



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Term 2 Week 2**

**Tuesday May 3, 2022**

Dear parents and carers,

### Welcome back to Term 2.

Last week I had the privilege along with Mrs Bond to accompany the Stage 3 students and their teachers Mrs Malvagna, Mr Feneley, and Ms Gray to the Great Aussie Bushcamp at Port Stephens. We had three days filled with activities, games and team challenges. The weather was perfect and the staff at the camp were full of praise for our wonderful young students.

Friday night saw our weary travellers return home full of tales about their adventures and the ways in which they worked together and supported each other to achieve their best.

I thank the teachers who gave up their family time to allow such a great excursion to take place and the students for making the camp such an enjoyable experience.



### Mother's Day

This Friday we will celebrate our mother's with a liturgy and picnic morning tea. We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating the many gifts and blessings the mother figures in our lives bring to us.

This Sunday let us take some time to think and pray for our mothers and mothers all around the world. We especially remember mothers who are no longer with us. God Bless them! I would also like us to remember all the men in families who find themselves being mother and father to their children. May God Bless them for the nurturing they are providing their families.



Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead  
**Mrs Melissa Beggs**  
Principal

*"To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war."*

*Pope Francis*

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

## MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Diary Dates	
Wed May 4	Hot Dog Day Kindy-Yr2 P&F Meeting 9am in the Library
Thur May 5	Mother's Day Stall \$6.00 School Photo Make-up Day
Fri May 6	Mother's Day Liturgy 10.15am Picnic @ 10.40am
Mon May 9	<b>Pupil Free Day – No Supervision for students</b>
Wed May 11	Hot Dog Day Stage 2 & 3



Summah B S2G	Rohan S S3W
Cianna C S3B	Diesel R S1B
Lucas Z S3W	Chad H S2W
Aurora A S2W	Henry M S1G
Tennielle R S1B	Rowan H S3B
Billy R S2G	Charlotte B KB
Lily C S3B	Agastya S S1W
Phoenix C-T KB	Archer B S3W
Henry H KB	Curtis G S3W
Sydney B S3B	Harry C S1B
Angus R S2W	Callie V-R S1G

### Pupil Free Day – Monday May 9

Staff will be participating in a Professional Learning Day

- Diversity & Inclusive Education

**There will be no supervision for children**

Dear Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties & Carers,  
You are invited to our

## Mother's Day Liturgy

Friday 6th May, 10:15am

Please join us afterwards for tea, coffee and cookies! Bring a picnic blanket and a pre-packed morning tea to enjoy with your children.

Liturgy will begin at 10:15am and morning tea will conclude at 11:20am.

As soon as possible before the day, please return a printed colour photo of you with your child/ren approximately 6x4 size to your child's class teacher.



"Mother is a verb.  
It's something you do.  
Not just who you are."

Cheryl Eacey Donovan

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

— Rudyard Kipling

Mother  
is  
Like a  
Flower  
each one is  
BEAUTIFUL & UNIQUE



# Mother's Day Stall

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May** the P & F Fundraising Committee will be holding its annual **Mother's Day Stall**.

All gifts are **\$6.00 each**. It would be greatly appreciated if children could please bring the exact money and a bag to put their gift in. Children are welcome to purchase gifts for Grandmother's, Aunties, carers etc on the day also.

**Please also note:** there will be **no IOU's**.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Fundraising Committee



*Picture Make-Up Day*

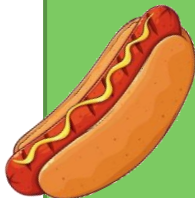
The school photographers will be back at St Monica's this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. If your child was absent at the previous school photos, they will be able to have their photos taken this week. Full summer uniform is to be worn.

## Canteen News

### Hot Dog Day

Kindy and Stage 1

Week 2 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May



Stage 2 & Stage 3

Week 3 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

\$4.00

Are you able to volunteer some time to help in the canteen? Please complete the [Google Doc](#) to register your availability. Volunteers are needed from 9.30am – 2.30pm each day and are supplied with a cuppa and lunch, and the benefit of seeing the happy and caring environment our students are being educated in. Looking forward to your assistance. Thank you.

