



Term 3 Week 9

Important Dates

**CSMF Choir
Performance Night
and Sound Check**
Tuesday 24 September 2024

**Casual Clothes
Footy Colours**
Thursday 26 September
2024

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

Pupil Free Day
Monday 14 October 2024

Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 15 October 2024

**School Board
Meeting**
Monday 21 October 2024

**P&F Meeting
6.00pm**
Tuesday 22 October 2024

**Assembly Led By
REC J & REC CB**
Friday 25 October 2024

**Whole School Walk
for Epilepsy**
Friday 25 October 2024

**Yr 5-6 Camp
Illawonga**
Monday 28 October 2024

**Yr 5-6 Camp
Illawonga**
Tuesday 29 October 2024

**Yr 5-6 Camp
Illawonga**
Wednesday 30 October
2024

**TOM Team in
Sydney**
Thursday 31 October 2024

**TOM Team in
Sydney**
Friday 1 November 2024

Yrs 3-6 Athletics
Carnival
Tuesday 5 November 2024

Grandparents
Afternoon Tea and
Liturgy
Wednesday 6 November
2024

2025 Reception
Transition Visit and
Parent Information
session
Friday 8 November 2024

School Board -
Budget Meeting
Monday 11 November 2024

Yrs 3/4 Tennis
Carnival
Thursday 14 November 2024

2025 Reception
Transition Visit
Friday 15 November 2024

Children's
University
Graduation 9.45am
- 12.00pm
Monday 18 November 2024

Instrumental Music
Concert
Wednesday 20 November
2024

2025 Reception
Transition Visit
Friday 22 November 2024

2025 Reception
Transition Visit and
Liturgy
Friday 29 November 2024

Advent Mass
Friday 29 November 2024

St Monica's Got
Talent
Friday 29 November 2024

School Board
Meeting - 6.30pm
Monday 2 December 2024

End of Year Concert
Friday 6 December 2024

Graduation Mass
Tuesday 10 December 2024

Graduation Dinner
Tuesday 10 December 2024

Year 5/6 End of
Year Excursion -
Beachhouse
Wednesday 11 December
2024

Assembly Led by
Leadership
Wednesday 11 December
2024

Last Day of School
3.00pm Dismissal
Wednesday 11 December
2024

A message from our

Principal



We are nearly at the end of another busy term, but haven't we had fun, lots of celebrations and learnt so much?

We are calling on all community members to help support seven students from Year 5 and 6 to travel to Sydney in late October. This may seem like quite an extreme excursion but these students, who will be supported by Sarah Morris, will be competing in the International Finals for Tournament of the Minds in Sydney.

This opportunity has come about from these students performing at, and winning, the state competition in the STEM category for Tournament of the Minds. This is no small feat, and it is a result of them being collaborative, critical thinkers and being creative as they developed a performance based on the theme of Not so Fantastic Plastic. They created a short play to problem solve the issue of plastic pollution in a country. Their performance was impressive, and they were winners in this category. Congratulations to each student and to Sarah Morris who has overseen their preparation over many afternoons, lunch times and weekends. We are very proud of these students and wish them every success as they compete in Sydney next term. To help cover the cost, as a school we will have several fundraising events. I hope that you will support these initiatives. Next Thursday 26 September we invite students to wear their footy colours to school with a gold coin donation which will go to supporting our TOM team.

Casual Clothes Day

Wear your footy colours to school in support of the
Tournament of Minds Team who are off to Sydney for the
National Finals!



Today is my last day at St Monica's for a few weeks. I depart on Monday for a Study Tour in Scotland (Glasgow) and Singapore. I will be travelling with other principals from around Australia and we will be learning both countries' system initiatives in education that improves learning outcomes for students, develops teacher capacity and nurtures the wellbeing of educators. Whilst I will miss the student, families and staff, I know that I will be learning so much to bring back to our community. I look forward to sharing my experiences when I return. Susanne Harding (Deputy at St Martin's School) will be the Acting Principal in my absence. Susanne has worked at St Monica's a number of years ago, so she is very excited to return to this wonderful community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Susanne if you need help in any way.

I hope that during the holidays, you and your family have a chance to catch your breath and relax together. I will see you again soon.

God's blessings,

Emily Sayer

APRIM



Prayer - Peace

This week for prayer we have been focusing on the theme of peace. In the current world we live in, peace is very important, not just for the world and working together, but also for ourselves in the busy lives we lead. Each student was called to reflect on how they can bring peace into their own hearts and the world around us.

As they focused on finding peace in their own hearts, students read the scripture Colossians 3:15 which says, 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.'

Students were also asked to reflect on the following questions:

How can we find moments of peace during the school day?

What helps you feel calm and peaceful when you are feeling worried?

Students prayed together the following prayer:

Dear God,

Help us find peace in our hearts today.

May we let go of worries and trust in You.

Fill us with Your calm and help us bring peace together.

Amen



KESAB

Last Tuesday, Lee from KESAB, came and ran a Recycle Relays incursion for our Reception – Year 2 classes. Lee spent time talking to the students about the different types of rubbish there are and taught the students the correct bin that each piece of rubbish should go in. They then played a game where, in teams, they had to pick a piece of rubbish, choose the correct bin and run put it in there! It was a great activity, and the students learnt some very valuable information to help them be stewards of our common home.

