



## Term 2 Week 1

### Important Dates

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KESAB Performance  
whole school  
Monday 6 May 2024

Mother's Day  
Breakfast @ 8.15am  
Friday 10 May 2024

Mother's Day  
Liturgy @ 9.00am  
Friday 10 May 2024

Mother's Day Stall  
Friday 10 May 2024

Catholic Education  
Week  
Monday 13 May 2024

School Board  
Meeting  
Monday 13 May 2024

Assembly Led by  
5/6E  
Friday 17 May 2024

Yrs 3-6 Lacrosse  
Carnival  
Tuesday 21 May 2024

Sacraments Retreat  
Day  
Thursday 23 May 2024

National  
Reconciliation Week  
27th May to 3rd  
June  
Monday 27 May 2024

Da Vinci Decathlon  
Years 5/6  
Tuesday 4 June 2024

Public Holiday  
King's Birthday  
Monday 10 June 2024

Yr 5/6 Girls  
Basketball Carnival  
Thursday 13 June 2024

Sacrament of  
Confirmation - St

School Disco  
Friday 14 June 2024

Board Meeting  
6.30pm  
Monday 17 June 2024

Martin's Church  
Thursday 13 June 2024

Sacrament of  
Confirmation St  
Monica's Church  
Wednesday 19 June 2024

Refugee Mass Led  
by Student Voice  
Friday 21 June 2024

Yrs 3-6 Netball  
Carnival  
Tuesday 2 July 2024

Winter Appeal - PJ  
and Hot Chocolate  
Day  
Friday 5 July 2024

Last Day of Term 2  
Friday 5 July 2024

Pupil Free Day  
Monday 22 July 2024

Term 3 Commences  
Tuesday 23 July 2024



Welcome back for an exciting Term 2. We have had some beautiful weather, so the children have been able to enjoy playing outside during recess and lunch time. Hopefully this will continue for the next few weeks. We also welcome four new students and their families to St Monica's. We have Vivian and Sosha in Reception, Satiya in Year 1 and Lewis in Year 2. Welcome and we look forward to getting to know you.

During the week, we received the sad news that Sr Catherine Clark RSJ passed away. Sr Catherine was an inspiring educator and leader in Catholic Education South Australia. She spent time teaching at several Josephite schools and was also principal of Mary MacKillop College. One of her most significant roles was being the chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools. Sr Catherine will be deeply missed by her family and the Josephite community. As we are a very proud Josephite community, we will have a representation from St Monica's attend her funeral.

Last week, I was very proud to attend the Dawn Service at the Walkerville RSL ANZAC Day Remembrance with three of our senior students last week. Angus, Archer and Aaliyah represented our community with dignity and respect as they lay a wreath for all those who have paid the ultimate price in the pursuit of peace. I thank these students, and their families, for attending this very important service.





We are busily preparing to honour and celebrate our mothers and those who are mother figures in our students' lives with a delicious breakfast and followed by liturgy on Friday 10 May. Breakfast will be held in the library and service will begin at 8.15am. Please enter via the back doors of the library. I hope you can stay with us for the liturgy where we have some special blessings for all you wonderful women.



We have been working very closely with the Walkerville Council and our neighbours to come up with some solutions to the concerns about the driveways being blocked by our families and parking that is not legal. The council now has put signs at the Kiss and Drop zone that limits families waiting there to two minutes. The aim of this is to have the flow of the traffic to be steady and not block the street or the crossing. Brunswick St has ample parking for families and teachers supervise the children up until 3.20pm. Please be respectful of our neighbours and be a positive and a safe role model for your child.

God's blessings,

Emily Sayer

**KEEP KIDS SAFE ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS**

The City of Unley thanks all parents and guardians for consistently parking which enhances the safety and amenity of our school community.

This information is provided as a general guide and should not be taken as legal advice. For more information on Australian Road Rules, please visit the My Licence SA website [mylicence.sa.gov.au](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au)

For other enquiries relating to parking regulations or offences in the City of Unley, please contact Council on 8232 8111 or email [pub@cityofunley.sa.gov.au](mailto:pub@cityofunley.sa.gov.au)

The City of Unley has 14 schools within its Council area. Student safety is very important to Council.

