



Term 1 - 13 February 2020

NEWSLETTER

St. Monica's Primary School 20 Robinson Street
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Faith
Hope
Love



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Anthony Feeney

Principal: Mr. Peter Moore

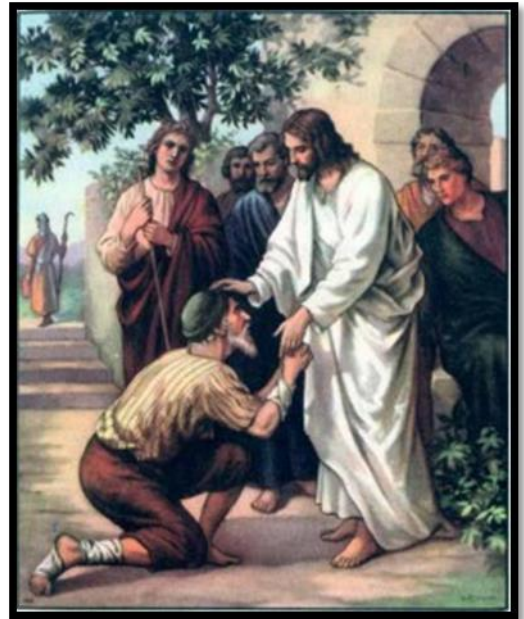
Parish Office: Phone 9370 5035

Mass Times: Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil), Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am in Italian, 10:30am and 5:30pm

OSHP Number 0412 616 491

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

I begin this week's newsletter with a reflection on Jesus' power to heal the sick. We think of the woman who was healed simply by touching His garment, the blind man at the pool of Siloam, whose sight was restored, and the paralytic man lowered through the roof, who takes up his mat and walks at Jesus' command. The Gospel stories offer hope and we remember that Jesus enters amid all circumstances. We ask God to be with us as we continue to pray for Mr. Moore in the hope that he recovers and returns to us very soon. I am truly grateful to all members of our School and Parish Community and thank you for continuing to look for ways we can all support each other.



Swimming Carnival

The 2020 Swimming Carnival was a great success! The sporting event provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to not only showcase their talent in the pool, but to demonstrate a high level of team spirit. The passionate cheer from the side-line was a great support to those swimming, motivating them to do their very best and finish the race. Many, many thanks to the parent helpers who supported on the day and, of course, extra and special thanks to Mr. Sean McGuinness for coordinating the Swimming Carnival. Mr. McGuinness is to be commended on his commitment to ensuring every student has an opportunity to represent and compete for their House and participate in races and novelty events best suited to their swimming ability. A job very well done!

Congratulations Edmund (Green) House, led beautifully by the Sports House Captains, Emily McCleave and Sean Dent.

Well done to everyone who participated and embraced the opportunity to be challenged and experience success.



Welcome Back BBQ

Thank you for your attendance at the Welcome Back BBQ. Many families commented on how lovely it was to engage with others in the relaxed, outdoor atmosphere. We thank the members of the Parents Association, particularly Joanne Simon, for her careful planning and preparation that ensured the running of a smooth and successful event.



Middle Yard Resurfacing Works

We all await with heightened excitement and anticipation for the first opportunity to experience walking and playing on the newly resurfaced Middle Yard. For those of us who are keen observers, you'll no doubt have noticed that we are so, so close to a handover. I wish to particularly acknowledge and thank the teaching staff and students who work and learn in the Middle Building. You have exercised patience and a preparedness to comply with the many adjustments we have made to ensure the resurfacing works continue, bringing us closer each day to enjoying our space once more. Check out the photo...not long now!

Parents as Partners Information Sessions

Members of the School Leadership Team are preparing to induct new parents into the 'Parents as Partners' program. The information sessions will offer an insight into ways parents can be involved in the school and the benefits that a strong partnership has on raising the level of success achieved by all students. Parents in attendance will be briefed on the requirements of a Working with Children Check and will be supported to understand the contents of the Child Safety Community Code of Conduct document. Session One Tuesday February 25, from 7:00 to 8:00pm and Session Two Thursday 27 February 2:30 to 3:30pm.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the **school event code** and follow these simple instructions:

