

# St. Monica's Newsletter

2024 Term 2 - June Edition



ST MONICA'S  
Catholic Primary School  
Footscray



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.

We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be kind and compassionate these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.



Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.



## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we draw to a close for Term 2, I would like to extend my thanks to each and every one for your continued support within our SMF community. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and many memorable moments. Our students have shown terrific progress academically, spiritually, and socially throughout our year so far. Their enthusiasm and curiosity has been evident in the classroom and beyond in so many ways, enriching their learning experiences but also fostering a sense of community, reflecting our Catholic values.

Our parents and guardians have also continued to play an integral role in the success of our school. Your involvement in school activities, your support of our initiatives, and your partnership in your children's education are invaluable. Thank you for your continuous collaboration and for being actively involved in your child's education at SMF.

As we enter the mid-year school holidays, I encourage everyone to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with family and friends. Let us also take a moment to reflect on the blessings we have received and to prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming term.

Looking ahead, Term 3 promises to be equally exciting with many events and activities planned. We will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do, guided by our faith and commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching environment for our students.

May God bless you and keep you safe, warm and healthy over the holidays. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another wonderful term.

**In Partnership,  
Nathan**

# Juniors *student voice*

F/1A

One highlight of Term 2 was **Fluency Pairs** **because** we like learning to read.

One highlight of Term 2 was **Fluency Pairs** **but** we had to persist with tricky words to make sure we had smooth and clear reading.

**Fluency Pairs** were important for everyone **so** that we could practise tricky words and sentences together.

Another highlight of Term 2 was the **Light and Sound Incursion** **because** it was fun and we did lots of activities to help us understand new facts about Light and Sound.

Another highlight of Term 2 was the **Light and Sound Incursion** **but** we had to listen carefully to be successful in the experiments.

The **Light and Sound Incursion** was important for everyone **so** we could learn more about Science.

Our highlight of Term 2 was our new student -Isabell coming **because** we got to meet and know a person who can speak Spanish.

Another highlight of term 2 was our Light and Sound Science incursion **because** we got to do lots of experiments that were fun and interesting.

1/2H

Weaving in Art with Miss Maryanne was also a highlight **but** it was a bit tricky for us.

We also really enjoyed the Science Fair **but** not everyone made a project.

Our PBL lessons are also very important for everyone in our class **so** we can work better.

The learning we do everyday was very important **so** we can become more clever and learn as much as we can

3/4M

Our highlight for Term 2 was the Science Fair **because** we all liked the different projects.

We loved the Science Fair **but** it was really busy and it was hard to see all the projects.

The Science Fair was also important for everyone **so** we could learn more together.

**Brie, Georgina, Mirri & Joseph**

Our highlight of Term 2 was Kitchen garden **because** it was fun cooking and doing garden stuff and science stuff.

Our highlight of term 2 was Kitchen garden **but** we had to wait. Our food to grow and we had to wait our food to cook.

The Kitchen garden was important for everyone **so** that you can cook for your family.

**Carlos, Danny, Anthonu, Tanaya & Angel**

Our highlight of Term 2 was Kitchen Garden **because** we get to do cooking and eat food!

kitchen Garden was great fun **but** we need more cooking lessons.

The Kitchen garden was important for everyone **so** we can learn to cook ourself.

**Kalysha, Aiden, Daisy, Hayden & Jessica**

Our highlight of term 2 was Math **because** we liked fact family, division and multiplication.

Our highlight of term 2 was Math **but** division was tricky.

The Maths was important for everyone **so** when we grow up we can split money and maths quickly.

**Cyrus, Annabelle, Emmy, Moore & William**

# Seniors *student voice*

5/6S

My highlight for Term 2 was the Science works excursion **because** it was really fun and we learned loads of new interesting things.

Another highlight was the AFL clinic **but** I also enjoy learning more about division in maths

The Science Fair project was also important for everyone **so** we could practise our learning in a fun and engaging way. **Marko**

My highlight for Term 2 was the Science works excursion **because** it was fun and we were given lots of factual information.

