



Term 3 Week 1

Important Dates

School Photo Day

Wednesday 31 July 2024

Make Up School
Photos

Tuesday 6 August 2024

ICAS Writing

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Cross Country
Carnival

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Parents & Friends
Meeting - 2.00pm

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Mary Mackillop
Mass - 5/6SJ

Thursday 8 August 2024

School Board
Meeting - 6.30pm

Monday 12 August 2024

ICAS English

Wednesday 14 August 2024

Assumption of Mary
Liturgy - Led by
1/2BG

Thursday 15 August 2024

Book Week
Celebration

Monday 19 August 2024

ICAS Science

Wednesday 21 August 2024

SALA

Wednesday 21 August 2024

CSMF Combined
Rehearsal

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Feast of St Monica

ICAS Maths

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Father's Day

Parents & Friends

Mass Led led by
Liturgy Leaders
Tuesday 27 August 2024

Breakfast, Liturgy &
stall
Friday 30 August 2024

Meeting - 6.00pm
Monday 2 September 2024

Yrs 3-6 Touch
Carnival
Tuesday 3 September 2024

Student Led
Learning
Conversations
Tuesday 3 September 2024

Student Led
Learning
Conversations
Wednesday 4 September
2024

Student Led
Learning
Conversations
Monday 2 September 2024

Student Led
Learning
Conversations
Thursday 5 September 2024

Student Led
Learning
Conversations
Friday 6 September 2024

Assembly Led by
REC CB
Friday 6 September 2024

Tournament of
Minds Competition
Sunday 8 September 2024

School Board
Meeting
Monday 9 September 2024

Children's
University
Graduation
Information Session
& Gown sizing
Monday 9 September 2024

Reception CB and
Reception Jolly
Incursion - "Animals
Anonymous"
Tuesday 10 September 2024

Buddies - Joseph
House
Friday 13 September 2024

Smart Street RAA
Tuesday 17 September 2024

Yrs 5/6 Cricket
Carnival
Wednesday 18 September
2024

Smart Street RAA
Wednesday 18 September
2024

Assembly Led by
1/2 J
Friday 20 September 2024

CSMF Choir
Performance Night
and Sound Check
Tuesday 24 September 2024

Sports Day at St
Alban's / Last Day
of Term 3
Friday 27 September 2024

A message from our



Principal

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3! It has been a mixed bag of weather this week, but the children returned with big smiles and excitement to see their friends. I hope that each family was able to find some time to do some fun holiday experiences together.

This term we have welcomed sixteen new students and one new staff member to St Monica's. In our new Term 3 Reception class we welcomed: Miss Giselle DeKlerk, Orestis, Abigael, Antonio, Zachariah, Ayana, Milena, Havish, Eva, Gene, Marcel, Feliz, Zoe, Franco, Zanvi & Nico. We also welcomed Nyah who is now a member of Reception CB. We are blessed that you are a member of our community.

Last Sunday, I went with my family for a lovely (but cold) walk along Linear Park to see if I could spot any of the amazing nesting boxes painted by our students. We worked collaboratively with Walkerville Council on this project to help support native fauna that require safe nesting spaces along this beautiful pathway. I discovered 6 of the 10 boxes, so the hunt is on to find the remaining 4. Please let us know if you spot any more.



One of the biggest events in any school's calendar each year is Book Week. This year our celebrations for Book Week will be held on Monday 19 August. We will start our day with the Book Week Parade on the basketball court (or hall if weather is inclement). Following this we will move to classes for some fun activities based on the Book Week theme, "Reading is Magic". Parents are welcome to join us for the parade. After recess all the teachers will have the chance to share their favourite story book with different classes. The day will wrap up with a fun performance for all the students called "Maybe Magic". I am exhausted just thinking about it. So, thinking caps on and start planning your costume for the parade. I think I might make a good Fairy Godmother who loves to read??



We will only have just recovered from all the Book Week excitement when we will welcome community members back into our school for our SALA exhibition. Our theme for this year's display is "Head Heart Hands" and is inspired by the work of Mary MacKillop who used these important attributes in all that she did. The exhibition will be held on Wednesday 21 August, 3-5pm. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of children's creativity and imagination.