School event code

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Enter your details

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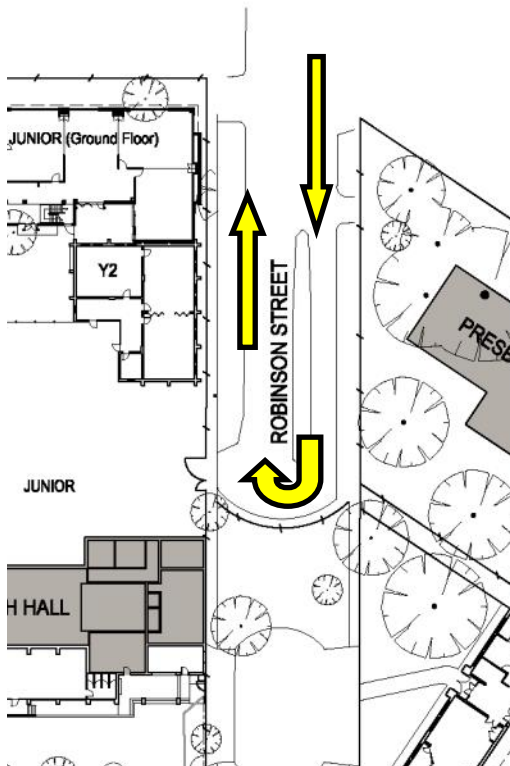
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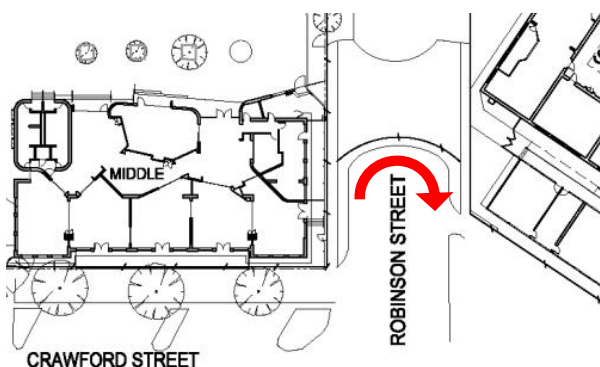
Traffic Management Around the School and Drop-off and Pick-up Times

Last week you'll have read the section aimed at supporting families to follow the Road Rules and Agreed Procedures to uphold our responsibility as members of this school community. Those at pick-up on Tuesday would have noticed the presence of Moonee Valley City Council Traffic Management Staff. I was informed that the traffic conditions in the streets surrounding our school are being **very closely monitored and that fines will be issued** if they do not observe compliance with the following procedures.



The Robinson Street Drop-off/Pick-up Zone is the busiest area around the school. Special rules apply here:

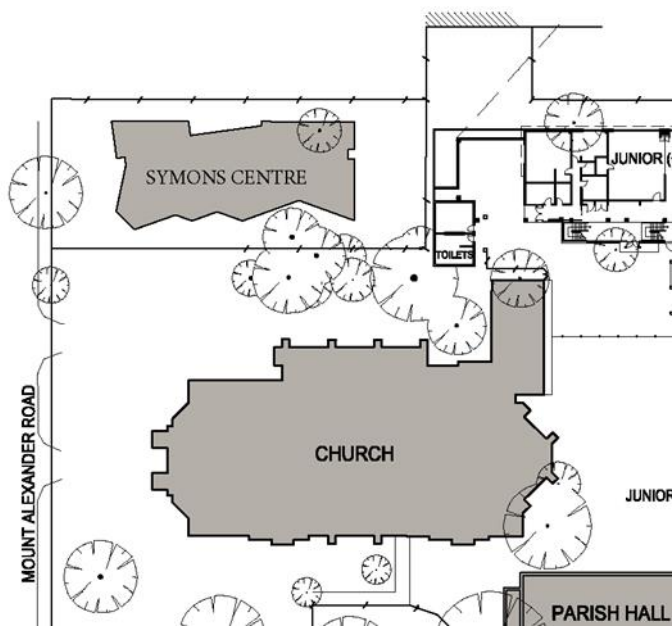
- The driver needs to drive forward as much as possible before stopping the car.
- The driver of the car cannot get out of the car
- The child must exit onto the footpath side
- The child's bag should be kept in the car, not in the boot. If an accidental nose-to-tail crash occurs, asking children to go to the boot of the car is dangerous.
- In the mornings, the Zone can be used from 8:30am onwards. The Drop-off Zone becomes normal parking at 9:00am.
- In the afternoons, drivers should not leave home before 3:25pm to avoid a 'bank-up' of cars. You can be fined by the Council if you are caught in a stationary line of cars.



On the other side of Robinson Street is one of our most problematic areas. The turning circle (marked in red) is NOT A DROP-OFF ZONE, even if you think you'll only be a few seconds. It is not a parking spot either. It is NOT A PICK-UP ZONE. It's a turning circle for the local community.

