



# NEWSLETTER

## ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday May 31, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

### Welcome to week 6!

### National Reconciliation Week 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is, "Be Brave. Make Change." It is a challenge for all Australians to 'Be Brave' and continue the work of reconciliation so we can 'Make Change' for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. To find out more about this important week please use the link and continue the discussion with your children around the dinner table at home. [National Reconciliation Week](#)

### E Safety and Cyberbullying - Our Role as parents



This Friday our Stage 2 and 3 students will be involved in a presentation about cyber bullying from 'ThinkUKnow Australia' run by the Federal Police. This is a cyber safety education program that educates students about using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

***As parents the best way we can keep our children safe is to talk with them and be involved in their online world.***

**Parents can:**

- help children understand the risks, and practise safe online skills at home and away from home
- supervise online activities and set rules and limits.
- talk about how and when you will use screen technology in your home. You might agree to keep devices in a room that is open. It will be easier to be aware of what children are doing that devices will be out of bedrooms after 'lights out' as they can interfere with sleep

### Make sure children:

- question what they see online and realise not everything they see is real
- know your family values and become critical consumers. You might ask 'Why do you think they are doing that?' or 'What would happen if they did that in real life?'
- are respectful in all communication and don't do or say anything online they wouldn't in person
- do not share personal information without your knowledge
- know how to screen or block unwanted contacts that happen by phone, email, text, social networking or online games

For more information, you can visit: [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead

**Mrs Melissa Beggs**

Principal

*"Whoever welcomes a person in need performs not only an act of charity, but also of faith, because he or she recognises Jesus in the brother or sister."*

*Pope Francis*

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

Diary Dates	
Wed June 1	Kindy & Stage 1 Hot Dog Day Second Hand Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.10pm
Wed June 8	Stage 2 & 3 Hot Dog Day Second Hand Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.10pm
Mon June 6	P&F Meeting 8.50am in the Library
Fri June 10	Stage 1 FIZZICS Incursion
Mon June 13	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Mon June 20	Athletics Carnival – McMahon's Park

## Hot Dog Day



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Kindy – Year 2**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 3-6**

**\$4.00**

**Order on the QKR App**



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

***"Mum and dad, why do I have to go to school?"***

To get the most out of education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.



Parents can encourage their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education. Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of **ten days of school** a term adds up to **missing two full years** of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Each and every day our teachers plan the learning for our children considering the skills and knowledge they have and what they need to know or be able to do next. Each day we focus on developing the children's ability to collaborate, communicate their thinking and ideas, be critical thinkers who can solve a range of problems, respond to social issues that they see around them in a creative way, be global citizens and have the character to be able to live and work in a rapidly changing world.

For all our children to have the best learning experience at school they need to come every day. This allows their brain 'muscle' to work and become stronger and better.

***Of course, we do understand that at times your child may be unwell and must stay at home to be cared for until they are well, especially in these challenging health times.***



***Everyday missed is a missed opportunity to learn and grow in knowledge!***

***We love learning at St Monica's Primary School!***

## 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](mailto:stmonric@parra.catholic.edu.au).

The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>



## Congratulations .....

Last holidays as you know Miss Vanessa Muscat became Mrs Vanessa Craven as she wed her partner Chris. We would like to share some photos of the day and wish them both a lifetime of happiness together.



## STAFFING

This week we say farewell to Mrs Debra Wheeler who has been working in the office during Mrs Alba Kernahan's absence on long service leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the work she has done and for always being ready to assist with any task with a smile and wonderful efficiency.

We will miss you Debra!



We would also like to thank Mrs Vanessa Bonadio for stepping in and doing extra days as well during this time. We are very grateful that you were able to do so and kept our office operating so well.

Thank you!

## Welcome Mrs Nina Mather

We would like to welcome Mrs Nina Mather to St Monica's school community. Nina joins us as our new school councillor. We hope you enjoy your time here with the staff and children.

"I am very excited to be joining the St Monica's community and look forward to getting to know all the wonderful staff, students and families."