Another highlight was the STEM with Miss Amy **but** I also loved sport with Miss Liz.

Our Science works excursion was also important and valuable for everyone **so** that we could learn new things that we did not know. **Chloe**

My highlight of Term 2 was the Science Fair **because** it was fun and I could learn lots of new stuff.

My highlight of Term 2 was the Science Fair **but** I feel like it should be one day, and in the hall with lots of teachers.

The Science Fair was important **so** it should happen two times a year in Term 4 and Term 1.

5/6M

My highlight of Term 2 was cross country **because** it helped us stay active.

My highlight of Term 2 was our Maths Division unit, **but** it didn't last long enough.

The PBL was important for everyone **so** we all can have an understanding of good behavior.

# 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 a fantastic term of learning in our Italian spaces in our classrooms. The students have all been incredibly enthusiastic and determined to continue learning. We have learnt so much! Some of the units we have explored this term have been about numbers and continuing to extend our learning into the following week by exploring with new activities and songs.

The students learnt about a few classroom objects that they would use then incorporated our knowledge of colours to support us. For example Posso avere la matita gialla? Can I have the yellow pencil. We spoke a lot as a class about how the object comes before the colour in italiano. We learnt that the ending is important so grammatically it makes sense.

In all classrooms we have played group games and we have added a timer to these games to challenge ourselves further. It was great to hear the students being able to associate the correct ending to the sentences. Towards the end of term we continued to engage in activities based around colours and classroom objects. We played more games and we were confidently able to engage in conversations with one another.

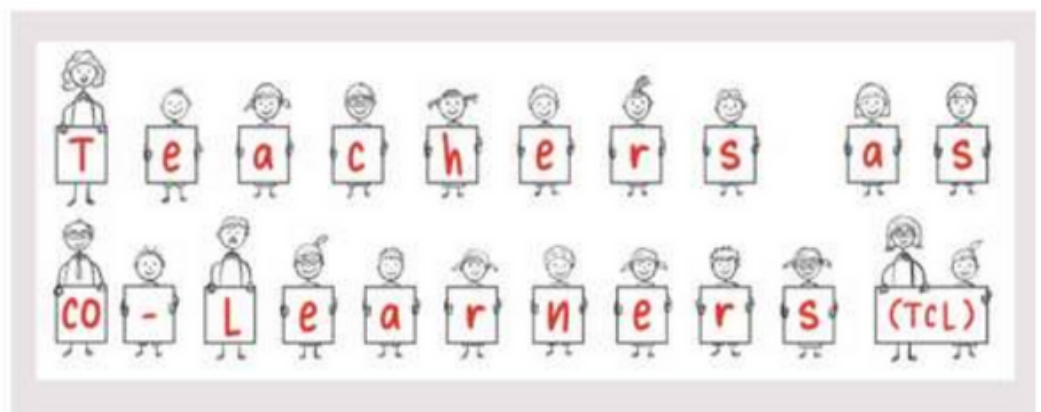
Next term we'll be focusing on things we like to do and with who along with justifying why we like to do it or not.

I wish you all a very safe holiday. A big congratulation to all our students for their fantastic efforts throughout this term. As a whole school we have been able to achieve so much in this space.

See you all next term

Arrivederci a tutti

Signorina Danni





National **NAIDOC** Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. **NAIDOC** Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

This year's theme celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we kindle the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation.

It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world.

# SMF Spectacular 2024

**Join us** at the Footscray Art Centre for an incredible circus performance by talented students of **SMF**.

Witness amazing juggling, balancing acts, and delightful dance routines, all crafted with creativity and fun.

These inclusive circus classes will inspire these young performers, and soon they will be ready to showcase their newfound skills.

This outstanding performance at the end of Term 3 will take time, energy, lots of patience and more than a little know-how.  
This is where The Circus Crew comes in.

The Circus Crew will help SMF students to deliver a mind-blowing performance... we take care of it all. Everything is provided - the music, the costumes, the equipment, and the rehearsals all within school.

