

St. Monica's Newsletter

2024 Term 3 - July 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.

PRAYER TO BEGIN A NEW SEMESTER

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.
Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.
Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.
May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.
May the work we do and the way we do it bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester.

We thank you, Lord.
Amen



Acting Principal's Message

Dear families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the term 3. We trust that you have had a restful school holiday break and that the children have rested well and are ready for an action packed Term 3. We are so delighted to be hosting many community based events in Term 3, where families can come into our beautiful school and celebrate in all of our learning.

This week, we had a very successful "Let's Celebrate Paris - Multicultural Food Sharing" afternoon on Tuesday. A big thank you to each and every family that shared a dish from their culture. Your participation made the event a delightful and enriching experience for everyone. The diversity of flavors and traditions truly showcased the vibrant multicultural community we are proud to have at our school.

St Monica's is again participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of Action (August). Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. In the lead up to Bullying No Way, National Week of Action, our students have been learning about emotions, empathy and strategies for being an upstander if they encounter bullying. The learning that has taken place has been based on the film 'Inside Out'. This film is a clever depiction of the inner workings in the mind of a child, Riley. And the film itself is a very useful teaching tool for understanding the concept of empathy. To continue our learning, the Year 3-6 students are going to watch 'Inside Out 2' at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville on Monday 5th August, whilst the F-2 will have an in house movie experience in the hall watching "Inside out" (first movie). We encourage parents and carers to take this opportunity to have open and honest conversations with their children about the impact of bullying and what they can do if they need support. You can visit the [Bullying No Way website](#) for tips around how to have this discussion.

Please keep a close eye on our social media platforms and Operoo for more information of upcoming events.

In Partnership,
Andrea

An update from Nathan

Hi everyone, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing this short message to inform you about an important update regarding my health. Recently, I underwent an important surgical procedure on my left ankle that was well overdue. I am pleased to share that the surgery was very successful, and I am now in the process of recovery at home. During this time, I will be focusing on my health and to ensure a smooth and complete recovery.

My time at home is being spent with much reading, resting and watching the Olympics (how good is our Aussie team going! Jessica Fox is so inspiring and such an incredible role model). Next week, I intend to compile my own list of Dad Jokes - be on the look out for a short video on our school Facebook page.

Yesterday, I was visited by Miss Amy, Miss Anna and Miss Molly as they were in Geelong attending a TCL (Italian Language PD). I am deeply grateful for the support and understanding of our staff, students, and parents during this period. Your well-wishes and positive thoughts have been very much appreciated. I am missing SMF greatly and so looking forward to returning later in the term as we prepare for our SM Spectacular Concert.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and I will see you all very soon.

Warm regards,

Nathan



Congratulations Danni

We are thrilled to announce the engagement of Danni and Adam! Please join us in congratulating them on this joyous occasion. Wishing them all the happiness and love as they embark on this new journey together.





Highlights



Multicultural

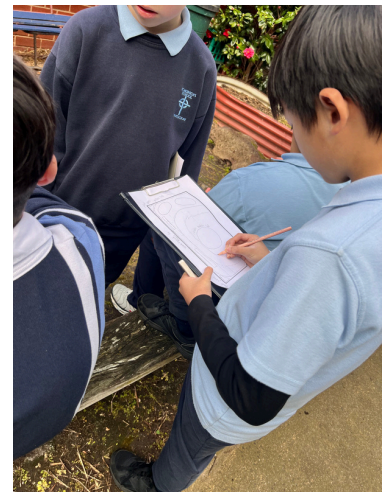
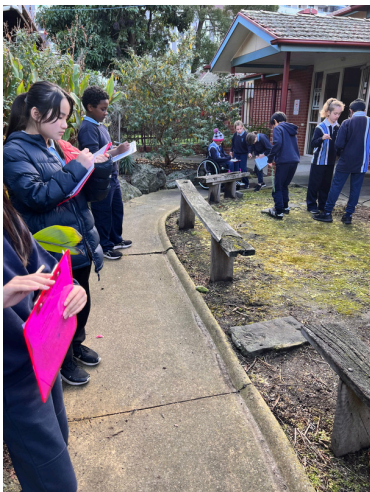
AFTERNOON

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible contributions to our multicultural at school. Your enthusiasm and generosity were instrumental in making the event a resounding success. By celebrating our cultural diversity, we were able to create an enriching and vibrant atmosphere that brought our community closer together. The array of traditional foods showcased the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our school, and it was a joy to see students, parents, and staff all coming together to share and learn from one another. This event would not have been possible without your support. Whether you volunteered your time, donated items, or simply attended with your family, your participation helped to foster a sense of unity and appreciation for our diverse backgrounds.



