



ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**WHOLE SCHOOL
CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY 15th
DECEMBER**

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Dear Families,

This Sunday marks the start of the Advent Season.

The word Advent, from Latin, means "the coming."

it is a time of spiritual

reflection as well as

cheer and anticipation.

The Advent wreath is an important symbol.

It is made from greens to symbolise life and contains four candles, three purple and one rose.

Each of the four candles have a symbol.

This week's candle symbolizes hope.

As we prepare for the lead up to Christmas, may we strive to have hope in our daily lives.

Let's enjoy the Advent Season!



Transition for all children.

Next Tuesday, transition for the prep children will be from **9.15am-11.00am**.

The other classes will be told which class they will be in whilst they are eating lunch.

They will gather in the upper yard at **11.50am** and go with their new teacher until **1.45pm**.

The grade 6 children will attend their new schools for the day.

Swimming

Reminder students in grades 3-6 need to return permission notes prior to their trials or carnival on Monday 18th December.

CDF Pay

As most of you will know we have just launched a new online portal for ordering Lunch Orders and Uniform called CDF Pay. We have had a great response so far and hope this will continue to grow as time goes on.

A few important things that you will need to know about ordering online are listed below:

- **Lunch Orders will close 9am Thursday Mornings, NO LATE orders will be accepted.**
- **Uniform Orders will close 9am Monday Mornings and will be prepared during the week and sent home via your child.**

If you have not yet done so, please log on to the following web address: <https://smkangarooflat.cdfpay.org.au> And get set up for online ordering, as we progress through next year will be offering a wider range of events and options for online ordering. If you would like anymore information please give the office a call on 5447 7832.

If you do place an online Lunch Order please still send your child's lunch wallet to school as we will continue to use these.

Important Ordering Dates:

Canteen ordering will close after Friday 8th December 2017 and reopen Wednesday 6th February 2018

Uniform Ordering will close Wednesday 6th December 2017 and reopen on Thursday 18th January 2018

Due to the high levels of UV rays around, our "No Hat No Play" policy is now active! Students without a hat will sit out off the yard at recess and lunch. Students are required to wear a hat for all of Term 4.

Art Show

Wow, what a wonderful Art Show we had!!! I would like to say a

very big thankyou to the staff, students, parents and friends of St. Monica's who came along and visited the Art Show. The reaction of people as they came through the door and said "Wow!! This is just amazing!!!" made me so happy, as they got to know how I feel during Art lessons, when I'm witness to the incredible creative and artistic talents of our students.

There was a fabulous article in the Bendigo Advertiser (on 11/11/17) and the photographer took some lovely photos of the students and their artworks. Thankyou to many people who helped me put the Art Show together, especially our parent helpers Natasha Penna, Sue West and Corinne Scully, who helped to mount a lot of the students work. A big thankyou to the staff for their support, time and help, especially Mr. Conn. There was also a fantastic band of grade 5/6 students who were special Art Show helpers and they worked tirelessly with many jobs. Thankyou for the Big Team effort.

It was an Amazing Art Show, and I'm already looking forward to the next one in the future..

Adrienne Stokes

Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to try at home.

Ten activities will be provided over term four targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar.

It is important for children to learn that

stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow. Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading

comprehension and narrative writing.

Try some acting! Bring your child's favourite story to life by creating masks, costumes, dress ups, or puppets.

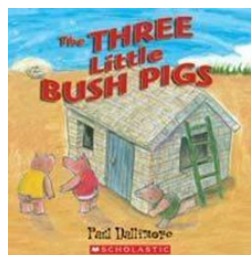
Get in character and act the story out, or create a new story or problem for the character.

Entertain the whole family by putting on a show.



While sharing a story with your child, change a predictable part to something totally outrageous that does not fit with the story or pictures. See if your child notices and can suggest something more appropriate.

There are many new versions of traditional fairy tales. Children love reading the new versions and comparing what was the same/ different with the traditional story.



