St Monica’s Parent Survey Response

**FACILITIES**

Thank you to all the parents who provided feedback about the facilities available at St Monica’s in the 2014 Parent Survey. We received a number of requests to upgrade and add facilities and now seek to provide you with information on what we have done, and intend to do in relation to these requests in 2015. Comments on school facilities are always welcome through the Community Council email at Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au

### OVAL MAINTENANCE

**Parent Comments:** Need synthetic grass on oval. Too many holes in oval. Grass is patchy, maintenance needed.

* It would cost well in excess of $100,000 to install a synthetic surface on the oval.
* A synthetic surface of that size would add several degrees to the temperature – they get very hot!
* In 2013 the oval received a $15,000 makeover, in 2015 we intend to continue to work on maintaining the oval.

**Current Issues**

* The watering system has required repair to ensure all areas are watered.
* The grass is quickly worn down in the high traffic play areas and struggles to grow under the trees.

### CARPARK SAFETY

* As foreshadowed in the school newsletter the fence around the blacktop has now been completed at a cost of $18,000.
* Signs will be added to encourage people to park thoughtfully and designate which areas are ‘no parking’ zones for the safety of all.
* Please remember parents are not permitted to drive through the teachers’ carpark to pick up/drop off between 8.30 and 3.30.

### PLAY EQUIPMENT

**Parent Comments:** Need better equipment for older children. More sports equipment.

* We have recently upgraded the Year 1 & 2 playground at a cost of $40,000.
* From the beginning of this year we have divided up the oval into 5 areas to accommodate the various grade levels playing soccer.
* In 2015 we intend to look at what can be added to the Senior Playground to accommodate more children and provide more interest.

### BUS SHELTER

* Parents have asked for a bus shelter, however the bus stop is located on a difficult corner and a suitably sized shelter would reduce visibility and increase the danger significantly. We will continue to investigate options for improving the bus stop area and look at options of extending the shelter where the children currently stand in the afternoon.
* With the Year 1 & 2 play equipment now complete consideration for a sunshade will be investigated this year.

### PERIMETER FENCING

**Parent Comments:** I am nervous about people being able to get that close to kids. Fencing would make the school safer.

* A quote for a perimeter fence came in at $250.00 - $260.00/m + GST, based on a fence approx. 530m in length, inclusive of 7 double gates (mixed size openings) and 5 single gates averaging 1500 wide openings. (Price at 2012- $135 680.00).
* We have never had an incident of an unauthorised person entering the school oval.
* To fence the oval we would have to reduce the size of the oval as our boundary sits at the trees at the back of the oval and 1 metre in front of the path that leads to Chomley Street.
* There is no evidence to suggest that children are at greater risk at school than was the case 20 years ago.
* Based on the information above the Community Council Executive does not intend to pursue this project, however we will ensure this issue is reconsidered if evidence it should be prioritised becomes available.