



Term 1 - 6 February 2020

NEWSLETTER

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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,

Mr Peter Moore and I warmly welcome back one and all and trust that you embraced the opportunity to rest and reset over the holiday break. I am pleased to advise that Mr. Moore is receiving appropriate treatment and feeling better each day. We ask God to extend a little extra love and care his way, so that he can return to us very soon.

Student School Leadership

This morning we gathered in prayer to celebrate the Eucharist at our first whole school Mass. We prayed for God's blessings so that we may listen to what the Spirit is saying and open our minds to learning all that we possibly can about ourselves, others and our God. We also acknowledged the student leaders at the Assembly that followed and presented each with a St. Monica's School Leadership badge. In wearing the badge, we ask that they commit to continuing to learn and grow as leaders of our school community, to be inclusive of all, accept the challenges that may present and uphold the Gospel messages of faith, hope and love. Congratulations 2020 Student School Leadership Team!



School Captain: Olivier Leone (6R)

School Captain: Hannah Wing (6H)

Vice Captains

Aspen Lauber (6K)

Charles Steinke (6H)

Isla Quick (6K)

Mila Pickett (6H)



Social Justice Captains	Matthew Rumoro (6H) Jack Gorman (6R) Angus Palmer (6H)	Anna Sergakis (6H) Evie Gunn (6R) Alexandra Kelly (6R)
Chisholm (Blue) House Sports Captains	Mitchell Mason (6H)	Ella McMenamin (6R)
Edmund (Green) House Sports Captains	Sean Dent (6H)	Emily McCleave (6K)
Geoghegan (Red) House Sports Captains	Lucas Makdesi (6H)	Audrey Farina (6H)
MacKillop (Yellow) House Sports Captains	Aidan Synan (6H)	Ava Kelic (6H)





Chisholm (Blue) House Events Captains	Max Mahoney (6R)	Mary Holt (6K)
Edmund (Green) House Events Captains	Max Hoffmann (6K)	April Garvey (6K)
Geoghegan (Red) House Events Captains	Hamish MacLaren (6H)	Jaimee Liddell (6R)
MacKillop (Yellow) House Events Captains	Marcus Smith (6H)	Millie Moody (6R)



SRC Semester One

Patrick Moelands (1D)	Stella Guzzardi (1P)	Thomas Ramage (1P)
Jude Campbell (2B)	Ethan Giaquinta (2C)	Isabel Valdez-Gillam (2O)
Ivy Cross (3B)	Kody Sherer (3M)	Madison Sherer (3R)
Anthony Farina (4A)	Ella Vescio (4G)	Evie Campbell (4P)
Alessio Pianta (5J)	Luka Kennedy (5M)	Lachlan Collard (5T)

Foundation First Day of School

The start of any school year is often very exciting, particularly for our Foundation students. We are pleased to report that they have experienced a wonderful start to school life. We acknowledge the planning and preparation of the Foundation Teachers, Miss Tess Morriss, Miss Stephanie Kuc and Miss Emma La Mari, and the Foundation Learning Diversity Leader, Mrs Julie Barbey, which contributed to the success of the students' smooth transition from Kindergarten to Primary School. We thank the Parents Association for organising the special morning tea that encouraged all to connect and feel very welcome.

Introducing New Members to St. Monica's Staff

Mrs Mary Poupounaki

Mary is our newly appointed Literacy Leader who has extensive experience in Catholic Primary School education. She is highly regarded for her expertise in supporting students to develop their literacy strategies when engaged in speaking and listening, reading and writing learning experiences. Mary is a passionate advocate for helping students to embed transferable skills, promoting academic success across all key learning areas. Welcome Mrs Poupounaki!



Miss Tiffany Byrne

Tiffany is the new addition to the Year 3 Teaching Team. She comes to us from Brisbane where she worked in a Catholic Primary School before heading overseas to experience teaching abroad. She has a strong capacity to quickly build positive relationships with her students, as evident in her daily interactions with the class. Welcome Miss Byrne!



Miss Olivia Boyd

Olivia Boyd joins us this year and has assumed the position of Year Two Classroom Teacher. She has worked in neighbouring Catholic Primary Schools and has over 16 years teaching experience. Olivia prides herself on her capacity to plan purposeful and engaging learning experiences where all students are set up to experience success. Welcome Miss Boyd!



Congratulations Mr Redi

We are delighted to announce Mr Camillo Redi is the proud father of beautiful Zara Marie Redi who safely arrived on January 30th. We look forward to seeing Zara at St. Monica's when she is old enough to visit.

