



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday March 22, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harmony Day

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. The school was a vision in a variety of orange outfits and accessories as we celebrated and checked in on how we choose kindness in our lives and ensure that everyone belongs.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day and it signifies communication and meaningful conversations. I hope you enjoyed listening to your child speak about their day. Please see more information about this event in the newsletter.



Flood Appeal and Wellbeing Day - Thank you St Monica's!

Last Friday we held a very successful flood appeal and wellbeing day. We began our day with a liturgy praying for all those who have been affected by the floods, especially those within our very own community. We participated in several wellbeing activities and enjoyed a delicious lunch to raise money

for the St Vinnie's Flood Appeal. We thank our fantastic parent helpers who made it possible to feed a hungry school and help raise over \$1600.



As part of our Wellbeing Day, students reflected on ways they take care of their wellbeing. Each class displayed their thoughts as a sunflower on their entrance doors as a reminder of the importance to take care of ourselves and one another.

Don't forget - P & F Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Tonight at 7pm we will gather in the library for our first P & F meeting for 2022. A warm welcome is extended to all parents to attend our AGM to nominate themselves or support others who are interested in taking on a role within the P & F this year. Of course, if you cannot commit to a role, please still come and join us for the meeting to learn about the work of the P & F and how you can support this important group working for our school community in other ways.

The P & F is a great way to meet parents from all stages and support the school and we look forward to seeing many new faces joining our wonderful P & F.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

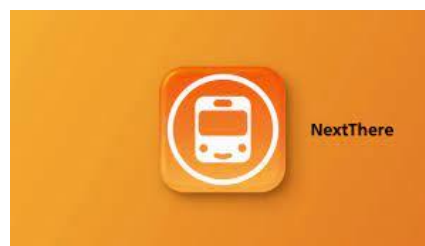
Mrs Melissa Beggs
Principal

"God is Father and looks after you as the best of fathers: He does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on the past, but bets on your future."

Pope Francis@Pontifex

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

Diary Dates	
Tues Mar 22	P&F Meeting 7pm in the Library
Wed Mar 23	Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.30-3.10pm
Fri Mar 25	Cross Country Stage 2 & 3 Icely Park Stage 2 Planetarium Incursion
Mon Mar 28	Stage 2 Historic Richmond Walk



If you want to know when the **next** bus to your destination will arrive, you need NextThere app. NextThere displays when the next public transport services are due to depart from where you currently are. **It informs you if buses are running late so you can organise your morning and make sure the kids get to school.**

REC NEWS

Confirmation

At his Baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit, which gave him the strength to resist the temptations of the devil in the desert. Jesus promised his disciples that after his Ascension they would receive the Holy Spirit too. This happened at Pentecost, when the disciples were given the courage and the power to spread the good news about Jesus to the entire world.

Confirmation completes the Sacrament of Baptism, as when, for example, the Apostles Peter and John prayed over some people who had previously been baptised, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Eventually, the Church began baptising and confirming new converts during the Easter Vigil.

Before being confirmed, someone who was baptised as a child renews the vows their parents and godparents made for them on their behalf during their Baptism. As a sign of new life, a (new) name is given to a person as they are baptised. When they are later confirmed, they might add another name to reflect their decision to follow Christ as an adult. The confirmation name is usually that of a saint that they admire.

When we were born again as Christians through Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the presence of the Holy Spirit is confirmed, or strengthened, in us.

Leanne Ryan

Religious Education Coordinator.

COVID 19 UPDATE

The last of our Rapid Antigen tests were distributed to students yesterday. Just a reminder that we continue to have Covid 19 circulating in our school. It is important to be on the lookout for symptoms, and students should remain home if unwell and test with a Rapid Antigen or PCR test. If unwell, close family contact, or positive, please follow advice from NSW Health website and contact the school.

QKR APP



Please check that you have correctly updated your child's class details in our QKR App for this year. We had a number of students who placed orders and had the incorrect Class/Stage group on their order. To update details, go to QKR, then Profiles, Select child's name and update year and homegroup.