I hope that each family was able to access their child/ren's report easily via the SEQTA app. If you have been unable to do this, please let the staff in the office know and we can check your account and resolve any issues. Families should be downloading their child/ren's report on to the drive or your device. Once your child leaves us in Year 6 and is no longer enrolled with us, their reports are not held on our system. If you require any support in doing this, please let me know and we can offer help.

We do have a busy term ahead of us so please take note of the important dates that are included in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at these special events.

God's blessings,

Emily Sayer

Principal

School Fees

School fee invoices will soon be sent out to families. This money helps cover the costs of our learning programs at school and having them being paid regularly helps ensure the delivery of these programs. If at any time these payments become challenging or your circumstances change, please come and speak or connect with Louise Watkins or myself. We do not wish to add to any stress in people's lives and would like to work with you in developing a plan to move forward that is workable for you.

APRIM

Friendship

We have been focusing on friendship and the importance of friends in our lives to start our Term. Students have reflected on the word friendship and what this means to them. They have also watched a beautiful video of a boy and his pinata and the beautiful friendship they form. We have asked students to focus this term on the importance of having friends and what they can do to be a good friend.

Dear God,

We thank you for our friends and for the happy times we share with them.

Help us to be good friends to them.

Teach us how to play fairly and share.

Help us to recognise loneliness in others and show friendliness towards them.

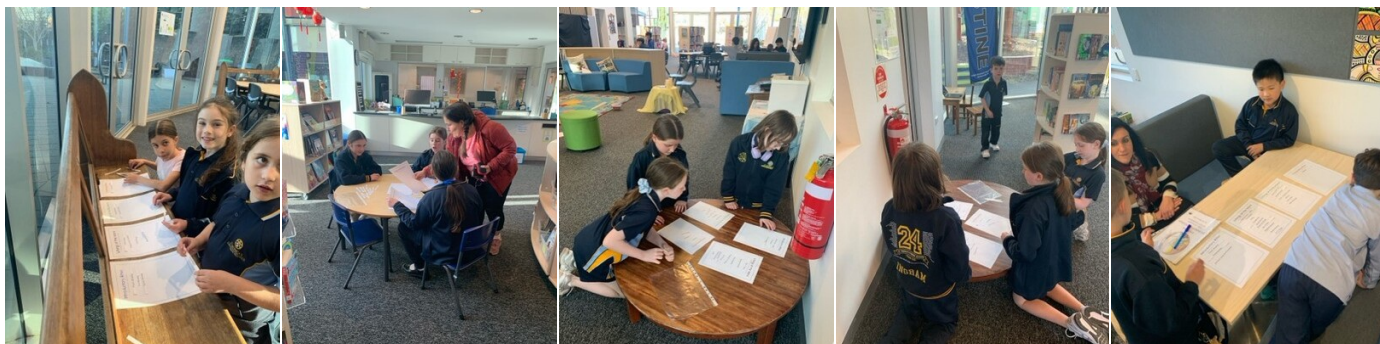
We know that you are our friend and will be with us always.

Amen



Sacramental Program

Students have continued their journey and preparing themselves to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. On Tuesday, all St Monica's students enrolled in the Sacrament Program and a couple of children from the Parish came together as a group to continue to prepare themselves for their upcoming Sacrament. We started the session focusing on the Last Supper and the important moment this was in Jesus' life. Students then explored the different parts of the Mass and the meaning of these. It was a very engaging session and was pleasing to see the knowledge students had on this topic and the importance they placed on the celebration of mass.



Vinnie's Winter Appeal

I would like to say a huge thank you to all families for their donations towards the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The number of blankets, sleeping bags and non-perishable food was overwhelming. I am sure that all the donations were received with much gratitude from the people at Vinnie's and those who are require a bit of extra support in their lives.



