

St. Monica's Newsletter



2022: Term 3 - Week 8



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

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

FOOTY COLURS DAY

- 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 cakes or cupcakes 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 Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. We hope that all our fathers/guardians have a special day with their families.

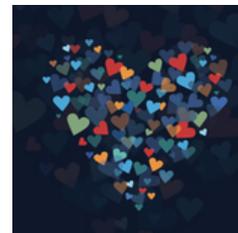
Dear God,
We hope that whoever we are celebrating Father's Day with has a beautiful day.

Thank you for making our parents/guardians. We appreciate their care and love.

We remember Joseph on this day who looked after Jesus so lovingly and think about how we can share in this love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

What a great week we have all experienced at St Monica's this week. St Monica's Feast Day celebrations kick started our week with a sensational whole school Mass with Fr Phillip and Kaboom Sports. All our students and staff had a terrific day and learnt a little more about our Patron Saint - St Monica.

Tonight we very much look forward to our community - 'Bop til you Drop' Disco in school hall. Remember we are having a Father's Day sausage sizzle from 5pm - This is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the role that our Dad's play in our lives. We hope to see many students and families present tonight as it will be a heap of fun. tickets can still be purchased at school or on arrival.

A reminder that our new school website is now live . 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.

Languages Learning - Parent information session repeat

St Monica's is in the early stages of reimagining our provision Language learning .

A **huge thank you** goes out to our 20 parents, 6 staff members and 3 students who attended our 'Languages Learning parent information session last Wednesday 24th August. This session was facilitated by Linton Roe - MACS languages coach who provided a very interactive and informative presentation centred around Teachers and co learners (TCL) and benefits of daily immersion when learning to speak another language.

From a consultation perspective parent, involvement, participation and feedback is very much valued and appreciated. I received 3 emails from parents sharing their learning and thoughts from the evening.

- The session completely changed my opinion of learning languages at primary school. Linton took families through a typical classroom experience, which I found truly engaging and fun. The learnings are conversation-based so the children start using language immediately; my experience at school was learning nouns and conjugating verbs, but this principle brings languages into the 'real world' for our kids. The other key principles are regular immersion, so the children are constantly revisiting what they learned yesterday in short, fun sessions. The data on improving retention of learnings is remarkable. And finally, not only does the research demonstrate that this approach is more effective, but this is something our children will look forward to each day. I would implore everyone to find out more, it really looks to be a great opportunity for our kids. **David Sandal**
- The information session was educational and enjoyable. We learnt how easy it would be to learn a new language by changing the way it has been traditionally taught. I'm keen for St Monica's to embrace these new methods and become fluent in a new language. **Lisa Cammarano**
- It's fun! It's easy! It's effective! An amazing new way of learning Italian that teachers and students will enjoy. Learning a 2nd or 3rd language we know is beneficial for our brains! A must in any school curriculum. **Linda Laughlin**

This week in the Middles

Literacy

In Literacy students have been learning about the Vikings. They have been unpacking key vocabulary such as 'exporting' and 'importing'. Students have been given questions to explore different aspects of Viking life and are watching videos to enhance their understanding. They are using their senses: taste, touch, smell, hear, see and feel to brainstorm ideas to support their recount writing.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students have been learning about multiplication. We have explored arrays and how these can be used to help us to solve multiplication problems. Another strategy we have learnt is repeated addition. These strategies and others will assist us in understanding what multiplication is and help us to see the connection between multiplication and division in the coming weeks.

Religious Education

In Religion we have been learning about St Monica and her wonderful work. As part of our celebration on St Monica's Feast Day we learnt about how St Monica showed faith, love and patience. We discussed ways that we can live like St Monica and show these values in our lives. We created artwork that demonstrates the values. Keep an eye out in the office because some of our fabulous artwork will feature there shortly!

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

Felicity L

MAS

Micaela C-G

SG

Moon B

SI

Vanessa T

Principal
Award

Mezmur G

Specialist
Award

Mia N



Wellbeing



As part of our Feast Day celebrations we welcomed KABOOM sports to St Monica's on Monday. Luke and Zena were vibrant, colourful and full of energy.

The students and teachers participated in a variety of activities in groups made up of students from Prep to Six. It was great to see the teamwork and collaboration amongst our students and teachers.

A great example of the **inclusive** and **respectful** culture in our school community.



ST MONICA'S
FOOTY
COLOURS

DAY

Thursday, 15th of
September

COME DRESSED IN YOUR TEAM'S COLOURS!

Planning for 2023

It is that time of the year for Catholic primary schools 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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