



## Term 1 Week 1

### Important Dates

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**5/6 Cricket Carnival**  
Monday 30 November

**Shrove Tuesday**  
Tuesday 1 March

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday 2 March

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 11 March

**Adelaide Cup Public  
Holiday**  
Monday 14 March

**St Joseph Feast  
Day**  
Saturday 19 March

**Harmony Day**  
Monday 21 March

**3-6 Swimming  
Carnival (optional)**  
Thursday 24 March

**Feast of the  
Annunciation**  
Friday 25 March

**Sports Day**  
Friday 1 April

**Holy Thursday -  
LAST DAY TERM 1**  
Thursday 14 April

**Good Friday**  
Friday 15 April

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### Principal's Report

Welcome Back!

We speak to the children about positive mindset and being resilient individuals and the return to school has certainly challenged us to do this – again!

I would especially like to welcome all new students and families to St Monica's. We are a better place because you are a part of our community.

New community members include: Maggie, Ava, Joshua, Aaliyah, Kai, Emma, Jacob, Saanya, Sanav, Evaan, Divanea, Rayan, Thanh, Ariel, Emilia, Lucas, Elias, Ezekiel, Oliver, Valentina, Alara , Zahli, Arav and Riera.

I would also like to especially welcome new staff member Mrs Emily Monaghan who will be co-teaching with Sarah Morris in Year 6 on Monday and Tuesdays and on Thursdays and Fridays with Jim Mihelios in the Year 5 room.

Whilst we have only had three days of online learning, please contact us if you are having any challenges with this and we can contact you to work through the issues. Your child's class teacher would be a good starting point.

Once we return to 'normal', we have some exciting times planned for our school this year. We will be having great times coding and creating adventures with our new robotic devices (Spheros and BeeBots), participating in Engineering Challenges and Tournament of the Minds will start again. We will be working with the CESA project 'Stretch" for children of higher potential. We will be exploring our character strengths and learning how by knowing these, how we can maximise our potential and enhance our relationships with others. The landscape designers are coming back to visit to share with us their draft concept plan for our front play space. Our student voice will be our other expert consultants in this process. There is so much I want to share with you but I will leave some for our next newsletter.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone returning to school for Face-to-Face learning on the 14 February 2022.

God's blessings,

Emily





## God of all life...

May your love and light shine in and through me today  
In a way that no mask can hide.  
May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy  
Replacing my hidden smile.  
May my actions of care and concern  
Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.  
And may the generosity of my heart  
Radiate out through who I am  
And how I respond to the world around me  
So that others may not see my mask  
But your image shining out  
Moving in and through me today.  
Amen

Rr Michael Herry fms