Have a look at these versions:

- ◆ The Three Little Bush Pigs by Paul Dallimore (The Three Little Pigs)
- ◆ Suddenly! by Colin McNaughton (The Three Little Pigs)
- ◆ The true story of the 3 little pigs by A. Wolf by Jon Scieszka
- ◆ There was an old lady who swallowed a mozzie by P. Crumble
- ◆ There was an old bloke who swallowed a chook by P. Crumble



CANTEEN NEWS

Please note as we only have 1 week left of normal canteen we are starting to reduce our stock as we near the end of the school year. Snack items may not be available at the time of ordering.

Please note we have sold out of the following items

- * Cupcakes
- * Mini Monica's
- * Potato Gems

Very limited stock of the following items.

- * Dim Sims
- * Hot dogs
- * Frozen Fuzz
- * Juicy
- * Drinks



Free Sausage Sizzle!

We are fast approaching the end of our school year!

To celebrate this we are having a

FREE sausage sizzle for the kids!!

to say thank you for all the support you have given us.

It will be held on

Thursday 14th December.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fabulous volunteers for helping throughout the year without all of your support we wouldn't have such a great service for our kids.

DATE	TIME	NAME
Thursday 7th December	9am—11am	Kelly McCuskey Bonnie Roberts
Friday 8th December	10.30am - Midday	Corinne Scullie
Thursday 14th December	9am—11am	Free BBQ
Friday 15th December	10.30am - Midday	Whole School Closure



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2018

Bendigo | Moama | Kangaroo Flat | Castlemaine

January 2 - January 25

Bookings Open Monday 4th December

☎ 03 5444 6666 🌐 www.bendigo.ymca.org.au



Christmas Carols

Thursday 14th

Gather in upper playground

BYO

Chairs or Rug

Carols begin at 6.00pm
(Whole School)

Assembly

**Will be held every second Monday
in the Jaara Centre.**

Next Assembly 13th November at 2.50pm.

- *Before School: Mega Multi-Sports Program
- 7:30am-8:30am
- 1 hr duration
- 1:14 coach/student ratio
- Minimum 7 students to run morning program
- Morning program would be a 1 hr long multi-sport session
- Cost: \$12 per student

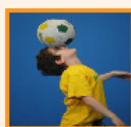
Please register with Kelly Sport details below



12 Metropolitan Drive, Eaglehawk VIC
M 0438 198 031
E kellysports@kellysports.com.au
W www.kellysports.com.au



ST. MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



MEGA MULTI-SPORTS

CRICKET - TENNIS - T-BALL - ATHLETICS

This program is a fantastic way to challenge and improve your child's motor and coordination skills. Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, striking & throwing. While also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, co-operative skills and teamwork, all within a FUN and very SAFE environment.

WHEN: Tuesday
WHERE: St. Monica's PS
COMMENCING: 6/2/18
CONCLUDING: 27/3/18
DURATION: 8 weeks
TIME: 3:40pm - 4:40pm
YEAR LEVELS: P - 4
COST: \$96



CIRCUS & GYMNASTICS

Twist, flip & leap into an exciting Circus & Gymnastics program with Kelly Sports! This fast-paced, highly active program is a fantastic introduction to the wonderful world of circus & gymnastics tricks! Colourful ribbons, hula hoops, spinning plates, juggling scarves, diablos, sits, supports, jumps & landings will be sure to improve balance, co-ordination, muscle strength & group dynamics all in a FUN, EXCITING & SAFE environment!

WHEN: Thursday
WHERE: St. Monica's PS
COMMENCING: 8/2/18
CONCLUDING: 29/3/18
DURATION: 8 weeks
TIME: 1:45pm - 2:25pm
YEAR LEVELS: P - 6
COST: \$80

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 1 AS PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!!

****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER**** If you enrol your child in any program before Sunday 4th February you'll receive 1 session FREE!!