The Crawford Street/Robinson Street Intersection is not a waiting zone, parking zone or "quick, jump in the car" zone. It is an intersection.

In this area, please do not park in our neighbours' driveways. Please do not sit in the middle of the road (double-parked). If you cannot find parking here, please park down at Queen's park and enjoy the short stroll up to the school.



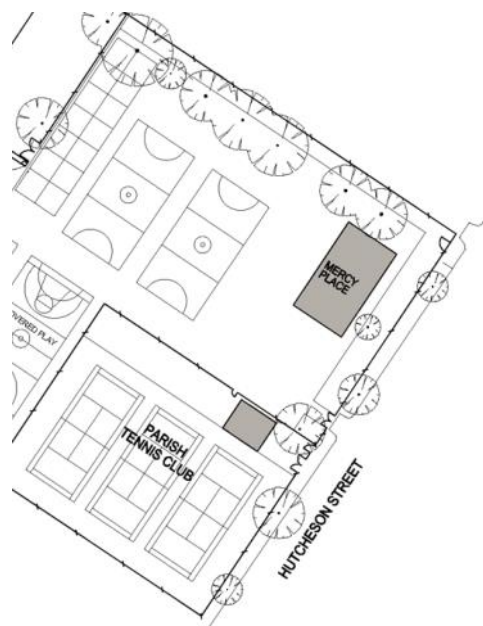
Between the Symons Centre and the Church are a small number of parks (marked in red) that are strictly for elderly parishioners who are attending Mass.

During the school day, Parents or Carers from St. Monica's School are not allowed to park in these spaces. The children walk between the Junior Yard and Mt Alexander Road using this space as a thoroughfare (marked in green). We have an Agreed Procedure in place to minimise the chance that a car will reverse out into one of the children.

Unlike Victorian Road Rules, this rule is an agreement based on the community use of private Parish Land and is designed to keep children safe at all times. It requires the cooperation of all families and is not governed by the Moonee Valley City Council.

At the rear of our school's property, we have successfully worked with Moonee Valley Council to have a second school crossing (in addition to the one in Mt. Alexander Road).

The Crossing Zone is clearly indicated by Council Signs. We ask parents to observe these signs and not park in the restricted parking areas. Blocking these areas reduces visibility and makes it impossible for our Crossing Supervisor to do his job.



School starts at 9:00am

The beginning of each school day starts at 9:00am sharp. If your child arrives after 9:00am, he/she must come to the School Office to obtain a late pass.

Our School Attendance Roll is marked electronically at 9:00am and when the late pass is handed out, the roll is updated in the office to change the student from 'Absent' to 'At School'. It doesn't make a difference if your child is a few minutes late or half an hour. The procedure is the same.



Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Christine Lo Giusto

Deputy Principal

Hello and Parish News From Fr. Tony



Dear Parents, (Fellow Parishioners)

By now you and your children are well settled into the routine of being back at school. It is good to see so many of you catching up with old friends and making new friends as you drop your children off each day.

If I can ask for help from some of you. The Parish is in urgent need of:

- Vacuumer - once a month part of a term who help vacuum the church
- Special Ministers - to help distribute Communion at out weekend masses
- Lectors - people to be on monthly roster to help proclaim The Word of God at the weekend masses
- Counters - once a month help with counting the Sunday collections
- Someone with a whipper snipper to give the greenery in front of the Symon Centre a "haircut" once a month

If you can and are willing to help the Parish (Our Parish) in any one of the above ways, please contact the Parish office on 9370 5035 or Abygaile Cukavac on 0459 112 371 or email abygaile.cukavac@cam.org.au

Thank you

Fr. Tony

Children's Liturgy

Term 1

16 February – 10.30am, 1 March – 5.30pm,

15 March -10.30am

Term 2

19 April - 10.30am, 3 May – 5.30pm, 10 May – 10.30am, 17 May – 10.30am, 24 May - 10.30am,

14 June – 10.30am





Ash Wednesday

(A day of Fasting and Abstinence)

26 February 2020

Mass Times

7.00am, 9.15am,

7.00pm



My new 'class pet' needs a name. Lucinda has been given the responsibility. I wonder what she will choose?



Year 3 are investigating their Cultural Heritage. Where were you born? What about your parents?



What makes you choose a book? Is it the cover, the author, the topic? Do you love to read?



Creating the prayer cloth and setting up the prayer table as a class is always a special part of the new school year.



