



ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**WHOLE SCHOOL
CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY JUNE 8th**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY JUNE 11th**

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Dear Families,

I am a big fan of Pope Francis. It seems to me that he lives his faith openly for the world to see. He inspires me and many others to be better people through his actions. He is a wonderful leader of our Catholic Church in these changing times because he is courageous enough to speak openly about issues that have, until now, been largely unsaid. I read this except recently in "The Australian" and I loved the non-judgemental and accepting overtones of what was stated:

Last Monday, Australian Barrister, human rights campaigner, refugee advocate and author, Julian Burnside AO QC, tweeted:

"I was brought up Protestant and I no longer adhere to any religion, but I think Pope Francis is a profoundly good person."

Burnside sent this message following the Pope's embrace of a Chilean gay man, Juan Carlos Cruz. It is reported that Pope Francis stated:

"Juan Carlos, that you are gay does not matter. God made you like this and loves you like this and I don't care. The Pope loves you. You have to be happy with you who are."

As communities across Australia prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart this Friday, which has at its centre the love that Jesus has for humanity, then there can be no greater example of spreading a message of love on earth than the action of Pope Francis. He calls me to see all people as a beautiful creation of God. I don't speak of beauty as it relates to physical attractiveness but the beauty that lies in all of us that can love and respect others and allow us to be more like Jesus. Pope Francis seeks to be more like Jesus and show the world that love is central to our faith and it is a pathway to God.

SCHOOL FEES

Please be aware in the next few weeks we will be sending out letters in regards to non-payment of school fees for 2018.

If you have not yet made a contribution for 2018, please make sure you do so at your earliest convenience or notify the office of your payment arrangements.

All families that are paying fees in a lump sum should have already done so by the end of Term 1 so if you haven't please make sure this is done immediately.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

Friday 8th	Whole School Closure Day
Monday 11th	Public Holiday Queens Birthday
Friday 22nd	Jump Rope for Heart
Monday 25th	Dental Visit
Tuesday 26th	Dental Visit
Wednesday 27th	Dental Visit
Thursday 28th	Dental Visit
Thursday 28th	Mini Monica's Storytime
Friday 29th	Dental Visit Last day Term 2 School finishes @ 2.30 pm

Mini Monica's



Story time

Thursday 28th June
9:30am



St. Monica's Primary School Library
91 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (03) 5447 7832

Have a pre-school or toddler at home?
Come and join us for Mini Monica Story time. A morning of fun and learning that will nurture your child's love for reading.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage meaningful interactions with their family.

Research suggests that the types of questions we ask and the quality of discussions we have with our children, from a very young age, are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build their confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

In each weekly newsletter this year, our school's Speech Pathologist will provide some "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child.

In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child's use of describing words, select a character from your child's reader to describe. Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the *beautiful, gorgeous, stunning and breath-taking* princess. Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.

The following link is to the most comprehensive website available that provides parents with activities that are free, easily accessible and enjoyable. Each activity has been carefully selected to reflect the highest quality, up-to-date research evidence on early literacy development. There is also advice for parents who are concerned about their child's reading and language development.

<http://www.fivefromfive.org.au/parent-resources/>

If you have any questions you can contact Vikki Stone Ed. Speech Pathologist through the School's Special Education Coordinator, Max Lamb

Good luck and most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.

Vocabulary/Morphology activities:

6. Find the Roots: Teach the concept of root words to your child. You might say, "A root word is the 'main' word in a longer word."

Give examples and then have your child practice identifying the root words.

Ask your child to highlight the root words in following complex words.

- Mouthy
- hopeful
- sleepless
- carefully
- childish
- workable
- sawed
- trembling
- rowing
- unhelpful

7. Affixes: Tell your child that affixes are extra parts that are "fixed on" to the root word. The affixes at the beginning of words are called "prefixes" because "pre-" means before, and a "suffix" comes at the end of a root word.

Ask your child to "fix" the broken root words with the correct "affix."

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|-------------|-------|
| • Love | -ful |
| • Treat | -ly |
| • Grate | -less |
| • Mood | -able |
| • Do | -ing |
| • Sad | -tion |
| • Pink | -y |
| • Tempt | -ish |
| • Move | -ed |
| • Aggravate | -ment |

THIS WEEKS

Lenard's

Chicken

AWARD

Chloe McCullough

This week Chloe has made a real effort to utilize her class time productively. When completing an independent reading task, Chloe stayed on track and presented clear and concise answers.

Well done Chloe!