NEW & IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!!
SIMPLY GO TO WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU ENTER YOUR POSTCODE AND ENROL FROM THERE OR FILL OUT THE BELOW ENROLMENT FORM & SEND WITH A CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS TO:
12 METROPOLITAN DRIVE, EAGLEHAWK VIC 3556
PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Mega Multi Sports

☐ Circus & Gymnastics

School: _____ Year Level: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile/Work: _____

Email: _____ Medical Conditions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? ☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected ☐ Photo consent ☐

Parents' consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Bendigo from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

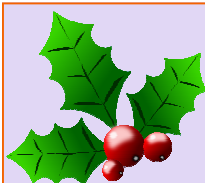
Parent/Caregiver name: _____ Signature: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Master card

Card Number: Expiry Date: / cvv:

THINGS TO KNOW

Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider
Don't leave forms at the School Office
Spaces are limited so please make sure you enrol online or return form to Kelly Sports



P&F News

Saint Monica's Christmas Raffle

\$1 per ticket

(more books available from the office)

Drawn: Thursday 14th December at the Christmas Carols Night- Tickets and money need to be returned by **Tuesday 12th December**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

Monday 4th	Advent Week 1
Tuesday 5th	Whole School Transition Day
Thursday 7th	Festival of the Sacred 5/6 Unit
Monday 11th	Advent Week 2 Swimming Trials Grades 3-6
Thursday 14th	Christmas Carols 6.00pm
Friday 15th	Whole School Closure
Monday 18th	Advent Week 3 Swimming Sports Students 3-6
Wednesday 20th	Graduation Dinner Graduation Mass 7.00pm Jaara Centre
Thursday 21st	End of Year Whole School Mass 9.30am Jaara Centre Students Last Day of School 3.30pm Finish
Friday 22nd	Last day of Term

P & F

If you wish to nominate for the P&F Committee; be it in roles or general committee members, please complete the nomination form below. Executive Roles available; President and P&F Representative on the School Board.

Once completed, return to the school office or a P&F Committee member by 2nd March, 2018.

Thank you.

P&F Member Nomination Form 2018

Name of Nomnee: _____
Please print)

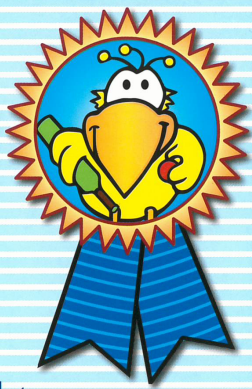
Contact number: _____

For Position: _____

Nominated by: _____
(Please print)

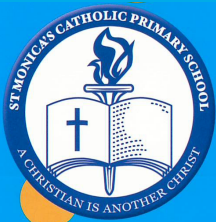
Accepted by: _____
(Signature)

Be Safe Award



Awarded to

Tyson Harvey PP
Ashton Chivers 1/2D
Tahlia Pluck 1/2 H
Zac Muggleton 5/6 T



Signed: R. Johnson

Date: 27/11/2017

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

PBIS

COOL CATS OF THE WEEK

Class of the Week
1/2 HR

Attendance:
Hamish Jones PP

Punctuality:
Addison Shand 3/4 O

Are the cool cats of the week
WELL DONE!
School Is Cool!

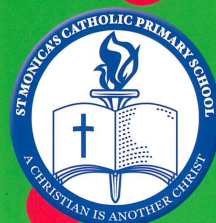


Be a Learner Award



Awarded to

Jamison Agnew PP	Hailey Blackmore PP	Maggie Lamb 1/2 H
Hartaj Thind 1/2 HR	Callum Mangan 1/2 HR	Daphne Reyes 1/2 HR
Marley McLearn 1/2M	Charlotte Wolfe 1/2 M	Odessa McMahon 1/2 M
Aiden Franchina 3/4 A	Mackenzie McLean 3/4 D	Lacey Newman 3/4 A
Ari Sea 3/4 D	Savannah Waters 3/4 D	Jack Bodycoat 3/4 D
Abby Smart 3/4 D	Kia O'Hehir 3/4 O	Alwin Sabu 5/6 F
Lila Bullock 5/6 F	Tia Chen 5/6 H	



Signed: R. Johnson

Date: 27/11/2017

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Be Friendly Award



Awarded to

Elvis Ward PP
Tahj Lamprell 1/2D
Aston Crouch 1/2 H
Eleni Anastasi 1/2 HR
Sienna Sparke 3/4 O
Tom Stanley 5/6 H
Kye Dieckmann 5/6 H
Hayley Brown 5/6 T



Signed: R. Johnson

Date: 27/11/2017

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MARONG CUP NEWS

Marong Racing Club Sponsorship Packages Marong Cup Saturday 17 February 2018

\$100 Package

- The name and address of your business will be featured in the Sponsors listing in the centre section of the Marong Cup race book.
- Your business will be included in a circular to be sent to the families of all children attending all eight catholic primary schools.
- This circular will reach around 2000 families in the Bendigo area.
- You will receive six tickets (valued @ \$90), to distribute to family and friends admitting the bearer to the racecourse and members reserve; children are admitted free of charge.

