



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday August 9, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to week 4!

Over the next few weeks we have a feast of activities covering the sciences, sport, creative arts, speaking and maths competitions and literacy. Here are just a few of the events on our calendar and we will share more over the next few weeks as we continue our learning journeys across the school.



Yesterday on Monday 8th August we celebrated the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, our first Australian saint. It was wonderful to celebrate Mass as a school community in the church together and to be able to reflect on St Mary of the Cross' achievements as well as the obstacles she encountered. She was the cofounder of the Sisters of St Joseph and a tireless advocate of education and schools. At just 24, she established a school for children of the poor and underprivileged and

under her guidance, her Order went on to found schools not only across SA but also in Victoria, NSW and eventually New Zealand. St Mary refused to be daunted. With patience, a forgiving heart and trust in God, she managed to overcome whatever obstacles were put her way.



Next week we will celebrate Science Week beginning with an incursion entitled "A case of Emergency" The children will become forensic scientists looking for clues to solve an investigation using their critical and creative thinking skills. From Science week we move into Book Week. This year's theme is "Dreaming with Eyes Open."

For the first time in three years we are able to have our Book Week parade and invite our grandparents and special friends to share this occasion.

In Rio de Janeiro, July 26, 2013, during World Youth Day celebrations, Pope Francis announced the following:

Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life. How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened! (A Resource of the Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council, 2014)

We look forward to seeing many of our grandparents at school and sharing our love of reading with you at the Book Fair.



Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

**Mrs Melissa Beggs**

*"To pray means to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it always belongs to God."*

*Pope Francis@Pontifex*

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

Diary Dates	
Wed Aug 10	Hot Dog Day Years 3-6 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 2.30 – 3.15pm Zone Athletics Carnival
Thurs Aug 11	Yr 6 Foodie Fundraising – ChocTop Ice Cream
Tues Aug 16	P&F Ice Cream Spider Fundraiser \$2.00
Fri Aug 19	Book Fair/ Grandparents Day. Celebrations begin at 11:30am
Mon Aug 22	Book Fair open 8.30-9am
Tues Aug 23	Book Fair open 8.30-9am
Wed Aug 24	Book Fair open 8.30-9am
<b>SUN AUG 28</b>	<b>BUNNINGS BBQ – MCGRATHS HILL</b>
Thurs Sep 1	Father's Day Stall
Fri Sep 2	Father's Day Breakfast 7:45am-8:45am Jersey Day

## Hot Dog Day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Year 3-6**

**\$4.00**

Order on the QKR App




### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our school day begins at 8.50am and finishes at 3.10pm. Please have your child here before the 8.50am bell to cause minimal disruption to the beginning of class. We understand that mornings don't always go to plan, but we would appreciate if the children could be here ready to learn before the bell.



*Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards Morning Tea with Mrs Beggs in Week 3 -*  
*Kindergarten* – Charlotte T, Scarlett B,  
*Stage 1* – Murphy A, Diesel R, Nilolai J, Levi M, Rose H, Marlowe R, James M, Lucas N, Addison O, Anna B, Airen R



If you placed an order for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, your order will be ready to collect on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm in the hall. It is highly recommended that they are picked up by an adult and will not be sent home with the children.



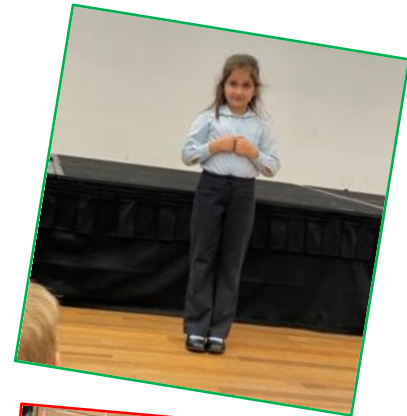


# Congratulations to our Week 3 Assembly award recipients

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Ryan McIntosh	Evie Bartley	Olivia Scibberas	Chloe Zeppenfeld
<b>Stage 1</b>	Ariana Briffa	Jacob Grech	Alex Zahra	Nikolai Josevski
	Beau Seiders	Anna Byrant	Harrison Tutty	Willow O'Halloran
<b>Stage 2</b>	Michael Lewis	Maddison Finch	Sophia Bilbija	
	Aurora Anderson	Eliana Grima	Jacinta Zahra	
	Kruze Clark	Mackenzie Refalo	Summah Borg	
<b>Stage 3</b>	Anika Chadevski	Abigail Cruz Tabua	Addison Munro	Indiana Sieders
<b>K-6 Gold</b>	Connor Worsman	Anthony Attard		

