



NEWSLETTER

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday May 17, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to week 4! NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who are currently completing their NAPLAN tests. They have approached the tests with confidence and dedication. Any student who has missed a NAPLAN test will have the opportunity to catch up later this week. Results of the tests will be shared with parents once the school receives them later this year.



Kindergarten 2022 / 2023

This term we have been very busy welcoming new families for enrolment into Kindergarten in 2023. It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed our present kindergarten children to school. It is delightful to see how independent they are becoming. I enjoy being in their learning space with their teachers and seeing them reading, writing and engaging in



problem solving tasks. Thank you for your assistance in supporting this important step to independence at school. If you know of anyone who has a child ready to start school or your child has a sibling ready to start school, enrolments are now being



processed and we would welcome the application.

National Simultaneous Storytime

This year our focus book is Family Tree by singer songwriter Josh Pike. We will be joining together as a school to listen to the story on Wednesday 25th May. In preparation you may like to discuss your family tree with your child(ren). It is a great opportunity to take time and discuss our place in the family and how we belong.



Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Principal

"Holiness does not consist of a few heroic deeds, but of loving a lot every day."
Pope Francis

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

Diary Dates	
Wed May 18	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 2.30-3.10pm
Wed May 25	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Stage 2 Trip around Australia Expo – Parents Welcome 11.45am-12.15pm Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 2.30-3.10pm
Thur May 26	Stage 2 - Longneck Lagoon
Fri May 27	Kindy – Featherdale Excursion Assembly 2.10pm
Mon May 30	P&F Meeting 9.00am

Sending our Condolences to the Taylor Family on the loss of Charlie's Grandmother.

Please keep the Taylor Family in your prayers



UNIFORMS - PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Unfortunately, we have a lot of jumpers/jackets in lost property, some with names and others without. If you purchase a second-hand item, please also make sure that you cross out the old name and mark it with your child's name. We also ask that you regularly check the jumper/jacket that your child comes home with as they may have inadvertently picked up someone else's. Often names on jumpers are on the back side of the tag. While we regularly sort through the lost property collection, since the weather has become cooler we are unable to keep up with the ever increasing pile. Please feel free to look through the collection when you come to pick up your child in the afternoon. It is a shame that so many items do not get claimed.



'Tell Them From Me' Survey

In the coming weeks, every diocesan school will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online 'Tell Them From Me' survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. As we value the role of parents within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please keep an eye out for further information.



NAPLAN AT ST MONICA'S

Congratulations to the students in Years 3 and 5 on their participation in NAPLAN 2022. The students have been completing these tests over the last 2 weeks. The students have demonstrated a positive attitude each day and enthusiastically continued with their learning after each test session. A special thank you to our Stage 2 and 3 teachers who calmly and professionally ran each of these test sessions, troubleshooting any technical issues and closely monitoring our students.



St Monica's Primary School Uniform

Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed and presented at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented. Girls should be wearing a tab on the top button of their shirt and sports sock should be white ankle socks. Jumpers and jackets should be the blue St Monica's style and we ask that these are all labelled.



HAIR

Boy's hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even fade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Hair of shoulder length is to be tied back from the face, *this includes boys with long mullets*. 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 wrist watch, jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. A chain with cross or religious medallion may be worn under the uniform.



Our uniform can be purchased through Brynorms or various items through the second hand stall. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all students arrive at school each day in their correct uniform.

BRYNORMS - <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stmonrich>

Please refer to our uniform expectations which can be found here;

<https://www.stmonicasrichmond.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Handbook>

REC NEWS

The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.

On Tuesday, May 24th, the students will gather to celebrate a Liturgy of the Word for the Feast day of Australia's Patron Saint. Mary has many titles and May is the month of Mary. We will gather for a brief celebration during the day. This gathering is only for the students.

Leanne Ryan

Religious Education Coordinator.

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.

*Congratulations to the children who received a Blue Awards
Morning Tea with Mrs Beggs last Wednesday -*

Kindergarten – Florence F, Olivia S, Kabir S, Charlotte B, Ruby V,
Lahni S, Alexander R, Connor M, Flynn T, Eve W, Oliver M,
Tobias B, Christopher X, Nikala P, Scarlett B, Alana V, Amelia S

Stage 1 – Cristina Rulli, Sybella Xerri



Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 18th May

Years 3-6

\$4.00

Order on the QKR App



We Need Your Help!

Are you able to volunteer a day to help in the canteen? Your child would love to see you helping and serving their friends. If you can spare one day a week, fortnight or even a month please follow this [LINK](#) to register your details.



