

St. Monica's Newsletter

2025 Term 3 - End of 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.



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,

Last week (27/8), we took the time to remember and celebrate St Monica, the special saint our school is named after. Her life shows us the importance of never giving up, having strong faith and caring for others. St Monica lived a very long time ago in North Africa, in the 4th century. She was the mother of St Augustine, one of the greatest teachers in the Church. Life was not always easy for Monica. Her husband could be unkind and her son, Augustine, made choices that worried her. But Monica never stopped loving them. She kept praying for them and believed they could change. And they did! Her husband became a Christian and her son Augustine turned his life around and became a saint.

What can we learn from St Monica?

- She teaches us to keep trying, even when things are hard.
- She shows us that small acts of love and care can make a big difference.
- She reminds us to be patient and never lose hope.

St Monica's story tells us that even when things seem impossible, love and faith can do amazing things. At St Monica's, our motto is "We're here to make a difference." Like St Monica, we want to make a difference in our school and in the lives of others by showing kindness, having faith and never giving up.

May we always have the hope and faith that St Monica had.

Andrea





Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of St Monica,
our patron and guide.

She teaches us to be patient,
to never give up,
and to always keep hope in our hearts.

Like St Monica,
help us to make a difference
in our school, our families
and our world.

Give us strength when things are hard
and fill us with kindness
and love for others.

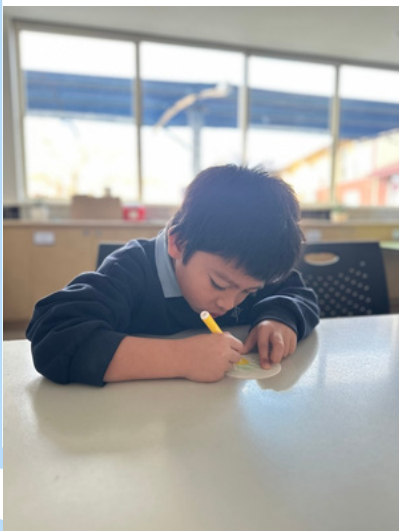
Bless our St Monica's community,
that we may live our motto every day:
"We're here to make a difference."

St Monica, pray for us.

Amen.



Saint Monica's Feast Day



Celebrating 35 Years of Priesthood Father Philip

On Saturday 23rd August members of the Parish and school community came together to honour Father Philip on an incredible milestone – 35 years of dedicated service as a priest.

Father Philip's joyfulness, warm spirit and constant smile have touched so many lives. His kindness, wisdom and unwavering faith make him such a blessing to our community.

Thank you, Father Philip, for your ministry, your care and for inspiring us all to live with faith and love.

May God continue to bless you in your journey ahead.



An important message from Senior Constable Daniel



At St Monica's, there are dedicated parking and drop-off areas, but these only work if we all follow the rules.

Parking signs are not just suggestions – they are there to protect our kids.

When we park in the wrong place, even “just for a minute”:

- It can block the view for other drivers
- It can force kids to cross the road in unsafe spots
- It creates congestion that puts everyone at risk

Did you know?

✓ A child can't be seen by a driver if they are within 2 metres of the front or rear of a car. Illegal parking makes this worse.

✓ Stopping in No Stopping zones reduces visibility and creates blind spots.

✓ School speed zones are in place when kids are most at risk

(8–9.30am and 2.30–4pm on school days).

✓ Double parking isn't just illegal – it's dangerous. It forces children to walk between cars and increases the chance of an accident.

Here's how you can help keep our kids safe:

✓ Always follow the parking signs – they are designed with children's safety in mind.

✓ Use the designated drop-off and pick-up areas – these spots keep traffic moving and protect kids.

✓ Don't double park or stop in No Stopping zones – it may seem quicker, but it creates danger for children crossing.

✓ Be patient and stay alert – kids can be unpredictable near roads.

By following these simple steps, we can work together to keep St Monica's a safe and happy place for every child.

Thank you for doing your part.

Make sure you wave if you see me on the road!

Senior Constable Daniel
Victoria Police

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VICTORIA POLICE

Tại Trường St Monica's, chúng tôi có những khu vực đậu xe và đón/trả học sinh riêng biệt, nhưng những khu vực này chỉ phát huy hiệu quả khi tất cả chúng ta tuân thủ đúng quy định.

Biển báo đậu xe không chỉ là gợi ý – chúng được đặt ra để bảo vệ sự an toàn của con em chúng ta.

