef burger with lettuce & tomato			\$4.00
Fish burger with lettuce & mayo			\$4.00
Chicken burger with lettuce & mayo			\$4.00
SNACKS			
Red rock deli chips – Honey & soy			\$1.50
Smith's salt & vinegar (Gluten free)			\$1.50
Popcorn			\$1.00
Want Want Rice Crackers			\$0.30
Eucalyptus drops			\$1.00
ICE BLOCKS			
Quelch – 99% Fruit juice			\$1.00
Zooper Doopers			\$1.00
Zing (yoghurt & fruit)			\$1.00
Frozen apple/blackcurrant cups			\$1.00
Jelly joy sticks (Gluten free)			\$0.30
DRINKS			
Popper juice Apple or Orange			\$1.50
Spring water			\$2.00
Chill J (Raspberry, orange passio)			\$2.50
Flavoured milk Strawberry or Chocolate			\$2.50
Cup of plain milk			\$1.00
<div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px;">Please Note: RECESS &amp; LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE IN SEPARATE BAGS</div>			



Apples

\$1.00



### Extra Fillings

Mayonnaise	\$0.30
Lettuce, tomato	\$0.30
Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Cheese, egg or avocado	\$0.50

### FRUIT & JELLY

Jelly cup	\$1.00
Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Custard cup	\$1.00
Seasonal fruit cups (ONLY Term 1 & 4)	\$1.00

### RECESS MENU

Garlic bread	\$1.00
Cheese & bacon roll	\$2.00
Pasta cups (ONLY Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Carrot & cucumber with vegetable dip	\$1.00
Banana muffin	\$1.00
Chocolate muffin	\$1.00
Vegemite & Cheese Scrolls	\$0.50