



# ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As part of building a culture at Saint Monica's of Child Safety and ensuring that everyone understands what we do as a school I have included the remaining 4 Child Safe Standards and the 3 Principles in today's newsletter.

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
4.	Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing Personnel.	Saint Monica's has created child safe human resources practices including those relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruitment, Selection &amp; Screening</li><li>• Our Working with Children Checks Policy</li><li>• Child Protection Training</li><li>• Our Child Safe Culture</li></ul>
5.	Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.	Saint Monica's has established simple and accessible procedures for anyone to report a child abuse concern internally to one of the School's Child Safety Officers. Saint Monica's has developed and implemented procedures for the school board, staff and Volunteers for responding to allegations, disclosures or suspected child abuse, including procedures for support following a disclosure by a student. Age appropriate reporting procedures for students are developed through our pastoral wellbeing program.
6.	Strategies to identify and reduce or remove the risk of abuse.	The School has adopted a risk management approach to child safety. Key risk indicators of child abuse are documented in our Child Protection Program and also included in our Child Protection Training. The School has developed a number of strategies, policies and procedures to create a risk-based approach to child safety and protection.
7.	Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.	Saint Monica's has developed strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children including policies and procedures related to age appropriate pastoral wellbeing and supporting children with disabilities and children from culturally diverse backgrounds.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next P&F  
Meeting

**TUESDAY  
23 APRIL  
7:00PM**

**COME TO  
ASSEMBLY  
29 APRIL  
FOR THE  
BIG SURPRISE!**

**P&F EVENTS COMING  
UP IN TERM 2**

**3/4 UNIT SOCIAL  
NIGHT 1 MAY**

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL  
(DATE TBC)**

**MOTHER'S DAY  
BREAKFAST  
10 APRIL**

**5/6 UNIT SOCIAL  
NIGHT 15 MAY**



Congratulations to our Easter Raffle Winners

## SAVE THE DATE



## Mother's Day Events

Mother's Day Stall - date and time to be confirmed

Mother's Day Breakfast-  
Friday 10th May from 7:45am

Volunteers will be needed for gift wrapping and running the stall.  
Details to be announced early Term 2.



Keep an eye on the St Monica's P&F facebook page for more details!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

**Tuesday 23rd**

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

**Thursday 25th**

ANZAC DAY Public Holiday  
9.00am

**Tuesday 30th**

Sacraments  
Session 3  
2.30pm

### May

**Wednesday 1st**

3/4 Unit Parent Dinner  
TBA

**Friday 3rd**

Cross Country

**Saturday 4th**

Sacrament  
Commitment Mass  
St Monica's Church 6.00pm

**Tuesday 7th**

Sacraments Session 4

**Wednesday 8th**

Divisional  
Cross Country

**Friday 10th**

Mother's Day  
Breakfast

**Wednesday 15th**

5/6 Unit Parent Dinner  
TBA

**Friday 17th**

Whole School Closure

**Thursday 23rd**

School Photos

**Sunday 26th**

Sacrament  
Mass

**June 14th**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**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

Thursday April 25th is ANZAC Day and I would like to encourage all families to be involved in the commemoration ceremonies that take place around Bendigo.

Our school is invited to march along High St. to the Shrine in Kangaroo Flat where some of our students will lay a wreath. All students participating are asked to wear full school winter uniform for the march. We will assemble at 9.00am outside St. Monica's Church in Station St.

As we approach ANZAC Day let us remember in prayer all those brave men and women who fought so hard for freedom.



## 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



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

#### 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 29th April at 2.50pm.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_





# Parent Working Bee

## Friday 26th April

### 4.00pm – 5.00pm



**Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the staffroom with Mr J if you wish to stay!**

**Please BYO Rakes and Shovels**

*Many hands make light work!*



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### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ST. MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### MEGA MULTI-SPORTS

CRICKET – TENNIS – T-BALL – ATHLETICS- FOOTY  
NETBALL – SOCCER – HOCKEY-VOLLEYBALL – TOUCH RUGBY-  
PARACHUTE GAMES – BASKETBALL – DANCE – ULTIMATE  
FRISBEE-CRAZY GAMES

Kick start your child's morning with a Multi-Sports session covering a variety of FUN & ENGAGING sports every day of the week!  
\*One sport covered each day as listed above.

\*Enrol for the term, week or just the day, the choice is up to you!

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** Every Friday morning we will be running a CIRCUS & GYMNASTICS session

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:** Monday-Friday  
**WHERE:** St. Monica's PS  
**COMMENCING:** 23/04/19  
**CONCLUDING:** 28/08/19  
**DURATION:** 1 hr (5 days a wk)  
10 weeks  
7:30am – 8:30am  
**TIME:**  
**YEAR LEVELS:** P – 6  
**COST:** \$17 per session

**GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 2 AS PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!!**

**\*\*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER\*\*** If you enrol your child in any program before Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May you'll receive ALL bookings at \$15 per session!!



#### NEW & IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!

SIMPLY GO TO [WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU](http://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

☐ Before School Care: Mega Multi Sports

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Have you noticed our new Fence on High St?**

Thank you to our School Community that notified us that students were trying to squeeze out the old gates.



#### Choir Competitions

**Where:** Ullumbarra Theatre Bendigo

**When:** May 31st

**Time:** 9.30 am

Arrive at school: 8.45 to change & spruce up

Travel: Bus (return before lunch)

Take: Snack & water bottle

Wear: Winter uniform. Polished shoes. Girl's hair up or high pony (professional look)

Girls: Pinafore with choir t-shirt over top (take polo top off)

Boys: Long school pants with choir t-shirt over top

Audience: Parents welcome

Choir T-shirts

The choir will borrow these to wear to the comps and return them immediately after they get back to school.