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.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND OTHER SCHOOL STAFF

At St Monica's, we value our strong relationship with families and welcome opportunities to communicate with parents and carers. We also recognise that email is a fast and convenient way to contact your child's teacher or other school staff.

Although staff will read their emails at various times throughout the school day, they are generally not expected to respond to emails outside of normal working hours. In the case of emergency please contact the school office at stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 4570 3700. Our caring team will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your assistance and understanding.
If you have any questions about the above, please contact Mrs Melissa Beggs or Mrs Annemarie Bond.

GARDEN UPDATE

Congratulations to the girls who have volunteered to weed the gardens and keep our school environment looking great. What wonderful examples you are setting for your peers and how spectacular does the gardens look now!



SPORTS NEWS

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last week. It was a fantastic effort by all and they had great results. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Indie S3W – 11Years

1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m freestyle, 3rd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 200m Senior Individual Medley

Champion 11yr old

Beau S1W– 8years

1st 50m freestyle, 2nd 50m Jnr breaststroke

Sienna M S3W – Senior Girls

9th 50m 12yr Butterfly

Senior Girls Relay came 8th. Alex D, Alicia P, Sienna M & Indie S.

Thank you to the parents for taking the time and effort of driving the girls around the mountain during the closure of bridges to give the girls a chance to compete.

MACKILLOP SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Today, both Indie S and Beau S are competing at the Mackillop Swimming Carnival, representing both St Monica's and the Parramatta Diocese. We are so proud of them both and we wish them the very best of luck!



PARRAMATT SPORTS TRIALS

The Parramatta sport trials have started and our 2 football players did very well last week. In a very tough competition, Zac W made it to the possible/ probables match but unfortunately missed out on selection and Alicia P was chosen for the Parramatta team. She will trial for the MacKillop team early next term. This Wednesday we support both Alex D and Joel S in their trials for the Paramatta Rugby League team.

Good Luck!

CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday March 25th we have our School Cross Country at Icelly Park. It is an expectation that **all** children in Stages 2 and 3 participate in the Cross Country carnival.

Children in Stage 1 who are turning 8 this year are eligible to participate in the Primary carnival however they do need to be able to run the full 2km for the race.



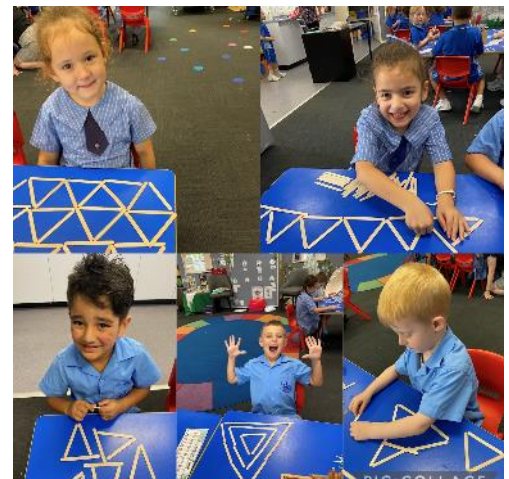
The first 6 runners from each race **who make the qualifying time** will go on to represent St Monica's at the Diocesan Cross Country.

Please complete the permission note using this [link](#) by tomorrow (Wednesday). Parent helpers will be notified via email on Thursday morning.

NUMERACY AT ST MONICA'S

Family participation in learning is one of the most accurate predictors of a child's success in school and beyond. Providing opportunities to discuss and engage in mathematics supports your child's learning in and out of school. Your child will also begin to connect the importance of maths with their everyday activities, such as navigating public transport, comparing and choosing the best item to buy in stores, setting a budget, and cooking. Talk positively about maths so your child also values it.

Encourage your child to talk about how they might work out maths problems. This helps boost their confidence and deepens their understanding. Today, the focus is on recognising that there are multiple ways to get an answer, and being able to explain how and why you chose the approach you did. Try to focus on the process and not the outcome.



Students at St Monica's work together, investigate, discuss and explain their thinking!