Testing Days

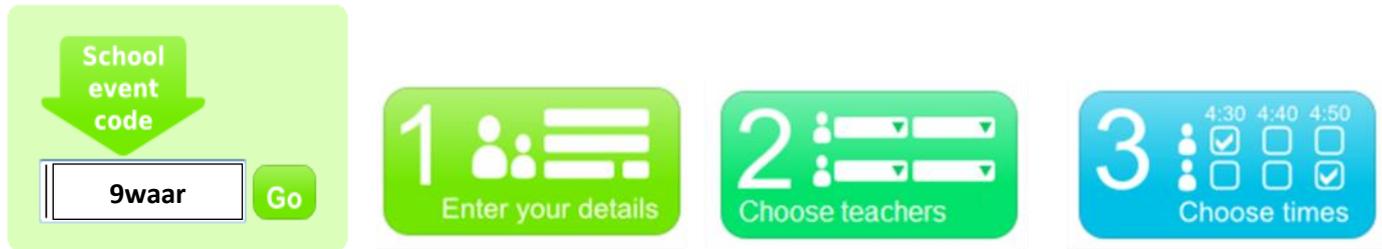
We thank parents for supporting our work by presenting students in Years One to Six to complete a Numeracy and Literacy assessment over the two designated Testing Days. Curriculum Leaders will now work closely with Classroom Teachers to support the unpacking of the data gathered from the individual students. This information will inform planning in both Mathematics and English and ensure the learning experiences are differentiated to meet the needs of all students.

'Teacher Meet and Greet' Chats

Please note in the Diary: Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 February (3:50 – 7:00pm)

The 'Teacher Meet and Greet' Chats present an opportunity for parents who wish to meet their child's classroom teacher. Parents are encouraged to share what they believe is important for the teacher to know and understand about their child. Parent Teacher interviews will be scheduled for the end of Term One where teachers will then provide feedback to parents on their child's progress. The level of achievement in each of the key curriculum areas and goals for further growth and development will also be discussed. Please access the link below and enter the code to schedule an appointment time.

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



Drop-off and Pick-up Zone

Now that we have returned to our regular and busy routines, I'd like to remind parents of our collective responsibility as members of this school community to follow the Road Rules and our Agreed Procedures regarding the Drop-off and Pick-up Zone. The following special rules apply:

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.
- The driver is not to park in our neighbours' driveways nor sit in the middle of the road.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Welcome Back BBQ

We look forward to the smell of barbequed sausages in the Senior Yard this Friday night from 5:30pm and the opportunity to strengthen relationships with new and existing families. Thank you, once again, to the Parents Association for organising this special whole school community event and we encourage all to come on down.

I wish you all a wonderful year ahead. Embrace challenges that are set before you, and together we will all learn and grow.

Signing off for the very first time,

Ms Christine Lo Giusto

Deputy Principal



Welcome to our new Foundation students! Did you enjoy your First Day of School?



It is always exciting to see the different 'First Day of School' photographs! Did you take one at home?



I was so impressed walking through the classrooms to see students getting straight into their work! Well done!



Did you have 'First Day Jitters'? The character in this book did ...and a little secretit wasn't the student!!!!

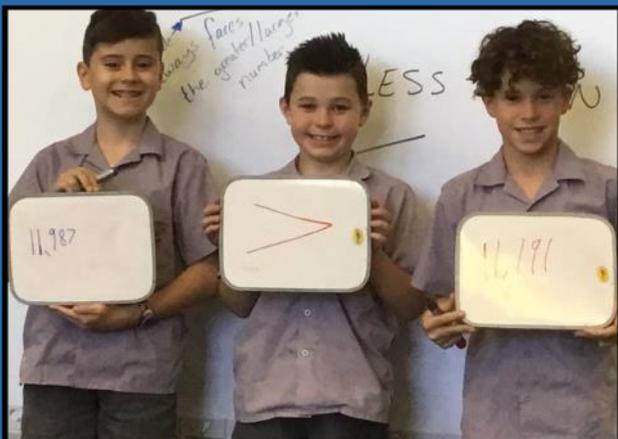


Our winning entries of the school rule drawings are now proudly displayed in classrooms.



The Foundation students talked about the school rules and created their own class agreement.

Caught in the Act



Is 11, 987 less than or greater than 11, 191?
Students in Year 4 enjoyed these place value challenges!

NOTICES

Swimming Carnival

Help with marquees at Swimming Carnival -Wednesday 12th February

If you are able to offer your help in loading, transporting, setting up or packing away the school marquees before or after this year's House Swimming Carnival can you please let me know. Parent help confirmation notes will be going home with children in the coming days, if you are also able to offer your assistance at the carnival can you please indicate your preferences on the already distributed help form, and return this form via your child's classroom teacher. The support of the community is always greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Mr McGuinness.