Khi chúng ta đậu xe sai chỗ, dù chỉ “một phút”:

- Có thể che khuất tầm nhìn của các tài xế khác
- Có thể buộc trẻ em phải băng qua đường ở những vị trí không an toàn
- Gây ra tình trạng ùn tắc, khiến mọi người gặp nguy hiểm

Bạn có biết không?

✓ Trẻ em không thể được tài xế nhìn thấy nếu chúng đứng trong vòng 2 mét trước hoặc sau xe. Đậu xe sai quy định làm cho tình trạng này nghiêm trọng hơn.

✓ Dừng xe ở khu vực cấm dừng làm giảm tầm nhìn và tạo ra điểm mù.

✓ Giới hạn tốc độ trong khu vực trường học được áp dụng vào những thời điểm trẻ em có nguy cơ cao nhất

(8:00–9:30 sáng và 2:30–4:00 chiều các ngày đi học).

✓ Đậu xe hai hàng không chỉ là phạm luật – mà còn cực kỳ nguy hiểm. Nó buộc trẻ em phải đi giữa các xe, làm tăng nguy cơ tai nạn.

Đây là cách bạn có thể giúp giữ an toàn cho con em chúng ta:

✓ Luôn tuân thủ các biển báo đậu xe – chúng được thiết kế vì sự an toàn của trẻ em.

✓ Sử dụng đúng khu vực đón và trả học sinh – những vị trí này giúp giao thông thông suốt và bảo vệ trẻ em.

✓ Không đậu xe hai hàng hoặc dừng ở khu vực cấm dừng – có thể nhanh hơn, nhưng tạo ra nguy hiểm cho trẻ khi băng qua đường.

✓ Hãy kiên nhẫn và tập trung quan sát – trẻ em có thể bất ngờ chạy ra đường.



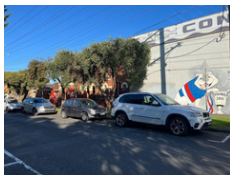









Bằng cách làm theo những bước đơn giản này, chúng ta có thể cùng nhau giữ cho St Monica's là một nơi an toàn và vui vẻ cho tất cả trẻ em.

Cảm ơn bạn đã chung tay!

Nhớ vẫy tay chào nếu bạn thấy tôi trên đường nhé!

Sĩ Quan Cảnh Sát Daniel

Cảnh Sát Victoria

1.	Car park options at School -In the 5 minute drop off zone alongside the school/church -In the median strip car park -Along Conway's side of the street.	  
2.	Please do not park in front of the "KEEP CLEAR" area, this is for the safety of all students.	
3.	Wingfield St, on the school side, is a 5 minute parking area only. Please do not park and leave your car. This space is for dropping off students.	
4.	When parking along the side of the road, students should exit from the left hand side of the car only (they should not go on the roadside).	
5.	If you park in the median car park, exit the car on the left hand side. A family member must walk their child/student to the school side footpath. If you park on Conway's side of	 
6.	the road, make your way to the zebra crossings at either end of Wingfield St and cross with a family member.	  
7.	Young students should be holding a family member's hands when crossing the road. <i>"Children under 10 have underdeveloped peripheral vision, which makes it difficult for them to see and react to hazards in their surroundings, particularly vehicles, when crossing roads"</i>	












Why do I need a roll pass?

If you come to school after the bell, you need to stop at the office to get a late pass.

This helps us:

1. Know you're here – So we don't worry about you.
2. Tell your teacher, the pass shows your teacher you've checked in.
3. Keep track, we write down who is late so our records are right.

So if you're late, that's okay, just come to the office first and get your roll pass.

<div>PBLRoutines – Arriving late to school “It’s great to see you.”</div>		
1.	The bell goes at 8:50am, this is when the gates will close.	 
2.	If I come to school after 8:50am I need to go through the office.	 
3.	I say ‘hi’ to Anna in the office and take a Roll Pass.	 
4.	I then move safely to my classroom.	 
5.	I place my roll pass into the roll pass tub and quietly join my class activity.	<p>You've arrived and we are ready to learn together.</p> 

Thank you for supporting our Book Week Parade.



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DISTRICT ATHLETICS

21ST AUGUST

On Thursday, 21st August, we were very fortunate to have a perfect sunny day for the District Athletics, held at the Moonee Valley Athletics Centre in Moonee Ponds. Our school competed against seven other schools, with 40 students proudly representing us across different age groups and events. We are extremely proud of our students for their determination, effort and resilience. They gave their best in every event and showed great perseverance, especially when faced with challenges. We want to thank the parents and relatives that came to support their child/children and their peers, making it a positive celebration for all. Special congratulations go to the following students who came first, second and third.