## Premier's Reading Challenge - Rules

- K - 2 students must read 30 books to complete the challenge
- 3 - 4 students must read 20 books to complete the challenge
- 5 - 6 students must read 20 books to complete the challenge
- A student can 'read up' in the challenge but you cannot 'read down'. For example: a student in year 3 can read books from the 5-6 booklist but not the K-2 booklist

Please double check all books against the PRC book lists

## Premier's Reading Challenge - How to Enter Books

As the children read the required Premier's Reading Challenge books, parents or students are to log on to the website and enter the names of their books into their individual reading log. **NB: Usernames and Passwords are available from class teachers.**

Here are some steps to help you with this:

1. Go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website at: [online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc](http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc) (or search NSW Premier's Reading Challenge on Google).
2. Click on "Logon" on the left side of the screen.
3. Enter the username and password you were given.
4. Click on "Student Reading Records" and type the titles of your books. Sometimes it auto-fills the information. Make sure it gives the correct author and title.
5. When you have entered the required number of books, you get an on-screen message of congratulations.
6. Please let Mrs Beggs know when your child has completed the challenge via email [mbeggs@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbeggs@parra.catholic.edu.au) so that we can celebrate by putting their name in our school newsletter.

Happy reading.

Mrs Melissa Beggs

Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator



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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. You will receive your order in time for some holiday reading!

Happy Reading!!

9:06 4G

Cancel Add Attendance Note

Reason None >

Details / Comments

Start Date

31/05/2022 - 08:00 AM

End Date

31/05/2022 - 05:00 PM

Potentially Affected Sessions

Activities >

Add Attendance Note

## Adding a late arrival or Early pick up onto the Compass App

If you are adding an attendance note through your compass app, please follow the instructions below.

The **START DATE** is for adding an **EARLY DEPARTURE**  
If you are picking your child up early from school, you need to change the start date to the time they are leaving.

The **END DATE** is for adding a **LATE ARRIVAL**  
If your child is arriving late to school you need to change the end date to the time they are arriving.

If you complete the attendance note on the App, please advise the office staff that you have done so when you pick up your child.

The office staff are more than happy to continue to action this for you if you choose not to complete the attendance arrival/departure on the App.

### Driving and parking near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside schools. Parking signs are planned with your child's safety in mind.

It is helpful for everyone if you park safely, even if you have to walk further to the school gate. This is a good time to model positive road safety behaviour and physical activity for your child.

Slow down near any crossings around the school. At a supervised crossing, follow the directions of the school crossing supervisor. Crossing supervisors manage traffic to help primary school children use the crossings on roads near and outside of schools.

Drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

You should always:

- park legally
- avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns
- give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering or exiting driveways
- avoid using the school car park or driveway
- avoid parking in the school bus bay
- make sure your child uses the Safety Door (rear kerb-side door) to get in and out of the car.

Dangerous driving behaviour around schools puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.



# P&F Meeting

Our next P & F meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.50am in the library after drop-off.

We would love to see you!

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



## In-Home Community Carers Positions Vacant



### Wendy's Home Care

Would you like to do something rewarding in your community which fits in with your lifestyle and family / study commitments? We provide in-home support for elderly people and people with a disability who love to live independently at home.

**Casual work with flexible hours** is available in your area. We need experienced and 'new-to-industry' people to help with:

- Domestic assistance
- Transports to appointments
- Meal preparation
- Basic personal care
- Respite for carers



Driver licence, vehicle, COVID vaccination certificate, and mobile phone are essential. Successful applicants will also need to obtain a First Aid Certificate & NDIS Worker Screening Check. Availability during study term & holidays is an advantage, however, some school hours, evening & weekend work is also available.

**Call (02) 4587 5999 | Email:**  
**hadmin@wendyshome.com.au**  
**Web:** [www.wendyshome.com.au](http://www.wendyshome.com.au)

## Nutrition Snippet

### ZUCCHINI & CORN FRITTERS



#### Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out  
1 cup frozen or canned corn kernels  
1 cup red capsicum, finely diced  
4 eggs  
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
½ cup chopped, fresh dill  
6 tbsp wholemeal plain flour  
Olive oil spray

#### Method

Place the zucchini, corn, capsicum, eggs, Parmesan, dill and flour in a bowl. Mix well.

Spray a large fry pan with olive oil and heat over a medium heat. Working in batches, fill an ice-cream scoop (or large spoon) with the mixture and drop onto the pan. Flatten the fritters out slightly with a fork.

Cook for approximately 4 minutes or until brown, flip and continue to cook until that side is brown and cooked through.

Makes 8.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box





St Monica's Parish

# HUGE



White & Elephant  
& Book Sale



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FRIDAY 24th • SATURDAY 25th • SUNDAY 26th  
**JUNE - 9am - 3pm**

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HATS • BAGS • JEWELLERY • CLOTHING • ORNAMENTS • STATIONARY  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS... AND MUCH MUCH MORE



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# BARGAINS GALORE!!

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