



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Wednesday, the Gospel reading was about the vine and the branches (Jn 15:1-8). It's a story about how intimately connected Jesus is to each of his followers and how much the vine relies on the branches to grow and produce fruit. It reminded me of the connection between home and school, particularly evident in the midst of a pandemic. The school, founded on Catholic values, and the family, are reliant on each other for the fruit to grow. The branches need their connection to the vine for nourishment, and the vine needs the branches because that's where the fruit grows.



Pope Francis, when speaking about the Gospel, said "Without Jesus we can do nothing, like branches without the vine...it's the Lord who says it - without us it seems that he cannot do anything because the branch bears the fruit, not the tree."

At St Monica's, we cannot ensure the fruit flourishes without you, the parents and families of our students. In the Gospel, we are reminded of this and I want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. On Monday, we welcome all students back full-time. We are looking forward to the normalcy that being back at school every day provides, as we are sure you are.

We have made some changes to our procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, including additional cleaning through the day of touchpoints, availability of hand sanitiser within learning spaces and clear expectations around frequent hand washing. There will be no large gatherings until further notice, including assemblies and liturgies.

Due to the ongoing social distancing requirements for adults, we request that parents do not enter the school grounds. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher or our office staff, please enter the school via the Daking Street office. We encourage all students to be picked up, where possible, via Kiss 'n' Ride. If this is not possible, students will need to be collected from the carpark gate near the parish hall. Parents must maintain social distancing protocols at this time. Kiss 'n' Ride will continue to operate until 3:30pm so please consider delaying afternoon pick up to prevent traffic congestion. Thank you for your understanding.

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick, or if they are exhibiting any symptoms of cold and flu, including cough, runny nose or fever. If students become sick while at school, we will contact you to come and pick them up.

The following procedures apply to all schools within Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. From Monday, all learning will occur at school. There will no longer be the provision of any remote learning as this is not sustainable with all children expected back at school. Attendance procedures will return to normal and students will be marked as absent if they do not attend school. The 'flexible' mode no longer applies, therefore parents will be required to provide an absent note to explain the absence, as per normal.

Please contact the school via email or phone if you are choosing not to send your child/ren back to school on Monday. I understand these decisions will impact many families and I would love the opportunity to discuss your family's circumstances with you.

Again, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism displayed by St Monica's staff during this challenging and ever-changing time. Thank you also to the families for being supportive and understanding, and to the parish community for keeping us all in their prayers.

Yours sincerely,

**Lisa Howell**  
Principal

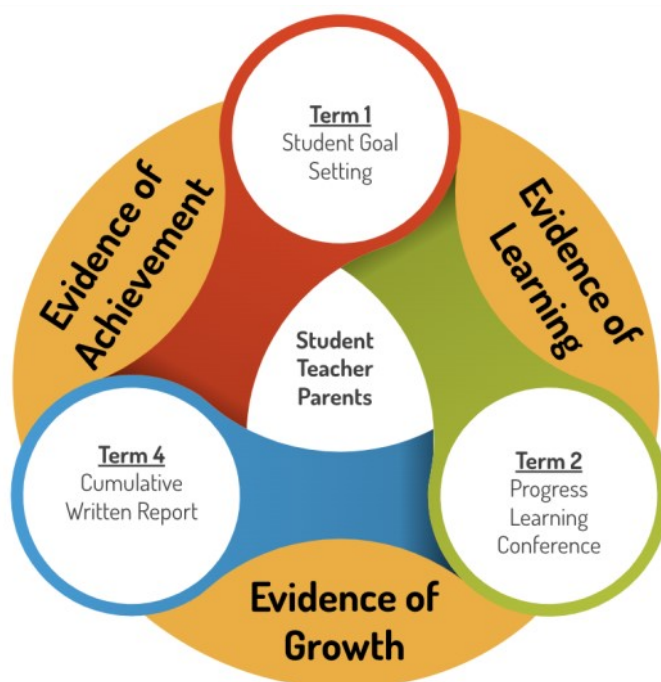


# Reporting

At St Monica's, we believe that you, the parents and carers of our students, have made a significant contribution to your child's learning this year and as such, are taking the opportunity to involve you in the reporting process for your child. Flexibility in this process for Semester 1, 2020 has been provided by the Minister for Education. However, this opportunity is one in which we anticipate will continue at St Monica's in 2021 and beyond.