Upcoming Dates – St Monica's Parish School

Saturday	6 July	6:00pm	St Monica's Church – Family Mass
Sunday	7 July	9:30am	St Martin's Church – Family Mass
Saturday	3 August	6:00pm	St Monica's Church – Family Mass
Sunday	4 August	9:30am	St Martin's Church – Family Mass
Tuesday	6 August	6:00pm	St Martin's Church – First Eucharist Rehearsal
Thursday	8 August	9:00am	Mary MacKillop Mass – 5/6SJ
Saturday	10 August	6:00pm	First Eucharist Celebration
Sunday	11 August	9:30am	First Eucharist Celebration
Thursday	15 August	2.00pm	Assumption of Mary Liturgy – 1/2BG
Saturday	17 August	6:00pm	First Eucharist Celebration
Sunday	18 August	9:30am	First Eucharist Celebration

Saturday	24 August	6:00pm	First Eucharist Celebration
Tuesday	27 August	2.00pm	Feast of St Monica – Liturgy Leaders
Friday	30 August	9.00am	Father's Day Liturgy – 5/6 students
Saturday	31 August	6:00pm	St Monica's Church – Sacrament Celebration Mass & Family Mass
Sunday	1 September	9:30am	St Martin's Church – Sacrament Celebration Mass & Family Mass

Thank you from the Greenacres Walkerville St Vincent de Paul Conference

The St Vincent de Paul Society's mission is to live the Gospel message, serving Christ by helping those in need showing love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society offers 'a hand up' to people in need, by respecting their dignity, sharing hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny. The generous and ongoing support we receive from St Monica's Parish School enables those in our community who are experiencing hard times, to receive a 'hand up.'

Thank you to all the Students, Parents and Staff of St Monica's Parish School for their generous donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Our food cupboards are well stocked and some of the warm clothing and blanket donations have already given out to the Companions we have visited over the last 4 weeks. Thank you also for the funds raised at the Pyjama, hot chocolate, and muffin day. Your donations will make a difference to our Companion's lives, thank you on their behalf.



School Photos

Only 5 days to go!

A reminder next Wednesday, 31 July is our School Photo Day.
 All students need to be in correct WINTER uniform.
 Year 6 students may wear the Year 6 jumper.
 Please remember to bring students photo envelope on this day.

REC D families please refer to Annette's previous Direct Message

Library News – 'Reading is Magic

Premier's Reading Challenge 2024 / Premier's Be Active Challenge 2024

Congratulations to all the students who have already completed the 2024 PRC and PbaC Challenges. Completed PRC Reading Records and Premier's Be Active Challenge forms can be returned to the library at any time and blank record forms are available from the library. The PRC ends in 41 days (6th September) and the PbaC in 63 days (27 September).

Further information about the Be Active Challenge can be found at <https://pbac.sa.edu.au> and the Reading Challenge at www.prc.sa.edu

Overdue Library Books and Readers.

Over the holidays a stocktake of the readers was done and many are still out and overdue, there are also many library books which need to be returned. Could you please check at home and in school bags and return any books found as soon as possible. Overdue notices will be sent home next week. Thank you.