\$250 Silver Package

- Half page advert in the race-book
- The name and address of your business will also be featured in the Sponsors listing in the centre section of the Marong Cup race book.
- Your business details will be included in a circular to be sent to the families of all children attending all eight Catholic primary schools. This circular will reach around 2000 families in the Bendigo area.
- You will receive 10 tickets (valued @ \$150), to distribute to family and friends admitting the bearer to the racecourse and members reserve; children are admitted free of charge.

\$500 Gold Package

- Full page advert in the race-book
- The name and address of your business will also be featured in the Sponsors listing in the centre section of the Marong Cup race book.
- Your business details will be included in a circular to be sent to the families of all children attending all eight Catholic primary schools. This circular will reach around 2000 families in the Bendigo area.
- You will receive 20 tickets (valued @ \$300), to distribute to family and friends admitting the bearer to the racecourse and members reserve; children are admitted free of charge.
- Invitation for two people to attend the pre-Cup Cocktail Party on Thursday 15 February 2018



NETBALL NEWS

LOOK, OUR NEW NETBALL UNIFORMS HAVE ARRIVED READY FOR OUR 2018 SEASON.



Thank you to all who came to our Breakup/Fundraiser dinner last term at the Stadium we raised \$483.00 towards our new uniforms. We have done some great fundraising this year to purchase our new uniforms
THANKYOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

TWILIGHT NETBALL UNIFORMS

If you are playing Twilight netball please hand in your uniform on the last game which is Wed 13th Dec.
Please bring a change of clothes to hand your uniform back to your coach to receive your refund.

THANKYOU SO MUCH TO OUR SPONSORS FOR 2017:-

FEELGOOD FITNESS, TODD NEWMAN BUILDERS, O'FARRELL, ROBERTSON, MCMAHON LAWYERS, BIRDS R US, THE BROKER TEAM, THE ZONE and FRO CREATION ICE CREAMERY.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS, LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NETBALL YEAR IN 2018.

PARISH NEWS

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - 6.00pm, St Monica's, Quarry Hill.
 Sunday - 8.30am, 11.00am, 6.00pm Cathedral
 9.00am, St Monica's

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Mon - 8.00am Poor Clare Convent
 Tues- 11.30am St John of God
 Wed- 8.00am Cathedral, 11.00am Bethlehem
 Thurs- 8.00am St Joseph's, 11.30am St John of God
 Fri- 8.00am Cathedral, 9.30am - St Monica's

RECONCILIATION

Cathedral, Sat. 10.30 - 11.30am

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW OF, NEED PRAYERS?

Parishioners are invited to pray our Parish Prayer each day at 8.00am and/or 8.00pm, for the needs of the parish and any other special intentions.

Our Parish Prayer:

God our Father...

We give thanks for all your gifts to us.

*We ask you to bless our parish community,
that we may know and love you more.*

*Help the parents of our parish
to give good example to their children,
and may our youth
feel part of our parish community.*

*To the sick and lonely,
grant health of mind and body;
to the aged, bring serenity;
to those in sorrow, peace.*

May each parishioner grow stronger in faith.

May our love for each other

become deeper in our day to day living.

*We make this prayer through Christ the Lord.
Amen.*

The Parish of St Mary's, & St Monica's, Kangaroo Flat

Invite you to a Pre Christmas Parish Gathering



**Sunday, December
3rd, 2017
Jaara Centre
3.00pm**

Please bring a plate to share.

The Parish Office is now located at the Sacred
Heart Cathedral
Phone 5443 4400.