Children's Liturgy

Term 1

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

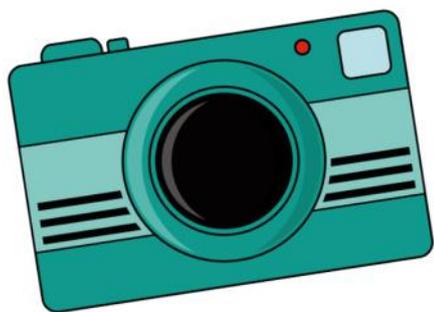
15 March -10.30am

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





House Event

When the new Foundation students gathered in the Junior Yard last week an atmosphere was created that is very difficult to capture in words. The first day of school is not only a significant milestone but an event which manifests feelings in both the students and the parents that is never quite replicated throughout life.

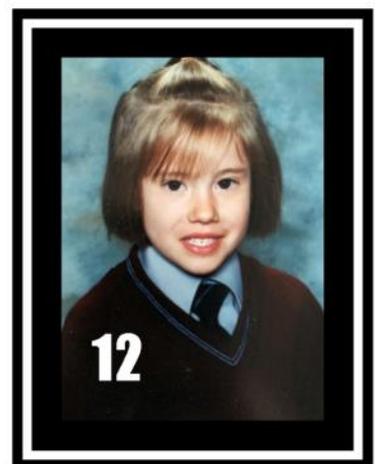
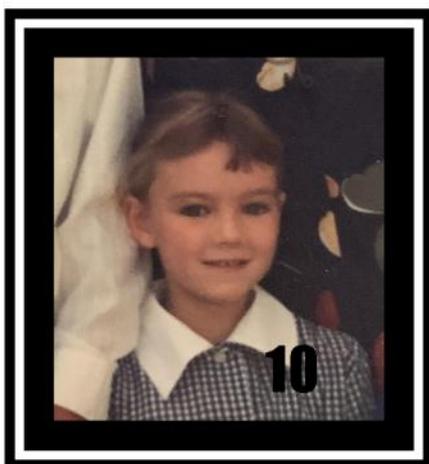
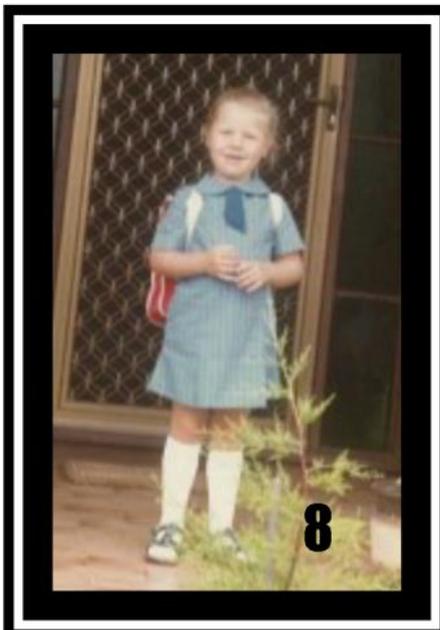
They say that 'a picture speaks a thousand words'and I guess this phrase is most apt for capturing that 'First Day of School' image! Watching parents take photographs with the school banner, 2020 balloons and the classic frame reminded many teachers of their first day at school!

Alas, this prompted our first House Competition for 2020. Can you guess the teachers in these Prep/Foundation/First Day of School photographs? Simply write the name of the teachers on this **entry slip and post your entry in the House Letterboxes** outside Mrs Hodgetts office (in the Middle School) **by Friday 14 February.**



Student Name:	Class:	House:
1.	5.	9.
2.	6.	10.
3.	7.	11.
4.	8.	12.

Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you will look back and realise they were the big things.





Helping kids thrive online

Free webinar

This webinar from the **eSafety Commissioner** is a great opportunity to start 2020 with the latest information to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home.

Cost	Free
Audience	Parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old
Date/Time/Registration	12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT 14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT
Register here - esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars	

The session will cover:

- ideas to ‘Start the chat’ about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong

Start the chat before someone else does



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet

Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety.

You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at esafety.gov.au/sid and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our **parents and carers** pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our **'Parents guide to online safety' booklet** (available in 5 languages), look through **eSafety Kids** with your family or get familiar with our **step by step advice** for reporting different types of online abuse. **Find out more at esafety.gov.au**

Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT) 14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT) **Register now at esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars**



 eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au/sid

Key Dates

February

Friday	7th	Welcome BBQ 5:30pm Senior Yard
Monday	10th	<i>Teacher Meet & Greet 3.50pm - 7pm</i>
Tuesday	11th	<i>Teacher Meet & Greet 3.50pm– 7pm</i>
Wednesday	12th	No Foundation Children attend
		House Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
Tuesday	18th	Parish Education Board Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday	19th	No Foundation Children attend
Thursday	20th	Confirmation Parent Information Night
		Year 6K Class Mass at 9.15am
Thursday	20th	Confirmation Information Night at 6pm in the Church
Friday	21st	5T Assembly
Sunday	23rd	<i>Year 6 Family Mass at 5.30pm</i>
Thursday	27th	Year 5M Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday	28th	Year 6 Gala Day