Term 2 Awards

Week 3	Class	Catholic Values	St Monica's Award 1	St Monica's Award 2	St Monica's Award 3
	Kindergarten	Alana Vella	Alexis Longley	Casey Pereira	Amelia Rol
		Ruby Vella	Roman Clark	Phoenix Cruz-Tabua	Connor Moulton
	Stage 1	Brodie Rogers	Jude Blessing	Lucy Jojart	Alicia Vella
		Samuel Ekladius			
	Stage 2	Indee Blessing	Georgia Zammit	Layla Pisani	Jayden Vella
		Jake Moulton	Isobel Campbell	Joel Cauchi	
		Eliana Grima	Indy Bettridge	Monique Saliba	
		Maddie Campbell	Jack Jojart		
		Izabella Pace	Angus Rogers		
	Stage 3	Makayla Gauci	Felicity Rogers	Harrison Moulton	Alara Pedersen
		Ace Sciberras	Hayley Chadevski	Chloe Condon	Rowan Hargrave
		Dylan Refalo	Sienna Moore	Mikeila Adams	Lachlan Esposito
		Charlotte Hodgson-Harvey	Isabella Saunders	Ellie Lindop	Emily Suter
			Archer Buchert	Savannah Refalo	Sydney Barglik
			Jordan Semaan	Ace Sciberras	Hunter Clark
				Alex Duncan	
	K-6 Gold	Charlie Pace	Anthony Attard		

Writers Packs

Grade	Name
Stage 2 (Gold)	Luke Wilkinson Jade Owens Billy Rodziewicz Bianca Tischler
Stage 1(Gold)	Rose Houchin Madison Estreich
Stage 1 (Blue)	Willow O'Halloran

Stage 3	Anika Chadevski (S3W)
Stage 3	Patrick Curl
Stage 3	Natalie Zaghloul



Our next P & F meeting will be held on Monday 30th May at 9.00am in the school hall after drop-off. We would love to see you!


**KEEP
CALM
AND
COME TO THE
P&F MEETING**

ISSUE 4 2022 **ORDERS DUE BACK BY:** 

Book Club

LEARN MORE ABOUT **Book Club**
See our Parents' Guide [scholastic.com.au/parents](https://www.scholastic.com.au/parents)

001 **NEW! Reading Challenge**
The Reading Challenge is on and Ella is reading so many books. Will China catch up?
64 pp. AGES 8+
\$9.99

002 **Ella Diaries BFF 2-Pack**
Tune into the secret thoughts of Ella as she shares them with you in her diaries.
Each 164 pp. AGES 7+
\$29.99 **CLUB PRICE \$20.00**

003 **Gitter Dragon Girls 1-6 Pack**
Three girls find out they're really dragons, and they are the protectors of the Magic Forest.
Each 164 pp. AGES 7+
\$29.99 **CLUB PRICE \$20.00**

004 **Green Dragon Diary**
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable journal.
192 pp. hardcover, padlock and 2 keys.
AGES 8+
\$22.99 **CLUB PRICE \$17.00**

005 **NEW! Minecraft Amazing Site-Site Builds**
Learn how to design, build and customise over 25 new Minecraft mini-projects.
96 pp. hardcover. AGES 7+
\$16.99 **CLUB PRICE \$16.00**

006 **NEW! Wacky Wishes**
Zombie falls through a sand pit and finds himself in the Sweet Swamp.
144 pp. AGES 8+
\$9.99

007 **NEW! Lolly Time!**
Hold on and he friends compete to invent the best new lolly!
128 pp. AGES 8+
\$14.99 **CLUB PRICE \$11.00**

008 **NEW! Bad Air Day**
These forgotten waterpark floats come up with a plan to become famous!
38 pp. AGES 7+
\$9.99

009 **NEW! Gratitude & Love 10-Pack**
A collection of books reminding us to be grateful for...

010 **NEW! Chatterpuss**

Book Club Issue 4 is available now. Brochures will be given out this week.

Please click [here](#) to place an order through Scholastic online ordering. Please do not send cash into school. All orders are to be placed via the scholastic website. Orders close Friday 10th June 2022. You will receive your order in time for some holiday reading!

Happy Reading!!



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

The PRC is open for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The challenge requires children to read a certain number of books depending on their age. After books are read (or 'read to or with' for Kindergarten to Year 2 children) **you or your child will need to enter the books on the PRC website using the child's unique log in username and password at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.**

Please also refer to this website for the rules of this challenge and the 'Book lists'.

If help is required on how to do the Challenge or how to navigate the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support](#) site, please contact your child's teacher.

Log in codes remain the same each year. Classroom teachers will give these out at the end of the week. New students to St Monica's will have a username and password assigned to them. Please note that these are case sensitive.

The 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 19 August for students.

 A promotional poster for the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign. It features a young girl in a blue checkered dress standing on a seesaw. The text 'Help us turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT' is at the top. Below it, it says 'Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.' and provides instructions on how to collect bread bags for recycling. A 'Tip for collecting' suggests using one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of others. A 'Did you know?' section mentions a draw for an exercise circuit. The bottom of the poster includes the Wonder logo and social media tags.

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!

Wonder
Full of Goodness