



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday February 22, 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to week 5! It seems incredible that we are already nearly halfway through the school term.

Today is a very special date and the school has celebrated it in many ways focusing on the concept of "two." Keep an eye on our Facebook page for snapshots of how we ensured that 22/02/2022 did not go unnoticed.

Last Friday we celebrated our Opening School Mass. This was a wonderful

opportunity to gather as a faith community and ask for God's blessing for the school year ahead as we learn and grow together. We also acknowledged our school leaders for 2022 who were officially given their badges. As we are still under COVID restrictions we thank the parents who were able to attend this important event.

Our leaders have already shown their willingness to serve others and the school community by their actions. Their positive spirit is infectious and assists the whole school in striving for their best. They have a clear sense of purpose about what it means to represent all students and are great at motivating others to complete a task. They are creative thinkers and committed to their role.



PARENTS & FRIENDS
ARANMORE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Next Tuesday our students will receive a special treat (pancakes) for Shrove Tuesday. We thank the generosity of our P & F for organising this for the children. The annual general meeting for our P & F will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm in the school library - so please save the date. A letter explaining the role of the P & F and the different ways you can be involved will be sent home shortly.

As you know, after Shrove Tuesday we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The children will be attending Mass in the school hall to mark this very important day in the Church's year. I have included some words of wisdom from St Teresa of Calcutta to reflect upon in your own prayer time:

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst..."

'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us.

What are we to repent?

Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe?

Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor –

He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal



"Our love for God and neighbour is our passport to heaven. Our earthly possessions are dust that scatters, but the love we share – in our families, at work, in the Church, and in the world – will save us, for it will endure forever."

Pope Francis@Pontifex



Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated their Birthday in February!!	
Georgia Z – S2 Gold	Lucas N – S1 Gold
Casey P – K White	Joaquin C – K Blue
Joel C – S2 Blue	Natalie Z – S3 Blue
Sophie Z – S3 White	Indiana M – S2 White
Harrison M – S3 White	Hope C – S2 Blue
Ace S – S3 Blue	Jazz S – S3 White
Bridget M-C – S3 White	Jake M – S2 Blue
Alex Duncan – S3 Blue	Donovan V-R – K Blue
Thomas F – K Blue	

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>



Attendance

What are my responsibilities regarding attendance!

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. SMS: respond with reason to school notification of absence
2. Online: log the absence directly using the **Skoolbag App**
3. Email: the school at stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au
4. Note sent with your child



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.





Congratulations to Alex Duncan for her GOLD Medal win at the NSW State OzTag Championships last week in Coffs Harbour!

Well Done



Second-hand Uniform Shop

The second-hand uniform shop will be closed for the next 3 weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience. If you require any urgent uniform purchases, please contact the office.

Children With Allergies



Most people know about peanut allergy, but did you know that lots of other foods can cause allergic reactions too?



These foods and others can also make some people sick.

We ask that when packing your child's lunch box please be mindful of what you give them as we have children with various allergies and anaphylaxis. Please remind your children that although they like to share their food it isn't allowed and explain to them that not all their friends and classmates are able to always enjoy some of the snacks that they can have.



Congratulates your community for the great start you gave to this student.

Saint Monica's Primary School



Sophie Beedham
Received a Band 6 in Visual Arts
and was selected for ARTEXPRESS.

Higher School Certificate 2021

Congratulations to our former student Sophie Beedham.

Sophie received a Band 6 in Visual Arts in her Higher School Certificate class of 2021.

Well Done!!



**ENROLMENTS FOR 2023
KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN**

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2023 are available as follows:

- Packs can be sent home with your eldest child. Please send an email to stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au with the subject line Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment if you would like us to send home the pack.

Please include your K2023 child's name and DOB

- Enrolment forms are also available from the school between the hours of 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

- Enrolment forms can also be downloaded from our website:

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



As we are still working under COVID restrictions you can email the application through to us at stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au, along with any supporting documents.

Please retain the original application form as you will be required to submit that at a later date.

Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2021.



ST MONICA'S
PRIMARY RICHMOND

OPEN DAYS
7 March 9:00am-10:30am
8 March 6:00pm-7:30pm
29 March 5:00pm-6:30pm
8 April 9:00am-10:30am

32 Francis Street, Richmond
T 4570 3700
www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au



Scan QR code to
register your interest

Enrolling Now for Kindy 2023



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Year 7 2023

Key Enrolment Dates

- Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2023 are now available from the College Office or online.
- College Open Day will be on **Tuesday 8 March, 3.30-6pm**. Please see the College website for session times and booking information.
- Completed Enrolment Applications are to be submitted to the College no later than **Thursday 31 March 2022**
- Year 7 2022 Enrolment Interviews will be held during **April** in the College Library.
- Letters of acceptance will be emailed to families during **May 2022**.

Families are reminded that every new student to the College is required to follow our enrolment procedures, even if siblings have previously attended the College.



BUS SAFETY WEEK - THIS WEEK

This week is BUS SAFETY week. Bus Safety Week will be held from Monday, 21 February to Sunday, 27

February 2022, to raise awareness for all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

A colouring competition was sent home to all students on Monday to raise awareness of bus and road safety. Please encourage your child to complete and return these to school. They can be emailed to Beth Lincoln as indicated on the competition form or returned to school. Entries close on FRIDAY 18th March 2022.





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





Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2022 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to notify you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The SRN is also **only** used by the school for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need basis.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found on the [Quality Schools Package](#) page on the departmental website.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose.
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available at <https://www.dese.gov.au/school-funding/resources/2018-student-residential-address-collection-additional-required-information-privacy-impact>

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).



Play Rugby League for Windsor Wolves the biggest club in the Hawkesbury

Age Groups Under 5's – A Grade

Windsor Wolves also have ALL Girls Sides!!

Active Kids Vouchers Accepted

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Jersey, Game Day Shorts, Game Day Socks, Training Shirt, Training Shorts, Polo Shirt and Insurance



**To Register
your Interest
please contact**

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