



ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reminder:
School Finishes at 2.30 pm on
Friday 28th of June

Dear Families,

Parent /Teacher/ Student Meetings will be held on Monday 15th July to Wednesday 17th July.

Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter for the instructions on booking a time to meet with your child's teacher.

These meetings are an important part of the school's reporting package and it is an expectation that every child has an opportunity to show and discuss their work with their teacher and a member of their family. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to see what work your child is doing and how you can support them at home.

More information will be sent out next week regarding a few changes made to our reporting package.

Pentecost Sunday

Pope Francis writes:

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian but only halfway there: a man or woman, a prisoner of the moment, who doesn't know how to treasure his or her history, doesn't know how to read it and live it as salvation history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, however, we are able to interpret interior inspirations and life events in light of Jesus' words. And thus within us grows the knowledge of memory, knowledge of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the Christian memory within all of us!

—Pope Francis, *Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church*

Perhaps this week offers the opportunity to reflect on how the wisdom of the Spirit is alive and active in our lives and in our world. And perhaps it is also a reminder to us that when we find it difficult to see the work of the Spirit in our lives, we can trust in our sacred memory and be confident that yes, even in the midst of suffering and disappointment, the Spirit is present.

So as we move forward from the great feast of Pentecost, may we build upon the work of our earliest ancestors and share with them the profound sense that in the midst of it all, the Spirit continues to breathe life into this world of ours. And may the Spirit of Pentecost bless us with courage and peace and breathe new energy into the work of the church, enabling us to continue to show the face of the Good News—Jesus

PRAY

Reflect on the words of the Pentecost sequence:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in us will stay;
All our good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.



Congratulations to Louise Matthews and the Choir Students on winning a silver medal at the recent competitions.



Focus phrase for the fortnight:

Sampai Jumpa

(See you later)



**Today's working bee
has been
cancelled**

Creating child-friendly spaces at home

Do your children have enough physical and psychological space for healthy development?

Children need time for solitude and the chance to create private spaces. When their days are crowded with activities they may not have the time or opportunity for quiet reflection or the chance to just 'chill out.'

Children need time to 'muck around', which is 'kidtalk' for not doing anything structured or organised.

They need physical space free from others to be able to explore, play uninterrupted and withdraw into themselves.

Children's bedrooms are great places for private space. They can play on their own or leave toys and puzzles out for a period time to revisit when they want. Some children find sanctuary in their bedrooms when life gets a little crowded or hard to handle.

Some children are adept at finding nooks and crannies to go to even in the most crowded living areas. Behind couches, underneath tables and under beds are just some of the places kids have been known to retreat to for a break.

You may need to give some public space over to your child in your home so they can create a mini-haven. If your home is always super-neat then you may have to adjust your standards for a while. Sometimes child-initiated spaces can be messy, particularly inside.

Spaces can be outside as well as inside. Cubby-houses, sheds, trees and bushes make great retreats for children.

Older children generally have less opportunity for mucking around as their lives become filled with homework, sport and other organised activities. Ironically, as children move into adolescence they need more downtime to help them relax and also process internally all that happens to them during the day.

Some children are high-octane drivers who are in constant motion and never sit still. They may spend some time alone but it probably won't be for too long. It is all about getting the balance right for the individual child.

The ability to relax, reflect and draw on your own inner resources is an essential mental health habit. This is sometimes difficult for adults who are constantly challenged for free time, solitude and the mindset of just playing around. It generally comes naturally for children provided they have some unstructured time, the opportunity to play and explore and the physical space to have some solitude.



Quick Parenting Quiz

Which of the following statements are more likely to diffuse a difficult situation at home?

- a) "Let me see if I have this right. You feel..."
- b) "You never listen to a thing I say. Now...."
- c) "I don't know what to say. What would you like me to do?"
- d) "Get over it for goodness sake!"

Answers:

- a) This response shows listening and also focuses on how a child feels about a situation.
- c) This response shows listening and invites a child to offer a solution.

Sheet Four

Vitamins for parents

What does the situation require?

It is difficult to determine sometimes if a child is misbehaving or not. A rule of thumb regarding children's behaviour is this: "What does this situation reasonably require of my children?"

For example.

Is it reasonable that a four-year-old child sits for ten minutes and allows his mother to speak on the phone without being interrupted? The answer is an emphatic yes.

