



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 3

Tuesday February 8, 2022

Dear Parents and carers,



We have been off to a very busy start as we settle into the new year. A very special welcome to all our Kindergarten students and new families to our school. We are so excited that you have chosen to join our warm and vibrant school community.

It is wonderful to see the school filled with smiling faces and to hear the excited chatter as I move around the school. Since returning we have conducted our Maths Assessment Interviews (MAI's) and beyond the classroom we have held our swimming carnival, begun our Dance Fever lessons and the band will soon commence for Stage 3.

As a community of learners we are off to a great start.

As you know, COVID-19 still influences our daily lives and we respond to directions provided by the Department of Health

NSW as well as the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP). At this time site access to parents remains limited. We appreciate your cooperation with procedures and look forward to being able to once again open up the school to the wider community when conditions allow.

As always, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes. Thank you for conducting the Rapid Antigen Tests on your children each Monday and Wednesday morning. I know it isn't fun. It is anticipated that we will receive further RAT kits this Wednesday or Thursday. These will be sent home with the children on Friday for at home testing in Weeks 4 and 5.

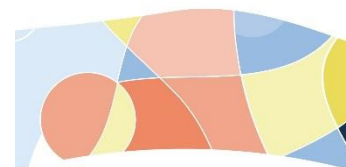
Today is **Safer Internet Day**. Technology is an integral part of our lives today and it is important that we all know how to be online safely. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign dedicated to creating a safer online world for everyone.

The 2022 campaign theme is #PlayitFairOnline and eSafety have produced a wide range of resources to help Australians to stay safe and have fun when they are online. Included in this newsletter are the webinars and topics available for you as parents to engage with and ways you can speak with your children about their online activities.

#Play it Fair Online

Get Involved!

Safer Internet Day 8 February 2022



Finally, may I also take this opportunity to again remind you that if at any time you need any assistance, have any questions or have any concerns regarding your children or any aspect of the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff or myself. I am more than happy to speak with you and if by chance I am unavailable at the time I will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"Consistent prayer produces progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by Him who loves us and always protects us."

Pope Francis@Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated their Birthday in January!!

<i>Thomas R – KW</i>	<i>Amy S – KW</i>
<i>Lahni S – KB</i>	<i>Nicholas S – S3B</i>
<i>Heath B – S2B</i>	<i>Ariana B – S1G</i>
<i>Nikolai J – S1B</i>	<i>Jordan R – S3B</i>
<i>Michael C – S2W</i>	<i>Ethan M – S1G</i>
<i>Levi M – S1W</i>	<i>Willow O – S1B</i>
<i>Andrew P – S1B</i>	<i>Levi H-T – S1B</i>
<i>Alana V – KW</i>	<i>Aria B – S1B</i>
<i>Sabrina D – S1B</i>	<i>Christopher X – KW</i>
<i>Monique S – S2W</i>	<i>Mackenzie R – S2G</i>
<i>Kruze C – S2G</i>	<i>Roman C – KB</i>
<i>Isobel C – S2B</i>	<i>Maddison C – S2W</i>
<i>Jacob G – S1G</i>	

Meet the Teacher 2022

On Thursday this week you will receive an invitation to book an interview to meet with your child's 2022 teacher. Along with this invitation you will receive a short questionnaire to complete. The interview and information provided by you is an important part of the continuing partnership between school and home and will help set up the year for success as we work together to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

Due to COVID restrictions we ask that only one parent attend, you wear a mask and be double vaccinated. Thank you for your co-operation.



BYOD LICENCE INFORMATION

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PORTAL

REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST



ASI PURCHASE PORTAL



**** Please note all users MUST click on REGISTER first ****

Please enter your first name, last name, email address and a password.
To order to gain access to the portal you must use the Activation code: **ceobyod**

APPLE PURCHASE PORTAL



Apple Store
for Education

COMPNOW PURCHASE PORTAL



Please see the link below to the CEDP portal which has the information about where to purchase chromebooks and the license if you purchase a Chromebook other than from the CEDP site.

