

St. Monica's Newsletter



2022: Term 3 - Week 7



St. Monica's acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurunjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders both past, present and emerging



Important Dates

Term 3

Friday 26th August

Staff Faith Formation Day - Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Monday 29th August - Students may wear sports uniform today

St Monica's Feast Day celebrations

- Whole School Mass at 12pm - families are invited and welcome to join us

No Assembly today

Wednesday 31st August

Caroline Chisolm Musical

Friday 2nd September

SEDA Basketball Clinic

Father's Day Family BBQ - Starts at 5pm onwards before the disco

'Bop till you drop' Family Engagement Disco 6pm -8pm

Monday 5th September

Whole School Assembly - 2.40pm

Friday 9th September

SEDA Basketball Clinic

Monday 12th September

SEDA Soccer Clinic

Whole School Assembly - Final for Term 3

Thursday 15th September - Last day of Term 3 for students (normal dismissal time)

Friday 16th September

- **School Closure Day - Additional Pupil Free Day Teacher professional Practice Time**

Monday 3rd October

First Day of Term 4

St Monica's promotes and supports healthy eating as much as possible. Vegetable and fruit snacks are strongly encouraged on a daily basis. When celebrating a child's birthday, families are not permitted to bring lollie bags to hand out. If you have a query relating to this matter, please contact the principal.

Fresh Fruit Friday
-add an extra piece
of fruit into
your lunch



Prayer

On Saturday it is Saint Monica's Feast Day, our Patron Saint. Together as a school community we will be celebrating her feast day on Monday.

God our Father,

We first learnt about your love from those who love us and care for us.

Thank you for our families, our mothers, teachers, and for those who show your goodness and gentleness.

Our school is a special place of learning and of love.

We give thanks that our school has been named after St Monica.

We pray that St Monica especially will encourage us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Amen.



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Even though this week is slightly shorter than normal with tomorrow being a pupil free day lots of great things have been happening. Please enjoy reading through our newsletter to get a snapshot of St Monica's.

It was such a terrific atmosphere this morning for our 'Book Week' Costume parade with many amazing characters on display for our school community. I am sure that the many parents who joined us walked away with smile after seeing the joy, enthusiasm and happiness students, staff and parents alike. It was a true celebration of partnership.

Our new school website is now live - just in time for the Feast day of St Monica as planned. We encourage you all to visit it as there is plenty to explore and share with others about our school.

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

In Partnership,
Nathan

Reminders

- Please report **student absences** before 9:15am on the day of absence via Skoolbag OR by calling 9689-4548 OR emailing: office@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au
- Lunch order day is Wednesday
- Our school gate is open at 8.30am every morning for student arrival
- Children eat lunch at 1.40pm every day before going out to play

Lunch orders on Wednesday - If children are going to be absent and orders are placed, they can be cancelled up to 8.30am that morning.

Parents & Friends opportunity - repeat

St Monica's is in the early stages of reimagining the Parents & Friends, or P&F to encourage family engagement and promote St Monica's Primary School's values and objectives.

'Progress, partnership and teamwork is possible when contributions are valued and involvement is encouraged'

Throughout the year, the committee hopes to raise funds, host social events and support students and teachers – joining is an excellent way to make new friends and be involved in your child's school life.

The P&F hopes to establish an annual fundraising target to contribute towards the development of school facilities and new equipment. For example, a new multi-age playground, outdoor furniture and financial support for wellbeing for learning initiatives and school concert performances.

We aim to establish a P&F that consists an executive committee, general committee members, staff representatives and the Principal. We are seeking all interested parents who wish to join us in making a difference for our community. We welcome and encourage all parents to contribute towards school life. We look forward to organising our foundation meeting and setting a direction moving forward. **To express your interest, email**

principal@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au

This week in the Seniors

Mathematics

In Maths, the Seniors have been learning and practising multiplication strategies including, doubling and halving, box strategy and the vertical algorithm to solve problems. We have been using maths trials to improve our number fact recall. We have been able to choose which multiplication problems we want to solve - either hot, spicy or super spicy! It has been really good to choose what questions we want to answer.

Literacy

In Literacy, we have been learning about the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's through our Knowledge Rich unit called *Brown Girl Dreaming*. We have learnt about the significant events and important figures in the Civil Rights Movement such as Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks. We are interested to learn more about what it was like to live during these times as we continue reading Jacqueline Woodson's memoir, *Brown Girl Dreaming*.

