



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MRS ANNEMARIE BOND

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

FR GAYAN THAMAL

Week 10 Term 3 Tuesday September 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all for your patience, resilience, flexibility and support of each other as we navigated remote learning, zoom lessons, e-readers, logging in, technology changes, internet difficulties, uploading work and keeping students engaged. It has been a mammoth task. On behalf of the St Monica's staff I would like to express how grateful we are to our families for their commitment in supporting the children. Despite all the demands on your time you have continually assisted your children to stay connected with their learning and their friends and this will help tremendously when we return to school during Term 4.

We would also like to as a community extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to those who have tested positive for COVID 19. Our recent school closure brought home to our community how close this virus is to us all and the impact it has on everyone it comes into contact with. We hope you are recovering well and will be able to re-join us soon. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Return to School in Term 4

Term 4 will begin for all students on Tuesday 5th October. (Monday is a public holiday.) We will again begin with remote learning for all children with the exception of essential workers.

The NSW government has released a planned and staged return for students with priority given to our youngest students.

The key dates are

25/10 - Kindergarten / Year 1 return

1/11 - Year 2 and Year 6 return

8/11 - Years 3, 4 and 5 return

These start dates are still dependent on a number of factors being met such as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements, however the staff are planning for these dates and any changes will be communicated to parents ASAP.

Staffing News

Mrs Jacqui Vanderburg has now been appointed as the permanent Assistant Principal of St Mary MacKillop Primary School at South Penrith. We congratulate Jacqui and wish her all the best as she continues in her role. We thank her for her service to the community of St Monica's over many years and hope to be able to invite her back in Term 4 to farewell and thank her for her contribution to St Monica's. The position of Assistant principal will now be advertised. Shortlisting and interviews will be held over the holidays.

We also congratulate Mrs Leanne Duval who will be taking up a new role at Santa Sophia College in 2022. This is an exciting opportunity for Mrs Duval to be a part of an emerging school community and we know she will bring to her role the same enthusiasm and professionalism she has brought to the St Monica's community.

Lastly, we welcome Ms Clara McHarg who joined the Kindergarten team in week 9 this term. Ms McHarg is an experienced Kindergarten teacher as well as having held roles in literacy support, music, drama and learning enrichment. The children of kindergarten have already met Ms McHarg via zoom.

Take care and stay safe and we hope you enjoy the second of our "Wellbeing Wednesdays" this week.

Melissa Beggs

Principal

A prayer for those impacted by COVID



Happy Birthday to the children who will be celebrating this week and over the holidays

<i>Aidon N – KW</i>	<i>Indee B – S1B</i>
<i>Max T – S3W</i>	<i>Kyle C – S3G</i>
<i>Savannah R – S2B</i>	<i>Alicia V – KB</i>
<i>Connow W – K6G</i>	<i>Anna B – KB</i>
<i>Tavish M – K6G</i>	<i>Jordan S – S3G</i>
<i>Ashleigh T – S3G</i>	<i>Patrick C – S3B</i>
<i>Oliver D – S1B</i>	<i>Matilda N – S1W</i>
<i>Chloe C – S2B</i>	<i>Caitlin H – S3B</i>
<i>Alyssa G – S2W</i>	

Wellbeing Wednesday

Please be reminded that tomorrow is "Wellbeing Wednesday". The children will be able to participate in a number of alternative activities that students can choose from, or you may have your own ideas and family favourites. Please note that on these days the regular lessons will be suspended. You can choose to do as many or as little of the activities suggested. - **the choice is yours!**



Dear parents,

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished for 2021. I am proud to announce that we have had 53 students complete the challenge this year.

A big thank you to the parents, grandparents, teachers and students who all encouraged each other and met the goal set! Congratulations to Kindergarten who had 100% of students complete the challenge.



Certificates of completion will be sent to the school in Term 4. We look forward to presenting them to the students and encouraging even more to 'have-a-go' in the 2022 challenge and to work towards their Gold and Platinum certificates for 4 or 7 years of successful completion in the PRC.

Happy Reading
Melissa Beggs

SCHOOL LEAVERS

We are planning for the 2022 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Monica's in 2022. A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing **MUST** be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rate credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.



ST MONICA'S SCHOOL FEES

St Monica's Instalment 3 school fees were due 18 August 2021, if you are experiencing financial difficulty due to COVID and the current lockdown, could you please contact Cheryl Bolton via email cbolton@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss, we are here to assist.

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>



KINDERGARTEN AND YEARS 1-6 IN 2022

Have you enrolled your child for 2022?

