



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 8 Term 4

Tuesday November 23, 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to our newsletter for week 8.

Next week we welcome to school our newest members - the Kindergarten students for 2022. This is an exciting time of year for the community of St Monica's. For the year 4 students who will begin their time as buddies, the teachers who will guide them through their first year and especially the families who have placed their trust in St Monica's to begin their child's formal schooling. We join together in thanks and prayer as we take these first steps.

I am delighted to announce that the Kindergarten teachers for 2022 will be Ms Clara McHarg and Mrs Lauren Sultana. They have been busy preparing a wonderful assortment of activities and experiences for the new students and are looking forward to meeting everyone during orientation.

### BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program

Earlier this term the parents in Year 4 were informed about our BYOD program for the students in Stage 3 in 2022. This program is voluntary and whilst we at this stage are only extending this opportunity to Stage 3, parents in other grades may purchase a Chrome book for their children to use at home through the portal run by CEDP.

The BYOD program further extends the student's experience of technology from an entertainment device to a powerful learning tool.

Using the personal device in class benefits students through:

- Enhanced engagement and motivation in learning.
- Further development of literacy skills.

Increased opportunity for collaboration and communication within and beyond the classroom and school day.

- Opportunities to create purposeful digital content.

By using a personal device, the children are able to seamlessly switch from personal use to learning anytime, anywhere, enabling access to academic learning tools wherever they are. If you would like to know more about this program or missed the information sent home please contact Mrs Leanne Duval or myself for further information.



Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, Mrs Annemarie Bond and Mrs Annalise Stockey for their support of the students and families in my absence. It is wonderful to be back and I have enjoyed seeing the smiling faces and catching up with the students about their learning.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

*Mrs Melissa Beggs*

Principal

*"Christian prayer instils an invincible hope in the human heart: whatever experience may touch us on our journey, God's love can turn it into good."*  
Pope Francis @ Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated last week and will be celebrating over the next 2 weeks

<i>Annsbel S – S3B</i>	<i>Jaiman G – S1W</i>
<i>Charlie T – ES1W</i>	<i>Ezekiel H – K6G</i>
<i>Bianca T – S2B</i>	<i>Rylan A – S1G</i>
<i>Addison F – S1G</i>	<i>Lucy J – ES1B</i>
<i>Brayden J – S3G</i>	<i>Eamon K – S3B</i>
<i>Marlow R – Es1W</i>	<i>Maddison B – S3G</i>

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER FOODIE FRIDAY

Our Foodie Friday has been a huge success with the children. Thank you for your support in our school community. Our Hot Dog Day and Zooper Doopers have been enjoyed by the children. We have our final treat this Friday with choc coated ice creams.

We would like to say a big thank you to the building company who is currently renovation the bathrooms. They heard about our Yr 6 fundraising and kindly offered to donate the cost of the Hot Dog Day. The day was a success, and we thank them for their generous donation.



## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA



**Congratulations to the children who celebrated a Principal's Morning Tea last Friday with Mrs Bond**

**Stage 1 –Indee B, Nikolai J, Beau S, Brayden Y, Jayden V, Izabella P**



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



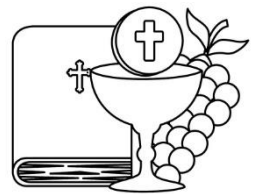
Click here to view Miss Gray playing the [Last Post](#)



### REC NEWS

#### First Holy Communion @ St Monica's

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who celebrated their First Holy Communion at the different Masses last weekend. Also, congratulations to those children who will celebrate the sacrament this coming weekend – the beginning of Advent.



#### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As part of our outreach to the wider community, our school will once again support the Vinnies food hamper appeal. Baskets will be distributed to classrooms, and we ask that families donate non-perishable goods such as canned fruit, soft drink, cordial, tea or coffee etc. The baskets will be collected on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> by the members of the Richmond Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society and distributed to families in need this Christmas.

St Monica's School have always given generously to this vital event and on behalf of the Leadership team I'd like to thank you in advance for your support.

Leanne Ryan

Religious Education Co-Ordinator.



## Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Big Day In – Motiv8 Sports



## SCHOOL RESUMES 2022

### Week 1

*Friday, January 28 - Staff Only*

- *Kinder – Year 6 Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 11am – 3:30pm*

### Week 2

*Monday, January 31 - Staff Only*

- *Kinder – Year 6 Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 8:30am – 3:30pm*

*Tuesday, February 1*

- *Years 1-6 8: 50am – 3:10pm Back to School*
- *Kindergarten ONLY - Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's) 8:30am – 3:30pm*

*Wednesday, February 2*

- *Kindergarten's First Day of School 8: 50am – 3:10pm*

**WELCOME  
BACK!**



## Compass Parent Portal – Our New Way of Communication

Compass is our primary parent communication tool for day-to-day operational matters, upcoming events, notices and notifications so it is essential that all parents download the app.

It is more important than ever that we are able to communicate effectively, especially when it involves the safety of our children. If you haven't already, we ask that parents download the Compass app onto your device for either Apple or Android.

Compass is a web-based system allowing you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Send important messages to your mobile device (including group emails)
- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View the school calendar
- Download and view your child's semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences

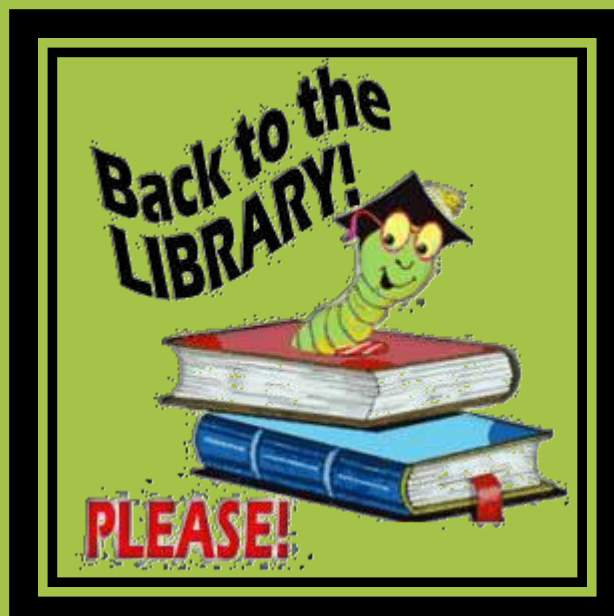
Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

Accessing Compass please click on this link to access all the [Parent Portal](#) information sheets and directions. It is important for all parents to log onto Compass as this semester our reports will not be distributed to the parents but will need to be accessed via the Parent Portal. If you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**It's that time of the year! Start looking for those missing library books and class readers.**

**Check under the bed, in the car or maybe at Grandmas, on your bookshelf or even in your school bag.**

**Please return them to the library ASAP.**



# School Travel for 2022



## 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home.

**Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

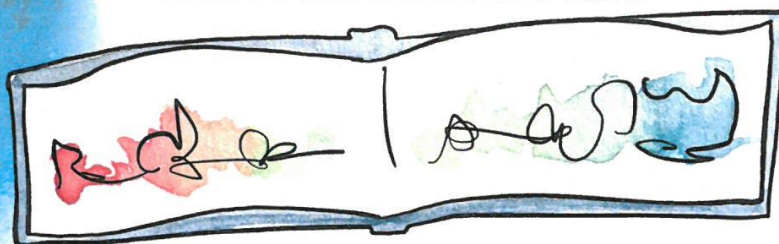
We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S



# summer READING challenge

## WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two **\$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers** or one of thirty **gift vouchers valued at \$30** each.

**THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN.**

Enter online  
[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au).



Competition opens on 1 November 2021 and closes at 5pm on 25 February 2022. Terms and Conditions apply.

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# Headstart ELC Vacation care program

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Email: [clarendon-oosh@headstartelc.com.au](mailto:clarendon-oosh@headstartelc.com.au)

Address: 208 Hawkesbury  
valley way clarendon

- No extra costs
- Private buses provided
- New and fun excursions
- Meals provided

December						2021
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Movies	tru Ninja	Return and Earn Water Play	Vision Sport	Christmas Eve feast Craft day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Public Holiday	Public Holiday	Centre PJ. Movies Water Play	Fagan Park BBQ Exploring grounds	New Year Celebration	
January						2022
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Public Holiday	Craft day at Centre	Sonic Kitchen	Chinese themed cooking craft day	Movies	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ultimate Caning	tennis	Dr Seuss themed day	Kids first aid	feathered friends	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	SGG tour	Water play centre	tuff nutterz	Everything Craft	Movies	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Flip Out	Australia Day BBQ Celebrations	Public Holiday	Cooking day ride scooter at Regatta	Holy molly Pott P.H.	
30	31					