Parish Vision

*The purpose of our Parish is to become a
community
where God is worshipped, the Gospel is lived,
the faith is shared and we are servants to all.*

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

There are 6 more scholarships available for 2018. Each scholarship is worth \$1,200.00. They are open to students in Catholic Secondary & Primary schools in the region. Auditions for the first intake will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017, beginning at 9.00am. Further information with an application form is on the Sacred Heart Cathedral Website www.sacredheartcathedral.org.au or on the Parish table in the cathedral or from John Hogan, 5443 0363 or jfho@bigpond.com

CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL: Dec 8th

This year Carols descends on Bendigo's stunning Sacred Heart Cathedral featuring an incredible line-up of performers including carols favourite Silvie Paladino, Simon Gleeson, Alana Conway, Courtney Conway and Phil Turcio. Also featuring the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir led by musical director John Hogan, don't miss this spectacular night of music this December! This event proudly supports the Otis Foundation, providing retreat accommodation at no cost for women dealing with the challenges of breast cancer and their families. Tiered Seating arrangements - Kids under 12 free in General Admission seating. Wheelchair seating available - Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7:00pm Start.



Kangaroo Flat Christmas MARKET

at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
 High Street (opposite ALDI)

Saturday 9th December

from 8am - 1pm

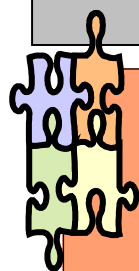
** Market Stalls * Car Boot Sales * Garage Sale *
 * Trash & Treasure * Produce * Books * Toys *
 * Clothing * Cakes * Craft & Christmas Gifts *
 * Sausage Sizzle * Devonshire Teas*

Kim Ritchie ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ **9 - 11am**

Enquiries & Site Bookings - Max 54431809

(if raining Garage Sale, Church Stalls & D'Teas will be in the hall)

SCHOOL WELFARE SUPPORT



The National School Chaplaincy Program is proudly funded by the Federal Government.



ORIENTATION DAY REMINDERS

2018 Prep Transition days :

Tuesday 5th December– 9.15am-11am

Whole School Orientation Day

Tuesday 5th December 11.50-1.40pm

Grade 6 students will spend the day at their chosen high school on this day

REMINDER

Please contact the office if any of the following points have changed since your child's enrolment at school.

- ◆ Your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition such as (anaphylaxis, allergy, asthma etc.)
- ◆ New address
- ◆ New phone number
- ◆ Emergency contacts have changed

Due to all the illness around at this time of year we need to be able to contact Parents/Carers.

Term DATES FOR 2017

Term 4

Monday October 9- Friday December 22

Term DATES FOR 2018

Teachers Return Monday January 29

First day of school for Children Tuesday January 30

Term 1

Monday January 30– March 29

Term 2

Monday April 16– Friday June 29

Term 3

Monday July 16-Friday September 21

Term 4

Monday October 8– Friday December 21



THANK YOU

School Banking

A big 'thank you' to Leonie Chivers who has coordinated the school banking program. Each week we have seen students bring in their bank books with their 5 cent pieces or \$5 birthday money, it doesn't matter.

School Banking has now finished for 2017

Mercy In Action

Our school community values this program so much. You never know when you may be in need of a little surprise from the freezer.

Every family which has come across M.I.A has been so grateful and appreciative.

Thank you to all our families /chefs that make this program happen.



Breakfast Club

Every Wednesday the roller doors fling up and the requests begin. Every week some little person leaves disappointed. Sorry cocoa pops, pancakes, peanut butter are not on the menu. You should hear the staff requests!!

Brekky Club has become a real social event on Wednesday's which is great to see.

Thanks to Elle Lightfoot and Melinda Christie and our volunteers which make this happen.



Book Club

Thanks to Ann Gibson for their work with the Book Club. The looks on the kids faces when their book order comes in is priceless.

Fresh Fruit Friday

Each Friday Helen Combe enters the staffroom with all knives blazing! Helen cuts the fruit for F.F.F and this is certainly a highlight for the kids. She even spoils the staff with a cut platter of fruit for them to enjoy. (They cut their own when I'm on FFF duty!!)



Happy holidays folks and more importantly stay safe..

Thanks,

Wendy..