If you purchase your device from another store, you will need to purchase the licence from COMP now (via the link below) and then your child will have their device updated at school with the licence.

The ASI site has the Chromebooks with the license.

<https://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au/>

WELCOME OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2022



School Captains

Captains

Anika Chadevski ▪ Patrick Curl
Alex Duncan ▪ Max Tischler

House Captains

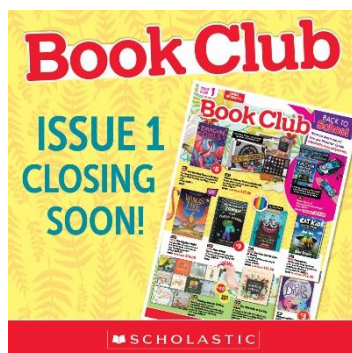
Blue	Rohan Swamy	Sienna Moore
Green	Makayla Cauchi	Zac Wilkinson
Gold	Jordan Semaan	Alicia Potter
Red	Eli Larnach	Evie Sullivan



HAND SANITISER AT SCHOOL

We would like to thank all parents and carers for helping us follow our COVID safe plans here at school. We appreciate that the children are very cooperative when it comes to clean hands and sanitising. The children however are NOT allowed to bring their own sanitiser to school. The school provides sanitiser for the children to be used and is placed in numerous locations around the grounds. Thank you for your support.

Book Club Orders for Issue 1 will close on Wednesday 16/02/22.



HOW TO PAY

Risk of loss transfers upon Scholastic's delivery of the ordered products to its carrier. The items purchased through this Book Club offer may not be resold. Teachers are acting in the best interest of their students, they are not agents or representatives of Scholastic Book Clubs.

1

CREDIT CARD To pay by credit card, Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the **LOOP** app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. You do not need to complete the order form.

2

CASH If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to your school.

3

CREDIT VOUCHER If paying with a credit voucher, please enter details on **LOOP** or return to your school with your cash order.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday from 2.30pm – 3.10pm. Please be reminded to check in, wear a mask and social distance. Only 1 family to be in the shop at the one time. The shop is located in the old cottage on Bourke Street.

SCHOOL PICK UP

All children from K-6 will be dismissed at 3:00pm from their designated area. The children with their surname beginning with A-L will be dismissed from Gate 1 on Francis Street and surname beginning with M-Z dismissed from Gate 2 on Bourke Street, the senior playground gate being used instead of the gate near the equipment.



BELL TIMES

There has been a slight change to our bell times.

Supervision Bell:	8.20am
Start of Day:	8.50am
Recess:	10:50am – 11:30am
Lunch:	1:30pm – 2:00pm
End of Day:	3:10pm

During the COVID restrictions period children will be released from class at 3.00pm. We will notify you when dismissal times are back to normal.



AFTERNOON CRICKET AT ST MONICA'S

Dear Parents & Carers,

Cricket NSW is offering a free after school clinic for 40 students to begin on Tuesday 15th February that will run for 4 weeks from 3:15-4:15pm on the front playground (near cricket nets). It is a skills based program where students will learn the key fundamentals of playing cricket.

The following flyer or link below outlines information about the clinic and their contact details.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FyxTc2TTE3>

Once the program begins, any attending students will make their way to the playground immediately after school where they will be met by Cricket NSW Representatives. Parents will be required to pick up students at 4:15pm and adhere to the COVID safe guidelines of the school.

Any questions about the program can be answered by clicking on the link or using the QR code and contacting the Cricket NSW Representation

A flyer for a cricket program. The background is a bright green field with a blue sky and trees in the distance. On the left, the text 'HAVE A BLAST!' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'St Monicas PS Junior Blaster'. Then, it lists details: 'Where: School Oval, directly after school', 'When: Tues 15th Feb (4-week program)', 'Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm', 'Cost: FREE*', and 'Contact: Mitchell Elvery, 0432 876 028'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text 'OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM' and 'CRICKET AUSTRALIA'. On the right, there is a photo of a young girl in a green cricket uniform, holding a cricket bat and looking up at a red cricket ball in the air. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'woolworths CRICKET BLAST'. At the bottom right, the word 'FREE!' is written in large, bold, green letters. A small cricket bat and a green bag with 'ALEX' on it are also visible at the bottom.

