

St. Monica's Newsletter



2023: Term 2 - 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 2

- Mon 12th June** - King's birthday holiday
Long Weekend & school closed today
- Tues 13th June** - Soccer X Before School 7.30am
School Advisory Meeting 5pm - 6pm
- Mon 19th June** - Seda Basketball clinics for PE
- Fri 23rd June** - Last day of Term 2 (**Dismissal 1pm**)
- Monday 10th July** - **School closed today**
Professional Practice Hours - teacher requirement
- Tues 11th July** - Term 3 commences
First day for students
- Tuesday 4th August**
School Advisory Meeting 5pm - 6pm
- Tuesday 8th August** - St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
- Friday 25th August** - St Monica's Feast Day
Information of how we are celebrating will be shared



IN MEMORY of ME

Reminders

- Lunch order day: Every Monday & Friday
- Our school gate is open at 8.30am every morning for student arrival
- Children eat lunch at 11.40am (after first play)



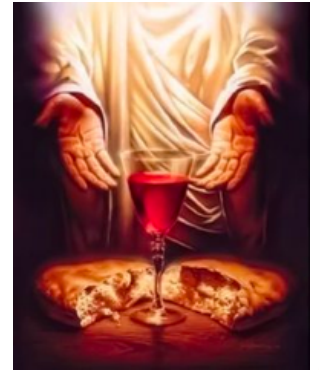
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The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Through the gift of the Eucharist, may we become more fully the mystery we celebrate:
bodies broken in love,
lives poured out in service,
through Christ our Lord,
whose body was broken
and whose blood was poured out.



Amen

Principal's Message

Dear students and families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week 7 Term 2! Another week of learning and celebration at St Monica's School Footscray. On Tuesday this week Daniel Mulino - Federal Minister for Fraser visited St Monica's to express his gratitude and congratulations as we have been awarded \$25,000.00 as part of Albanese labor government \$32 million Schools Upgrade Fund. We intend to use this funding to assist with indoor and outdoor learning areas by rejuvenating our playground spaces.

Please be sure to read our section below on the celebration of First Eucharist on Thursday evening this week as we acknowledge the tremendous collective effort of all involved. We are so proud of all our 2023 communicants.

I continue to encourage all parents to access **Operoo** regularly as it is our main means of sharing important communications for families.

I would also like to inform you that I will be going on long service leave starting from Friday 16th June and returning on Monday 24th July (Term 3, week 3). During this time Andrea Wilberger will be Acting Principal. If you have any questions or queries during this period, please do not hesitate to reach out to Andrea, who will be available and more than willing to assist you.

In Partnership,
Nathan

A huge Congratulations to all our Year Four students on receiving their First Eucharist on Thursday evening in our parish church with Fr Philip, families and many staff. This is a momentous occasion in your faith journey, and it marks an important milestone in your relationship with God and the Church.

As you partake in the body and blood of Christ, may you feel His love and grace flowing through you, nourishing your soul and strengthening your faith. May this sacred sacrament deepen your understanding of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and inspire you to live a life filled with compassion, kindness, and service to others.

Remember that the First Eucharist is not just a one-time event but a lifelong commitment to grow in your faith and to continually seek a closer union with God. May your participation in the Eucharist be a source of spiritual nourishment and guidance.

On this special day, rejoice in the love of Christ and the joy of being part of His Church. May his presence in the Eucharist bring you comfort, peace, and blessings.

We also thank the many staff who collaborated with dedication to support each other in ensuring such a special occasion on Thursday evening.

Congratulations once again, and may your faith continue to deepen and flourish in the years ahead.

Nathan and Miss Anna
Religious Education leader



Celebrating with our First Eucharist Cake

Kitchen Garden News

It has been a very busy few weeks for the students participating in the Kitchen Garden Program this semester. Term 2 has seen the Grade 3/4s begin their cooking sessions and it has been amazing to see such enthusiasm from all the students. They used seasonal produce, some of it fresh from the St Monica's garden, to create both sweet and savoury dishes and have shown excellent leadership and teamwork skills during the sessions. Hopefully these experiences will encourage the students to have a go at cooking some delicious and nutritious dishes at home with their families. The Grade 1/2s have also been hard at work learning about how plants and animals provide us with food, clothing and shelter. They worked in small groups to create mind maps showing what they had learnt about products from different plants and animals, such as cows, sheep, cotton and bamboo. The students are very much looking forward to beginning their cooking sessions in Term 3. A very big thank you to all our parents that volunteered their time to help in the kitchen this term; Caroline, Helen, Claudia and Nigel. If any parents would like to get involved in the fun in Term 3, please email Miss Jess with your details: jess.whiting@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au

Thanks,
Jess



Sports News

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO TIFFANY... Congratulation

Last Wednesday the Division Cross Country was run at Brimbank Park in Keilor East. Tiffany from 5/6S competed in the 12-year-old girls 3km race against 5 other districts. It was a challenging 1.5km course with different gradients and hills and she had to run it twice!