SMF supplies the children and we do the rest.

Don't miss this **SMF** spectacular event on **Thursday 12th September** that promises to entertain and inspire audiences of all ages!

***More information will be provided about ticket sales in early Term 3***



Check out the incredible website  
**[www.thecircuscrew.com.au](http://www.thecircuscrew.com.au)**



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2024

15th July (Monday)	First day of Term 3
19th July (Friday)	Circus Dance #1
25th July (Thursday)	Open classroom #1
26th July (Friday)	Circus Dance #2
30th July (Tuesday)	Let's move and celebrate Paris 2024
2nd August (Friday)	Circus Dance #3
5th August (Monday)	Whole school movie event
8th August (Thursday)	Open classroom #2
9th August (Friday)	Circus Dance #4
9th August (Friday)	Year 5/6 attending matinee performance of Wizard of Oz @ Caroline Chisolm College
13th August (Tuesday)	100 Days of school celebrations
15th August (Thursday)	Circus Dance #5
15th August (Thursday)	Wheel Talk session Year 5/6
16th August (Friday)	School closure



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# IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2024

23rd August (Friday)

Circus Dance #6

26th August (Monday)

St Monica's Feast Day

(SM's Got Talent time TBC)

30th August (Friday)

Circus Dance #7

30th August (Friday)

Circus Dance #7

5th September (Thursday)

Open classroom #3

6th September (Friday)

Circus Dance #8

12th September (Thursday)

The SMF Spectacular

13th September (Friday)

Footy Colours Day

20th September (Friday)

Last day of Term 3 **1pm Finish**



CIRCUS

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## NEW KELLY SPORTS PROGRAM STARTING IN TERM 3

### Kelly Sports at St Monica's Catholic PS in Term 3!

Programs run weekly throughout the term, one day a week for 90 minutes.

#### After-School Multi-Sports Program

3.20pm-4.50pm (Day/s dependant on interest level)

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Baseball
- ✓ Frisbee
- ✓ Crazy Games!



Our sessions focus on fun, enjoyment & maximum engagement, all in a safe & welcoming environment. Our qualified & experienced coaches collect & account for all the children enrolled in our program once the school bell goes. Children are then entirely supervised until parents arrive to collect at 4.50pm.

**For Prep to Grade 4 students (Grade 5-6 also welcome)**  
**\$200 + GST FOR THE 10 WEEK PROGRAM (\$20 + GST PER SESSION)**

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN

Please email [adelyn@kellysports.com.au](mailto:adelyn@kellysports.com.au) or text 0431 861 135 by Wednesday 26th June if you are interested in enrolling your child.

Contact us and let us know what day/s you would prefer.

If you'd like more information, please get in touch!

**Website:** [kellysports.com.au/north-west](http://kellysports.com.au/north-west)  
**Contact:** Adelyn  
**Email:** [adelyn@kellysports.com.au](mailto:adelyn@kellysports.com.au)  
**Phone:** 0431 861 135  
**Facebook:** #KellySports



It is also important to note that the Kelly Sports program differs from Kelly Club OSHC, as it is specifically focused on sports and physical activity. Our goal is to provide a platform for students to develop their skills, make new friends, and most importantly, have fun while being active. Our programs cater to students from Prep to Grade 6, especially Prep to Grade 2s as we have found that many of these young students have not yet discovered their passion for sport. By introducing them to various sports and games, we hope to inspire them to find their calling and potentially join a local sports club.