# NAPLAN AT ST MONICA'S

# NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.



**ALL students in Years 3 and 5 need to have earphones (not bluetooth) for this practice test. Due to health and safety reasons we are unable to provide students with earphones and therefore ask that students bring in their own set as soon as possible to ensure they are able to access the online assessment tool appropriately.**

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **10 and 20 May 2022**. Students who miss a test or are absent on a test day will resume testing when they return to school during the testing period.

Writing Tests (Year 3 paper & Year 5 online)	Reading Tests (Year 3 & Year 5)	Conventions of Language (Year 3 & 5)	Numeracy (Year 3 & Year 5)
Tuesday 10th May, 2022	Thursday 12th May, 2022	Monday 16th May, 2022	Tuesday 17th May, 2022

## School Uniform

As we move into Term 2 and begin wearing our winter uniform a gentle reminder about our school requirements in regard to uniform. The full uniform requirements can be found in our school handbook on our school website. [Parent Handbook](#)

- Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed and presented at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.
- Boys' hair** is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Hair of shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Fringes and other lengths of hair are to be off the face and out of the eyes.
- Girl's hair** that is longer than shoulder length, is to be tied back from the face. Fringes and other lengths of hair are to be off the face and out of the eyes. The colour should be a consistent natural colour and extremes of fashions are to be avoided.
- Jewellery & Accessories** Apart from one pair of sleepers or small plain studs and a wristwatch, jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. A chain with cross or religious medallion may be worn under the uniform.

- No rings
- No nail polish
- No make-up
- Ribbons, hair slides, scrunchies - if worn should be royal blue and/or school material.



## 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.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH

### Junior Server training

Junior Server training will be held in the Parish meeting room on Saturday the 7th of May, from 10am to 12pm. All new servers, and those wishing to become servers are asked to attend, preferably with a family member. Any existing servers are also invited to attend if you possibly can to refresh your skills and knowledge; this helps prevent bad habits from creeping in. If you know of anyone else who would like to become a server, please invite them along as well. Please register your attendance by Friday the 6th of May. Either contact Mary McGuinness: [mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au) or Martin Crew: 0414 515 858.

Please note the **CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

We will gather in **St Monica's School grounds** instead. Pugh's Lagoon is too wet underfoot!

Please help spread the word of the change. **COME ONE COME ALL.**



# PARISH PICNIC DAY

**NOTE NEW VENUE**

~~PUGH'S LAGOON~~

~~RICHMOND~~



**[ PARISH FOUNDATION DAY ]**  
4<sup>TH</sup> May 1859

**SUNDAY 15 MAY ...11AM**

**NOTE NEW VENUE:**

**ST MONICA'S  
SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**Come one  
Come all**

**BYO: EVERYTHING...**

RUG/CHAIRS, EATS, DRINKS,  
GAMES, FAMILY & FRIENDS...



## ISSUE 3 OUT NOW





[Book Club Orders for issue 3 Close 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022](#)

# Book Club LOOP

PLACE YOUR  
ORDER







## PLEASE JOIN US FOR **YARN UP**

Bringing the Yarn Up into the Catholic community allows for further opportunities to connect with traditional ways of sharing cultural knowledge, building relationships and understanding our role in the community. Bishop Vincent Long, Greg Whitby, Executive Director, and Maura Manning, Director Learning, will be joining us for an open forum and discussion.

The Jarara Indigenous Education team invites you to share in this experience.

### WHERE

Performing Arts Centre (PAC) CathWest Innovation College - Loyola Campus  
91 North Parade, Mount Druitt 2770

### WHEN

Tuesday 3 May, 9:00am to 12:00pm

A light lunch will be served, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.  
Please RSVP to Sam Forbes at [sforbes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sforbes@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call 0428 365 489 to confirm your attendance **no later than Wednesday 27 April.**

### 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 RHiSports 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!