Tiffany finish 11th with the top 12 making it into the Regional Cross Country. Well done Tiffany on an outstanding achievement and we wish her all the best at Regionals.



ATTENDANCE

EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY COUNTS

Did you know that:

When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much:

- They miss the lovely morning meet and greet that connects children to their peers, teachers and classroom environment and is an important part of children feeling that they belong.
- We schedule Literacy and Numeracy for our morning lessons – so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning.

Please help your child arrive on time to school EVERY day.

If you need support in this area please do not hesitate to speak to Andrea or Nathan.




Our school offers:

- ✓ Friendly, nurturing and welcoming culture
- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ An emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy
- ✓ Physical Education and Health, The Arts, Music and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden as specialist classes
- ✓ Daily Italian immersion
- ✓ Excellent library facilities
- ✓ Yearly swimming lessons
- ✓ After school care and holiday program
- ✓ Student leadership programs



ST MONICA'S
Catholic Primary School
Footscray

We're here to make a difference

**Now taking enrolments for
Prep - 6
2024/2025**



Prospective parents and carers are welcome to contact the office to arrange a school tour

Principal: Nathan Owen

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Parents help us spread the word about our great school in the heart of Footscray. If you would like some flyers to distribute in your local area please see Andrea.

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,

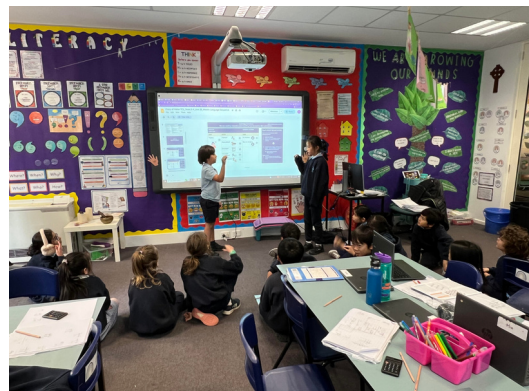
It has been another wonderful week of learning in our spaces. This week the children have learnt how to say Can i have? Posso avere? We have all learnt how to say a number of classroom items such as glue stick (La colla), pencil (La mattita), Eraser (La gomma). The students have been able to work in pairs to ask for an item and then swap over the role. We have been able to extend our learning by adding two or more items to our sentences, for example, Posso avere la matita e la colla? Can I have the pencil and the glue stick?

Next week we'll be continuing with our unit on Posso avere. Can I have. We will be adding some new items that you would find in the classroom and further build on your sentences and conversations with one another. We have some new games to also have a go at such as Italiano I spy and bingo.

Ci vediamo la prossima settimana.

See you all next week.

**Arrivederci,
Signorina Danni**





MID-SEASON ENTRY

**Register for NAB AFL Auskick now for only
\$55 plus receive an exclusive goodies pack!**

West Footscray Auskick Centre

Saturday 9am-10am

Shorten Reserve, West Footscray

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Saturday Mandarin classes

 **Kaixin Chinese Learning Hub**



Enquire for a
FREE TRIAL
class

Term dates

Term 3
15 Jul - 9 Sep

Locations

-  Box Hill
-  Camberwell
-  Glen Waverley
-  Kensington



Suitable for
non-native
speakers



Learning
with FUN



Small class
sizes



Activity-based &
play-based
learning



Specially-developed
curriculum, books &
audio

Contact us at Kaixin Chinese Learning Hub

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Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) program provides financial assistance to eligible families to help cover the cost of OSH Care. The CCS rates are adjusted each year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), ensuring that the subsidy keeps up with the rising cost of living.

The current CCS rates are shown in the table below.

Starting from July 2023, the maximum amount of CCS will increase from 85% to 90%, with families earning \$80,000 or less eligible for a 90% subsidy. For families earning between \$80,000 and \$530,000, the subsidy will taper down from 90%, depending on their income. This will make child care even more affordable for families, reducing financial stress and helping parents to return to work or study.

CCS family income thresholds	Subsidy %	Approx out of pocket cost per session
Up to \$72,466	85%	\$3.45
More than \$72,466 to below \$177,466	Decreasing to 50% Subsidy gradually decreases by 1% for each \$3000 of family income.	\$3.45 - \$13
\$177,466 to below \$256,756	50%	\$13.00
\$256,756 to below \$346,756	Decreasing to 20% Subsidy gradually decreases by 1% for each \$3000 of family income	\$13.00 - \$18.40
\$346,756 to below \$356,756	20%	\$18.40
\$356,756 or more	0%	\$23

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact:

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