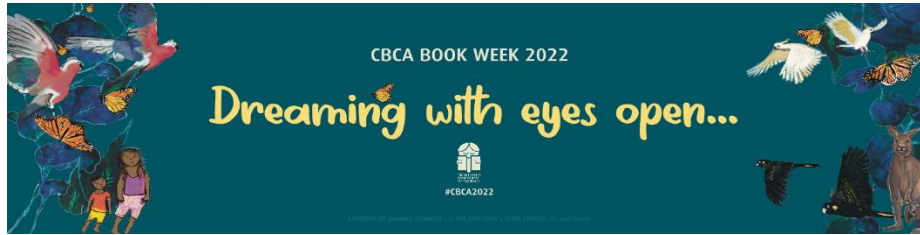
## Writers Packs

Stage	Name
Kindy	Sally Pacchiarotta
2	Maddison Finch
2	Sophia Bilbija
2	Indee Blessing



# CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK & GRANDPARENTS DAY AT ST MONICA'S! FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 2022

The theme for Book Week this year is 'Dreaming with eyes open'.



Our day will include a liturgy to acknowledge the grandparents in our school community, a book character parade and the highly anticipated book fair!

## **Book Fair**

Children will be taken to visit the Book Fair to develop their wish list on Thursday August 18th or Monday August 22nd. Orders can also be placed online at [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://www.scholastic.com.au/payment). Novelties and posters cannot be ordered online - these need to be purchased in person while stocks last. If some books prove very popular, we can order extra supplies so no one will miss out.

The library will also be open on the following dates for children to visit the Book Fair with their families.

Monday 22nd August 8:30-9am

Tuesday 23rd August 8:30-9am

Wednesday 24th August 8:30-9am

Of course, children may have already visited the Book Fair as part of our Friday festivities.

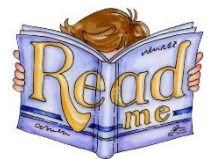
## **Events of the day - Book Week and Grandparents Day**

- **Grandparents Day Liturgy 11:30am**

All families are invited to attend this special liturgy in the hall to celebrate the grandparents and grandparent figures in our St Monica's family.

- **Book Character Parade 12:15pm**

All children and staff are invited to come to school **dressed as a character from a story book**. Please help your child to select a book character and discuss why they have chosen this character. The children are asked to carry the book of their character, when they parade, or perhaps a copy or drawing of the cover. This will help to identify the book their character is from. Please ensure shoes and clothing are appropriate for the school environment.



For the most creative Book Week outfit in each stage the children will be able to purchase an item to the value of \$15 from the Book Fair!

- **Grandparents' Tea and Treats**

While students participate in classroom Book Week activities, we thank the P&F who will host a 'tea and treat' in the hall. Family groups will be called over the microphone to visit the Book Fair in the library with their special guests during this time. Unfortunately, due to our COVID safe measures we do need to limit the numbers of adults and children in the library at any one time. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

*The events will conclude at lunch time. If families wish to take their children home, please make sure they are signed out with the **class teachers**.*

We look forward to sharing in the spirit of this day with our students, grandparents, and other special family members.

Dear parents,

Congratulations to the following students who have joined their peers in successfully completing the 2020 reading challenge.



**Kindergarten**

Charlotte B, Dominic, Joaquin, Monique, Henry, Elijah, Connor, Ava, Casey, Amelia R., Amy, Amelia S., Flynn, Charlotte T.

**Stage 1**

Ella, henry, Jude, Lucas, Sabrina, Agastya, James, Callie

**Stage 2**

Indee, Jake, Heathe, Drew

**Stage 3**

Harrison, Sydney

Your time is running out to be included in the 2022 list of students who have successfully completed the challenge so don't forget to log your books today!.

