

St. Monica's Newsletter



2023: Term 1 - 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 1

- Monday 13th March** - Labour Day **Public Holiday** (no lunch orders today)
- Wednesday 15th March** - Naplan 2023 begins
- Thursday 23rd March** Life Education (Foundation and Year 5/6)
- Monday 20th March** - Assembly 2.55pm
- Friday 24th March** Life Education (Year 1/2)
- Monday 27th March** - Naplan 2023 closes
- Wed 29th March** Life Education (Year 3/4)
- Monday 3rd April** - Assembly 2.55pm
- Wednesday 5th April** - Project Compassion Crazy hair/hat day & money trail
- PnF** Proposed End of Term 1 Family Picnic - more detail to be provided
- Thursday 6th April** - Easter egg raffle @ 12.45pm
- * End of term dismissal - 1pm**

Term 2

- Monday 24th April** - School Closure Day Staff Professional Learning - Mathematics
- Tuesday 25th April** - **Anzac Day Public holiday**
- Wednesday 26th April** - **Term 2 Begins**
- Thursday 27th April** - **School Photo Day**

Reconciliation

Date and time to be confirmed with Fr Philip

First Eucharist

Thursday 8th June - time to be confirmed

Confirmation

Has recently been set for Saturday 9th September 2023 at 6pm.

Reminders

- Lunch order day for 2023 will now be on Monday (A message has been sent via Operoo.
- Our school gate is open at 8.30am every morning for student arrival
- Children eat lunch at 11.40am (after first play)



St Monica's website

PRAYER

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Caritas AUSTRALIA
End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

God of all generations,
We thank you for those who have gone before us,
especially those who have cared for your earth and
who inspire us to help respect your creation
and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today,
especially those who work for justice and peace.
May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings
to walk more closely with you,
especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future.
May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward.
As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope
that from now on all generations will experience
the great things you will do through us.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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Principal's Message

*"Everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds.
Everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9-10*

Dear Families,

This week we were excited to announce our student leaders for 2023. These students are listed below and they jointly recited a leadership pledge on Wednesday. Yesterday our whole school participated in a very successful athletics carnival at Newport Athletics track. We encourage all parents to speak with their children as the day was filled with fun, teamwork, encouragement and many highlights. A huge **'SHOUT OUT'** goes out to Ms Liz for organising this sporting event and preparing the students so well. We cannot wait to make this even bigger and better in 2024. Attached along with this newsletter edition a special notice relating to the Whitehall crossing. Please read it carefully as we require parent and community support to address the seriousness of this matter. Project compassion boxes are in all our classroom and families are strongly encouraged to support by donating coins to assist in filling these boxes. A fun Project Compassion day is planned for Wednesday 5th April. Please also view important flyers advertising upcoming events such as St Pat's Day and our annual Easter Egg raffle.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone and we will see you all on **Tuesday 14th March**.

Arrivederci
Nathan

STUDENT LEADERS 2023

Our School leaders for 2023 were announced at a 'Special Assembly' on Wednesday 8th March. We congratulate all of these student leaders and look forward to many opportunities to work closely with them throughout the year.

School captains: Zach X & Brigid M

Social Justice Leaders: Henrietta T, Tiffany P, Nathan P

Sustainability Leaders: Sienna K-R, Moon B, Liliana R

Blue House & Sports Leaders: Baylee C & Sasha D

Yellow House & Sports Leaders: Vanessa T & Miesha P

Red House & Sports Leaders: Katie L & Niamh M

Green House & Sports Leaders: Nobel M & James N

School Advisory Board

St Monica's is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS).

The School Advisory Council consists of parents representatives, members of school leadership and the Parish Priest. The School Advisory Council meets at least six times a year and act as an advisory forum on matters pertaining to the life of the school. It is expected that school Advisory Council members promote the Catholic Ethos of the school and support the development and promotion of the school community. While the School Advisory Council does not have governance responsibility or decision-making authority, it supports the principal and school leadership and provides an important connection to the parish. Its main role 'is to give consideration to, and advice on, important school matters in order to support the principal and the strategic interest of the school'.

Our current SAC members are:

Dianna Govan - Chair (Brigid Year 6)

Steven Laughlin (Joel Year 5 and Angel Year 2)

Persis Gerrard-Parrington (Miesha Year and Cyrus Year 1)

David Sandall (Hannah Year 5 and George Year 4)

Lisa Cammarano (Joseph Year 1)

Sharon McDonagh (Sonny Year 4, Piper and Presley Year 2)

Nathan Owen, Andrea Wilberger and Amy Horan (School Leadership)

2023 SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT SCHEDULE

(Please note: Camp fees not included)

	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN	4 CHILDREN
FAMILY FEE	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00
CURRICULUM LEVY	\$ 355.00	\$ 710.00	\$1,065.00	\$1,420.00
SWIMMING LEVY	\$ 125.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
EXCURSION LEVY	\$ 150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$2,125.00	\$2,755.00	\$3,385.00	\$4,015.00

(4) QUARTERLY PAYMENTS NOTE: **CAMP FEES NOT INCLUDED**

TERM	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN	4 CHILDREN
	\$531.25	\$688.75	\$846.25	\$1,003.75
(10) PAYMENTS				
MONTHLY	\$212.50	\$275.50	\$338.50	\$401.50
(20) PAYMENTS				
FORTNIGHTLY	\$106.25	\$137.75	\$169.25	\$200.75

Please contact the office if you require further assistance for paying school fees



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Sports & Athletics

Students having heaps of fun



Cross Country Team



Positive Behaviour for Learning

This year we have been working with the support of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) to implement Positive Behaviour for Learning (**PBL**) at St Monica's.

PBL is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour and helps schools develop safe and supportive learning environments. Explicitly teaching the expected behaviours and acknowledging students who display these positive behaviours is a major component of the PBL framework.

The first step in our PBL journey is identifying the core values we would like to focus on as a school community. Our staff have engaged in a professional learning day led by our PBL coach, Jo-Ann Patrick. During this session staff identified 5 values.

These are Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Kindness. We are now seeking parent and student voice to finalise the 3 core values for St Monica's Primary School.

Students will engage in a process with their classroom teachers to vote on their 3 values. Families will be sent information next week via Operoo on how they can contribute to the decision.



We are looking forward to this journey alongside our students providing positive reinforcement for expected behaviours. We believe it will support and improve classroom behaviour and develop positive classroom environments. Everyone needs positive feedback to learn and maintain a behaviour or skill.



Hey Parents! As Easter is around the corner, (yes, already!) we have a little favour to ask. Would you help us with this year's Easter Raffle by **donating some chocolate eggs**? The funds raised will help go to a new playground in the school.

Drop off your eggs at drop off or pick up.

If you would like to help us fundraise for St Monica's, come join our newly formed parents and friends committee. We have some great ideas and projects coming up. To find out more speak to Nathan, Aishling, Karen, Kirby or Lisa.



All donations from families of Easter Eggs and Easter related prizes will be used to build our amazing hamper prizes

Raffle books with instructions will come out next week when we start receiving donations.

**Please be aware that all tickets will need be purchased by Thursday 6th April.
Thank you**

