

St. Monica's Newsletter



2023: Term 4 - Week 3 edition



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 4

Friday 20th October

Italian Day - **Fun, Fun, Fun (Big Pocket)**

Tuesday 24th October

School Advisory Meeting 5pm - 6pm

Thursday 26th October

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 5pm

MACS Languages Coaches visiting classes today with Danni

Friday 27th October

Halloween Disco - during school time 1pm - 3.10pm Fun Fun Fun... **(See Flyer)**

World Teachers Day - Hats off to all our incredible educators

Monday 6th November

School Closure Day: Assessment & Reporting

Tuesday 7th November:

No school today

Wednesday 8th - 9th November

Year 3/4 Camp - Portsea

Tuesday 14th November - Andrew Chinn concert **(See Flyer)**

Wednesday 15th November F/1/2 Lego Discovery excursion

Tuesday 21st November

School Advisory Meeting 5pm - 6pm

Monday 27th November

Year 3-6 Swimming Program at MAC commences

(2 week program)

Thursday 7th December Community Event Showcase of Christmas Sing - a - long **(more information coming...)**

Tuesday 12th December - End of Year 6 celebration evening

Wednesday 13th December - Step Up session for 2024

Thursday 14th December - Year 6 celebration Day: Luna Park

Key Date: Last day for Students is **Friday 15th December**. Dismissal time to be confirmed

REMINDERS

- Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is prepared for each day's lessons.
- If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please notify the school office as soon as possible.
- Stay updated with school news through our website and school facebook page
- Weekly overview is sent out via **Operoo** on Sunday ready for the next week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Some of our Year 3 students are receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday the 26th of October. Please keep them in your prayers.



Principal's Message

Dear students and families,

I hope this message finds you all well as we enter week 4 and continue to embark on the exciting journey that is Term 4! As we enter this final stretch of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and events for the coming weeks.

If you have visited our school in recent day you might have noticed that our yard looks a little different with new adjustable basketball rings an increased footprint for active play and new seating area around our 'Big Tree'. More plans are in place to create more space for running and and ball games and our shade sails will soon have a new fresh look over our playground and sand pit. A new split air conditioner and heating system has also been installed in our school hall. This will be a a terrific addition for this area of the school, especially during winter and on hot summer days.

We're proud of our strong, supportive community here at St Monica's. If you have ideas or suggestions for how we can further engage with our community or enhance your experience as a member of our school, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In Partnership,
Nathan

St Monica's website



Victoria Police Class Visit



Over the last few weeks, 4 police officers visited St Monica's to speak with our Grade 5s and 6s as part of their learning in the curriculum area of Health. The officers spoke to students about travelling safety to school, keeping safe around strangers and how to use social media safely. In particular, the officers spoke about using public public transport, crossing at school crossings and cycling in public spaces. This information will undoubtedly come in handy for our students, particularly our Year 6 students who will attend high school next year. Our students had the opportunity to ask the officers some questions and found out some pretty cool facts. Did you know that the uniforms worn by Victoria Police officers weighs 14kg? Wow! We look forward to continuing the relationship with Victoria Police when they visit us throughout the term.



Dance Class

All students from F-6 began their 3 week dance program this week. Thank you to Michaela from Stomp Dance Company who is helping our students (and teachers) learn different Hip Hop dance routines. It was great to see so many students trying something new and having fun at the same time.



Regional Athletics

On Tuesday the 17th of October, Nathan Pham (Grade 6) competed in Hurdles at the Regional Athletics in Keilor. He came first in his heat and 8th overall, which was a fantastic achievement. Well Done Nathan!



Andrew Chinn Concert Day

On November 14, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the school hall, at 2:15. We look forward to seeing you there.



St Monica's on Tuesday, November 14.
Parents invited to attend the concert at
2:15pm.



Around the School!

Italian Day 2024



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School Disco



ENTRY \$2

ST MONICA'S
Halloween
DISCO

St Monica's invites you to a spooky Halloween Disco. Come to school dressed up in your favourite Halloween costume (not too spooky, remember the little ones) and get ready to boogie. Special guests 'Bop to you drop' will be joining us to spin some of your favourite spooky disco tracks. There will be prizes for best dressed, so get creative!

DATE: Friday 27th of October **TIME:** 1pm – 3pm
LOCATION: School Hall **COST:** \$2

**\$2 ENTRY, INCLUDES: GLOW STICKS,
LUCKY DIP & LOLLY POP**

Please note the change of time for this school event...

**It is now during school time
Dismissal routine at normal 3.15pm time**

Out on the Yard





ST MONICA'S
Catholic Primary School
Footscray

We're here to make a difference

FIRST AID OPEROO NOTIFICATION

Beginng Monday 23rd October **First
Aid** notices will be sent via Operoo.

Weekend Mandarin classes

Enquire for a
FREE TRIAL
class



Kaixin Chinese Learning Hub



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non-native
speakers



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play-based
learning



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Term dates

Term 4, 2023

7 Oct - 2 Dec 2023

Term 1, 2024

3 Feb - 23 Mar 2024

Locations

- 📍 Box Hill
- 📍 Camberwell
- 📍 Glen Waverley
- 📍 Kensington

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The St Monica's Fun Run was a huge success. Thank you to Liz and our P&F group for organising a fun fundraiser for our school. A total of \$6440.00 was raised for our school community

What a terrific fundraising result - we cannot wait to put this amount to good use for students at mighty St Monica's Footscray.



HUGE HUGE SHOUT OUT.....

to all amazing families (especially our PNF members) and students who helped out recently at our Bunnings sausage sizzle at West Footscray Bunnings on Saturday 7th October. We sold hundreds of sausages on the day and raised a whopping \$3000.00 for our collaborative efforts.