



ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Taste of Saint Monica's
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 27th March at
7pm
Jaara Centre

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Dear families,

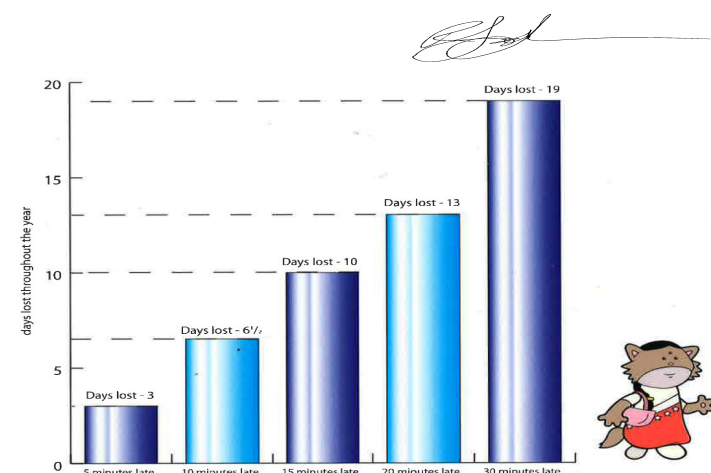
At Saint Monica's, we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education.

The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital. Missing school days can have a big impact on a child's future – missing one day a fortnight results in four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. At Saint Monica's teacher mark the class rolls twice a day. At 9:10 the absence slip for each class is sent to the office. Office staff then text to confirm each child's absence and if required they will ring to clarify why a child is absent. Beginning the school day, on time, is also important. At Saint Monica's our school day starts at 9:00am. If your child misses 10 minutes per day they will miss 50 minutes for the week - this is nearly 1.5 weeks per year and nearly half a year by the time they finished their education journey at secondary school.

There is no safe number of days or time for missing school. When added together each minute a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. If, for any reason, your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence-learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Student attendance has a clear link to student achievement as well as their wellbeing. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so that we can work together to ensure your child attends school every day. Remember, every minute counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Swimming



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- Please help your child to be punctual

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	
Monday 11th	Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th	Regional Swimming Carnival
Friday 15th	5/6 unit Mass 9.30am St Monica's Church
Monday 18th	Assembly 2.50pm
Friday 22nd	3/4 unit Mass 9.30am St Monica's Church
Wednesday 27th	Saint Monica's School Board AGM 7.00pm
April	
Monday 1st	Assembly
Tuesday 2nd	Sacraments Session 1 2.30pm
Friday 5th	Last day of Term
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	
Friday 3rd	Cross Country
Tuesday 7th	Sacraments Session 4
Saturday 4th	Commitment Mass St Monica's Church 6.00pm
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

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US AT PARENT &
STAFF SOCIAL DINNERS
FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL

**PREP - TUESDAY 19TH MARCH @7:00PM,
KANGAROO FLAT SPORTS CLUB**

**GRADE 1/2: 3RD APRIL
BAREFOOT BOWLS & BBQ TEA**

**GRADE 3/4: 1ST MAY
GRADE 5/6: 15TH MAY**

MORE DETAILS TO BE SHARED
CLOSER TO THE DATE

INVITATION

WELCOME DINNER
**PREP STAFF,
PARENTS, + CARERS**

Come along and meet other Prep parents
& enjoy a meal or drink.
No children please.

19 May | 7 PM |
Kangaroo Flat Sports Club
RSVP 13 March

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

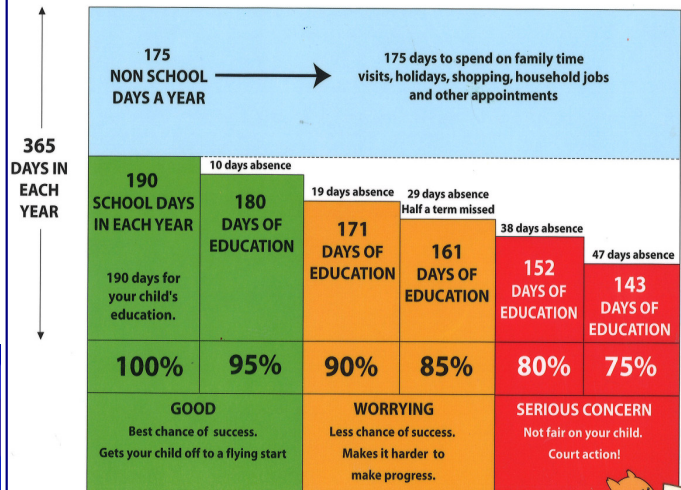
Sent home this week!