Any queries: Text Ms Louise Matthews on 0432 292 262



## SPORTS

### Welcome to our 2019 Netball Season.

I would like to thank all of our coaches and Team Managers who have offered to volunteer their time, it is very much appreciated.

What a great start to our 2019 season!

Our new grade 3 team had a lot of fun learning the skills and rules of netball. Our 2 x grade 4 teams came up against some very skilled opposition, our 2 grade 5 teams had 2 great wins, and our grade 6 team had the bye.

All girls seemed very excited to get back on the court for another season.

**We would like to thank and support our sponsors this year being:**

*Bendigo Ice Creamery - Fountain Court Bendigo*

**TODD NEWMAN BUILDERS**

SMALL ENOUGH TO LISTEN.  
BIG ENOUGH TO DELIVER

**PH PROPERTY**  
PAWSEY HINTON



**LAWYERS**  
*o'frm*  
O'FARRELL ROBERTSON MCMAHON

**HOLIDAYS : There is NO netball on April 13<sup>th</sup> or April 20<sup>th</sup> , enjoy the holidays and travel safe if you are going away.**

**Please note that NO ear rings are to be worn when playing netball.**

**They are NOT allowed to be taped, If you have just had them pierced and can't take them out you must supply a medical certificate.**



St Monica's Junior Football Club



#### Footy News

We are pleased to announce our Coaches and Team Managers for 2019:

Under 9's Coach –Rob Gallagher

Under 9's Team Manager – Krystal Sherwood

Under 10's Coach – Sean Monro

Under 10's Team Manager – Chris Fletcher

Thank-you to these people and we look forward to a terrific year!

#### Fees and Hoodie Orders

If you wish to pay fees or place a hoodie order details are:-

Fees \$110, plus \$20 if you wish to order a hoodie.

BSB: 633 000 ACC: 139 525 455

Use your name as a reference if paying online or drop money into school office.

Any queries contact Di on 0431 485 687 or [stmonicasjfc@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicasjfc@gmail.com)

*A reminder that some people have not yet registered online with BJFL.*

*This is necessary as we cannot place your child on the Team Sheet until they are registered.*

Our next committee meeting is Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the school staffroom.

All are welcome.

*First training day is Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at Crusoe Oval @ 4pm.*

*See you there!*

### Staff Spotlight

Name: Colm Feeney

Role: Grade 5/6 Teacher and  
Unit Leader

Favourite movie

The Godfather II

Favourite Holiday Memory

New Years Eve in Goa


What is the last book you read?

The Handmaid's Tale

Hobby/ Interest

Soccer- Liverpool F.C.





# 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)

## Mercy House Day Tuesday April 23rd

*Mercy (Red)– In 1920 the Sisters of Mercy, founded by Catherine McAuley, took over the running of St Monica's. At the time there were 58 students enrolled and this grew to 220 students by 1959.*

On your child's house day they are asked to come dressed in their house colours and the school will provide a BBQ Lunch



## St Monica's school

### Principal Learning Tours

Monday 13th May

Thursday 16th May

Monday 20th May

Thursday 30th May

9.00am –9.30am

### Open week

Monday 20th May– Friday 24th May

9.00am –3.30pm

### Information Evening

Wednesday 22nd May

6.30pm

All Welcome

Babysitting will be available.

Please contact office to book in.



## Free dental screening

Bendigo Health is offering free dental screens to students at St Monica's Primary School from 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.

As part of this assessment a report will be provided to parents/guardians with our findings and recommendations.

Consent forms are available to have your child seen.

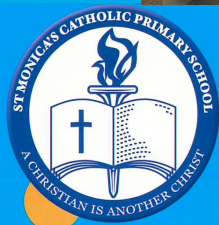
If you have any questions please contact Bendigo Health Dental Service on ph: 5454 7994.



# Be Safe Award



Awarded to



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 05/04/2019

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

# PBIS

## COOL CATS

### Did You Know?

Being late everyday can add up to a lot of lost learning time!

### Are you a COOL Cat?

Please help your child to be punctual!

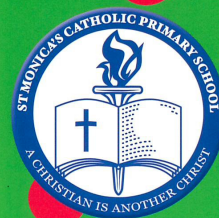
School Is Cool!



# Be a Learner Award



Awarded to



Signed: R Johnson

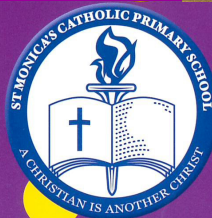
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Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

# Be Friendly Award



Awarded to



Signed: R Johnson

Date: 05/04/2019

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner



# Taste of Saint Monica's Annual General Meeting

Thankyou to our presenters Students from Middle unit, Father Nathan and the De los Santo family from the Philippines, Bonnici Family from Malaysia and Lokidongoi Family from Kenya.



**cultural**  
diversity week

VICTORIAN  
multicultural  
commission  
*strengthening our community*



Hari Indonesia hebat!! Merah dan putih everywhere! What beautiful dancing, music, games and Becak riding, all coming together in a fantastic performance each day!  
Terima kasih to everyone who made our Indonesian Cultural Days such a success!  
Extra special thanks to the parents who helped with the cooking of our tasty Nasi Goreng and Pisang Goreng, Sue Pearse, Carolyn Monro, Natasha Penna, Bec Ryan, Ruth Sewell, Karl Sewell and Jo Doye.  
Thanks also to all the children who came in to dance at the AGM with Nita on the Wednesday night.  
How wonderful to be able to showcase our chosen culture of Indonesia this way!