This brochure provides Australian Road Rules reminders for parents/guardians and tips on safe and expected behaviours during school

**School Zones and Speed Limits**

School zone signs are installed on most roads around schools. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.

Drivers must not exceed 25km/h at any time of the day or night when a child is in a school zone, including weekends and school holidays.

Please slow down as you approach a school zone at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area. Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of the many activities that take place in or around schools.

Other tips to remember:

- Allow enough time to get your child to the school entrance safely and without rushing.
- Say goodbye to your child on the school side of the road. Never get them to cross the road to their school entrance alone.
- If you can, park a few streets away and walk.

**School Crossings**

When it comes to using a school crossing, near enough is NOT good enough. Make the effort to use the crossings even if it means walking a little further. Crossings are the best place to cross, as drivers will be more alert for pedestrians.

**Emu Crossings**

An Emu Crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped poles. When the flag is displayed drivers must give way to pedestrians either crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within School Zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road or footpath. If the 'Children Crossing' flag is not up, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies, if there are children

**Kaaba Crossings**

A Kaaba Crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles. Kaaba Crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the crossing when the lights are flashing, and drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road. School members may be present at the crossings, and it is important to

**Parking at school safely**

Take extra care when parking in or around schools and always follow the signed parking rules. They are designed to keep children safe.

**No Stopping Signs**

You must not park or stop in a 'No Stopping' area for any reason.

**No Parking Signs**

You can only stop in a 'No Parking' area for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than ten minutes. Kiss & Drop zones are designated by 'No Parking' signs. When used correctly, Kiss & Drop zones are very safe and effective, and help reduce traffic congestion around schools. If you plan to arrive

**Near School Crossings**

Drivers must reduce speed, parking is not permitted at school or other pedestrian crossings for 20 metres before and 10 metres after the crossing. It is important not to park near crossings as it can make it harder to see children and other pedestrians using the crossing.

**Double Parking**

It is illegal to double park by stopping next to another car already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block sight lines for children on the side of the road.

**Parking Across Driveways**

You must not encroach on or park across a driveway, obstructing access to driveways is illegal and can commence promptly arrested.

**Continuous Yellow Lines**

A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the same meaning as a 'No Stopping' area. No parking is allowed at any

**SCHOOL SAFETY DO'S AND DON'TS**

**DO**

- ✓ Be Aware
- ✓ Be Responsible
- ✓ Be Courteous
- ✓ BE SAFE

**DON'T**

- ✗ Stop in a 'No Stopping' zone or yellow line.
- ✗ Stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a school crossing, or within 10 metres of an intersection. Always keep a safe distance.
- ✗ Overstay short-term timed parking controls (e.g. 10 or 15 minutes). Only stop for the allowable amount of time. Short-term parking controls have been provided for a reason.
- ✗ Park facing the wrong way.
- ✗ Encroach or park over a driveway.
- ✗ Park on a footpath or nature strip.
- ✗ Park on a painted island.
- ✗ Double park.
- ✗ Underride if lanes on the street if there are children around.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Issue 3 Book Club leaflets are going home today. Please note that orders close on Tuesday 14th May. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Overdue Library Books and Readers – Over the holidays, the library shelves were checked to locate any overdue library books which may have been put back on the shelves without going through the 'return' process. There are still many books and readers which are overdue and notices for these will go home next week. Please look at home on shelves and in school bags and if found, return them to the library. If the books cannot be located, please let the library staff know so they can be removed from your child's Library record.

Premier's Reading Challenge – Congratulations to those students who have already completed their challenge. Only 12 books are required to be read to complete the challenge, 8 from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 4 own choice. The Challenge officially ends at the beginning of September. Completed PRC Reading Records can be left at the library.

Happy reading!

## OLD SCHOLARS

Shining a light on our old scholars! [ ] [ ]

We are very proud of St Monica's old scholars Madi and Felicia who graduated from university this week.

Madi received a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) with First Class Honours from University of Adelaide.

Felicia received a double degree of Bachelor of Education (secondary) and Bachelor of Science.

Congratulations to both old scholars on achieving their goals and following their passions.





You are all invited to Government House on its open day

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## 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](https://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](mailto: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