The new uniform is just wonderful! Don't forget that girls can wear the shorts and shirt too!

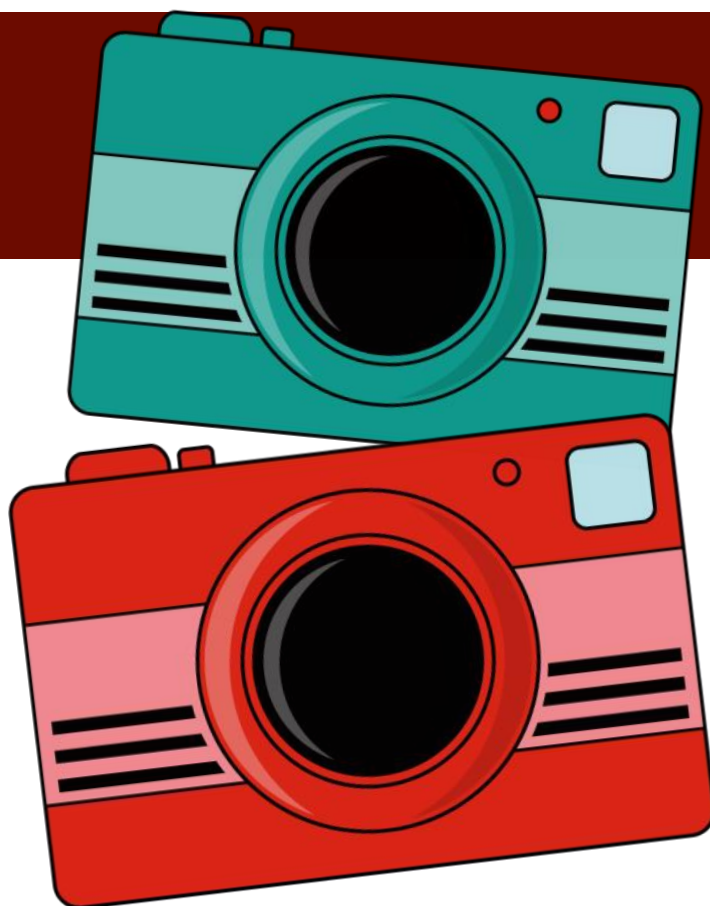


Can you guess what this artefact might have been used for? The Year 2 students were great 'Historians'!

Caught in the Act



One of the most wonderful initiatives at St Monica's is the 'Buddy System'. Students have been so excited to meet their new buddies for 2020!



Welcome BBQ





Swimming Carnival

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

On Wednesday 12th February students from Year 3-6 took part in this year's House Swimming Carnival. Special congratulations to EDMUND house for being our overall winners on the day. A huge thank you to all parent volunteers and staff helpers, and well done to all of our children for their efforts and wonderful behaviour throughout the carnival.

Final point scores were as follows:

1st EDMUND (Green) 355 points

2nd MacKILLOP (Gold) 346

3rd GEOGHEGAN (Red) 296

4th CHISHOLM (Blue) 246

A special thank you to Rod and Jacinta Dennert, Paul McMenamin, Alister Monger, Mrs Evans, Mr Tim and a host of other helpers who helped load up, transport and set up the marquees before the carnival, and to everyone else who helped pack up the marquees for storage following the event. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The District Swimming Trials for Year 4-6 qualifiers will take place in early March, further information on squad selections will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks. Thank you again for your cooperation. Mr McGuinness.



STUDENT of the Week

Student of the Week

Certificates will be presented at assembly on Friday, 14th February at 3.00pm - Whole School Awards Assembly (Location: Church)

