

St. Monica's Newsletter



2022: Term 3 - Week 9



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 12th September

SEDA Soccer Clinic

Whole School Assembly - Final for Term 3

Tuesday 13th September

Year 5/6 Open Doors- Family Enrichment 6pm

Thursday 15th September

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

- Last day of Term 3 for students (normal dismissal time at 3.30pm)

Friday 16th September

- **School Closure Day** - Additional Pupil Free Day Teacher professional Practice Time
- Preparation of revamped vegetable Garden work begins today.
- New shade sail should be finalised over the school holidays

Monday 3rd October

First Day of Term

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 office.

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.



Catholic Identity - NCEC Mass



I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43: 19

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Wow - What a week! St Monica's continues to be a safe, engaging and happy place to learn and share time with friends. This was so evident last Friday evening with such a big crowd at our family disco. It was awesome to see so many of us gathered in one space enjoy dancing and singing together.

Families who have siblings at home who may be ready to start school next year are also encouraged and reminded to place an enrolment for 2023.

As we move into the final week of Term 3 please be reminded that school finishes in Thursday 15th September for all students as is listed. This day we be celebrated as FOOTY colours day where we can all wear our favourite team. It will no doubt be a very colourful day filled with joy and St Monica's spirit.

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

RU OK?Day is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. Students at St Monica's learn in an environment where high priority is placed on the health and wellbeing of all students and families. Part of this is not only awareness of the importance of self-care, but also to look out for each other.

Please enjoy viewing this short video RU OK with healthy Harold - highlighting how we can all identify the signs and assist someone who might not be okay. <https://vimeo.com/734592390>

This week is also **National Child Protection Week**, which is marked this year from **4 to 10 September**. This year's theme is 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. The theme was chosen to emphasise the importance of children growing up safe and supported.

National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Sunday are important for all of us in Catholic education to recognise, as they reinforce our unequivocal commitment to protect the children and young people in our care

This week with the SRC

On Tuesday, the SRC students along with our Faith/Justice Leaders attended the National Catholic Education Commission Conference Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. When we arrived we were greeted with friendly smiles and were captured by the beauty of the Church. The Students participated in Mass reverently and were very supportive of Asta who read her Prayer of the Faithful confidently. When Mass had ended, the students had many questions about the Conference, the Church building and the possibility of returning to St Patrick's Cathedral on another day.

Some of our students have said:

Mass was beautiful. Saint Patrick's Cathedral was the biggest Church I have ever been to. I would love to go back and visit again- **Cyrus P**

The Mass helped me to think about God and God's love. It was very beautiful and very big- **Lucia N**

I was very shocked about how many people were at the National Catholic Education Conference Mass. The Church was a lot bigger than what I have ever seen and it was a very good experience to see a different Church- **Samuel L**

If you would like to view the Mass and listen to Asta read three Prayers of the Faithful so beautifully click on the link:

<https://ncec2022.edu.au/mass/>

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	Cyrus P
MAH	Annabelle T
MAS	Brendan K
SG	Henrietta T
SI	Delilah T

Principal
Award

Felix R

Specialist
Award



Bop Until You Drop Family Disco



Last Friday evening the staff and families of the St Monica's community showcased their dancing abilities at our inaugural Family Disco. The night started with a classic BBQ (thanks Jeremy and Paul) to celebrate Father's Day before the dance floor lured in the masses. Conga lines, karaoke and the Nutbush were all highlights of the night.

Students demonstrated the learning power of persistence by grabbing the mic and singing in front of a crowd. On the subject of crowds, the turn out on Friday was invigorating. As one parent commented, 'it really showed the strength of our community'.

An enormous thank you to the brains behind the operation, Anna T, who did countless jobs behind the scenes to make the night the success that it was.

We thank everyone who attended and we look forward to many future community events.



- Staff at St Monica's



MACSSIS

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys
29 August – 16 September 2022

A reminder to all families that an email and hard copy has been sent home to complete this important survey. Capturing as many voices as possible of our community is essential in continuing our ongoing connection, purpose and partnership.

So far we have only received 20% of family survey participation. Please set aside some time to have your say and complete the MACSSIS survey.

Progress starts with everyone. If you require assistance please consult at the school office.

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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ST MONICA'S
FOOTY
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DAY

Thursday, 15th of
September

COME DRESSED IN YOUR TEAM'S COLOURS!