Assessment and reporting at St Monica's in 2020 is a year-long, collaborative approach, where all major stakeholders are involved:

- In Term One, we established learning goals with every student.
- In Term Two, we will invite parents to participate in a Progress Learning Conference (via Zoom) with their child and their child's teacher. This conference will include students demonstrating evidence of learning, and teachers and parents collaborating to report on progress in Religion, English and Mathematics. New and/or revised learning goals will be established for every student. As grades, comparative data and a written report are not a requirement for Semester 1, 2020, reporting will be via the collaborative conference only.
- In Term Three, students will work with their teachers and parents to continue to meet their learning goals and regularly evaluate and co-construct new ones.
- Finally, in Term Four, a cumulative written report will be prepared and distributed to students and their parents as an artefact of the year's learning, including grades from A-E, comparative data and written comments.



Phases of Reporting at St Monica's: Creating Sustainable Learning Partnerships

The proposed changes to our reporting processes have been developed in consultation with our teachers and we will also be seeking parent feedback after the conclusion of the Progress Learning Conferences. These conferences (via Zoom) will be held during Weeks 9 and 10 of Term Two with further details regarding times and bookings to be provided soon.

We look forward to meeting with you and continuing the sustainable learning partnerships between students, teachers and parents.

### 2021 Kindergarten Enrolment—Letters of Offer

First Round Letters of Offer have now been emailed to parents who have submitted enrolment applications for children commencing ES1 in 2021. Please be advised that acceptances **must be received by Friday 29 May 2020** when this offer of enrolment will expire.



### School Fees—Fee Relief

We understand that many families are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of loss of income. Please do not hesitate to contact us as there are many ways that we can provide support to families.



**Fee Relief information** and **procedures to apply for Fee Relief** can be accessed by clicking this [LINK](#).

Alternatively you may contact Mrs Lata Rebello, School Finance Officer on 8832 4100 who will be able to assist you. All conversations will remain strictly private and confidential.

### Skoolbag

Parents are reminded that **Skoolbag** is the primary communication tool used by the school. Skoolbag is a free app available for all parents to download.



### Citizenship

Please advise the school office if you or your child's citizenship status changes at any time during the year. Please forward a copy of your Australian Citizenship papers to the school office so that we can update our records.

### Thank You

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Chandra (Jessica S3A and Joshua Year 2) for the hand sanitiser stands. They are proving very popular around the school!



### Chromebook + Charger Returns

All Chromebooks + Chargers that have been borrowed from school during the remote learning period must be returned to the school office by a PARENT.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE CHROMEBOOK + CHARGER WITH YOUR CHILD.**

Parents will be requested to sign the Chromebook + Charger back to the school once it has been checked and cleaned at the school office.



Congratulations to Mrs Emily Harrison and her husband Mitch who have announced that they are to become parents for a second time later this year. We are all very excited for Mrs Harrison at this exciting time.



## Winter School Uniform

*All students are to return to school wearing their winter school uniform.*

The new school jacket (\$60) is now available for purchase.

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved St Monica's shirt Culottes Navy Socks Black school shoes	<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved St Monica's shirt Navy blue shorts Navy Socks Black school shoes
<b>Winter</b> Short-sleeved shirt Long sleeved shirt (optional) Culottes / Long navy pants Navy Sloppy Joe (optional) School Jacket Navy winter stockings Black school shoes	<b>Winter</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Long Sleeved shirt (optional) Long Navy pants Navy Sloppy Joe (optional) School Jacket Navy Socks Black school shoes
<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket White Socks Joggers (predominantly white)	<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit pants/School Jacket White Socks Joggers (predominantly white)
The <b>School Jacket</b> with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year The <b>School Hat</b> with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day	

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All school clothing requirements are available for purchase through [Oz Fashions](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

**Oz Fashions location:** 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville  
 Phone: 9897 3121

**Opening Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm  
 Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Parking is available on site.

