



## Term 2 Week 5

### Important Dates

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Da Vinci Decathlon  
Years 5/6

Tuesday 4 June 2024

Mid Year 2024  
Reception  
Transition Day and  
Parent Information  
Session

Friday 7 June 2024

Assembly Led by  
3/4LP

Friday 7 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  
Martin's Church

Thursday 13 June 2024

School Disco

Friday 14 June 2024

Mid Year 2024  
Reception  
Transition Day

Friday 14 June 2024

1/2 AFL MAX  
Excursion

Friday 14 June 2024

Board Meeting  
6.30pm

Monday 17 June 2024

CSMF Year 6 Choir  
Hub Assessment

Monday 17 June 2024

Sacrament of  
Confirmation St  
Monica's Church

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Performance Choir  
singing at Calvary  
Hospital North  
Adelaide

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Refugee Mass Led  
by Student Voice

Friday 21 June 2024

Year 5/6SJ & 5/6E  
EXCURSION

Thursday 27 June 2024

Yrs 3-6 Netball  
Carnival

Monday 1 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

A message from our

Principal



### Now More Than Ever

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for Reconciliation Week is Now More Than Ever.

As a community we started this important week with a Sorry Day liturgy on Friday 24 May. Year 3/4LP hosted this gathering and it was celebrated by Deacon Andrew. This liturgy was an opportunity to come together, remember what had happened to Indigenous Australians through government policies and actions and gain an understanding of the impact this had on many of them and still does today. It was a beautiful liturgy, and although sombre, gave hope that our students are gaining a better understanding of what happened to our Indigenous Australians and how this affected them then and now and the importance of working together for reconciliation.

Our Reconciliation Week activities continued with some classes creating hands to represent their thoughts on the actions of the British historically and their hopes that as young people they can come together with Indigenous Australians to work in partnership and with a deeper understanding.

Our staff prayer this week also focussed on Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. It allowed staff an opportunity to say sorry for what Indigenous Australians have suffered, honour them for the strength they have shown over the years and join with them in the healing process. We viewed a video of a lady, Eileen Cummings, who was part of the stolen generation. Eileen she was able to be reunited with her mother and spent the last 15 years of her mother's life, reconnecting and getting to know her mum and her culture all over again. This was an emotional clip to view as Eileen shared the lack of understanding her mother had of why they took her daughter from her and the sadness this ordeal had bought to both their lives.

Finally, we held House Buddy activities on Friday afternoon where the students created beautiful artwork inspired by Aboriginal artists in their house teams. The House Leaders led this activity and worked with the teachers to share their insights into the importance of



Reconciliation Week.

Now More Than Ever – let us listen, hear and learn from the past and work together for a better future.



# Litany of Sorry Hearts

We pray to God for sorry and understanding hearts.  
For the First Australian parents who have lost their children and families:  
*"Give us Sorry Hearts."*

For the First Australian people who have lost their language:  
*"Give us Sorry Hearts."*

For the First Australian people who have lost their land:  
*"Give us Sorry Hearts."*

**National Sorry Day** MAY 26

May this light (point to candle) be a sign that we will journey together with one another and work for healing and peace.



Sacraments Program 2023/2024– Confirmation Retreat

Last Thursday, 9 students who are part of the Sacrament Program, attended a Confirmation Retreat at St Martin's Catholic Primary School. With a total of 36 students attending from St Monica's, St Martin's and the Parish, this day gave our students an opportunity to



meet new friends and play with different people during recess and lunch. During the day the students learnt about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and learnt ways in which they can display these fruits in their own lives. They also created a shield which will be displayed on the night they will celebrate their Confirmation.

It was a fantastic day and our students represented St Monica's amazingly. Their ability to interact with new people, show impeccable manners and be willing to engage in activities and share their thoughts made me very proud of them and the St Monica's Community.



#### Upcoming Dates – St Monica's Parish School

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| Saturday      | 1 June @ 6pm       | Children's Liturgy – Invitation for Reconciliation                  |
| Sunday        | 2 June @ 9:30am    | Children's Liturgy – Invitation for Reconciliation                  |
| Friday        | 21 June @ 9:00am   | Refugee Mass – 1/2J   |
| Friday 5 July | Last Day of Term 2 | St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal Fundraiser – PJs and Hot Chocolate |

#### Parent Education Evening – Kimochis

On Thursday evening, we hosted a very informative parent education evening about the Kimochis wellbeing program with Michael Edgecombe from Doing Life Together. This is a child centred program that uses story and play to help children name and understand their BIG feelings and builds and nurtures their emotional intelligence and capabilities. With the support from a State Government Wellbeing boost, we have had all our Early Years educators undertake the training and we have now implemented the program throughout Reception to Year 2 classes.

I would like to acknowledge Catholic School Parents SA for their support of this evening by providing funding through a Parents in Education grant to help cover the costs. It was a very well received session and we look forward to sharing more parent information evenings with you on a variety of topics. If you have a recommendation or suggestion on what we might be able to include, please let me know.



