



Term 1 Week 9

Important Dates

**Kytos Hot Cross
Buns Orders DUE**
Wednesday 6 April

LAST DAY TERM 1
Wednesday 13 April

**Pupil Free Day -
Holy Thursday**
Thursday 14 April

Good Friday
Friday 15 April

Anzac Day
Monday 25 April

First Day Term 2
Tuesday 3 May

Mothers Day
Sunday 8 May

Public Holiday
Monday 13 June

Principal's News

I hope that all St Monica's community members are going gently in what is an everchanging and challenging time. I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding as we seem to be going through a peak of positive cases now. Over the last few weeks, we have had just under ten percent of our student community either test positive or be classified as a close contact and had some staff members need to be in isolation too. We have managed well due to the flexibility and professionalism of our staff and an amazing group of students who have modelled resilience and a 'go with the flow' approach to changing teachers and classes. On a selfish note I would like to personally acknowledge and thank all staff for their support and patience – it has made a huge difference to my work and wellbeing. Ubuntu!

Sports Day 2022

As you would be aware we have decided to postpone St Monica's Sports Day until Term 4. We are currently experiencing a peak in the number of staff and students who are testing positive to COVID 19 or are close contacts.

I apologise for the inconvenience and disappointment that this has caused any members of our school community, but we have put the health and wellbeing of the community first.

As soon as we are able to confirm a date, this will be shared with you. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Learning Conversations – Week 10

You would have received information about how to book a time to speak with your child's teacher about his or her learning and wellbeing journey on the School Interview website. As we are not able to meet in person, we will be conducting these conversations via MS Teams. To facilitate this, we will be using each child's device and their school email address. Class teachers will be sending an invite via the email, and you can accept this or wait until the appointed date and time and the teacher will 'admit' you to the meeting. An explanation of the process has been sent to you electronically and a hard copy has been given to your child. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact your child's teacher in the first place.

[Book an interview time here](#)

God's blessings,

Emily Sayer

Principal

2022 and 2023 Enrolments

Spaces are being finalised for our Early Years classes for Term 3 2022 and Term 1 2023. If you have a younger sibling who has not yet been enrolled please make contact with [Annette Giacomelli](#), our Enrolment Officer.

If you are aware of any families who may be interested in attending a Principal Tour, please direct them to Annette.

Sacramental Program

Please remember if you are enrolled in the 2021/22 Sacramental Program there is a session this Sunday at St Martins Church. Mass begins at 9.30am followed by the preparation session which will conclude at 11.30am. This is the first preparation session for the sacrament of Confirmation. If you are unable to attend please make contact with the Parish Office on 8261 6200.

iPad Levy – Year 4 – 6

Due to the unusual start to the school year the iPad Levy has been invoiced to the school fees and will appear on your Statement of Fees. The levy is not included in the instalments, as normally it would be paid at the beginning of the year before the distribution of the iPads.

The iPad Levy is as follows:

Year 4	\$220
Year 5 – 6	\$200

The iPad Levy covers the purchase of the iPad and cover, maintenance of the iPad and insurance. This fee is due and payable by Friday, 8 April 2022, and can be made via Qkr App, EFT or by credit card. If payment is not received by the due date restrictions will be placed on the iPads and usage.

P&F Election Day Cake Stall

The P&F would like to thank everyone who donated delicious baked goods to the election day cake stall and who volunteered to sell cakes on the day. We managed to raise just over \$700 for the school, which is a fantastic effort. Those funds will help support the students and the school community.

Many thanks to Tricia, Leanne, Paige, Kate, Katie, Anna and the amazing St Monica's staff members for donating your time on the day.



Student Voice 2022

Our fabulous future thinkers met on Tuesday to firm up our Master Plan for 2022. We have come up with some great ideas in the areas of: Community Outreach, Environment, Charity and Learning/Engagement. Ideas have come from consultation, collaboration and creativity with our classes. We look forward to sharing our amazing ideas and actions in Term 2 including.



Swimming Carnival

This week St Monica's participated in the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. St Monica's is very good at swimming carnivals. We were against some other strong Catholic schools and I thought that our team did excellent this year.

At 11:50am we left for the swimming carnival we arrived 12:30pm and went in for practice. After practice we started the races at 1:00pm. The open medley was first on the list, later everyone did fifty or twenty five meters backstroke and freestyle. It a long carnival because it was already 4:00pm when we came back.

Fun fact alert: The Marion swimming centre is the largest pool in SA.

Written by Yash (year 6)



Harmony Day

Everyone Belongs! On Monday we celebrated Harmony Day together by playing games and creating art works. We also gathered as a school to proudly say that everyone belongs at St Monica's.



Year 5 Drums

A huge thank you to [Moo Premium Foods](#) for their generous donation of buckets to complete our class drum set! Year 5 students have enjoyed learning some new drum rhythms this week!