That night, Lee returned to our school, to run a Conscious Cooking Session. This session demonstrated to our families some simple, cheap and family friendly nude food recipes suitable for lunchboxes. It was an opportunity to learn how to use commonly wasted foods to create delicious lunches and reduce single use packaging. This was an amazing session, and we all learnt so much! The students who came were able to gain hands on experience and help Lee in all the making of the various dishes. They made a hummus dip, avocado dip, rice crackers, apple pie balls and breakfast banana balls!



2024/2025 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We will begin the Greenacres Walkerville Parish 2024/2025 Sacramental Preparation Program for children wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist with an Information Session

Upcoming Dates – St Monica’s Parish School

Sunday 22 September 9:30am St Martin’s Church – Mass

followed by Sacramental Program

2024/2025 Information Session

Saturday 19 October 6:00pm Enrolment Mass 2024/2025

Sacraments Program

Sunday 20 October 9:30pm Enrolment Mass for 2024/2025
Sacraments Program

Monday 21 October 3:15 – 4:15 Reconciliation School Session
St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Tuesday 22 October 3:15 – 4:15 Reconciliation School Session
St Monica's Parish School

Wednesday 23 October 3:45 – 4:45 Reconciliation School Session (Parish)
St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Library News – Book an Adventure

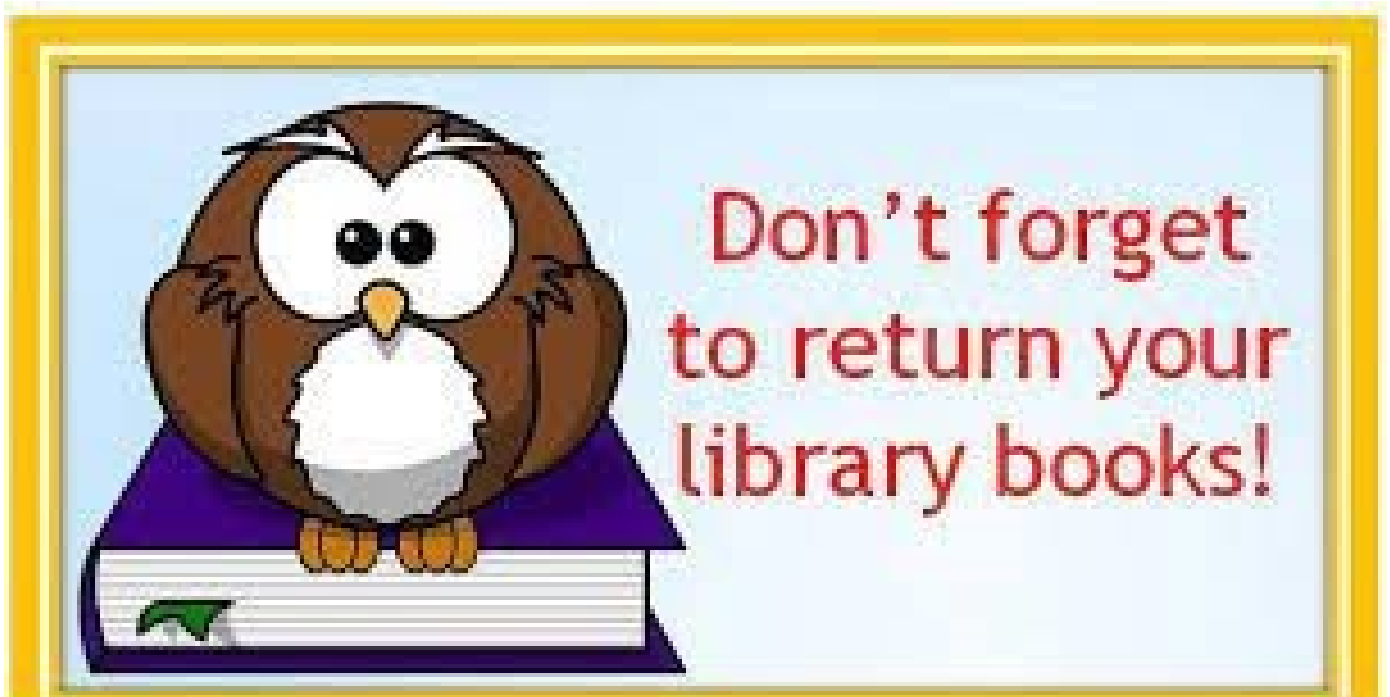
Please consider visiting your local Libraries and joining in the many wonderful activities they run over the holidays.

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

These Challenges have now closed. Medals and Certificates will be sent to the school at the end of November and presented to the students.

Overdue Library Books and Readers

The students who have overdue books will receive an overdue notice to take home next week. Over the holidays could you please look in school bags, bedrooms, and other places they may be and return any books found at the beginning of Term 4. If you cannot locate the books, could you please let the Library Staff or Class Teachers know so we can mark our records accordingly. If we do not receive notification that the books cannot be found an account for the overdue books may be issued.



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

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Come & Try

New Members Welcome

Sunday 22nd September 2024
09:15 - 11:00

St Albans Reserve
Chester Avenue, Clearview

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<https://enfield.littleaths.com.au/>



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