If not, limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake and Years 1-6

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten and other grades are available from the school or alternatively the enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website

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



If you have not yet submitted your enrolment form and accompanying documents could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL?

If you are learning from home and your child is too sick to participate in online learning please follow normal absence reporting procedures by sending in a skoolbag alert or email to stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au. This will allow the office staff to amend their attendance and notify their teachers they are unwell. If your child is attending school for supervision, please follow the above guidelines for a child that is sick. A reminder that if your child is ill with any COVID 19 symptoms they are not to attend school, so as to keep our school community well. Thank you for your understanding.



EXCURSION / SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REFUND

Each year the school charges as part of its fees an excursion / activity fee. This covers the incursions held at the school, Musica viva concerts, carnival costs etc and of course excursions outside of school. Due to COVID lockdown this year and the reintroduction of remote learning some excursions or activities have not taken place in term 3. We are hopeful that we will be able to arrange alternate activities for the students in term 4 however should this not be possible there will be a refund of some or all of the fee dependent on the stage. Parents will be contacted in Term 4 to arrange the refund if required.



NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Safety tips

Use bookmarks - set up bookmarks in the web browser your child uses. This may help minimise the risk of them coming across unsuitable websites and content.

Set up a folder - on shared devices, set up a folder of apps or programs that are suitable for your child to use.

Airplane mode - turn on airplane or flight mode on Apple and Android mobile devices to restrict access to some online services.

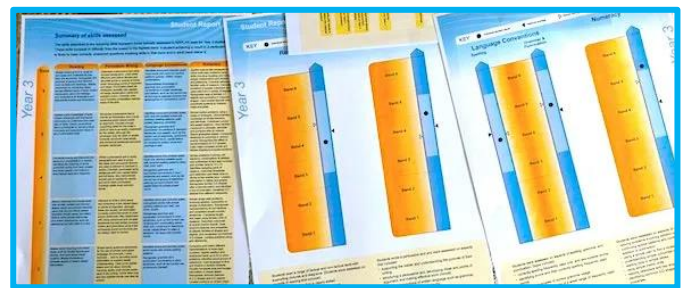
NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

2021 NAPLAN Reports

NAPLAN 2021 reports for parents have been delivered to school. These reports will be posted by the end of this week to all families.

NAPLAN tests are designed to provide parents, students and teachers with information about how the children are progressing in their learning and what supports are needed to continue to improve their level of achievement. Teachers have been given access to the assessment data this week and have begun looking at the results. If you have any questions once you have received your child's report, please contact the school.



HOLIDAY TIME

Wishing all our families a restful holiday. Although we can't travel, relax at home and enjoy time in the sun. Play games outside, start a vege patch, walk the dog and take time to yourself.



For students in Year 3 and above



St Monica's Church
Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts
Richmond NSW 2753

St Gregory's Church
5 Old Bells Line of Road
Kurrajong NSW 2758

St John of God
177 Grose Vale Road
North Richmond NSW 2754

St Monica's Primary School
32 Francis Street, Richmond
PH: 4570 3700

Parish Office
1A Bourke Street
Richmond NSW 2753
Ph: 4578 1410
www.parishofrichmond.org.au
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9.30am-4pm



The Parish of Richmond

Dear Parent,

In Baptism your child commenced a process of initiation into membership of God's faith community, the Catholic Church. At the time of Baptism, you proclaimed this faith on behalf of your child. You undertook, with the Church community to assist you, to form them in the faith. Each child has a right to the love and help of their parents as they continue to grow to become more like Christ.

Completion of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) within the Parramatta Diocese occurs via a parish based, family centred, and school supported process. The next step in your child's faith Journey is the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. The dates covering the Reconciliation Program are set out below.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the uncertainty at this time, Enrolment Forms for 2021 are attached accordingly and we ask that you return the completed forms via email to sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au or drop them into the parish office, should restrictions ease and the parish office re-opens.

Please note that attendance at all aspects of the Programme is important.

2021 TERM 4: SACRAMENT OF Penance/Reconciliation – Year 3+

Enrolment Forms available from the **4th September to 8th October**

Enrolment Ceremonies have been cancelled - please return forms electronically or drop them into the Parish Office by the **8th October**

Parent Night **Thursday 21st October** at St Monica's Church, Richmond at **7pm**

Sacramental Groups. Start week beginning, **Sunday 24th October** & are once a week for 4 week duration. Groups and processes will be confirmed closer to date.