Our Stage 3 students continue to engage in tasks that stretch their thinking to find different ways to solve a problem and recording these. Have a go at this one ...

It takes 2 minutes to squeeze $\frac{2}{3}$ of a cup of juice. How much can I squeeze in 16 minutes? Show 2 different ways to find the solution.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – FRIDAY 1st APRIL

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - FRIDAY 1st April. Photo order forms have been given to the students. Children are expected to wear full summer school uniform. Please ensure that you or your child takes the time to fix up the 'little things' (shoes polished, correct hair colour accessories, correct sock colour, etc). Please ensure your child is on time to school as there is a strict timetable in place and photographs will be unable to be made up if your child misses their scheduled time for class photos. Thank you for your assistance with these matters. Your cooperation assures the morning will run smoothly and efficiently.

Every student must return their form on Photo Day.

Please do not bring it in before as they may be misplaced.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child has lost their order form, so I don't have their shootkey.

- Please call MSP Photography on 9831 5505 and they can let you know their shootkey

How do I order family photos?

- Each family has been issued with a corresponding shootkey for a family photo. Order the family pack using the eldest child's order form/shootkey in the family section and complete the order reference number/family details in the relevant section on their order form. There is no need to record it on all siblings' forms. Please remind your children to have their sibling photo on the day.

Can I still order if my partner and I have separated?

- Yes, you can use the same shootkey provided on the order form to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs sent in separate satchels to the school. There is a section on the order form for you to tick "Split Family" so we can place a "Mum's Order" or "Dad's Order" sticker on the satchel. If you think there may be a problem receiving the photographs or you don't have an order form or shootkey, please phone MSP Photography on 9831 5505 so they can assist you.

I didn't receive an order reference number but the money has been taken out of my account.

- Your order will be automatically received in our system. Simply send your child to school with their order form on photo day.

I do not have internet access and / or I do not have a credit card to make payment online.

- The school office has blank envelopes – Individual (Green) and Family envelopes (Orange) for you to pay by cash. Please insert the cash and have your child return the envelope on photo day.

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 you 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 our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- View your child's timetable
- Review your child's attendance
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details



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

NB: Skoolbag will be phased out for school use as we transition to Compass in 2022.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Natalie Colburt our instructional leader has been seconded for Terms 2 and 3 to act as Assistant Principal at St Luke's Marsden Park.

We wish her well and look forward to her rejoining our community in Term 4.

In her absence Mrs Christina Soliman will be joining our staff as the Acting Instructional Leader. Christina brings a wealth of knowledge particularly in the area of literacy and student centred learning. She will be working across the school with teachers and students in her role.

Christina will meet the staff and have a handover with Mrs Colburt over the next two weeks.

We also welcome Mrs Georgette Chirchop to St Monica's. Georgette is currently studying at TAFE and as part of her work is completing her practical component and assisting in Stage 2.

Lastly we also welcome Mrs Carmen Salkeld to Stage 2. Carmen is a very experienced teacher and will be assisting as an additional diversity teacher Friday morning.



Harmony Day

Yesterday, St Monica's celebrated 'Harmony Day' and 'Say No to Bullying Day'. The students arrived at school with a splash of orange and participated in poster design competitions, guided yoga lessons, online picture books and clips about saying no to bullying and students also spent quality time with their buddies and friends.

'Harmony Day' is a celebration of the diversity of our amazing country. EVERYONE BELONGS is the key message of inclusiveness of all different cultural backgrounds.

'Say No to Bullying Day' was marked by St Monica's joining with other Australian Schools to take action against bullying and create safer school communities for all students.

A fantastic day was had by all! Posters will be displayed around the school to remind students of the importance of this day.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW BEING TAKEN!

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 K 2023 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 are able to 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.



