



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 11 Tuesday April 5, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

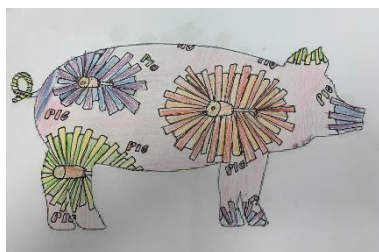
Welcome to week 11 - our last for term 1 and what a busy term it has been.

Thank you for your support of the teachers and school community as we have worked together over this term.

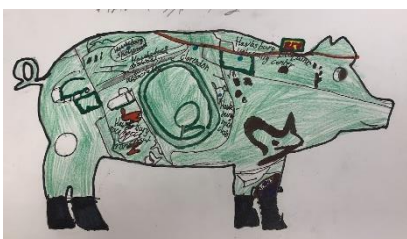
We hope you have enjoyed the new addition of sending the work books home and we welcome your feedback on this initiative. I know the children I have spoken with have enjoyed sharing their learning and most especially they were very excited to see you at school last week for our back to St Monica's afternoon.

Hawkesbury Show Competition Winners

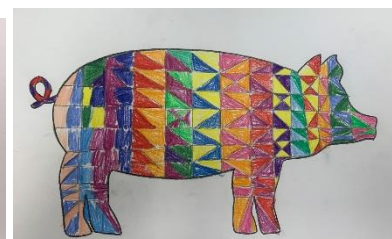
I am delighted to announce our winners for the "Painted Pig" competition. The winning entrants will get to paint a lifesize painted pig which will be exhibited at the Hawkesbury Show. Congratulations!



Stage 3 - Makayla G



Stage 2 - Jack L



Stage 1 - Marlowe R



Early Stage 1 - Amelia S

We received many creative entries and we will recognise our participants, winners and highly commended artists at our assembly this Friday.

Dance Fever Showcase

This Thursday you are invited to come and see what all the dancing on Thursdays has been about. The students along with our very talented Nathan (DanceFever Dance coach) will have the opportunity to share with you their dances. You will be amazed at their talent and skills! The performance will begin at 2pm.

We hope to see you at our P & F meeting tomorrow and wish everyone the Blessings of the Easter Season ahead with family and friends.

See you back in Term 2.

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church."
Pope Francis



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

Diary Dates	
Wed Apr 6	Easter Morning Tea Holy Week Liturgy 11.30 (Hall) Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 2.30-3.10pm
Thur Apr 7	Dance Fever Showcase 2pm
Fri Apr 8	Open Morning 9-10.30am Last Day Term 1
Fri Apr 15	Good Friday
Sat Apr 16	Easter Saturday
Sun Apr 17	Easter Sunday
Mon Apr 18	Easter Monday
Monday Apr 25	ANZAC DAY
Tues Apr 26	School returns for Term 2



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Florence F KB

Flynn B S3w

Noah S S2G

Dominic B KW

Harper M S2B

Isabella B S1W

Isla L S2B

Addison M S3W

Ceanna H-T S2B

Max S S2G

Olivia L S1B



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Beau in Stage 1!



Yesterday Beau competed at Homebush in the NSW Primary School Sports Association Swimming Championships. Beau came second by nothing more than a split second and even swam a personal best!

Beau first competed at our very own St Monica's Swimming Carnival in February and swam from strength to strength representing our school, zone, diocese and Catholic schools all the way through to state level!

As Beau is under 10 his journey ends here for 2022 but we look forward to what the future holds for him. A special thank you to Beau's family for taking Beau to every event We hope you cheered extra loudly for us!

Diocesan Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the persistent wet weather and oval closures we were not able to hold our school Cross Country Carnival.

Students who competed at the diocesan level and those who could run the distance competitively were invited to compete at the diocesan level.

Thank you to the parents of those children who expressed interest. Please note that the information was sent home with competitors yesterday or emailed if absent.