Old Scholar Up Date

St Monica's is proud to congratulate Dr Conor Brand, an old scholar of St Monica's who graduated in 2004, who has started his new business venture as the new owner and head veterinarian at [Newton Veterinary Centre](#). His new practice address is: 112 Clairville Road, Newton.



Acknowledgment of Country

St Monica's acknowledge the Kaurua People as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live, learn and work. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual connection and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to this country and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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BLESSED: Van and Jasmine Nguyen with Faith, Joy and Hope dressed in their baptismal gowns and their sons Justin (left) and Jordan. Picture: Neil Rogers.

[Read More](#)

Triplets a precious gift from God

JENNY BRINKWORTH

It was a long wait for Jasmine and Van Nguyen but their dream was fulfilled. They and Joy since their triplets came into the world last September.

Jasmine and Van came to Australia as children after their families made the treacherous journey by boat from their own Vietnam.

They overcome language barriers and other challenges to reach Australia. Van becoming an industrial chemist and Jasmine

a dental professional. After their two sons, Justin and Jordan, were born in 2015 and 2016, the devout Catholics kept hoping for another child. "Eventually wanting a daughter that I wasn't until last year, when Jasmine was 45 and Van 51, our three-week healthy come true - threefold."

Active members of the Blakey Beach parish, the couple has been involved in the pro-life movement for many years and it was at last year's Walk for Life rally, where more than 5000 people marched

against legislation allowing abortion pills, that Jasmine had a strong sense she would have another baby. One of the speakers, a doctor, used a Doppler device to listen to the heartbeat of an unborn baby.

"At the Walk for Life something inspired me when I heard the sound of the baby's heartbeat I was finding their God the Creator and trusting in Him," Jasmine said.

"The legislation was really sad. I believe that life should be protected, and at the time I felt something really special in my heart. Pretty

much after that I felt pregnant."

Jasmine was busy organising a concert for 50 people with the Missionaries of Sacred Heart parish at Blakey, one of her volunteer roles with the Church, and didn't get to see a doctor until she was eight weeks pregnant.

There was a "bit of a scare" when the doctor thought she might have had an early miscarriage however an ultrasound not only confirmed the pregnancy but that there were three babies.

"The first thing the technician asked was 'have you got any history of multiple births?' I thought she meant twins but she said 'no triplets'... that's when I was shocked," Jasmine recalled.

"Then I just laughed and I was really happy. I didn't know what to think, it sounded scary but I was happy."

She didn't tell Van straight away about the triplets because they were busy with their other children and had just finished the concert.

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Term 1 2022

Saturday 2 April 11.00am

Term 2 2022

Saturday 14 May 11.00am

Saturday 4 June 11.00am

Saturday 18 June 11.00am

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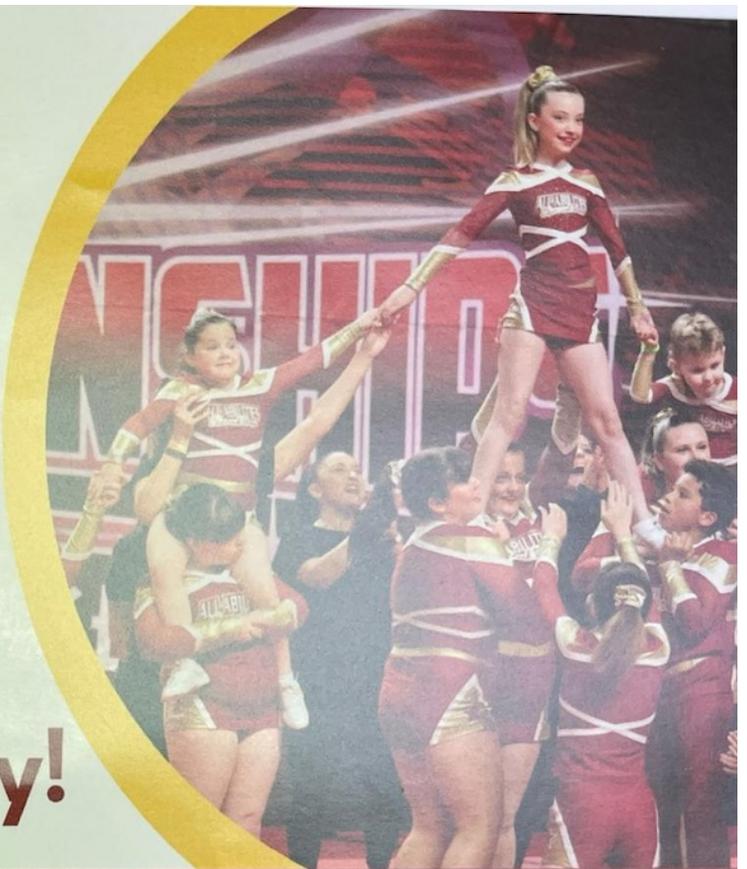
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