



# ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Saint Monica's will be holding a workshop on  
**Monday March 25th at 7pm**  
regarding Child Safe Schools, and the  
new regulations surrounding  
volunteering at school and in sporting

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Dear Parents,

Every parent wants their child to be safe. All staff members at Saint Monica's want every student to be safe. Every child has the right to feel safe. Included as part of this newsletter is a copy of the Victorian Child Safe Standards. These are the basis of the work that we do to as a school to keep our students, and any student who visits the school, safe from abuse.

The Victorian Child Safe Standards comprise seven (7) Standards and three (3) Principles. The seven (7) Standards are as follows:

- Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.
- Standard 2: A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- Standard 3: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
- Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.
- Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.



In addition to the seven (7) Standards, the School is required to take into consideration the following three (3) Principles as part of our response to each Standard:

- Principle 1: Promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; Principle 2: Promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Principle 3: Promoting the safety of children with a disability.

To assist organisations interpret each of the Standards the Victorian Government has published a guide titled [An overview of the Victorian Child Safe Standards](#). In addition, the Minister for Education has published [Ministerial Order No. 870](#) that prescribes certain matters with which registered schools in Victoria must comply as part of their registration requirements.

Saint Monica's School has established and implemented our Child Protection Program in accordance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards. Over the next several newsletters I will share how we as a school address out each Standard showing how we comply with that Standard.

Standard	Short Description	How Saint Monica's Applies this Standard
1.	Organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements	Saint Monica's complies with this Standard in a number of ways including: The development of this Child Protection Program, our Child Protection and Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct; the appointment of senior staff members as the School's Child Safety Officers who act as "Child Protection Officers" and are tasked with the overall responsibility for embedding an organisational culture of child protection at Saint Monica's; Each school Board member, staff member and Volunteer having to complete Child Safety Training which provides information with respect to key risk indicators of child abuse and reporting procedures; Establishing clear guidelines for reporting child abuse concerns; and creating an environment supportive of children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait backgrounds, culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.
2.	A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety	Saint Monica's has developed and implemented a Child Protection and Safety Policy that describes the key elements of our approach to child protection as well as an overarching set of principles guiding the development of policies and procedures to protect children from child abuse. Our Child Protection and Safety Policy is published through various mediums including our public website.
3.	A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children	Saint Monica's has created a plain English Child Safety Code of Conduct which specifies appropriate standards of behaviour for adults towards students in all School environments, including outside of school hours.



## Working with Children Check

### Working with Children's Checks

Do you have a current "Working with Children's Check"?

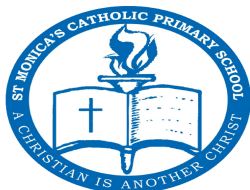
If you do, can you please make sure that we have a current copy if you wish to be involved in school activities (excursions etc). Our records indicate that a number of parents on our books have expired "WWCCs". I'm sure they have been renewed. However, we do not have a record.

Simply send a copy to school or pop into school so that we can take a photocopy of the certificate. Many thanks.

### Sent home over the last fortnight!

- Easter Raffle Tickets Raffle
- Dental Screen Consent forms
- 1/2 Unit Parent Dinner
- PAM Login details

## A TASTE OF



## ST. MONICA'S

Come join us to hear stories and learn about some of the cultures from our community. Indulge in some food tastings and good company.

**Wednesday 27th March 7pm**  
**Jaara Centre**

*Presentation of Annual Report (AGM)  
Election of Office Bearers for School Board and Parents and Friends will take place.*

RSVP for catering and babysitting to  
[wmcintosh@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wmcintosh@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au)



**MALAYSIA**



**KENYA**



**PHILIPPINES**

## Caritas Fundraiser Friday April 5th Casual Clothes Day



Gold coin donation  
Make a Coin Line  
Sausage Sizzle \$2 each  
( Order on CDF Pay)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

**Wednesday 27th**

Indonesian Cultural Day  
Prep & 3/4 Units  
Saint Monica's  
School Board AGM  
7.00pm