Miss Gray

Team Manager

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday from 2.30pm – 3.10pm. The shop is located in the old cottage on Bourke Street.

Writing in Stage 3

Narrative Writing in Stage 3

The herd spread out and lay down in the soft, luscious grass to end the day. One pony whinnied over to her foals, who were galloping energetically about. The foals finally replied to their mother and fell asleep instantly. The lightning struck, but it's blinding light did not interrupt the herd's sleep. You see, here in the southeast of England, the wild Dartmoor ponies had adapted to the constant lightning storms. The bright bolts of lightning are very common, so the ponies find it something easy to ignore. The herd slept peacefully, nothing in the world to worry about. Lily

Inside was a small hall with more arched doorways leading to different rooms but the one at the very end was the stairs to the other three floors. But I had to get upstairs. Mother gets to fly up but I have to walk (ugh). After complaining about the stairs I got to the top and walked through the door to the room which was emitting a purple gloomy glow. As I walked through the door, my mother turned.

"Oh come here!" she said sweetly, "thank you darling for bringing my ingredients". I rolled my eyes even though mother was an all powerful witch, she was like all mothers at heart....embarrassing. Ayla

THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

Notice to Parents/Carers

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). The type of data collected includes student birth date, grade and gender, parent/carers and student main language, and parent/carers occupation group. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

As part of its compliance requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW.

If you do not want your child's data included in this report, please advise the school by **Thursday 28 April 2022**.

Kind regards,

Melissa Beggs

Principal



***A lunchtime Social Justice group will be beginning next term...
Stay tuned for more information at the beginning of Term 2!***

Wonder Recycling Rewards

St Monica's is collecting bread bags in Term 2.

***Can you help us by saving your empty bread bags and bring
them in for collection next term.***

***It is a great cause to help the environment and the school can be
rewarded with sports equipment.***

Any questions, please see Mrs Reimer



Thank you for having me at your school this week.

I just wanted to say that it was a pleasure visiting your school. Your students were great. Engaged, respectful and well behaved. They asked some fantastic questions and I hope that I have inspired them to find out more about our universe.

You and your staff should be very proud of them.

I look forward to being able to visit your school again in the future.

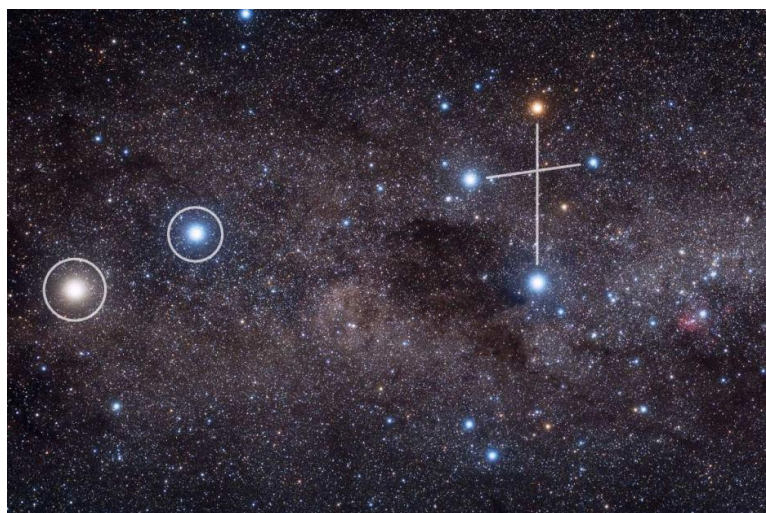
*Gary Starr
Starr's Planetarium
NASA Museum Alliance Member*

On Friday the 25 of March Stage Two of St Monica's had a Planetarium Incursion.