Ceremonies: **Wednesday, 24th November and Thursday, 25th November**
at **3.30pm (First Rite) or 7.00pm (Second Rite).**

Please know that the health and safety of our community is most important to us and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the parish office.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Regards

Irene Galea

Sacramental Co-ordinator

Parish of Richmond

sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au



The Parish of Richmond

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT FORM



Please print carefully

Child's Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone: Home: Business: Mobile:

E-mail:

School: Class:

Sacraments already received: **Baptism in Catholic Church:** ☐

CHILD'S BAPTISM DETAILS

Date of Baptism: Catholic Parish: Place:

PLEASE NOTE: If **Baptism** was **outside** the **Parish of Richmond**, please include a **Catholic Baptismal Certificate**.
[Certificate copies can be obtained from parish of Baptism]

Mother's MAIDEN Name	Father
Name as on child's Baptism Certificate:	Name as on child's Baptism Certificate:
Religion:	Religion:

Does your child have any special needs the Facilitator ought to address during the program? YES / NO
If 'yes' please provide details on back of this form.

PLEASE NOTE: A donation of \$30 is kindly requested to cover costs of resources and materials. Cash donations can be included with your enrolment form or donations can be made via the Parish of Richmond Website (please see reverse for details). **BPOINT Receipt Number:** or **Cash enclosed:**

GROUP TIMES -Please number preferences 1, 2 and 3

St Gregory's, Kurrajong	St Monica's, Richmond					
after Sunday Mass <input type="checkbox"/>	After 9.30 Sunday Mass <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 7.00pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Monday 4.00pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 7.00pm <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Tuesday 3.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 5.00pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 4.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>			

PLEASE SIGN:- In completing this form I hereby declare that the information I have provided is true and correct and agree to:

- the recording of my personal information for Parish records only. This information is not to be used by or distributed to any other organisation.
- the publishing of our names in the Bulletin.

(Should you not agree to these items please delete as applicable and sign below.)

Signed: Date:

Details/ Special Needs

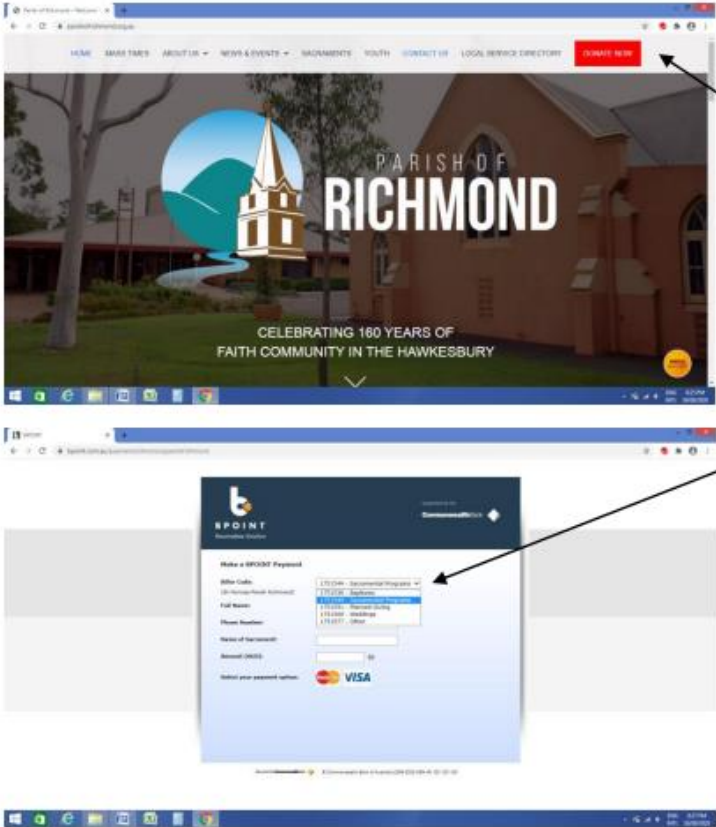
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BPOINT PAYMENT GUIDE



Payment can be made online through our Website <https://parishofrichmond.org.au/>

Click on the Donate Now Button

Select Sacramental Programs from the drop down menu

Complete Details

CEREMONY SELECTION FOR RECONCILIATION

Child's Name:

Please number (1- 3) the session time you prefer to participate in for the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

Wednesday, November 24th:	3.30pm
	7.00pm
Thursday, November 25th:	3.30pm
	7.00pm



WHAT'S ON - ONLINE

With 4 pages full of online programming there is definitely something for everybody in our newest what's on edition.

Check out the latest issue of LMG What's On (16 - 30 September) for school holiday fun, arts and crafts, family history, storytelling and more!



Please click on this link:

https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/191168/Whats-on-Sep-16-30.pdf