**Thursday 28th**

Indonesian Cultural Day  
1/2 & 5/6 Units

### April

**Monday 1st**

Assembly

**Tuesday 2nd**

Sacraments Session 1  
6.00pm

**Friday 5th**

Last day of Term  
2.30pm Finish

**Tuesday 23rd**

First day Term 2  
Mercy House Day  
Sacraments Session 2  
2.30pm

**Thursday 25th**

ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

**Tuesday 30th**

Sacraments  
Session 3  
2.30pm

### May

**Wednesday 1st**

3/4 Unit Parent Dinner  
TBA

**Friday 3rd**

Cross Country

**Saturday 4th**

Commitment Mass  
St Monica's Church 6.00pm

**Tuesday 7th**

Sacraments Session 4

**Wednesday 15th**

5/6 Unit Parent Dinner  
TBA

**Friday 17th**

Whole School Closure

**Thursday 23rd**

School Photos

**June 14th**

Whole School Closure

**July 1st-12th**

School Holidays

**August 9th**

Whole School Closure

**August 28th**

Augustine House Day

**September 13th**

Whole School Closure

**October**

Swimming

**November 11th**

McAuley House Day

**December 13th**

Whole School Closure

**December 18th**

Last Day of school

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## ST MONICA'S EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be sent home to all families shortly.

**Tickets cost \$1.00 each**

Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the office by **Thursday 28th March**

Raffle will drawn at Assembly 1st April



Grade 1 / 2 Unit Social Night - Barefoot Bowls and BBQ. Thursday 4th April from 6pm at Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club. Adult only event for parents/carers/teachers, \$12 per head, includes bowling and BBQ.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by 1 April to Shona: 0407 803 919



### Sacramental of Confirmation & Eucharist Preparation St. Monica's Primary School 2019

#### Tuesday 2nd April

Our Times Together – Session 1  
Parents and Parish companions  
6.00pm @ St Monica's

#### Tuesday 23rd April

Our Times Together – Session 2  
Parents and Parish companions  
2.30pm @ St Monica's

#### Tuesday 30th April

Our Time Together – Session 3  
Parents and Parish companions  
2.30pm @ St Monica's

#### Tuesday 7th May

Our Time Together – Session 4  
Parents and Parish companions  
2.30pm @ St Monica's

#### Saturday 4th May

Commitment Mass  
6.00pm @ St Monica's Church

#### Tuesday 14th May

Our Time Together – Session 5  
Parents and Parish companions  
2.30pm @ St Monica's

#### Tuesday 21st May

Our Time Together – Session 6  
Parents and Parish companions  
2.30pm @ St Monica's

#### Thursday 23rd May

Mass Rehearsal  
5.00pm @ Cathedral

#### Sunday 26th May

Confirmation / Eucharist Celebration  
11am @ Cathedral

## BEWARE



Parking Inspectors are out in full force patrolling the area and giving out fines to people who are not obeying the parking signs.

**Eg Bus Stops, disabled park and time limits.**

## Assembly

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

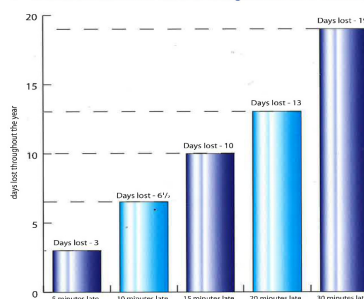
Next Assembly 1st April at 2.50pm.

## Every School Day Counts



### Being Late adds up to lost learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.



- **Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time**
- **Please help your child to be punctual**

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please talk to someone at school or contact your local Education Welfare Service.



Education Welfare Service



# Chatter Matters:



## Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

**Objective** - The child will be able to break down (segment) words into its sounds.

**Activity Instructions** - Adult to say the instruction e.g. "What sounds can you hear in the word \_\_\_\_?" and the child says the correct number of sounds. For example; truck = 4 sounds, car = 2 sounds, biscuit = 6 sounds. Remember, we want the sounds and not the letter name/s. You could try a challenge each day and see who is the first person to find 3 things with 4 sounds eg; post, school, trees.



**Objective** - The child will be able to join (blend) sounds to make words.

**Activity Instructions** - Adult to say the instruction e.g. "Let's join the sounds to make a word?" and the child says the correct word. For example; sh-ir-t = shirt. Remember, to say the sounds correctly and clearly so your child can blend them together to make a word.

When giving instructions to your child ask them to guess the word by blending the sounds together. For example; put your s-o-ck-s in the b-l-ue drawer.

Other examples include: /h/ /o/ /t/ (hot), /w/ /e/ /t/ (wet), /p/ /a/ /t/ (pat), /m/ /a/ /p/ (map), /c/ /o/ /l/ /d/ (cold), /c/ /a/ /m/ /p/ (camp), /b/ /o/ /l/ /t/ (bolt), /b/ /r/ /u/ /sh/ (brush) etc.

**Objective** - The child will be able to make a different word by deleting sounds to words.

**Activity Instructions**- Play a game called sound thief, whereby your child makes different words by changing or deleting sounds in a word e.g. if you are changing all words to begin with /t/ sound then 'chair' would become 'tair' and 'lot' would become 'tot.' For something a bit harder: Try changing the final sound e.g. 'pack' would become 'pat' and 'flag' would become 'flat'.