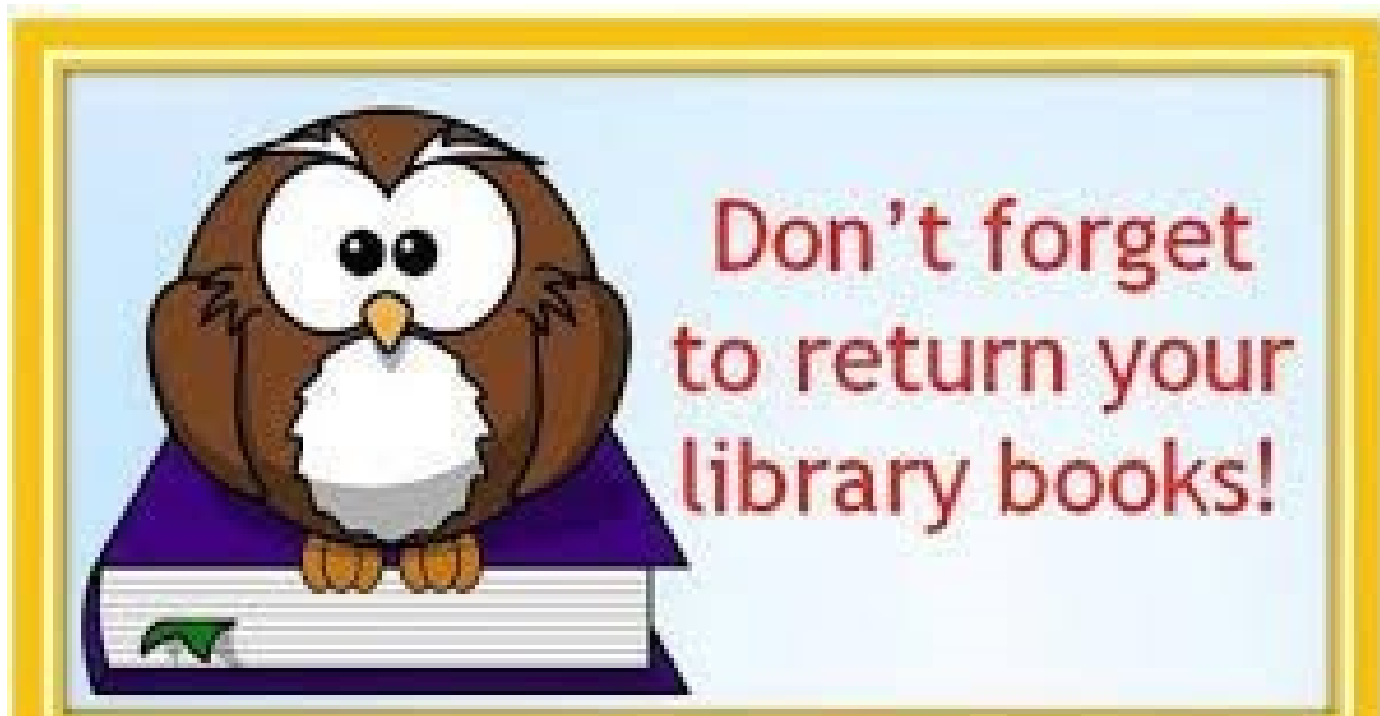
2024 Book Week – 19th-23rd August

Only 4 weeks to Book Week This year's theme Reading is Magic celebrates reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds, encouraging children to be curious about the wonders in our world.

Scholastic Book Club Order No. 5

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Book Club which provides additional resources for the school. Book Club No. 5 order forms will be sent home next week.

Pat Patience



Increase in community safety patrols

To improve the safety around local schools, Council's Community Safety Officers will be undertaking additional patrols of the area.

Council has recently received feedback from the community around the safety of children at school pick-up and drop-off times, particularly in relation to parking movements.

Council's Community Safety Officers have been providing warnings to motorists in an effort to educate the community over the past few months.

To address the concerns about student safety and ensure all community members are commuting safely around school areas, Council Officers will be increasing their patrols over the coming weeks.

We encourage the community to ensure they are adhering to the parking restrictions around local school areas and being vigilant around children crossing the road.

Regards,

Sarah Spencer

Group Manager Public Relations

Town of Walkerville

Second-hand Uniforms

The parent community has established a private group on Facebook that facilitates the trading of second-hand uniform items.

Please visit www.facebook.com/groups/stmonicasbuyswapsell and request to join the group if you are interested.

The page is ideal for selling items in good condition that your child has outgrown, or to sell items if your child is moving on. Simply post images and your contact details. Alternatively, you can join the group to take advantage of the pre-loved items that become available.

For those of you who are not on Facebook, please contact the P&F pandf.stmonicas@gmail.com and they will assist you with the sale of items.

Please note the sale of old-style uniform items is not allowed. St Monica's Parish School does not manage this page and takes no responsibility for any private sales.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which St Monica's learn, work and play.

May we walk gently on this land acknowledging the Kurna people's deep spiritual connection with their country.

We pay our respects to Kurna elders past and present and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Pupil Free Days 2024



ST MONICA'S
PARISH SCHOOL WALKERVILLE

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2024

TERM 1 - FRIDAY MARCH 8TH

TERM 2 - MONDAY APRIL 29TH

TERM 3 - MONDAY JULY 22ND

TERM 4 - MONDAY OCTOBER 14TH

TERM 4 - LAST DAY OF TERM WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

OSHC will be available for all
Pupil Free Days





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Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal

Emily Sayer

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