- Kelly Sports Flyer
- Sandpiper
- P & F Save the Date

Every School Day counts



Days off school add up to lost learning



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
- Every school day counts.

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

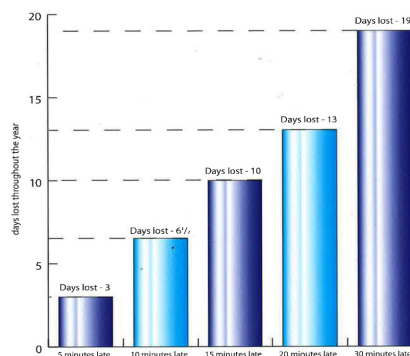
Cool Cats aim
for 100%

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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.



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Education Welfare Service

Chatter Matters:

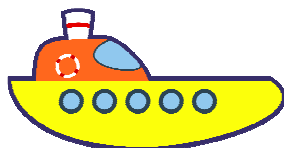
Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

Objective - The child will be able to produce rhyming words.

Activity Instructions - Adult to say the following pairs of words and the child to complete it by giving one or more rhyming words. Adult can say, "What word or words could rhyme with _____, _____"



- bat, cat, _____, _____
- cot, dot, _____, _____
- let, met, _____, _____
- but, nut, _____, _____
- kit, lit, _____, _____
- date, gate, _____, _____
- boat, goat, _____, _____
- crook, hook, _____, _____
- feet, meet, _____, _____
- rain, main, _____, _____

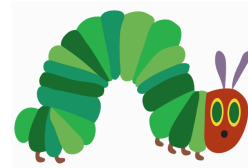


You could also play "I spy a word that rhymes with ...far = car!"

Objective - The child understand words can have 1 or more parts (syllables). The child will be able to break down words into their parts.

Activity Instructions - Adult to say the word and ask the child to beat/clap/jump out the word e.g. "Charlie, clap out the word ____". Child to beat, clap, hop etc. the word into its parts e.g. al-li-ga-tor. Rather than using a dice use pictures and move according to the number of syllables. Snakes and ladders becomes so much more fun

Examples of words include: table, helicopter, caterpillar, drone, aircraft, hippopotamus, beautiful, crumpet, bowling, swimming, fan, skip, bedtime, crunchy etc.



Have fun with sound play using alliteration (where each word begins with the same sound). Children will play a

"copy-cat" as the parent 'builds up' an alliterative character e.g. Miss Marble. Miss Marble's muffins.

Miss Marble makes muffins. Miss Marble makes marvellous muffins. Miss Marble makes marvellous marmalade muffins - "mm ...". You could always begin with the familiar names for example; Silly Simon sang..., tiny Tina tells..., little Lucy loves ...

The Food Game - Watch what you eat! Take turns saying the name of a food you like that starts with the same sound as your own name. For example; Charlie - cheese. The activity could be extended to include an item that you don't like to eat as well. For example, "I'm Fiona and I like to eat fish but I don't like to eat frogs."

Objective - The child will be able to identify and produce the last/end sound in words.

Activity Instructions - Adult to say the instruction e.g. Charlie, what is the last sound in the word ____?" and the child to produce the last sound. Remember, we want the sound and not the letter name. "I spy a word that ends withp = lamp".

Examples of words might include: lamp, bright, sand, crank, pile, heap, clothes, garage, book, story, paper, camera etc.

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

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.



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.

CHOIR

Choir Competitions

This Semester we will be working towards the Bendigo Eistedfodds (Choir Competitions)

These are held in June (date & time TBA for parents to attend)

Sing 3/4 Fun Choir

Invitations were given Friday 22nd (spares in Ms M's tub) for this very successful group.

This is a non-auditioned choir, with the emphasis on singing/music/rhythm games.

It is a training choir for the Senior Choir.

The invitation note features a commitment section which is to be signed by both parents & the child, so that the understanding is that they attend every Friday lunchtime. Obviously, full attendance is needed to work towards performance goals.

