

St. Monica's Newsletter

2025 Term 1 - End of March 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.



We're here to learn. We're here to make a difference.

*I can be safe.
I can be respectful.
I can be responsible.
I can be resilient.*

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

What a fantastic term it has been! From day one, our school has been filled with a wonderful sense of energy and enthusiasm. Our classrooms provide a calm, orderly, and predictable environment, ensuring that teachers can teach and students can learn. With this strong foundation in place, we've created vibrant learning spaces where engaging lessons and focused learners thrive, with everyone striving to do their best.

In my new role as acting principal, one of the highlights of my day is welcoming children and families in the schoolyard each morning. The joy and confidence with which the children arrive always bring a smile to my face. It's wonderful to see them so eager to reconnect with their friends and embrace the day ahead. Equally heartwarming is seeing families linger a little longer, strengthening the relationships that make our school community so special.

St. Monica's is truly a place where we come together to celebrate and support one another. Looking back on this term, we have so much to be proud of!

Term Highlights:

- ★ Lunar New Year Celebrations
- ★ Get to Know You Conversations
- ★ Parent Information Afternoon & Welcome BBQ.
- ★ Harmony Day Multicultural Afternoon
- ★ Beginning of the Year School Mass.
- ★ Science Fair Information Session
- ★ Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)
- ★ Whole School Cross Country
- ★ Whole School Athletics
- ★ District Swimming
- ★ Western Bulldogs Visit
- ★ Year 3-6 Kinder Visits

As we wrap up the term, I want to wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break. May this time be filled with joy, relaxation, and special moments with loved ones. To those celebrating, I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Together, making a difference
Andrea

School Website Reimagining

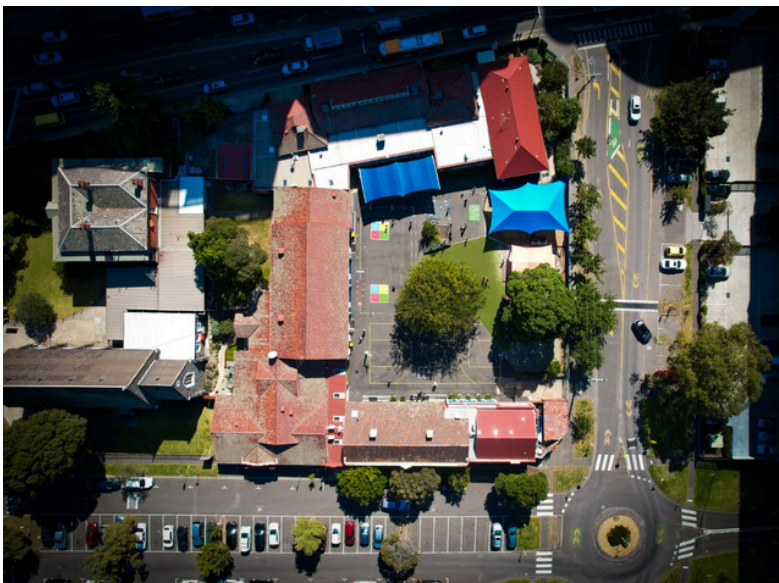
Last week, we had a photographer Rayan visit to take photos of our school community. The students recognised Rayan from last year's Circus Performance at the Footscray Community Arts Centre where he also took photos.

The photos will be used for branding and marketing, in particular for the reimagining of the St Monica's school website.

A significant amount of work has already been done on the website and the updated photos will go a long way in our ongoing efforts to showcase our wonderful community online to attract prospective families.

As always, our current families are our best form of advertising so please continue to tell your friends and families about everything St Monica's has to offer.

Photos will be updated in the coming weeks, we will let you know when it is complete. In the meantime, here is a sneak peak!



Harmony Day

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our multicultural food afternoon during Harmony Day! The spread was truly inviting, with a delightful array of flavors from all around the world. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to share their culture and create such a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

We are excited to share that our amazing Parent Engagement Group will now begin working on a special cookbook that represents the diverse cultures at St. Monica's. This cookbook will feature recipes from our community and will be available for purchase in Term 4 this year.

Thank you once again for your contributions and support in making this event a memorable success!



harmony
day
2025



Everyone
belongs

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 30th April

School photos will take place on Wednesday, 30th April (Week 2 of Term 2). All students are required to wear their winter uniform on the day. Please ensure uniforms are neat and tidy for the photos.



Friday sales

Term 2



lolly bags



Athletics Day



On Thursday the 6th of March we held our School Athletics Carnival at the Newport Athletics Track. It was a cloudy day, which helped us keep a little cooler from the hot weather we had been having.

It was fantastic to see all the students trying their best in the different activities that they got to compete in. We are super proud of all your efforts!

Thank you to the following parents that helped out with an activity on the day- Jose, Alveen, Stephanie, Yuri, Maddie and Rebecca and for any other parents that helped out along the way. We can't run these events without you.