All students have received their usernames and passwords and should be able to log on to the website (below) to fill in their book titles.

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

*(Please advise your stage teacher or myself ASAP if you are having any difficulties)*

**Remember the 19th August is almost here and you must log your books by this date!**



**"Happy Reading!"**

Melissa Beggs  
Principal

**Good Luck to our St Monica's students competing at the  
Zone Athletics Carnival today!**

**"Try your best and forget the rest!"**





# A sneak preview of our Book Fair

## Book Fair Wish List Prepayments



If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to [scholastic.com.au/payment](http://scholastic.com.au/payment)
2. Click 'Book Fairs'.
3. Enter amount and pay.
4. Record the first 6 digits of receipt. Which can be found on the back of the Wish List.
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

**SCHOLASTIC** Book Fairs

Books start at \$5



\$5

### BIN CHICKEN

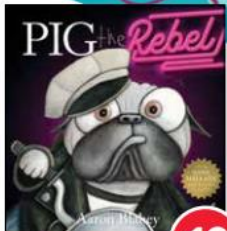
A funny, rhyming ode to the queen of the rubbish pile, the ibis!

100101420 | PICTURE BOOK |

AGES 3+ 🇺🇸

# You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR

Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!



\$12

**PIG THE REBEL**  
It's time for Pig to go to Obedience School!  
100100919 | PICTURE BOOK |  
AGES 3+ 🇺🇸



\$13

**NOODLE THE CAVOODLE**  
Noodle tries to find a way to get her friends to play nicely.  
100100971 | PICTURE BOOK |  
AGES 3+ 🇺🇸



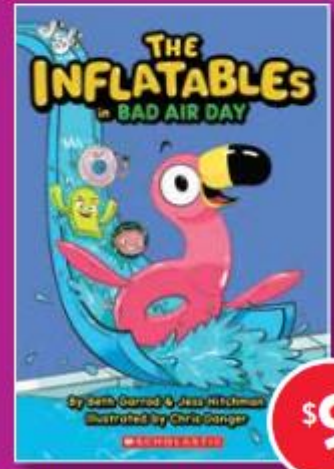
\$12

**ON PURPOSE**  
Trouble is coming... can the frogs complete their masterpieces?  
100098073 | CHAPTER BOOK |  
AGES 7+



\$10

**THE BAD GUYS EPISODE 15: OPEN WIDE AND SAY AARRRH!**  
*I'm the wolf, Miss Understood. You think I'm bad, but I am good!*  
100100707 | CHAPTER BOOK |  
AGES 7+ 🇺🇸



\$9

### THE INFLATABLES IN BAD AIR DAY

These inflatable pals are about to make some big waves!

100101173 | CHAPTER BOOK |

AGES 7+ 🇺🇸



\$10

**QUINN THE JADE TREASURE DRAGON**  
The Shadow Sprites have stolen the Heartstring Violin from the Tree Queen!  
100099418 | CHAPTER BOOK |  
AGES 7+ 🇺🇸



\$10

**REVENGE OF THE BEANS**  
Sparkle City is under attack by alien beans out to get revenge!  
100101313 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ 🇺🇸



\$12

**10 MINUTES OF DANGER**  
20 stories. 20 dangerous situations. 20 brave kids. 10 minutes to escape.  
100101518 | NOVEL |  
AGES 10+ 🇺🇸



\$17

**BLUE DRAGON DIARY**  
Keep your secrets safe in this stunning lockable journal.  
100099970 | ACTIVITY | AGES 8+



Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

BOOK Sale

Pre-loved book sale: Don't miss it! Mark the date in your diary weekend 23, 24, 25 September.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Do you have a family or a friend who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Perhaps they are not baptised or baptised in another Faith. We encourage you to invite them & to accompany them to an Enquiry night to be held on Monday 29 August in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm. Please contact the Parish Office (02-4578 1410) to express your interest.



**YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING**

Year 6 will be holding two Foodie **Fundraising** days this term. These fundraising events will contribute towards an end of year gift purchased by the Year 6 students for our school.