Any queries:

Ms Louise Matthews 0432 292 262

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@smkangaroooflat.catholic.edu.au



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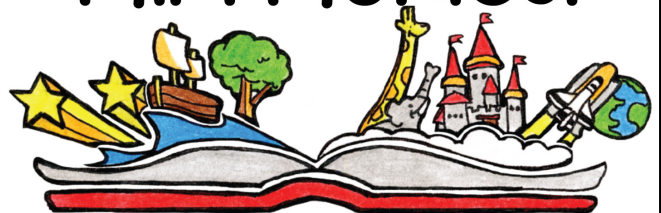


KENYA



PHILIPPINES

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
91 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (03) 5447 7832



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.

Come and try out our Swimming Club!

3 free training sessions in 1 week*

Contact the club on KFSCCoach@outlook.com

* Nationally Qualified Coach

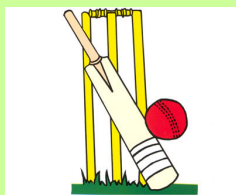
www.kfsc.org.au



KANGAROO FLAT SWIMMING CLUB

Congratulations to **Harvey White**.

He has been nominated to participate in Phase One of the School Sport Victoria (SSV) 12 Years & Under Boys cricket team



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

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

Eldest child's
Name/class _____

SPORTS

Sport News

Two weeks ago on Thursday 21st of February, the following students represented our school, competing at the Catholic School Swimming Championships:



Cody Bird, Paige Martin, Lambert Casimir, Savannah Waters, Byron Bullock, Larni Taylor, Tate Woodhatch, Kiarah Warren, Elliot Bird, Maggie Lamb, Ashlyn Bird, James Farman, Tyler Blackmore, Lewis Adcock, Ari Sea, Sienna McCuskey, Mitchell Grace, Lucy Turk and Grace Lamb.

Every student put in a fabulous effort as the competition was fierce! These events take a great deal of preparation and without the support of parents, the event would not have run as smoothly as it did.

A huge thankyou to the following parents who assisted on the day with set up and timekeeping.

Wes Bird, Darren Waters, Caz Monro, Kellie McCuskey, Bern Lamb, Helen Taylor, Nicole Bullock and Sue-Ellen Warren. I apologise if I have missed anyone!

We would like to wish our students who have made it to the Division Swimming Championships, next Tuesday the 12th of March, the very best of luck.

Ashlyn Bird, Elliot Bird, Lucy Turk, Cody Bird, Maggie Lamb and Paige Martin.

Louise Murray
Sports Coordinator



Footy News

We had a great turnout for registration on Tuesday evening. Thank-you to all those who expressed interest. Please return your registration forms as soon as possible as we need to sort out teams.

We still have places available, so any boys or girls who are interested can contact Dianne on 0431 485 687 or stmonicasjfc@gmail.com or collect a form from the office.

Under 9's - 01/01/2010 to 30/04/2012 inclusive

Under 10's 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2010 inclusive

Can all parents please remember to also register online with the BJFL.

If you go to the BJFL site and find 'Club Websites' you will find St Monica's JFC. There is a tab that says "Registration Form". This is very important as it is how we keep track of all game statistics

If you wish to pay fees online, please include your name as a reference - the details are:

BSB: 633000 Acc: 139 525 455

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th @7pm in the St Monica's School Staffroom. (Note change to date) All new members are welcome and we would love to see some new faces.

Looking forward to a terrific season!

With thanks from the St Monica's JFC Committee

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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



**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

What's Your Dream?

DISCOVER YOU

OPEN EVENING

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



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!

Open Evening Wednesday 20 March, 4-7pm
Enrolments Open Wednesday 20 March
Transition Day Tuesday 14 May
Enrolments Close 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](mailto:Audra.Petri@cmc.vic.edu.au) 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: 04/03/2019...

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

PBIS

COOL CATS

Did You Know?

Only about one-third of our students have been here 100% of the time. We are only in early March

Are you a cool cat ?

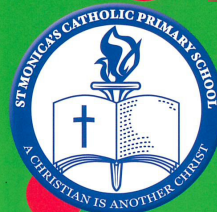
School Is Cool!



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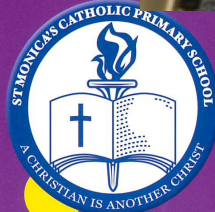
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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

cultural
diversity week

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