March

Thursday	5th	Year 6R Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday	6th	Year 6 Gala Day
		1D Assembly
Monday	9th	NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Thursday	12th	Year 6H Class Mass
Friday	13th	School Photos
Wednesday	18th	<i>Year 6 Camp to Philip Island</i>
Thursday	19th	<i>Year 6 Camp to Philip Island</i>
		Reconciliation & Eucharist Information Night at 6pm in the Church
		Year 5J Class Mass at 9.15am
Friday	20th	Whole School Assembly at 3pm
		<i>Year 6 Camp to Philip Island</i>

April

Tuesday	14th	Term 2 Begins
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TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday	7th	Yvonne Yuen, Michelle Giaquinta, Chloe Colman
Monday	10th	Audrey Redl
Tuesday	11th	Jaklina Visalli
Wednesday	12th	NO TUCKSHOP
Thursday	13th	Melissa Stanley
Friday	14th	Michelle Christian, Natalie Gunn, Jay Doolan, Karina DeGuisti
Monday	17th	Sandra De Guara
Tuesday	18th	Nadia Critelli
Wednesday	19th	Mic Scardamaglia, Lisa Saunders
Thursday	20th	Julieanne Hancock, Maha Delia
Friday	21st	Michelle Thomason, Amy Coghlan, Jane Henderson, Chloe Colman

#SMOBA NEWS 2020:

BUSHFIRE RELIEF:

#Smoba started its 2nd and finished with over 120 Dad's in it's group. The year 2019 was a hugely successful one.

Unfortunately the year didn't start so well for many other Victorian's who were affected by the Bushfire Crisis. We thought it would be a good idea to give something to those affected by the Bushfires and raise some funds.

A #SMOBA Bushfire Relief Fund was created through the Red Cross with an aim of raising \$2,500. Within 24 hours we had already raised that amount. The goal posts were moved so to speak with a new target of \$5,000. The account was closed once school began for the year and by then we had raised an amazing \$5,473.

Well done. A massive effort by all #smobas who made a donation. Thank-you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: #Smoba celebrated their 2nd ever Christmas Party on Wednesday 18th December @ the newly renovated Essendon Hotel. It was another great turnout by the Dad's of St. Monica's with 80 plus making the effort. In warm conditions the night was a success.

Awards were given, good-byes were recognised and our Sponsors throughout the year thanked.

A big thank-you to the following sponsors:

Sheen Panel Services - Mark Sankovich

McElligotts Protective Coating Contractors - John McElligott

ANZ Mobile Lending Essendon - Scott Pickett

Maxx Excavation Services - Elton Stevens

Palmer Building Solutions - Aaron Palmer

Smartline Personal Mortgage Services - Rob Stipanic

Penny Young - Anthony Bongivanni

Brookline Financial Services - John Traficante

We said Good-Bye to 3 #smobas and their families. We thank them for their contribution to the St. Monica's Community over the years.

Brendan Jones #47

Justin Farmelo #67

Eoin Kearns #8

There were 2 Awards given out after a long year. Congratulations to the following Winners:

#Smoba of the Year - Elton Stevens

#Smoba that Needs to Lift - Paul Barlow

The year ahead promises to be another busy one. Please stay tuned for upcoming events/ functions which will come out soon.

Follow us on Instagram @ stmonicasoldboys

To join the #Smoba WhattsApp group please message Ben Hogan - 0402-919-523



Coming soon - Soccer Goals for the Middle Yard, Stay tuned.....

Program Update

Welcome to Term 1, 2020.

We hope you had a relaxing and wonderful summer break. It’s been a very exciting start to the year meeting all the new families and children who are attending OSHClub. We at OSHClub cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us. A few reminders as we enter a new school year .

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 two Wednesdays(12/2 &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	-Zebra craft -Musical statues	-Smoothies -Lego Hunt	-Puppets -Pass the egg	-Cloud bags -Silent ball	-Bingo -Musical chairs
After Care Activities	-puppets -Lego hunt -One bounce -Moovosity Sports Challenge	-Cookies -Uno -Cricket - Moovosity Sports Chal- lenge	-Cloud bags -Bingo -Skipping -Moovosity Sports Challenge	-Origami -Musical Chairs -Soccer -Moovosity Sports Challenge	-Self portrait -Logo game -Moovosity Sports Chal- lenge

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 juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au

Link:

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

**Nelson
Alexander**

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