SEDA Football Clinic

Over the past three weeks, we have had the SEDA AFL Sunshine group lead football clinics. They taught us many skills including marking, kicking and hand balling. We had lots of fun and we all improved at least 1 skill.

Equal Rights

In Religion, we have been learning about equal rights for children. Children have the right to be able to access food, clean water, medicine, shelter, education and the opportunity to have fun. Children should be treated fairly and equally worldwide. All children need to have rights, in order to grow up, be healthy and successful in life

Student Awards

Each week, students who embody our values, and apply the school learning powers are awarded a class award. The students who earned an award in the past week are:

JB	Ted W
JJ	Adonis T
MAH	Jayden C
MAS	Emerald D
SG	Kalvin P
SI	Katie D

Principal
Award

Miss Grace

Specialist
Award

Mia N



First Aid in Schools



The St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program delivered free First Aid training to more than 174,000 Victorian Primary School Students at no cost to schools or parents and so far, we have taught more than 1 million children since the program started in 2013.

Alycia from the St Johns First Aid in Schools Program spent the day at St Monica's on Tuesday. Sessions were held for our Prep/1, 2/3 and 4/5/6 students. The purpose of the sessions was to present age-appropriate information that develops First Aid awareness for school children.

Read some of the learning shared by our students.

First aid means the first to help with medical care. We listened to a story that taught us what to do in an emergency. The number for emergency services is 000 - **Juniors**

When you call 000 you have to tell them your address, name, age and the suburb you are in - **Chloe, Middle AS**

You have to put the person in a recovery position when they are still conscious - **Akot, Middle AS**

I learnt that if there is a fire you can't help the person, you must check for danger to protect yourself - **Miesha, Senior G**

I learnt that defibrillators are often found in shopping centres and sports clubs, I know what sign to look for to find the defibrillator - **Hannah N, Senior G**

Alycia was very informative and she told us lots about First Aid. I got to put Hannah in the recovery position. We got to practise CPR on a mannequin, which was hard and tiring - **Lloyd, Senior I**

We learnt how to do compressions correctly and got to practise on a mannequin. In an emergency it is important to use DRSABCD when assessing the dangerous situation - **Felix, Senior I**



Planning for 2023

It is that time of the year for Catholic primary school when planning for 2023 starts in earnest. If your family is not returning to St Monica's in the New Year, please inform the school at your earliest convenience.

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office@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au

Book Week 2022



A day filled with joy and happiness!

'Dreaming with our eyes open'

Congratulations to all students for your wonderful efforts with Book Week character costumes and for participating with so much enthusiasm throughout the day.



Thanks for the best Book Week parade ever!! It was so much fun today, watching all the kids and of course all the staff participating in the parade. I saw so many beautiful smiles. Such a fun event, now I'm definitely looking forward to next year's book week!

Parent Feedback - Helen wong

St Monica's Day Celebrations 2022

MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

Come in your Sports uniform



St Monica's Monday 29th August

Feast Day

Whole School Mass at 12:00pm in our Parish Church



Kaboom Sports
9:00am - 11:00 am



Saint Monica was born in North Africa in 332 and died in Italy in 387. She was a good Christian who cared for family and other people. She especially prayed for her son Augustine who did not believe in God. Her prayers helped her son to share in his mother's faith and he baptised and became a Bishop, Priest and Saint. His feast day is celebrated the day after Saint Monica's. Saint Monica is the patron saint of mothers, wives, married women and widows.



A sensational sausage sizzle for lunch.

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Catholic Primary School
Footscray
We're here to make a difference

Bop till you Drop
IT'S DISCO TIME WITH

CHANGED TO: SAUSAGE SIZZLE
popcorn and refreshments

Bop till you Drop
Get ready for a night of SINGING, DANCING and activities with a PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINER!

Slow sticks available to purchase

Date: Friday 2nd September '22
Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm
Location: School Hall
Tickets: \$10 per family
You can stay as little or as long as you like!
Can't wait to see you there!

www.boptillyoudrop.com.au 1300 13 03 13

Change of plans everyone!

Family friendly sausage sizzle

To acknowledge Father's Day we would like to invite all families to come along a little early and enjoy a family sausage sizzle and community mingle prior to disco starting

What a great way to engage as a community. We encourage as many families as possible to come along and have a heap of fun! Come dressed in your favourite dancing costume if you like.

Look out for the Dad's Dance OFF during the disco!