<http://www.ozfashions.com.au>

Happy birthday to the following students and staff  
who celebrate birthdays in June.



Koey Mwangi	Michael Maffina	Joanna Huynh	Alexis Crame
Wo-Hing Emmanuel Lim	Braxton Cooper	Ziyang Lin	Eva Tran
Sarah Pilli	Angus Graham	Ruby Knight	William Paterson
Staff: Miss Coutinho			

A reminder that **every student** needs to bring a **drink bottle** to school every day.



Due to the current guidelines, the bubblers will not be in use until further notice.

**NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE.**

## St Monica's Parish Sacramental Program

### Confirmation:

All Children who have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be following the schedule and continuing with their lessons at home. Once a new date for the Confirmation Mass is finalized by the OFW we will notify everyone.



### First Holy Communion:

Registration, which was scheduled for the weekend of 23rd/24th May, will occur via email as we are currently adhering to the Covid-19 rules & regulations. Once you have registered, resource packs will be ready for collection from the Parish Office.

For any further inquiries, or to email your registration form, please contact Shanika at [stmonicasacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicasacraments@gmail.com)





Access straight to **SORA** via:  
<https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau>

Our Students have been doing a great job reading the amazing books they own, as well as also accessing books from our online elibrary as they engage in their continuous learning at home.

**Students are now able to borrow books from the school library again!**

When you return on your scheduled day - Please remember to return any books/readers you have and then you will be able to borrow some new books to take home.

We are still looking for our **"Bookworm of the Term"** - with a prize awarded to the student per class who borrows the most books in one term.



### **\*STUDENT BOOK REVIEWS\***

Would you like to share how much you enjoyed a book with us?

**Prizes will be awarded to the best reviewer from each class!**

Send through a book review to Mrs Davino at [rdavino@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rdavino@parra.catholic.edu.au)

You can write it or send through a video which we can share on our school Facebook page!

Students are advised that the **Sunshine Online** resource will expire on Tuesday 26 May.

Login: stmonica2020  
 Password: stmonica2020

Anyone wishing to continue using this resource after 26 May will have to pay via subscription.

*We have many books to cover! Any parents who would like to assist are requested to send an email to the office*  
***[stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)***

**Can you help?**

*The books and contact will be sent home with your child next week or you are welcome to collect them from the school office. Thank you in advance.*

**Mrs Davino**  
**Library Assistant / Teacher's Aide**



Email: [ask@welcomeasy.com.au](mailto:ask@welcomeasy.com.au)

Web: [www.welcomeasy.com.au](http://www.welcomeasy.com.au)

Find us on  @Welcomeasy

Welcomeasy advise that they will be providing a full service from Monday 25 May (Week 5).

The new Winter Menu will be available from Monday 1 June.

Parents can order student lunches online and they will be delivered to school each day.

## SCHOOL TIMETABLE

**8:20am**  
Morning supervision

**8:30am-8:45am**  
Bag Unpacking upstairs

**8:50am**  
Morning bell

**8:50am-10:50am**  
Learning

**10:50am-11:20am**  
Recess

**11:20pm-1:20pm**  
Learning

**1:20pm- 2:00pm**  
Lunch

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
Learning

**3:00pm**  
Dismissal

**3:00pm - 3:30pm**  
Afternoon supervision

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

**Term 3**  
to be advised

**Term 4**  
Thursday 17 December  
Friday 18 December



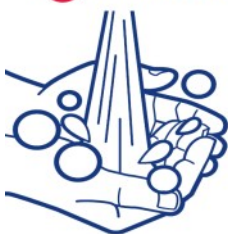
[www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

## Practice simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

**1** Wet hands      **2** Apply soap      **3** Lather & scrub



**4** Rinse hands      **5** Turn off tap      **6** Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**