Sensory Garden

We are very excited to announce that we were successful in securing a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant towards building a new sensory garden and outdoor classroom behind our library. Our Year 5/6 students have been involved in the design process and we had a visit from Lou, our long time electrician, last week after students expressed an interest in the possibility of including a water feature. The students will then be involved in seeing their designs come to life as they work on constructing this garden space throughout the term. We look forward to seeing the transition of this space in the coming months. If anyone has an interest in being involved in this project please email or talk to Miss Jodie.





FATHER'S DAY & SPECIAL MALES DAY

BREAKFAST

Monday | **02 SEPTEMBER** | *8:30 am*

DRINKS AND LIGHT BREAKFAST PROVIDED



Location

St Monica's Hall

*MUMS ARE INVITED
TO HELP IF THEY
ARE AVAILABLE*

SM CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING

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,

Ciao a tutti,

Welcome to term 3.

I hope you have all had a wonderful break.

This term we will have two things that we will be focusing on.

To begin with we will be competing uit 5A-6C which will be focusing on things we like to do at school, why we like to do it and justifying because it is..

We will be introducing new units 7A onwards which covers new learning and new activities.

I look forward to posting some photos from each classroom over the next few weeks.

Arrivederci,
Signorina Danni

Signorina Danni



SMF Spectacular 2024

ST MONICA'S 2024 WHOLE SCHOOL CIRCUS CONCERT



Facilitated by The Circus Crew



All St Monica's students have been working hard learning awesome circus skills with our trainer, Maddy.

Our 9 Week Circus Arts program concludes with a SM Spectacular performance for families on [Thursday 12th September](#) at [5.30pm](#).

We are thrilled to announce we have secured the events space at the [Footscray Community Arts Centre](#) (2 minute walk from SM) as a venue for our final performance.



TICKET SALES



To assist with the cost of venue hire, tickets are priced at **\$20 each**.

Seating is limited so **tickets will be released in 2 stages**.

Round 1 - August ticket sales: Two tickets are available for purchase per family.

Round 2 - September sales: Any unsold tickets will be offered for sale for families who would like additional tickets.

Please **purchase your tickets at the School Office** by either cash or card.
Money should not be the reason why any family could not attend this event.
Please reach out to Andrea or Nathan if you need assistance with acquiring tickets for this event.

Costumes?

Students are asked to wear all black for the performance. Students will perform barefoot. They are asked to wear slides (no socks) that can be easily removed. All other costumes/materials are provided.

Drop off

All students/families are asked to arrive at 5.30pm sharp. Students will go backstage to prepare. Food and drinks will be available for purchase in the foyer while the performers prepare.

Parking

Parking is limited in the area so carpooling or public transport is encouraged.

Babies/Toddlers

If you are happy for your pre-school aged child to sit on your lap, they do not require a ticket. Prams/strollers will remain in the foyer area.

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Rehearsal during school hours followed by a performance at Footscray Community Arts Centre. Please arrive at 5.30pm.

Children's Book week®

St Monica's Footscray

With a busy, fun filled term we have decided to postpone our Book Week celebrations until later in the term. We will be celebrating Book Week from the

9th - 11th September (Week 9).

Students will have the opportunity to explore this year's nominated texts through a range of special activities and have a visit from a published author. Students will not be dressing up this year as we have many other wonderful dress up days throughout the term.

THIS YEARS THEME IS:

Reading
is
Magic



KELLY SPORTS

TUESDAY PROGRAMME

TERM 3 2024 INFORMATION

Programme runs weekly for 90 minutes.

This program will include the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Baseball
- ✓ Footy
- ✓ Frisbee

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 6 students.

\$200+GST FOR 10 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up anytime and only pay for remaining weeks in the term

School: St Monica's Catholic School

Day: Tuesday

Start Date: 16th July 2024

End Date: 17th September 2024

Time: 3.20pm - 4.50pm

Kids meet on the basketball court straight after school

THURSDAY PROGRAMME

TERM 3 2024 INFORMATION

Programme runs weekly for 90 minutes.

This program will include the following sports:

- ✓ Kids Choice!

Similarly to our Tuesday Programme, this program is a multi sports programme designed to build skills and confidence in children. This programme is KIDS CHOICE, meaning kids will determine what sports are included. Make sure your child is signed up in the first 2 weeks to have a vote in what sports will be in the programme.

For Prep – Year 6 students.

\$180+GST FOR 9 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up anytime and only pay for remaining weeks in the term

School: St Monica's Catholic School

Day: Thursday

Start Date: 25th July 2024

End Date: 19th September

Time: 3.20pm - 4.50pm

Kids meet on the basketball court straight after school

GET IN TOUCH

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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.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2024

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
14th August (Wednesday)	Science Week Whole School Assembly 2:40pm (NEW)
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

2nd September (Monday)

Father's Day breakfast **(NEW)**

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)

End of Term 3 **1pm Finish**



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