Is it reasonable that the same child sits and allow his mother to speak on the phone for an hour without being interrupted? The answer is probably no.

Looking at the requirements of a situation related to the age of the child will give a reasonable guide as to how you should respond as a parent.

Bright idea



An idea for a dad who comes home after children are in bed

Give each of your children an exercise book or diary so that you can record messages or put pictures in there for each other every day. When you come home go to their bedroom and collect their books. At some time write your own message to your children in their books. It maybe something about your day, how you feel or just picture or funny drawing. Put it back in their room so it will be the first thing they look at in the morning.

Wise & Witty Words

"Today we have somehow lost touch with the wisdom...that mothers can and do have a profound positive impact on the emotional lives of boys, an impact that lasts a lifetime."

William Pollack

"Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said."

Unknown from Cornerstone 2003



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Monday 15th July to, Wednesday 17th July.**

You can now book interviews at times that suit ***YOUR FAMILY BEST.***

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Thursday 13th of June, 3.30pm.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Tuesday 25th of June, 3.30pm.



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Go

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter **THIS** school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click ***finish***, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones they may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 54477832. Interviews are strictly 20mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 54477832.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

1/2 Davies Students will receive separate log -in details.



St Monica's Junior Football Club

Footy News

Thanks to everyone for their support of our

Pizza Day Fundraiser.

It was a great success and I hope everyone enjoyed their pizza!

Big thanks to Cindy Bird for coordinating the event, and to all of the helpers on the day.

Just a note that we still have a few footy fees outstanding. If you are unsure if you have paid, or would like to organise payment please contact Di on 0431485687.

This weeks games are:

Under 10's V Eaglehawk @10am Sat,
at Weeroona Oval

Under 9's V Strathfieldsaye @9am Sat,
at Strath Main Oval

Good luck and have fun!

Found

- ◆ Teddy bear in army greens.
- ◆ Silver Chain
- ◆ Wallet/Purse
- ◆ Pearl Stud earring



Staff Spotlight

Name: Elise Nally

Role: Grade 5/6 Teacher

Favourite book/movie/song

Grease

Anything by James Reyne

What is the last book you read?

Big Little Lies

Favourite Holiday memory

Travelling overseas for a year with 4 friends and teaching in London

What's your hidden talent?

Playing the guitar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

Friday 14th	Whole School Closure
Monday 17th-21st	Dental Visit
Thursday 20th	3/4 Unit Football Clinic
Friday 21st	2020 Enrolments Close Reports & Journals sent home
Monday 24th	Assembly
Tuesday 25th	Prep Unit Excursion
Thursday 27th	Year 6 Passions & Pathways
Friday 28th	Last Day Term 2 2.30pm Finish

July

July 1st-12th	School Holidays
Monday 15th	Term 3 Begins Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
Tuesday 16th	Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
Wednesday 17th	Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
Thursday 18th	Year 6 Passions & Pathways

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



PROUDLY FUNDED AND SUPPORTED BY:



What's so good about Fresh Fruit Friday?

"Ummm eating my favourite fruit. Ummm I like eating oranges, bananas, pears and apples. My favourite fruit is orange."
Mikayla Prep.

"Umm, it's good for you, healthy and you can eat it and they're so juicy."
Eddie Prep.

"It's really good because you can have a little bit of fruit and then you can go and have a play."
Ruby 1/2.

"It's lots of healthy foods. It has my favourite fruit on the plate which is apple."
Tyson 1/2

"You get hungry at break and then you can eat it while it is there. The apples are juicy and crisp, just the way I like it."
Blake 3/4

"I think it's very good, my favourite fruit is either apples or bananas."
Chloe 3/4

"I like it because it's always fun to have and usually I'm always hungry at first break. I enjoy eating the fruit with my friends."
Cameron 5/6

"It's like healthy for everyone and it's a good snack to have each week"
Grace 5/6



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CATHERINE McAULEY COLLEGE
presents

ROCK AGES HIGH SCHOOL EDITION™

Enjoy a family night out
with all the high-level energy
of Hollywood and the
band hits of the 80s.