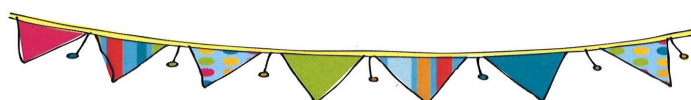
ALL CAMPS, SPORTS AND
EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) FORMS
TO BE
RETURNED BY WED 15th OF JUNE

* You are eligible for funding if you hold a
Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession
Card

*Congratulations to
AJ Poulton 5/6 F
and family on the safe
arrival of their beautiful ba-
by girl "Maddison"*



Parents and Friends



SAINT MONICAS SCHOOL FAIR 2019
Committee Members Needed

It's time to start planning for the 2019 St Monica's School Fair!

We have had a small number of volunteers show their interest in joining a sub-committee for the School Fair but we still need more

If you enjoy organising fun events and would like to volunteer your time, enthusiasm and ideas we would love to hear from you!

The previous Fair Committee left lots of handover notes and you will be supported throughout the process.

If you are interested please email your details to:

-----stmonicaspf@outlook.com as soon as possible. Unfortunately if we are unable to form a committee by the end of term this event will not take place.



Assembly
Will be held
every second
Monday
in the Jaara
Centre.
Next assembly
18th June at 2.50



Coordinator Needed for Father's Day and Mother's Day Stall -

If you would like to take on organising the Father's Day and/or Mother's Day stalls please email stmonicaspf@outlook.com.

You will learn the ropes with Susan Ramsay-West and there are always lots of volunteers for these events.

REMINDER

Please contact the office if any contact or medical details have changed for your child since enrolment

The next P&F Committee Meeting:



Tuesday 12th June @ 7:00pm in the Staffroom. All Welcome!

ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2019

Prep Orientation Program Dates

Tuesday 20th November 9:15am - 10:30am

Tuesday 27th November 9:15am - 10:30am

Whole School Orientation Day -

Tuesday 4th December 9.15am-11:00am

Enrolments commenced on Monday 14th May

X Yes,

The _____ Family
would like to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter fortnightly.

Eldest child's

Name/class _____

SPORTS

NETBALL NEWS

NO NETBALL THIS WEEKEND DUE TO QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.

If you are going away travel safe.

Netball challenge for the week to shoot 25 goals per day.
Give it a go we will know who has risen to the challenge.

Please support our generous sponsors:

*Bendigo Ice Creamery - Fountain
Court Bendigo
St Monica's School - Canteen Award.*



Birds R Us

Chill Belvedere Rd & Hatters St, Golden Square, 3055
Ph. (03) 5441 8961

Bendigo



**SMALL ENOUGH TO LISTEN.
BIG ENOUGH TO DELIVER**



CANTEEN

DATE	TIME	NAME
Thursday 14th June	9am— 11am	Kellie Duggan Katie Canterford
Friday 15th June	10.30am - Midday	Sue Pearse
Thursday 21st June	9am— 11am	Natasha Penna
Friday 22nd June	10.30am - Midday	Lee Savy



**Whole School Event-
Jump Rope for Heart**

Friday June the 22nd.

This will be held from

12:00pm -1:45pm



KELLY SPORTS BEFORE SCHOOL CARE MULTI-SPORTS SESSIONS*

"Do you work early in the morning & need someone to look after your child/ren?"

"Ever wondered how you could help your child concentrate more at school?"

If you answered YES to either of these questions, then why not try an exciting & energetic Kelly Sports Before School Care Multi-sports Session to KICK start their day.

-7:30am-8:30am

-Monday -Friday

-\$12 per session

-Casual (24hrs notice) & permanent bookings available

-New sport everyday

-Heaps of FUN & a great way to make new friends & build self confidence.

Unfortunately these programs will not continue if we do not get students to participate!

Be Safe Award



Awarded to

Ky Clements 1/2 T
Shanelle Mitchell 3/4 D
Eleni Anastasi 3/4 O
Larni Taylor 3/4 O



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 04/06/2018

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

PBIS

COOL CATS OF THE WEEK

Class of the Week

Prep Flood

3/4 Russell

Attendance:

Milla Cooney 1/2 H

Cody Bird 5/6 C

Punctuality:

Lucius Geddes PF

Abbi Wells 5/6 F

Are the cool cats of the week

WELL DONE!

School Is Cool!



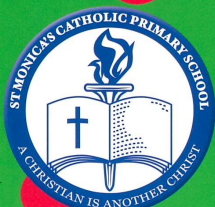
Be a Learner Award



Awarded to

Jordan Baxter 1/2 H
Arav Singh 1/2 H
Ashton Chivers 1/2 T

Samantha Reid 1/2 T
Lacey Newman 3/4 D
Sophie Barras 3/4 D



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 04/06/2018

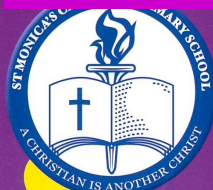
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Be Friendly Award



Awarded to

Jamison Agnew 1/2 H
Amelia Gardiner 3/4 D
Eleanor Symons PP
Hannah Wilson 3/4 O
Tahlia Pluck 3/4 O



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 04/06/2018

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____