**Please also note** the St Monica's has negotiated with Kelly Sports not to impose a venue hire fee and therefore providing a direct saving of \$3 per family who decide to enrol for **Term 3 (\$20+GST not 23+GST)**

**\$200+GST for 10 week Program**

# Hello from the Parent Engagement Group!

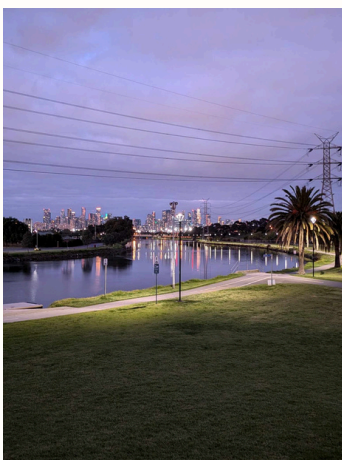
Here we are at the end of June and term 2. What a term it was! This past weekend we hosted our first ever Quiz Night at the Footscray Rowing Club. The event was booked out with tables full of the St Monica's community enjoying drinks, pizza and laughter. Against a beautiful backdrop of the Maribyrnong river and city lights, we all had a brilliant night of trivia, music and spectacular prizes.

The Parent Engagement Group is very happy to report that we raised almost \$4,500! So thank you to everyone who came and supported us by buying tables, raffle tickets and bidding at the silent auctions. And a huge thank you to all of our sponsors for making the evening possible.

Term 2 has been extremely memorable, as a school we've flexed our artistic muscles painting Picassos and exercised our brains doing trivia.

We look forward to bringing you more community events in the second half of the year as we keep working towards contributing funds for our new playground that will be installed during the 3rd Term holidays in September.

To stay up to date with the PEG fundraising and upcoming events follow us on Facebook @ St Monica's Footscray Community Group or Instagram **@STMONICAS\_PEG.**



For the Term 3 sales, we are having....

Gummy bears and cookies! The votes from Term 1 were very close to each other, so we decided to give out the 2 closest choices to each other; Gummy bears and cookies! The price is still \$1 dollar, and you can get both of them on the same day, because why not?!  
The first Friday sale will commence in Term 3, Week 1 (19th of July.)

Hannah N and Jayden (school captains)



# Open classrooms

**Join us for a snapshot of learning in  
action at St Monica's.**

At 3pm parents/guardians/grandparents are  
invited into their child/s classroom.

We kindly request that toddlers do not enter  
classrooms in order to minimise distractions for  
students and teachers. At 3:15pm parents leave  
the classroom followed by students and teacher.

## **TERM 3 OPEN CLASSROOMS**

**#1 THURSDAY 25TH JULY**

**#2 THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST**

**#3 THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**

**3:00 – 3:15PM**



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# HAPPY 100 Days of school.

On Tuesday the 13th of August our Foundation students will mark their 100th day of school. Our theme for the day is "Lets party!" and all students (F-6) and teachers at St Monica's are invited to dress for a party. Junior students will participate in a day of fun party games. At the end of the day, we will celebrate by sharing 100 cupcakes.

**Every student will enjoy  
a cupcake!**



A vibrant poster for the Paris 2024 Olympics. The background is dark blue. In the center, the five Olympic rings are arranged in their traditional pattern, with colors blue, yellow, black, green, and red from left to right. Behind the rings, the Eiffel Tower is depicted in a light blue, stylized manner. Surrounding the central elements are various sports-related icons: a tennis racket with a red head and yellow frame in the top left; a volleyball with orange and yellow segments in the top center; a basketball with orange and white segments in the top right; a red and white tennis shoe in the top right; a running shoe with orange and grey details on the left; a red ping-pong paddle on the bottom left; a grey kettlebell with a white '10' on the bottom right; and two swimmers in blue water at the bottom. A female athlete in a purple uniform is running on the right side. The text is centered and reads: 'PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS' in white, 'ST MONICA'S' in white, 'LETS MOVE & CELEBRATE' in large white letters with a grey dot before 'CELEBRATE', 'DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT, ATHLETE OR COUNTRY!' in white, and 'TUESDAY 30TH JULY' in yellow.

PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

ST MONICA'S

# LETS MOVE & ●CELEBRATE

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
SPORT, ATHLETE OR COUNTRY!

**TUESDAY 30TH JULY**



ST MONICA'S

# LET'S MOVE & CELEBRATE

PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

JOIN ST MONICAS IN CELEBRATING  
THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS BY  
DRESSING UP AND LEARNING  
WITH US!