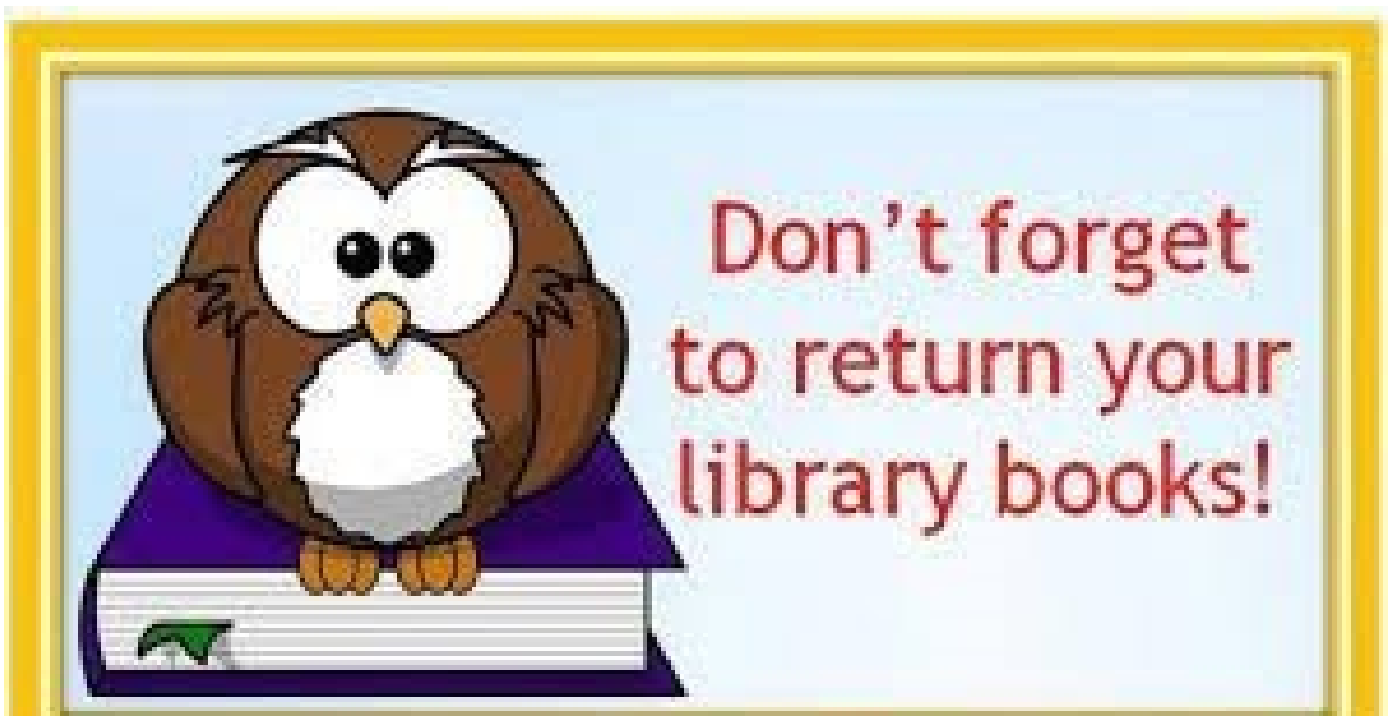
## LIBRARY NEWS

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

Congratulations to all the students who have already completed the 2024 PRC Challenge. Completed PRC Reading Records and Premier's Be Active Challenge forms can be returned to the library at any time. 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](http://www.prc.sa.edu)

Overdue Library Books and Readers

Could you please check at home and in school bags and return any books found as soon as possible. Thank you.





## 2024 Book Week

The CBCA Children's Book Week takes place annually in August with the Winner and Honour Books announced on Friday 16th August 2024. 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.

### Book Club No. 4

Book Club orders will close on Friday 14th June. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Book Club which helps provide additional resources for the students.

## OSHC News

This year the senior students have taken on more responsibility at snack time. They have helped prepare the food, as well as giving it out to the other children.

The senior students have enjoyed sitting at a table during snack time for which they have been responsible for the set up and cleaning of.



## 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







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# SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLY NOW FOR 2025**

Applications Close Monday, 3 June 2024



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**KILDARE COLLEGE**

**Futures Entertainment Centre**  
57 Darley Road, Paradise

**Thursday 27 June 2024**  
10.30am - 12.45pm

**Reserve Your Class Seats**  
RSVP by Thursday 6 June to  
Belinda Curtin, Kildare College Registrar  
via [bcurtin@kildare.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bcurtin@kildare.catholic.edu.au)

# La Nouvelle-Orléans

We are excited to invite our Partner Primary Schools to embark on a *transcendent journey* through an *enchanting production* that pays homage to the *vibrant tapestry* of the iconic city, *New Orleans*



**Kildare College Dance and Music Production**



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July School  
Holiday Activity



# Personal Best Course

- 10 - 17 year olds
- Walk like a model on the runway
- Latest make-up and fashion trends
- DIY natural skincare
- Learn the latest dance moves
- Feel confident in social situations
- Meet new people and make new friends

Tues 9 - Fri 12 July 2024  
9.30am - 4.30pm



Facilitated by Rachel Sanderson & Belinda Mackey

*Book!  
Now!*



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attend with a friend or sibling.

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**LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED**

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**FREE**

*School Holiday*  
**PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE TOUR**

**MONDAY 8TH JULY**

**10AM - 12PM | AGES 5 - 15**

All participants must be  
accompanied by parent/caregiver

**Spots are limited!**

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Please contact my office on 8269 1838 or  
via email: [adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au)  
to register your interest by Friday 28th June.