

St. Monica's Newsletter



2023: Term 1 - 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 1

Friday 24th March Life Education (Year 1/2)

Monday 27th March - Naplan 2023 closes
Lacrosse clinic in PE sessions this week

Wed 29th March Life Education (Year 3/4)

Monday 3rd April - Assembly 2.55pm
Basketball clinic in PE sessions this week

Wednesday 5th April - Project Compassion
Crazy hair/hat day & money trail

PnF End of Term 1 Family Picnic - **See Flyer**

Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday liturgy will
be held in the school Hall 9.30am - 10.30am

Final term 1 Assembly & Easter egg raffle to
be held outside starting at 12.30pm.

*** 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
See Flyer and save the date

Reconciliation

Date and time to be confirmed with Fr Philip (Term 4)

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

Fourth Week of Lent

Dear Jesus, as we approach the Easter season and the experience of your passion, death and resurrection, we feel grief as well as peace. We feel grief knowing the suffering and death you endured for our sake. We feel peace in the knowledge that you offer us a life filled with love and hope. We are comforted to know that you are always with us, loving us and embracing us in spite of our failures. Thank you, Lord.



Amen.



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,

Another busy and exciting week at mighty St Monica's has gone by in a flash with so much going on. It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks left for Term 1 before our Easter holiday break. Thank you to the many parents who have signed our school petition relating to the dangerous pedestrian crossing on Whitehall Street. We continue to work closely with Maribyrnong council, Vic Roads and Katie Hall MP. We intend to send our petition directly to Melissa Horne, Minister for Roads and Road Safety as soon as possible. Collectively we can make a difference so that positive improvements for road safety conditions of the school vicinity can occur.

I would also like to encourage all children to continue to display positive attitudes towards their learning and friendships with others. Soon we will inform families of our recent PBL survey results as we continue to support positive behaviour and wellbeing for learning.

Arrivederci
Nathan



On Tuesday we had three Western Bulldogs players, Rhylee West, Toby McLean and Bailey Williams, visit our Grade 5/6 students. They taught our students some basic AFL skills, followed by a discussion about what it means to be a 'Good Leader'.

We then invited the rest of the school for a question and answer session, where students got to ask the players different questions. There were some super questions and some interesting responses. It was great to see some students (and staff) get their photos taken, or footy cards signed. It was a great session for all.



Go Bulldogs!

Cheers,
Miss Liz



Italian

Put simply, learning a language involves actively learning new words, and knowing how to put them together for the purpose of communicating.

Ciao a tutti.

All of the students have had a fantastic start to the Italian program. There has been a lot of excitement and enthusiasm which has been wonderful for me to see.

We have been learning lots of new words, songs, games and gestures to help us learn new words. This term we have been focusing on our greetings, asking one another how we are and responding back. We have started to learn the days of the week, the months of the year and counting all the way to thirty.

Our Foundation students have learnt about a little mouse called Topolino Topoletto.

Our 1/2 students have learnt how to sing heads, shoulders, knees and toes (Testa, Spalle, Ginocchi, piedi).

Our 3/4 students have learnt the chicken dance (Ballo di qua qua).

Our 5/6 students have learnt heads, shoulders, knees and toes (Testa, Spalle, Ginocchi, Piedi).

Here are some words we have been learning that you might like to practice at home.

Buongiorno- Hello

Arriverdecì- Goodbye

Grazie- Thank you

Prego- Your welcome

Per favore- Please



I look forward to sharing more news about our learning!

Arriverdecì, Signorina Danni



What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

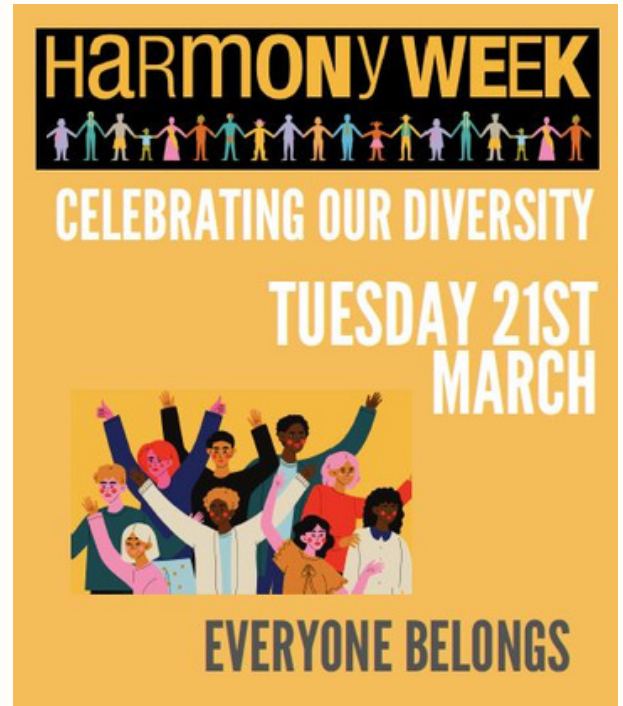
Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.



We celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st of March. It was great to see so many students wearing orange or traditional cultural clothing.

We are very proud of our diverse community at St Monica's. 'Everyone Belongs' in our community.



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				
	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN	4 CHILDREN
TERM	\$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

Save the date

St. Monica's Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:
Thursday, 27 April 2023

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU

Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close 5 working days after your last photography session.
A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.
Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Thursday, 27 April 2023.
Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.
Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted.



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More information about school photos will be shared with families via Operoo



Life Education's vision is to empower children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

St Monica's supports Life Education because we know that the biggest impact happens early in childhood. Children learn their core values at a young age. Tackling tomorrow's issues today leads to solutions to some of our biggest problems, such as chronic disease and mental ill health. The Life Ed program in schools teaches children the health, safety and wellbeing skills to make better decisions throughout their lives, creating a holistic impact on their long-term health. Importantly, we also acknowledge that we can't do it all on our own. As it says in the old proverb, 'it takes a village to raise a child.' Together, with parents, teachers, and children we are creating positive life-long health outcomes for our students



**Foundation Students
meeting Harold**



**Year 5/6
Life Ed lesson**



DISCOVER OUR HIDDEN GEM IN THE HEART OF FOOTSCRAY

Everyone is welcome at
St Monica's Primary School



Everyday is open day at St Monica's.

We invite you to visit and see our students in
and around the school and to meet our staff too.

Please email our principal Nathan Owen at
principal@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au or ring the
school on **9689 4548** to organise a visit.



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Open Week

Monday to Thursday

8th-11th May 2023

Tours available from

9:30am - 10:30am & 2:00pm - 3:00pm



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

What a tremendous way to celebrate the end of Term 1 as a school community

We hope to see many families take up this opportunity as plenty of fun is sure to be had by all

Raffle books with instructions will be available next week now that we are receiving donations.

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