**TUESDAY 30TH JULY**

IT WILL BE A DAY OF LEARNING  
ABOUT THE OLYMPICS DURING ART  
PE AND CLASS TIME ACTIVITIES.

8:50 AM PARADE IN THE HALL

9:00-3:00 STUDENTS ENGAGE IN OLYMPIC  
THEMED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

THE DAY WILL CONCLUDE WITH CELEBRATION OF  
THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT ST MONICAS.  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE A PLATE  
OF FOOD FROM THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN  
THE HALL FROM 3:15-4:00PM.



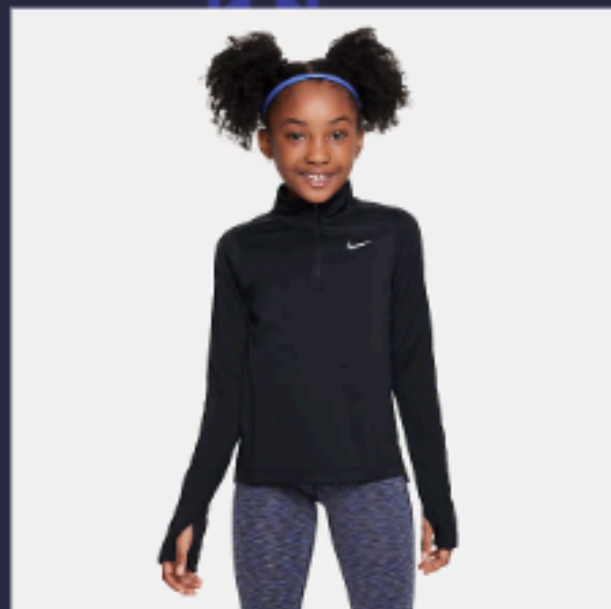


# DRESS UP IDEAS





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# WESTGATE JULY VACATION CARE



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## WEEK 1

**1<sup>ST</sup> COOKING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> AIROWORLD**

**3<sup>RD</sup> MOSCOW CIRCUS**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLASTER FUN**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MOVIES & TIMEZONE**

## WEEK 2

**8<sup>TH</sup> COOKING**

**9<sup>TH</sup> WILD ACTION ZOO**

**10<sup>TH</sup> NARANA** **ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE**

**11<sup>TH</sup> AIROWORLD**

**12<sup>TH</sup> CHESTERFIELD FARM**

KEY : : EXCURSION (OFF SITE) : INCURSION (AT WESTGATE) : COOKING (AT WESTGATE)

## School Holiday Workshops

Footscray Community Arts is the place for creative kids these holidays! Our popular School Holiday Workshops return with an incredible line up of artists and activities for kids aged 6-12 years. To get you as excited as we are, here's a snapshot of what we have planned:

### Week One: Superstars

When: 2-5 July 2024

10am-3pm (with before and after care available from 8:30am till 5pm)

Join podcasters Kate and Maria for a four-day adventure into the world of sound, storytelling, and art.



For more information, scan the QR code.



### Week Two: Extreme Arts

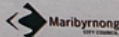
When: 9-11 July 2024

10am-3pm (with before and after care available from 8:30am till 5pm)

Running for three exciting days, children engage in a rotation through three workshops: embroidery, theatre sports, and weaving.



For more information, scan the QR code.



## KIDS GO FREE

### IN ROUND 16

JOIN US FOR FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT, INCLUDING A PIXAR PUTT EXPERIENCE, FACE PAINTING, COLOURING IN AND MORE!

v SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 1.45PM  
MARVEL STADIUM

### North Melbourne v Western Bulldogs

#### Saturday 29th June, 1:45PM

The Roos are back at home to take on the Dogs. To celebrate Kids Go Free, enjoy Pixar Putt Mini Golf and meet Woody from Toy Story at the Victory Room (Level 1, Aisle 12/13).

Join us for a day of fun!