

St. Monica's Newsletter



2023: Term 1 - Week 11



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

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 - subject to modification

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

All important Term 2 dates will be added at the commencement of Term 2

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 Monday
- 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

God, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, who died and rose for all of us.

Help me be thankful for the eternal life promised to me.

Help me approach you often for the forgiveness I need, the forgiveness Jesus won for me through his passion, death and resurrection.



Principal's Message

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

Dear students,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your hard work throughout the term. As we move forward into the next term, I encourage you all to continue to challenge yourselves and strive to be the best person you can be. It is important to take time to reflect on what you have achieved so far, and I encourage everyone to use the upcoming holiday break to recharge your batteries and come back ready to tackle new challenges.

What a great way to finish our first term of 2023 with a fun 'Crazy hair and hat Day' on Wednesday, followed by a fun Easter family picnic on Wednesday evening that was led by our newly formed PnF committee. Today we commenced with a very moving 'Holy Week' reflection that was thoughtfully planned by Miss Anna. Our school leaders presented the reflection that included a combination scripture, prayers, images and songs that reminded us all of Jesus' journey through Holy Week.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents and family members for their cooperation and support throughout this term, especially the participation and understanding for trying to make a safe difference for the dangerous pedestrian crossing on Whitehall street. We look forward to seeing your continued support and involvement in the coming months.

Best wishes for a happy and restful Easter holiday break.
Nathan

PBL VALUES

P Positive B Behaviours for L Learning

This year we have been working with the support of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) to implement Positive Behaviours 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.

At St Monica's the first step in our PBL journey was identifying the core values we wanted to focus on as a school community. Earlier this term we invited all members of the school community (students, parents and teachers) to vote for the 3 core values.

We are pleased to announce that the school community has chosen the values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE. Under the 'umbrella' of our three values are our Expected Behaviours for Learning that are explicitly taught across all year levels. We will share the Expected Behaviours for Learning matrix with you early in Term 2.

Whilst the values of kindness and safety were not chosen as our core values, kindness and safety will be represented in the Expected Behaviours for Learning matrix.

Our next step in our PBL journey is to gather student voices in branding our values. We look forward to tapping into the creativity of our students and we will share this with you in Term 2.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

'We're here to make a difference'

Easter Family Picnic

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our newly formed PnF committee for organising a sensation Easter Family Picnic last night for our the many, many students and families. who were able to attend. I was able to to spend a little bit of time last night chatting with parents and children in such a relaxed and enjoyable way. There was so fun had by everyone. Special 'Shout Out to parents; Aisling, Lisa, Kirby and Karen for your huge efforts. We look forward to providing more opportunities for family engagement as the year unfolds. If you are now feeling like you would like to join and become involved with PNF please send an email to office@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au as we are hoping to grow in members.



We also thank the PnF for organising our sensational 2023 Easter Egg Raffle



Congratulations to everyone on the incredible achievement of raising over \$1100.00 for Project Compassion 2023. It's no small feat for St Monica's to rally support for a cause that's so important, and your dedication and hard work have clearly paid off in spades. What a way to 'make a difference'.

This contribution will make a significant impact project Compassion's mission to help those in need. Money raised will be forwarded onto Caritas Australia who will ensure that our donation is used wisely and effectively to provide the most benefit to those in need.

Once again, we thank everyone for your support, and we hope that you will continue to be a part of Project Compassion's efforts to continue to make the world a better place.



**OUR COMPASSION
CATERPILLAR
COIN TRAIL**



FUN IN THE KITCHEN GARDEN

We have had a very successful start to the Kitchen Garden Program in Term 1! 1/2 Grace and 1/2 Helen have been learning about the Lifecycle of a plant. They have watched carrot and beetroot seeds grow into seedlings and learnt about what these plants need to survive. 3/4 Ida and 3/4 Kira have been learning about sustainability and the importance of water conservation.

All the students have been hands-on during these sessions; they have been learning about the importance of watering, mulching and weeding the garden. A big thank you to our consistent parent volunteers; Caroline Courtney, Tania Noche and Claudia Corby for all their hard work during these Monday sessions. If any parents would like to get involved in the fun in Term 2, please email Miss Jess with your details: jess.whiting@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au



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,

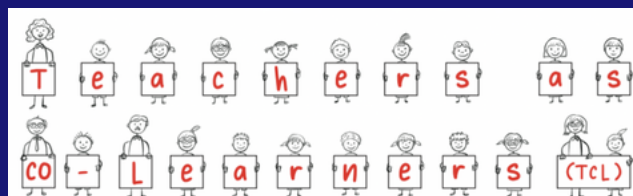
What a wonderful term of learning all students at St Monica's have had immersing themselves in Italian. Last week we had Linton come out and visit. Linton supported me throughout each classroom visit and gave us all some guidance moving forwards. Linton was very impressed with how far we have all come. Next term we will be focusing on how to greet one another and asking how to say your name formally and informally as well as some new games and small group activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students on their effort with Italian this term. I look forward to more learning with everyone in Term 2. I wish you all a happy and safe Easter and break.

Buona Pasqua a tutti e vacanze scolastiche.

Arriverderci

Signorina Danni



STUDENT LEADER VOICES

We have successfully completed Term 1. Many events have occurred throughout our adventure as school captains, for example we had St Patricks Day where we dressed up in green, orange and white. We did fun activities throughout the day as well as parents who came at the end of the day and had a go of potato peeling and clothes hanging competitions. The staff and students were surprised and happy to see so many parents at the school.