St Monica's Staff List 2022



Principal

Mrs Melissa Beggs

*Assistant Principal
(Numeracy Lead Teacher)*

Mrs Annemarie Bond

Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs Leanne Ryan

*Instructional Leader
(Literacy Lead Teacher)*

Mrs Natalie Colburt

Leader of Learning

Miss Judy Gray

Early Stage 1

*Ms Clara McHarg
Mrs Lauren Sultana*

Stage 1

*Mrs Teresa Valenti
Mrs Danielle Egan
Mrs Sue Pols*

Stage 2

*Mrs Allyson Reimer
Mrs Pauline Kojic
Mrs Carolyn Viera*

Stage 3

*Miss Judy Gray
Mrs Josie Malvagna*

Diversity Team Leader

Mrs Natalie Colburt

Diversity Team

*Mrs Ainsley McNicol (Stage 1)
Mrs Helen Harper (Stage 2)
Mr Mark Feneley (Stage 3)
Mrs Bridget Gerecs
Mr Nicholas Pearce*

Reading Recovery

*Mrs Ainsley McNichol
Mrs Teresa Valenti*

EMU Specialist Teacher

Mrs Annemarie Bond

R3 Reading Support

Mrs Leanne Ryan

Teacher Assistants

*Mrs Therese Bradley
Miss Vanessa Muscat*

Creative Arts Teacher (RFF)

Mrs Maria Famularo

PE / Italian Teacher (RFF)

Mrs Karen Buccini

School Counselor

Mrs Jordan Gorham

Finance Secretary

Mrs Cheryl Bolton

Secretary

*Mrs Alba Kernahan
Mrs Vanessa Bonadio*

Canteen Supervisor

Mrs Michelle Saliba

Maintenance / Grounds

Mr Terry Munsey



COOL LITTLE KIDS PROGRAM

For parents and carers of children aged 4-7
who are extremely shy or anxious

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

About the program:

- Sessions: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March, 6 April, 4th May
- At least one parent/carer must attend **all** sessions
- While adults attend the program their 5-7y.o children may be able to participate in art activities (subject to no's)
- Afternoon tea provided for adults and children
- Workbooks and all materials provided



Register: (02) 8843 2545 or
springwood@ccss.org.au

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



#Play it Fair Online

Through simple actions like being safe, respectful and kind
we can all #PlayitFairOnline

Be respectful

Consider others when you are online. There is no place for abuse, hate or discrimination in any aspect of life.



Be kind

Be a positive role model. Treat people with kindness, respect and understanding online.



Be resilient

Don't let a bad experience online get you down. Stay strong and get the right support, so you can bounce back as soon you're ready.



Be prepared to ask for help

Everyone needs support. Reach out to friends, family and eSafety if something goes wrong online.



Be safe

To stay happy and healthy, avoid situations that pose risks to yourself or others online.



Be responsible

Respect others online. Think how your actions might affect other people.



Be an upstander

You can help others when they experience abuse online by showing support and speaking up - if it's safe to do so.



To get advice and support or make a report go to esafety.gov.au



2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

January

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Cyberbullying and online drama](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

April

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

July

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Parental controls](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

October

Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).

February

Webinar: Helping kids thrive online

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old).

8th February –
[Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22](#)

May

Webinar: Parental controls

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

August

Webinar: Popular apps

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

November

Webinar: Guide to the holidays

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).

March

Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

June

Webinar: Online gaming

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

September

Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse

(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

[National Child Protection Week #NCPW22](#)

December

It's December! You can check out our annual [Gift Guide](#) here.

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.