Adele Fox FE	For her fantastic effort in all independent tasks. Well done, Adele!
Nicholas Ververis FS	For being a keen, positive and happy member of Foundation S. Keep up the great work, Nicholas!
Cara Colman FS	For always displaying beautiful manners and listening carefully. Well done, Cara!
Pia Tiang FT	For coming to school each day with a smile on her face, ready to learn! Well done Pia!
Holly Coulehan 1D	For always approaching her learning with a positive attitude. An amazing start to Year 1.
Jenson Lambeth 1P	For consistently contributing to class discussions and having a positive attitude.
Florence Priscoglio 1S	For making a great start to Year 1 and for always displaying kindness and consideration to her classmates. Well done, Florence!
Gus Hogan 2B	For showing whole body listening, following directions and being a role model to his peers.
Ella Ieria 2C	For the respectful manner in which she speaks and listens to others and her willingness to help when called upon to do so.
Eamon Makdesi 2O	For being a positive role model for others by consistently demonstrating expected behaviour and displaying a friendly disposition towards his class mates.
Audrey Hancock 3B	For her wonderful start to Grade 3, and always following classroom routines and expectations. Audrey is to be commended on improving her written work by making adjustments through editing and proof-reading. Well done, Audrey!
Ella Coulehan 3M	For showing creativity and initiative when completing the class prayer cloth.
Felix Christian 3R	For attentively listening to his peers whilst they are speaking and sharing contributions to whole class discussions.
Elsie Gunn 4A	For a superb start to Year 4. Elsie, you are an exceptional role model to your peers. Keep up the excellent effort!
Lola Palmer 4G	For being a wonderful role model for her classmates.
Anthony Scarpino 4P	For his most insightful understandings of texts read during shared reading time.
Patrick Ieria 5J	For always being ready to learn and following instructions promptly.
Sophie Downey 5M	For her excellent use of vocabulary in her reading response!
Hayden Saunders 5T	For modelling inclusive behaviour so that all his class mates were included in our decided activity. A great example to all of 5T.
Matthew Rumoro 6H	For his wonderful start in Year 6. He has taken on the roles and responsibilities required with a fantastic attitude. Keep up the great work!
Mary Holt 6K	For her level of organisation both for herself and to assist others.
Jayda Delia 6R	For her positive and considerate attitude to others, and for beginning the school year with enthusiasm.

Key Dates

February

Friday 14th	Whole School Assembly at 3pm in the Church
Tuesday 18th	Parish Education Board Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday 19th	No Foundation Children attend
Thursday 20th	Year 6K Class Mass at 9.15am Confirmation Information Night at 6.30pm in the Church
Friday 21st	5T Assembly
Sunday 23rd	Confirmation Enrolment Masses Year 6 Family Mass at 5.30pm
Wednesday 26th	Ash Wednesday - Mass Years 3-6
Thursday 27th	Year 5M Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday 28th	Year 6 Gala Day Foundation and New Families Welcome Lunch

March

Tuesday 3rd	Parents' Association Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 5th	Year 6R Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday 6th	Year 6 Gala Day 1D Assembly
Monday 9th	NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10th	Enrolments Foundation 2020 Open
Wednesday 11th	Open Day - School Tours 9.30, 12.15 and 2.30
Thursday 12th	Year 6H Class Mass
Friday 13th	School Photos
Saturday 14th	Confirmation Candidates receive Creed
Sunday 15th	Confirmation Candidates receive Creed
Tuesday 17th	Parish Education Board Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 18th	Year 6 Camp to Philip Island
Thursday 19th	Year 6 Camp to Philip Island Year 5J Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday 20th	Reconciliation & Eucharist Information Night at 6.30pm in the Church Year 6 return from Camp at Philip Island Whole School Assembly at 3pm

April

Tuesday 14th	Term 2 Begins
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TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday 14th	Michelle Christian, Natalie Gunn, Jay Doolan, Karina DeGuisti
Monday 17th	Sandra De Guara
Tuesday 18th	Nadia Critelli
Wednesday 19th	Mic Scardamaglia, Lisa Mammola
Thursday 20th	Julieanne Hancock, Maha Delia
Friday 21st	Michelle Thomason, Amy Coghlan, Jane Henderson, Chloe Colman
Monday 24th	Rachel Ciavarella
Tuesday 25th	Abby Vandeloo, Karen Cross
Wednesday 26th	Sarah McClusky, Daniela Scarmozzino
Thursday 27th	Volunteer Required
Friday 28th	Kate O'Reilly, Michelle Miller, Ann-Marie Antic, Mary Buiquang

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

41 Rosehill Road, Essendon, 3040.

ENROLMENT APPLICATION

YEAR 7, 2022

ENROLMENT APPLICATION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

(New and Current Families)
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020

at
7.00 PM

in
O'BRIEN CENTRE GYMNASIUM

The evening is for Parents/Caregivers only.

Booking for the Parent Information Evening is not necessary.

