

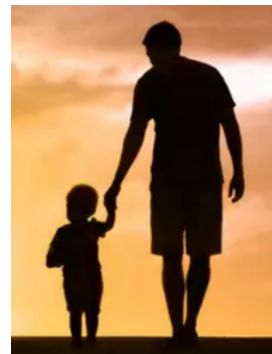
St. Monica's Newsletter

2024 Term 3 - August 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.

While not specifically a Christian holiday, **Father's Day** offers a beautiful day to celebrate the dads, husbands, grandfathers, and father figures in our own lives. Father's Day can hold many emotions for both men and women - those who had a loving father that passed away, those who never knew their dad, those expectantly waiting to become a dad soon, and countless other situations surrounding the father-child relationship. God can use this special day to draw us closer to Himself - the one true Father who remains faithful and full of unconditional love.



Principal's Message

Dear families,

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS.

In 2024, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data.

Students at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.

All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school.

Want another reason for parents to complete the survey? There are great prizes to be won.

- \$30 Coles Voucher
- Glow in the dark soccer ball

Once you have completed your survey, email Amy at amy.horan@smfootscray.catholic.edu.au to let her know and she will add your name into the prize draw.

Hard copy survey invitations will go home with your eldest child on Monday.

In Partnership,
Nathan





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



SM FEAST DAY Highlights

Special lunch orders from Thanh Vinh restaurant





SM FEAST DAY Highlights





SM FEAST DAY Highlights Liturgy





SM FEAST DAY Highlights Talent Show



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.

QUERIES: CALL ADDY 0431 861 135



**SPORTS
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM!**

NEW!

Mon 23rd SEP - Fri 4th OCT 2024

*No session FRI 27th of Sep (GF Public Holiday)

For Preps
to Grade 6!
Boys & Girls!

**St Monica's Catholic PS
Footscray**

**Kids from
all schools
welcome!**

Soccer, Basketball,
Footy, Cricket,
Tennis, Netball,
Hockey, Crazy
Games & much more!

COME ALONG

to our fun-filled holiday program!

St Monica's Catholic Primary School - Footscray

8am - 5pm Weekdays

\$60 per child per day



Kids need to bring along a big packed
lunch & large refillable drink bottle.
Dress in comfortable sports clothing!

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SPRING 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PS - FOOTSCRAY

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 5-12 yrs

General information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

Prices: (Including GST)

Five-Day Discounted Price: \$275 **Full Day:** \$60

Mon-Fri, 8:00am to 5:00pm

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Sign up online before 20th September to receive early bird discount of \$55 per day

Website: www.kellysports.com.au/north-west

Contact: Adelyn Ayton

Email: adelyn@kellysports.com.au

Phone: 0431 861 135 for any queries

Facebook: Kelly Sports

Address: 2 Wingfield St, Footscray 3011



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An invitation from the Parent Engagement Group (PEG)



After School Play Session

Hey St Monica's parents!
Need a mid-week breather?



Join us for a fun after school play session
every Wednesday from 3.15 to 4pm.

Feel free to bring some snacks for your kids or bring
your keep cup to the staffroom for a tea or coffee,
and we'll have the biscuits ready.

It's the perfect chance to relax and chat with other
parents while the kids have fun on the playground.

We'll wrap up the fun by exiting through the side
gate via the library.

We hope to see you there!



#stmonicasparentengagementgroup



ST MONICA'S
Catholic Primary School

**Save the
date**

BUNNINGS BBQ

Spring is in the air



Support SMF

12th October | 8 - 4pm

Bunnings West Footscray

You can support St Monica's by:



volunteering on the day



donating water/soft drinks



popping in for a delicious
sausage on the day

More info to come in Term 3

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

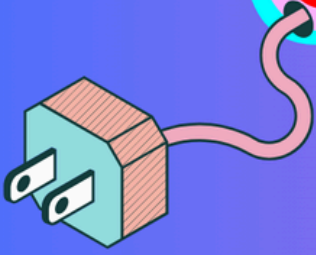
3:00 – 3:15PM



ST MONICA'S
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We're here to make a difference

Coding Club!!



Psst!



Learn to code



create games, music
and sprites!



WHAT'S A SPRITE??

JOIN CODING CLUB AND
COME FIND OUT!

OPEN FRIDAYS

- SAME TIME AS PEACEFUL PLAY -

FROM:

WEEK 9 - WEEK 10



For more
information, speak
to Nero, Jaden J or
Ms.Amy.

100%
OPTIONAL!

PLAY OUTSIDE
OR JOIN!



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LEARN TO SAIL @ RYCV

- Kids learn to sail at RYCV
- Nationally qualified instructors
- Beginners welcome 7 - 12 yrs

**INTRO
FROM
\$70**

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AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
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