FRIDAY 14 JUNE
SATURDAY 15 JUNE
7.30pm
Ulumbarra Theatre

Tickets: The Capital 5434 6100 www.gotix.com.au
Adults \$30; Student/Conc. \$23; Family (4) \$80; Family (5) \$90
A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd ABN 69 154 531 870

Winter Coat Drop

Looking for something rewarding to
do this weekend?
How about doing a spring clean in Winter.
Tired of those unworn coats, jackets and
winter woolly jumpers taking up all of the space.
Haven't worn them in how many
seasons?? Bring in your CLEAN items and drop
them in the basket by the canteen.
All shapes and sizes welcome.



All items will be
distributed
within our
Catholic school
communities.



LODDON MALLEE PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**First Round Kindergarten
Enrolments for 2020**

Closing Soon

**Closes 15 June 2019
Bendigo and Swan Hill**



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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.

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 5th May you'll receive ALL bookings at \$15 per session!!

NEW & IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!

SIMPLY GO TO WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU ENTER YOUR POST CODE 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 ☐ MasterCard

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



Looking for a beautiful place to relax with your amazing family?

Why not come to Anglesea and stay with us at our Burnside Camp
on the Great Ocean Road. It has a great range of fun activities
on site, and is within walking distance to a whole range
of beautiful beaches, parks, and shops.

Why not dedicate the week to creating some great
memories with those closest to you?

Details
30 September - 4 October 2019
Burnside Camp - Anglesea

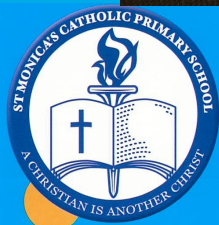
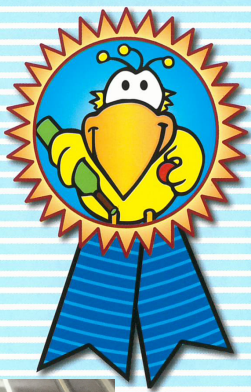
Register
www.baptistcamping.com.au/events

More Information
e: office@baptistcamping.com.au
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**SOLE PARENT
FAMILY CAMP
30 SEPT - 4 OCT
2019**



Be Safe Award

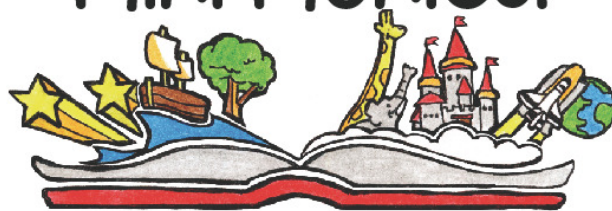


Signed: *R Johnson*

Date: 11/06/2019

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

Mini Monica



Storytime

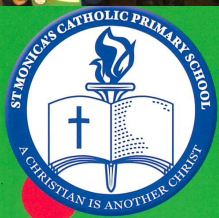
THERE WILL BE NO STORYTIME THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH DUE TO IT BEING A PUPIL FREE DAY.

BUT WE'LL BE BACK ON FRIDAY, 21ST OF JUNE, 9:10-9:50 IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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



Be a Learner Award

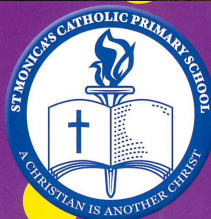


Signed: *R Johnson*

Date: 11/06/2019

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

Be Friendly Award



Signed: *R Johnson*

Date: 11/06/2019

Be Safe Be Friendly Be a Learner

Congratulations

2019 Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist Candidates.

Harry Allison

Eleni Anastasi

Sophie Barras

Ashlyn Bird

Elliot Bird

Ella Byrne

Jessie Byrne

Aston Crouch

Jade Dangar

Harry Dunn

Claudia Fitzpatrick

Ethan Fletcher

Leni Gallagher

Amelia Gardiner

Abbey Goudge

Eliza Ladner

Maggie Lamb

Emma Lokidongoi

Callum Mangan

Jake Mannix

Chloe McCullough

William McCullough

Marley Mclean

Liam Monro

Alyssa Mulder

Kellan O'Brien

Tahlia Pluck

Sophia Renato

Daphne Reyes

Yasmin Scott

William Smith

Oliver Steen

Noah Stewart

Mahalia Tully

Corey Van Zeyl

Hannah Wilson



Thank you to Kevin Slatter a representative from the
Knights of the Southern Cross
who visited our school on Tuesday and presented each of our
2019 Sacrament Candidates
with Rosary Beads.