Ask your child to steal a sound at the start or end of a word and tell you what's left.

For example use names; Say James but steal the j sound = ames.

Say James but steal the z sound = Jame.

Use words from their readers. b/room, broo/m etc.



## Staff Spotlight

**Name:** Wendy McIntosh

**Role:** Learning Support & Chaplain

### Tell us a joke

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?*

Wendy. *Wendy who?*

Wendy the bell works again,

I won't have to knock!



### Favourite Holiday Memory

Camping- Anywhere I can take the caravan & swags.

## Library News

Previously, we have asked for all library books to be returned before each set of school holidays.

This was to minimise the amount of lost books and the subsequent replacement costs. However, this year I would like to trial allowing students to take home library books over the holidays (with the exception of the Christmas holidays). This will enable students to continue to enjoy our wonderful collection of books and you to enjoy your precious family story time. This means that I will be chasing up overdue library book throughout the term. Please contact me or pop in to see me if you have any questions about your child's loans or about our library.

Thanks, Belinda Christy

[bchristy@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bchristy@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au)





## REMINDERS

### HEAD LICE FACTS: (The things you're not being told!)

Head lice treatment do not kill eggs!

#### WHICH MEANS:

Remaining eggs will still hatch after treatment occurs.

Lice from hatched eggs can mature enough in 7 days to lay eggs. To avoid this happening treat again in 6 days (not 7 as treatments indicate!)

Eggs can take up to 10 days to hatch! **WHICH MEANS:** Eggs are still hatching after second treatment. You need to treat the child's hair till they are clear, not by the label!

Conditioner/comb method is very effective (especially when used with a "KP24" comb) Even if you are not using this method to treat it is handy to use it on all members of the family to establish who needs to be treated before tackling the Head lice "cycle"



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDS HAIR AS THE SCHOOL HAS HAD A REPORTED CASE OF HEAD LICE.**

## SPORTS

### Sport News

Congratulations and all the best to the following students:

Maggie Lamb who competed yesterday in the 10 year old 50m Breaststroke event and came 2nd in her event at the Loddon Mallee Regional Finals in Swan Hill.



Harvey White who has been selected to try out in Melbourne for the Victorian State, School Sport 12 & Under Cricket Team

We are very proud of Maggie and Harvey who have been successful through the selection phases to compete in these events. Well done!

Louise Murray  
Sports Coordinator



## Mini Monica



## Storytime

Do you have a preschooler or toddler at home? Bring them along to Mini Monica Storytime. A morning of stories, songs, nursery rhymes and fun that will nurture your child's love of reading.

**EVERY FRIDAY OF THE SCHOOL TERM  
IN THE LIBRARY  
9:10AM — 9:50AM**

St. Monica's Primary School  
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### NEWSLETTER

Now the school has its own app the newsletter will not be sent home in Hardcopy. You may download the newsletter weekly via the school App or the school website. If you are unable to view the newsletter electronically and wish to receive a hardcopy weekly please return the reply slip below ASAP.

**Please email us if you wish to be sent a link to newsletter weekly.**

[admin\\_office@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin_office@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au)

☒ Yes,  
The \_\_\_\_\_ Family  
would like to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter fortnightly.

Eldest child's  
Name/class \_\_\_\_\_



St Monica's Junior Football Club



### Footy News

We are pleased to announce our new club president, Sam McGee. Thanks for volunteering. We look forward to a terrific year!

Footy registrations have now closed. Thanks to those who responded. We have 2 full teams of Under 9's & 10's

We are now looking for expressions of interest for coaches and team managers. Please contact Dianne on 0431 485 687 if you can help out with one of these roles.

For those who have yet to return registration forms, can you do that as soon as possible, and don't forget to register online with St Monica's JFC through the BJFL site. This is compulsory.

If you wish to pay fees by direct deposit, details are:

Fees \$110 (Plus \$20 if you wish to buy a hoodie)

BSB: 633 000 ACC NO: 139 525 455

We also need as many as possible to complete a Working with Children Check. This is free and easy to complete online.

Mr Johnson will be holding a workshop on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm regarding Child Safe Schools, and the new regulations surrounding volunteering at school and in sporting groups. I encourage all of you to attend, as it is important for all parents/guardians who wish to help out on game-day.