Khai- 3rd Hurdles

Brendan- 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m

Zion, Brendan, Alex, Khai- 3rd 4x100m Relay

Mia- 3rd Shotput

George- 1st 100m, 3rd 200m, 1st Triple jump

Joseph- 2nd Hurdles

Minh- 2nd Discus

Angel- 3rd Triple jump

At this stage, George, Joseph and Minh progress to the Division Athletics on the 9th of September.

Congratulations!

Psychological Counselling Available Terms 3 & 4



What: Psychological counselling sessions

When: Tuesdays throughout Term 3 & 4

Where: St Monica's Primary School

Who: Liam Edwards

(Provisional Psychologists) from DKM Psychology

Cost: FREE

Contact Andrea or Amy
to discuss how to access
this service

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Introducing Liam from DKM Psychology



Liam Edwards is completing his Masters in Educational and Developmental Psychology at the Australian Catholic University.

He is completing his final field placement at

DKM Psychology.

They can provide support to children attending St Monica's Primary School in areas such as:

- Neurodivergence (Autism & ADHD)
 - Emotion regulation
 - Social skills
- Life transitions and adjustment issues
- Behavioural concerns
- Self-esteem
- Depression
- Anxiety

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SPREAD THE WORD



FOUNDATION/PREP TASTER DAYS

An invitation to all 3YO, 4YO and 5YO preschool children to get a taste of school life at St Monica's.

Tue 5 Aug - Library Story Time - 9.30 - 10.30am

Fri 8 Aug - Art Adventures - 9.30 - 10.30am

Wed 27 Aug - St Monica's Talent Show - 1.30 - 3.15pm

Mon 15 Sept - Let's Get Physical - 9.30 - 10.30am

Please register via QR code. Places are limited.



If none of the these times suit you, please contact the school to arrange a school tour by appointment.

KEY DATES




	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	21 Term 3 begins	22	23 SEDA AFL in PE	24	25 Year 3-6 students attending Mass 9am
2	28 Learning Conversations (3:45pm - 7:00pm)	29 Learning Conversations (3:30pm - 4:30pm)	30 SEDA AFL in PE	31	1 Wear your PJs to school and donate money to St Vincent de Paul
3	4	5	6 Teeth on Wheels SEDA basketball clinic 3/4 and foundation Year 3/4 Inform and Empower session in class	7	8 St Mary Mackillop Feast Day
4	11 Bullying No Way: National Week of Action - 11 th to 15 th Science Week - 11 th to 15 th	12 Saltwater kinder students visiting St Monica's	13 SEDA basketball clinic 3/4 and foundation	14	15 School Closure
5	18 Book Week - 16 th to 23 rd	19 Book Week Treasure Hunt Presentation whole school 9am - 10am	20 SEDA basketball clinic 3/4 and foundation	21	22 Book Week dress up parade 9:10am
6	25	26	27 St Monica's Feast Day Mass (time TBC) St Monica's Got Talent (time TBC)	28	29
7	1 MACSISS Survey opens	2 School advisory council meeting 5pm	3 Hoop Time 3/4 students - Keilor	4 First Eucharist 5pm St Monica's Church	5 Father's Day breakfast
8	8	9	10	11 Footy Colours Day and AFL clinics	12
9	15	16	17 Hoop Time 5/6 students	18	19 Last Day of Term 3 finish at 1pm

10th - Sacrament of Eucharist (10am - 11am)

23rd - Father Philip's 35 year celebration

Save the dates

Sacramental Dates 2025 for Catholic students

Sacrament	Year Level	Date
First Reconciliation 	3	Term 2, Week 5 <u>Monday 23rd June</u> Time: 2:30pm Venue: St Monica's Church ✓
First Eucharist 	4	Term 3, Week 7 <u>Thursday 4th September</u> Time: 5:00pm Venue: St Monica's Church
Confirmation 	5/6	Term 4, Week 10 <u>Sunday 7th December</u> Time: 2:00pm Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

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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2024

Annual Report to the School Community

We're pleased to share the **2024 Annual Report** with our school community. A digital copy is available on our website and printed copies can be found in the school foyer.



SPECIAL OFFER!

For New Students in 2025.

Get two **FREE** lessons

when you sign up for a full-term of instrumental music lessons, for any instrument of your choosing!

HOW TO CLAIM:

Simply write "FREE LESSON" in the notes section of the application form to receive the Free Lesson!

T&C's apply. Get in touch for more information.



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Enrolments open for 2027
Limited places available for 2026

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