A big thank you also to the teachers for running events and assisting students to have a memorable day.

House Colour Placings

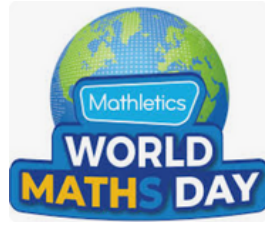
Congratulations to Red house for Winning the Athletic sports, followed by Blue House, Green House and Yellow House.

Selected 3-6 students from the athletics events will be participating in the Division athletics held on Thursday the 21st of August, 2025.

A copy of the team will be put on the library window.



Mathletics - World Maths Day



On Wednesday 26th May we celebrated World Maths Day!

To mark the day, we celebrated the winners of our Mathletics Participation Challenge.

The winner of this challenge was the class with the highest average participation time.

A big congratulations to Year 2 Ida for winning this challenge with an average time of 4hrs 34 mins! That is very impressive.

We all hope you enjoyed your donuts!



Mathletics is a fantastic tool for continuing learning at home. **We encourage all students to do Mathletics at home.**

Login details were distributed at our Family Information Session in February, inside your family pack. If you need another copy of these details, please see Miss Amy.

In Term 2, we will have another participation challenge, so stay tuned for more details!

District Cross Country

On Friday the 21 st of March, 27 selected 3-6 students competed in the District Cross Country at Hansen Reserve. It was a wet showery day, but luckily the temperature was nice to run in- not too cold and not too hot.

All the students did extremely well, running against some very fast competitors. We were super proud of their efforts and for trying their best and not giving up. With around 45 students competing in the younger age groups and around 30 students in the higher age groups, a special mention must go to the following students:

Cyrus- 13th

Joseph- 24th

George- 14th

Lucia- 13th and

Khai- 6th

Khai now progresses through to the Division Cross Country which will be held in Term 2.

Well Done Khai!



District Swimming

On Friday the 14 th of February, we had 13 students compete in the District Swimming Carnival held at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre.

It was our biggest selection of students so far for St Monica's P.S and they didn't disappoint.

We are super proud of all students and their fantastic efforts.

Special mentions go to:

Khai- 2 nd 50m Backstroke A

Moore- 3 rd 50m Backstroke A and 2 nd 25m Breaststroke B

Brie- 3 rd 50m Backstroke A

Cyrus- 3 rd 50m Breaststroke A

Aiden- 3 rd 50m Freestyle B

Ashiyana- 2 nd 25m Backstroke B

Archie- 3 rd 25m Breaststroke B

Thank you to our special St Monica's parent cheer squad and to Alveen for taking on the role of ribbons helper.

A special mention goes to **Khai** who progressed to the Division Swimming where he competed on the 11 th March, placing 4 th in his Heat. Well Done, Khai!



St Monica's
Primary School

SAVE THE DATE

Mother's Day Breakfast

09 | 8:30-
May | 9:00am
SCHOOL
HALL



We warmly welcome, mothers, mother figures,
and special people in our students' lives



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Sharpen your footy skills at one of our School Holiday Programs in Melbourne's West.
Suitable for kids aged 4-12.

WEEK 1

MON, APRIL 7	_____	CITY OVAL, BALLARAT
MON, APRIL 7	_____	CROFTS RESERVE, ALTONA
TUE APRIL 8	_____	ARNOLDS CREEK RESERVE, MELTON
WED APRIL 9	_____	MISSION WHITTEN OVAL

WEEK 2

MON, APRIL 14	_____	CITY OVAL, BALLARAT
MON, APRIL 14	_____	CROFTS RESERVE, ALTONA
WED APRIL 16	_____	MADDINGLEY PARK RES, BACCHUS MARSH



REGISTER NOW

Important dates

Updated 4/3/25

School Closure Days in 2025

These dates are aligned with the MACS Vision for Instruction and our School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plan

Flourishing Learners West Conference	Term 1 Tuesday March 11th (revised date)
Professional Learning	Term 2 Friday 16th May NEW DATE TERM 2 ✓ Friday 6th June
Professional Learning	Term 3 Friday 15th August
Time in lieu for staff	Term 4 Monday 3rd November (the following day is also the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - school is closed)

Last day of school for **students**

Tuesday 16th December

Last day for **staff** - Wednesday 17th December

Time in lieu days - Thursday 18th Dec and Friday 19th December



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Catholic Primary School
Footscray

We're here to make a difference

CURRENT FAMILIES ENROLL NOW FOR 2026

**Do you have a child
turning 5 by April
30th, 2026?**

**Collect an
enrolment form
from the office to
secure their place!**



2026



SOFTBALL

School Holiday Program



Locations:

Dandenong Softball Association
Geelong Softball Association
Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association
Hume City Softball Association
Melbourne Softball Association
Northern District Softball Association
Sunshine Softball Association

TERM 2 HOLIDAYS

Time: 9am – 1pm

**Scan the QR Code for more info and
to register**



www.softballvic.org.au/events

Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members

Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)



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