We have introduced Zooper Dooper sales. A Zooper Dooper is an Icy Pole that students bought for one dollar at recess (second break). Students brought in a dollar and Brigid and I handed them a refreshing Zooper Dooper. Students enjoyed eating with friends. The term is complete so we are done with Zooper Doopers. Next term the new one dollar buy will be cookies! Be prepared for a certain someone to come up to you asking for a dollar. The students and some of the staff had voted between four delectable treats. Cookies, Jelly Cups, Muffins and Juice boxes.

This term, the year 3s and 5s began their journey in Naplan.

Naplan, standing for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, which is a series of tests following what your child knows and doesn't know, this assists the teachers in knowing what they need to teach and what they don't.

The year 3's and 5's strived to do their best work and will receive their results later in the year.

The Cross Country was a few weeks ago, but still very memorable. The years 3 to 6 set off by the Maribyrnong river and did a whopping 3 or 2 kilometres (based on year level). In the Seniors Tiffany came first, and in the Middles it was Rhett.

In the following weeks there was the Athletics Day. People did activities such as the 400m race, 200m race, 100m race, high jump, hurdles and much more! It was a fun day to try your best and challenge your friends! We dressed in house colours and competed for house points.

This year we are doing a 15 minute session of Italian everyday. A man named Linton came to our school and checked up on us to see how our Italian is going. Linton told us we all were doing well. Before, when we were doing art and Italian, we didn't do much Italian and more art but now we are learning Italian in its own session and we are improving well. We will perform in the future at assembly and show off our Italian skills.

This term was an action packed, fun, and challenging experience for us. We have learned so much already and are prepared to face the challenges the year may have for us. We have already done so much and are ready to lead the school to the end of the year. We would also like to thank the parents and teachers for all their support and we are excited for the next term. Happy Easter!

Brigid And Zach, your School Captains

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Online Ordering

SchoolPix has a secure online ordering system allowing parents to order and pay for their child's school and sibling's photos.

Parents simply visit www.schoolpix.com.au and click on the orange **Order Online** button.

A first-time user will need to create a new account. If parents have ordered from SchoolPix before, even from another school or preschool, they enter their email address and password to access their account.

They then enter the Job Number and Unique ID on each child's personalised order flyer. Families with more than one child at your school can order for them all simultaneously by adding each child's unique codes.

Families can order online before photography day and **up to 5 working days after photography**. The exact date is shown when they login to order. Orders placed during this stage will receive free delivery back to the school.

Orders placed after the close date will incur a postage and handling fee, as the order will be delivered directly to their nominated address, not the school.

As all orders are placed online there is no need for families to return the order flyer to the school on photography day. CASH PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.

Online payments can be made using PayPal or by VISA and MASTERCARD using our secure payment gateway. Please note that we do not accept AMEX or BPAY. There is no surcharge for ordering online.

Family Discount

Families with 3 or more children receive a 25% discount which applies to individual orders once a minimum spend of \$45 for each child is achieved. The discount is applied automatically at checkout.

If parents are eligible for a family discount they will also be entitled to a 25% discount on any sibling packages.

Ordering without a code

Parents can order online without a code before photography day using our "Student Search" feature. We require the school to provide us with the students' first and last names and date of birth. If it matches the information you provided, they can place an order. If not, they will have to request the code from you.

This feature is only available for orders placed before the Early Bird cut-off, around five days after photography. The order will be sent to the school for security reasons (including any issues with separated families).



Parents unlock special offers and discounts when ordering online before photo day!

Welcome to SchoolPix

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We are gauging interest for a 6 week soccer program at St Monica's in Term 2. Soccer X is keen to partner with our school to provide fully inclusive and fun-based soccer sessions.

These sessions would run every Tuesday from 7:30-8.30am starting on Tuesday May 9th (Week 3).

The program is suitable for all students from Foundation - Year 6.

The cost is \$105 for 6 weeks.

Please note we will need a minimum number for this program to run.

Please email Liz if you would like your child to participate in this program.

elizabeth.clements@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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 five 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.

ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NATE
MELBOURNE MANAGER



Starting in Term 2, Sports X will be running a 6 week **Soccer program** at St Monica's Catholic Primary School every Tuesday from **7.30am - 8.30am** beginning **May 9th (week 3)**.

The program is available to students from **Prep - Year 6**. On arrival children will be split into groups according to age. All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC. The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$105 / 6-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit sports-x.com.au
Please contact us via email for further enquiries: semel@soccer-x.com

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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Please pass the word around

Open Week

Monday to Thursday

8th-11th May 2023

Our School open tours are an excellent opportunity for you
to explore St Monica's, meet teachers, and see what your
child's educational journey may look like.

Open tours allow you to see the school environment first
hand, meet staff, and learn more about our
culture and values.

Tours available from

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

MULTICULTURAL

FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Multicultural is an offering for kids aged 5-12 years from diverse backgrounds that focuses on providing a safe and inclusive introduction to football. While the kids are learning all about the basic skills of the game, the parent will be provided an opportunity to understand the game of Australia Rules Football.

WHERE:

Pennell Reserve,
Burke Street, Braybrook

WHEN:

Thursday 20th April
1pm-2pm



REGISTER HERE!