**THE FOODIE FUNDRAISING DEAL - \$10.00**

**(includes the choc top ice cream and the hot dog lunch pack.)**

**Thursday 11th August 2022 - Vanilla ChocTop Ice cream - \$2.00**

**(includes the choc top ice cream ONLY)**



**Thursday 8th September 2022 - HOT DOG THURSDAY - \$8.00**

The Hot Dog Lunch Pack will consist of:

- a hot dog
- a juice popper/water

**(hot dog lunch only- NO ICE CREAM included)**



**Please place your orders on the QKR App**

We will be following all current health regulations regarding Covid-19 to ensure the safety of all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stage 3 Teachers and Year 6 Students

**All Fathers, Father figures, Grandfathers,  
Uncles and special people**

**You are invited to our Father's Day Breakfast!**

Friday 2nd September 2022 7am to 8:45am in St Monica's School Hall. Please RSVP via the [link](#) by 26th August 2022 JERSEY DAY is on Friday September 2, 2022.

JERSEY DAY is the perfect opportunity to start a discussion with your loved ones about organ donation. All visitors, students and staff are encouraged to wear a jersey on this day if you have one (with sports uniform for students). @jerseydayau #jerseydayau #donatelife We look forward to a wonderful morning! St Monica's Staff and St Monica's P&F



## St Monica's Primary P&F Association

# *Ice Cream Spiders*

Science Week is coming up and the P&F will have ice cream spiders for sale on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Ice cream Spiders are \$2.00 each and will be available at lunchtime on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

Cosmic Coke Spiders \$2.00

or

Lunar lemonade Spiders \$2.00

Happy Science Week!



## BLUEBERRY AND OAT MUFFINS

### Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour (white or wholemeal, or a mixture)
- 1 cup oats (quick or traditional)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups reduced-fat Greek yoghurt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50g margarine, melted, slightly cooled
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

### Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Prepare muffin tins by greasing with margarine or spraying with oil.

Combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl. Combine yogurt, eggs, margarine and vanilla in a second bowl. Fold the yoghurt mixture into the dry mixture and stir to combine. Gently fold in blueberries.

Spoon into muffin tins and bake for 20-25 minutes or until the top is golden and springs back when touched.





## Veg-tastic lunchboxes

Your child doesn't need to wait until dinner to eat their vegetables.

Swapping out sometimes foods for vegetables can help your child reach their daily vegetable needs.

Try:

- Corn on the cob.
- Zucchini fritters.
- Pumpkin scones.



A vibrant, neon-themed poster for a school disco. The background is dark with colorful, glowing neon lines and shapes. At the top, there are strings of neon triangles and stars. In the center, a large, glowing neon skull is the focal point. To the left of the skull are two neon chili peppers, and to the right is a neon cocktail glass with a straw and umbrella. Below the skull, the text 'Let's Glow' is written in a cursive, neon font. Underneath that, 'At the St Monica's SCHOOL DISCO!' is written in a bold, neon font. Below the text, 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in large, bold, pink neon letters. Underneath that, 'FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER' is written in pink neon. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'KINDY, YEAR 1 &amp; 2 5-6:30pm' and 'YEARS 3-4-5 &amp; 6 7-8:30pm'. Below the details, it says 'ENTRY \$5 per child', 'PARENT HELPERS NEEDED', and 'MORE DETAILS TO COME!'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Greetings ISLAND!' with a star.





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Help your boys become respectful men



Our guest speaker for the PRC parent engagement event is:

Register here to attend

## Dr Andrew Fuller

Andrew is a clinical psychologist and family therapist who works to create resilience in families, communities and schools. He specialises in how children learn and how their educational outcomes can be improved. He is the author of many parenting and wellbeing books.



Andrew will talk about how we create an awareness in boys of their power to become wonderful young men who can make a difference in the world through building healthy relationships, having a sense of meaning and purpose and creating a great life for themselves.


### Our Presentation Partners



## Monday 15 August 2022

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Dominic's, 54-94 Gascoigne St, Kingswood, NSW 2747

Check out our Facebook site  @prcparra

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,  
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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