Applications for Year 7 2022 close on **Thursday, 16 April 2020.**

TOURS of the College in **2020** are as follows:

TERM 1 - 10 February, 11 February, 17 February, 18 February, 19 February, 24 February, 27 February, 2 March, 3 March, 4 March, 5 March, 11 March, 12 March, 23 March, 25 March, 26 March,

TERM 2 - 15 April, 16 April, 20 April, 21 April, 22 April, 23 April, 27 April, 28 April, 29 April,

Families assemble in the O'Brien Centre Foyer – entrance to O'Brien Centre Gymnasium

School Tours commence at 8:45am and conclude at 10:45am

Bookings essential – via College website or www.trybooking.com/TYRI

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION :

Refer to -

COLLEGE WEBSITE: www.sbc.vic.edu.au

or Telephone: College Receptionist - Jenette Nicholl on 9289 1182 (Wednesday – Friday)

#SMOBA CALENDAR 2020

#1 – Friday 21st February

Night Racing @ Moonee Valley – R.S.V.P Now

#2 – Thursday 19th March

4th Annual Rich v Carlton Round 1 @ ManCave

#3 – Friday 29th May

GO Karting @ Port Melbourne

#4 – Friday 17th July

**Christmas in July & Collingwood v Geelong
Hardimans Hotel, Kensington**

#5 – Saturday September 5th

13th Annual Dad's Football Game @ TBC

#6 – Friday 20th November

**#SMOBA 2nd Annual Golf Day
@ Medway Golf Club, 1pm Tee Off**

#7 – Thursday 17th December

#SMOBA 3rd Annual Xmas Party @ Essendon Hotel.

SAVE THE DATES

Friday 9th November – St.Monica's Sportsmans Night

Saturday 17th October – St.Monicas's Working Bee

**Please text your mobile number to Ben Hogan on
0402-919-523 to join the #SMOBA.**

Program Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Some of you may have noticed that we have changed the layout of our sign in area. The iPad is now located in the main OSHClub room, just within the door. This means we will no longer be using the office.

Terms 1 and 4 are sun smart terms, which means your child must wear a hat and sunscreen before going outside for play. OSHClub provides sunscreen, however, should your child have a sensitivity to sunscreen please provide your own. If your child suffers from a medical condition, can you please bring in all relevant paperwork and medication. All children that have anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma must have an up to date copy of their action plan and medication stored with us.

****Important reminder****

Please remember to book in for Before and/or After School Care if you know in advance. It helps us to ensure we have enough staff rostered on and for catering purposes. If you do need to make a booking on the day, please text the program phone on 0412 616 491. Registration and future bookings can be completed through our website www.oshclub.com.au

As the Foundation students have the next Wednesday(19/2) off school, we will be running a full day of care for any families that need it on these days. Please make your bookings through the parental portal at www.oshclub.com.au.

Take care,
 Jess

YOU CAN GET YOUR KIDS TENNIS LESSONS DONE WHILST THEY ARE AT AFTERCARE!

St. Monica's Tennis Club

Contact – Steve Riley – Club Professional

0403 433 750 or steve@rileytennis.com.au



BOOK IN FOR A FREE HOTSHOTS TENNIS LESSON Just inform your OSHClub Co-ordinator about your tennis lesson (day & time) **OSHCLUB DROPS OFF AND PICKS UP KIDS FOR THEIR TENNIS LESSONS!!!** (Children must be booked into After Care session to be dropped off and picked up.)

Next Weeks Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	-Milkshakes -Musical chairs	-Stress balls -Pass the egg	-Rockets -Heads down thumbs up	-Chain Snakes -Silent ball	-Colouring comp -Musical statues
After Care Activities	-Salt dough -Connect four -Soccer -Basketball	-Muffins -Uno -Cricket -Soccer goals	-Stress balls -Pictionary -AFL -Forty forty home base	-Rockets -Milkshakes -Skipping -Limbo	-Chain snakes -Snap -Tag -Helicopter

7.30pm-6.15pm Vacation care)

Coordinator: Jess

Assistants: Mel, Nairy

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.





St. Bernard's Junior Football Club Registration Open for Season 2020



The Age Groups for 2020 are: Boys - U9, U10, U12, U14, U16 & Girls - U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

2020 Club Fees For players joining the club from any Auskick venue and any player new to AFL football - \$100 per player plus WRFL Fee of \$15

Current players Early Bird Registration Fees - \$260 per player, Siblings - 2nd player - \$170, 3rd player - \$50, Maximum payable (family) - \$480 - All registrations require a WRFL fee of \$15

Payment of Club fees includes:

All match payments (no money payable for umpires), A Team Jumper supplied by the club and returned at the end of the season, and Team Photo

All registration enquiries can be sent to juniors@stbernardsfc.com.au

Link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/v6/regoform.cgi?aID=3007&pKey=0b565bda652641d26eb99e5d25aa59e0&cID=328&formID=36056>

**Nelson
Alexander**

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