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Enrolling Now for
Kindy 2023

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

Scan QR code to register your interest

SCHOOL PARKING

NO PARKING, PICK UP OR DROP OFF IN THE BUS ZONE — HEAVY FINES APPLY

Please be mindful when parking around the school. Please do not drop your child off at the front of the school in the bus zone between 8am-9.30am. Please be sure not to park over our neighbour's driveway and when it is garbage day could you please not obstruct their bins, if the garbage man comes to pick up and cannot access their bin they will miss their bins being emptied.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **you** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones

NO PARKING No waiting. You have two minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.  PENALTIES FROM \$191 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	MOBILE PHONES Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits.  PENALTIES FROM \$457 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING 1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. 2. Do not let your children in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a no stopping zone. 
NO STOPPING You must not stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign. The first 10 metres from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also a no stopping zone.  PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	SPEEDING OFFENCES 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits.  PENALTIES FROM \$200 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	U TURNS U turns are illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a double white line. 
BUS ZONE Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.  PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath. 	DOUBLE PARKING Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone. 

* Fines current as of 25th November 2019. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Hawkesbury Show 2022 School Competition – “The Painted Pig”

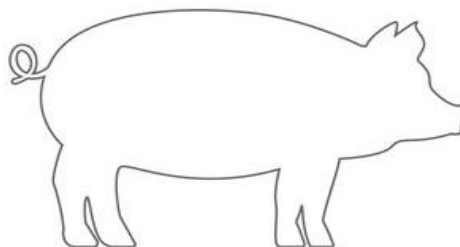
St Monica’s is entering the Hawkesbury Show Painted Pig Competition.

We are holding a school competition to select a group of children and give them the opportunity to show their artistic talents to design and paint a life size blank cut out of a pig to enter in the Hawkesbury Show. We have three pigs to design and enter into the show:

Kindy - Year 2, Years 3 - 4 and Years 5 - 6.

You need to design your pig using colours only and the best entries will be chosen to design the ‘life size’ pig for the show.

- You must only use paint, pencils, textas or crayons as our life size entries are allowed to be painted only. Entries with decorations or attachment on the submitted show pig will not be accepted.
- Theme suggestions: Agricultural, Breed, Humour, Food Resource, Zany Colours – anything your heart desires!



Please return your entries by Wednesday, 23rd March and we look forward to lots of exciting entries!



School Holiday Care Program

For children aged 5-12 years

April 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.4.22 Colour fun run	12.4.22 Water play day	13.4.22 Hawaiian themed party	14.4.22 Easter hunt and craft day	15.4.22 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18.4.22 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	19.4.22 Cupcake making and decorating day	20.4.22 Everything craft day	21.4.22 Wear your sports jersey and sports day	22.4.22 Celebrating the ANZAC'S
25.4.22 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26.4.22 Kids master chef day			

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY! Headstart Early Learning Centre
| 4577 8255 208 Hawkesbury Valley Way Clarendon



Bede Polding College

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 29 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 2023 Enrolment Interviews will be held **Wednesday 27th April** in the College Library, (times to be determined).
- 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.



Bede Polding College

Year 7 2024

NOW OPEN

- Enrolment Applications for Year 5 Students for Year 7 2024 are now available from the College Office or online.
- College Open Day will be on **Tuesday 29 March, 3.30-6pm**. Please see the College website for session times and booking information.
- Completed Enrolment Applications forms are to be submitted to the College
- Year 7 2024 Enrolment Interviews will commence from Term 2

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.





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'



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Become a School Crossing Supervisor with Transport for NSW!

Multiple Part Time positions across the Parramatta / Western Suburbs - 51380

- Keep our kids, parents, and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require coverage for **20 hours per fortnight** Monday to Friday during the school term.

This involves 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon between 8:00 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 4:00pm.

VACANCIES AVAILABLE:

- Part Time - Schofields Public School
- Casual - Penrith Local Government Area

Scan the QR Code for more information!

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, scan the QR code or visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today.

**if you are unable to join us on a part time basis, please consider joining us as a casual!*



For late applications or more information, please contact **Caitlin Ritchie:**

E: Caitlin.ritchie@transport.nsw.gov.au

P: 02 9983 2782

Applications close: Sunday 27th March 2022