In the shape of an igloo but as dark as midnight. "It is really loud inside," said our guide Gary, "Even when you whisper." When you enter it gives you a funny sensation of gloominess and excitement all at the same time. And Gary was right. Sound was doubled, and as people whispered things like, "Amazing!" or "Cool as!" You could hear them from the other end of the dome like they were whispering inside your ear. Red lights flashed, they were the only lights you could see in the interesting dome. Then there was a flash and images projected around the roof of the Dome. Stars were reflected in each other's eyes as Gary showed Stage 2 about the amazing galaxy. There was an outbreak of whispering which reminded everyone of recess.

Gary showed us the stars and then the illustrated version with all the facial features. Now all of Stage Two know how to find the Southern Cross and know if it's the real one. We all gazed upwards as Gary told us if there are two other stars on the left side and are pointing to a cross-like shape it's the Southern Cross. We learnt the Indigenous stories of how the moon, Yolngu got there and the sun, Ngalindi. We would look up at the roof of the dome until our necks hurt. So on behalf of Stage Two, we would like to say that the Planetarium incursion was truly amazing.

By Sophia Bilbija and Harper Moore



Congratulations ...Week 7 & 9 Awards

Week 7 & 9	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	Kindergarten	Scarlett Bilbija	Beau Black	Alana Vella	Monique Gauci
		Olivia Scibberas	Charlotte Beggs	Florence Fleming	Joaquin Cuello
	Stage 1	Marlowe Robinson	Sybella Xerri	Addison O'Brien	Ella Bridges
		Rylan Adams	Ava Hughes	Henry Matthias	Cristina Rulli
	Stage 2	Max Samson	Kegan O'Halloran	Eddie Stockey	Emily McMurray
		Ceanna Heine-Thompson	Heath Barglik	Sophia Bilbija	Isobel Campbell
		Amelia Ornatowski	Aurora Anderson	John Micallef	
	Stage 3	Sophie Zaghloul	Anika Chadevski	Bastion Coffey Sienna Moore	Felicity Scott
		Aaliyah Borg	Hunter Clark	Patrick Curl	Evie Sullivan
	K-6 Gold	Charlie Pace	Anthony Attard	Tavish Mendratta	
		Connor Worsman			
		Tavish Mendratta			

Writers Packs

Grade	Name
Stage 2 Blue	Jake Moulton
Stage 1 Gold	Valentina Xerri
Stage 1 Blue	Andrew Peckham
Stage 2 Blue	Hope Carroll
Stagew 2 White	Maddie Campbell
Stage 3 White	Alara Pedersen
Stage 3 Blue	Annabel Stockey



**Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL* PLAY
EQUIPMENT**



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!



* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonder.australia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



ST MONICA'S PARISH EASTER MASS TIMES



Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose until 10:30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Richmond 10am followed by Reconciliation

Kurrajong 10am followed by Reconciliation

Richmond 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation

Holy Saturday 7pm Easter Vigil

No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Richmond 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm Kurrajong 8am

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN!

Do you have a younger child ready to start school in 2023?

Enrolments are now being processed and interviews are being booked fast. Please request for an enrolment pack to be sent home with your eldest child or call into the office to pick up an application. Alternatively, please visit our website www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au for more information or to download and enrolment form.



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Enrolling Now for
Kindy 2023

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Scan QR code to register your interest

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



Presents

Magician - JOEL HOWLETT



A brilliant 45 minute show with live rabbit, doves,
audience participation and more fun than you could
wave a wand at!

MONDAY 11TH APRIL - 11AM

Richmond School of Arts

\$20 tickets - Children and Adults

To book go to: trybooking.com and search 'Rainbow Children's Entertainment'



COOL KIDS PROGRAM

For children aged 8-12 years who experience
high levels of anxiety and worry

3.45-5.45pm Wednesdays
St Monica's Primary School Richmond

About the program:

- Sessions: May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th with follow-up days in June and July
- Child must be able to attend **all** sessions
- Parent/carers will need to attend 1-2 sessions
- Workbooks and all materials provided

Register your interest: (02) 8843 2500
or enquiries@ccss.org.au

Cool Kids is a Macquarie University developed, evidence-based, anxiety support and therapy program



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