Kind regards, St Monica's JFC

**Dr. Seuss' The LORAX**

# ★ MOVIE NIGHT

**WHEN: FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
**TIME: 6pm start**  
**WHERE: Crook Street Park**

★

BYO Chairs, rugs & reusable cups for the Coffee van & drink bottles for the water taps.  
 Food will be available for purchase

**FREE EVENT**

**ADMIT ONE**

**CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO**

**YMCA After School Care**

**ST MONICA'S PS**

**Operating to 6pm every school night and 8am-6pm on Pupil Free Days**

The Program is based at St Monica's PS and collects children from Kangaroo Flat PS.

Contact YMCA on 54446666 or visit [www.bendigo.ymca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.ymca.org.au)

**CHRISTUS VITA NOSTRA**

**MARIST COLLEGE BENDIGO**

## Save the Date!

# 'EXPLORE MARIST'

## OPEN EVENING

**Monday, 6 May 2019**  
**3.30-6.30pm**

Bookings not required. Bring the family and experience what our Marist learning community can offer your child in 2020. Educators available on the evening to answer your questions.

**Enrolments for Years 7-12 open from 23 April.**

Catholic Co-education in the Marist Tradition

[www.marist.vic.edu.au](http://www.marist.vic.edu.au)

## What's Your Dream?

# DISCOVER YOU

## OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 20 March 4-7pm | Coollock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortown**

**CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE**

DISCOVER ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS. Tour our brand-new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre and discover contemporary technology and creative spaces for integrated learning. Friends and family are welcome to join us for a BBQ, activities, community stalls, live music and guided tours.

**Come any time after 4pm. See you there!**

<b>Open Evening</b> Wednesday 20 March, 4-7pm	<b>Transition Day</b> Tuesday 14 May
<b>Enrolments Open</b> Wednesday 20 March	<b>Enrolments Close</b> Friday 14 June

## Make It Happen In 2020!

**WIN AN IPAD AT OPEN EVENING!**

Fill in your passport to Learning at Open Evening for your chance to win:

**1st:** iPad **2nd:** 50% off Catherine McAuley College uniform **3rd:** Family ticket to 2019 Production, *Rock of Ages*

**ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES** **Audra Petri** College Registrar **5449 3466** **info@cmc.vic.edu.au** **www.cmc.vic.edu.au**

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# Be Safe Award



Awarded to



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 18/03/2019



Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

# PBIS

## COOL CATS

### Did You Know?

Sixty-six of our 323 students  
have missed well over  
10% of school  
so far this year

Are you a cool cat?

School Is Cool!



# Be a Learner Award

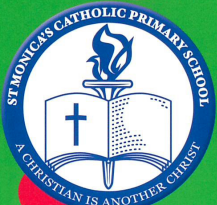


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# Be Friendly Award



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Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner



# Taste of Saint Monica's Annual General Meeting

## Wednesday 27th March at 7pm

### Jaara Centre

#### PAM– Parent Access Module

As you may be aware for the past 2 years we have been using a system called SIMON to record student information and attendance. Part of SIMON is a product called PAM or Parent Access Module. PAM is a fantastic product that enables parents to be able to:

- fill in student medical forms
- Access your child's current and past reports
- record student absences
- Access school information, calendars and newsletters
- Give permission for excursions

This will not all be released at once, however we will start with medical forms and absences and as you get used to using PAM we will release more modules such as excursion permissions.

PAM is also mobile friendly, so all you busy parents can use it on the go!

We are hoping to send out all PAM account details via email by the end of today or early next week at the latest.

If you have any questions relating to PAM or how to set this up or logging on, please do not hesitate to contact us once access details are released.

# Hello School Holidays



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Open 8am - 6pm

### April 2019



Bendigo  
Castlemaine  
Echuca Moama  
Kangaroo Flat



**ENROL ONLINE NOW**

 03 5444 6666

 [www.bendigo.ymca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.ymca.org.au)

Halo semua! Tahun ini kami punya Hari Indonesia!!

As part of Cultural diversity week we will be celebrating Indonesian Cultural Days on **Wednesday 27th March (Grades Prep & 3/4)** and **Thursday 28th March (Grades 1/2 & 5/6)**.

The children will experience Indonesian culture through a variety of activities across the days, culminating with performances by the Grade 3/4s and 5/6s at the end of each day.

We ask the children to dress in sports uniform or come in something **red** and **white** on their day.

We would also be after any parents/carers who may be available to assist with cooking a 'taste of Indonesia' for the children on each of these days. If you are able to help out could you please let Bronwyn know at the front office.

**cultural**  
diversity week

VICTORIAN  
multicultural  
commission  
*strengthening our community*

