

**ST MONICA'S
PRIMARY
NORTH PARRAMATTA**

**TERM 1, WEEK 11
9 April 2014**

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Week 11

Wed 9	12:40pm Easter Liturgy
Thur 10	2:30pm Easter Liturgy Easter Raffle drawn at 2:45pm
Fri 11	9:10am Mass Dance Fever Athletics Closing date for 2015 ES1 (Kindergarten) enrolments Term 1 ends at 3pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 28	School Resumes Uniform Shop 8:30am-10:30am Pow Wow 9-10.30am
Fri 2 May	School Athletics Carnival

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Week 2

Mon 5	Uniform Shop 8:30am-10:30am Pow Wow 9-10.30am
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Week 3

Tues 13	Naplan (Yrs 3 and 5) Language Conventions/ Writing
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Wed 14	Naplan (Yrs 3 and 5) Reading
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Thurs 15	Naplan (Yrs 3 and 5) Numeracy
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Week 4

Thurs 22	Biggest Morning Tea
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**School resumes
for Term 2
on Monday
28 April 2014**



Monica's Matters

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To my dear St Monica's community.

It is very difficult to find the right words to say goodbye to a community that will always have a special place in my heart. I have enjoyed the most amazing fifteen years in your company. I have seen so many changes to the physical environment of the school from old buildings with no air conditioners to the most beautiful learning space and facilities. No matter what the challenges, St Monica's is a community with heart and soul and the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy is present in all we do. The most rewarding part about being a teacher is seeing children begin in Kindergarten and complete their journey as graduates in Year 6. I am so proud to see them grow as servant leaders and love to see them return to tell us about their lives post St Monica's. To the many families whose children I have taught, I feel very blessed that you have let me be a part of your lives. I have so many special memories of my time here from book parades and talent quests to graduation and liturgical celebrations. As a small school we are like family and both the staff, students and families have a deep sense of connection and communion. I truly believe that God positions us wherever we need to be and we can't be worried or disappointed by changes as they are part of a much bigger plan that God has for us.

I will miss St Monica's very much but my family and I are also excited about this new opportunity with our move to the central coast. I would like to thank my Principals Sister Marie Butcher, Mrs Anne Marrins, Mr Michael Hopley and Miss Louise O'Donnell for their leadership and guidance, Father Brian and Father Fernando who have been my counsel and faith leaders and the staff who have loved and supported me through many professional and personal milestones.

Peace and fond farewell.

Kerry Power

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

I encourage everyone to participate in our Parish Holy Week and Easter Celebrations and in conversation with your children share with them the true spirit, meaning and symbols of Holy Week and Easter. St Monica's Easter Celebrations timetable can be found on the following page..

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past term. Their generosity in terms of time, self and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the school day but it is in giving so much that they truly receive.

I would like to extend to all of you my good wishes for happiness and relaxation over the holidays. Make and take time as a family to enjoy each other. The primary years are certainly precious and pass quickly. The time invested now is paid back ten fold in the quality of your child's relationships with you and others.

On behalf of the St Monica's staff I wish all our families a very happy and holy Easter and Christ's blessings throughout this holy season.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



DISCO

I'm sure everyone that attended the disco last Friday night agrees that it was a wonderful night. Thank you to Bernadette Haddad for her organisation of the event, George Assaf for being an expert DJ, Laurie and Rebecca Hekeik for providing the popcorn and to the many parents who stepped in on the night and assisted with supervision, canteen duties and selling tickets.



WORKING BEE

Last Saturday at our Working Bee many jobs were undertaken through the generous support of the parents and children who came along to assist. The following tasks were carried out: tables scrubbed, playground and seating were gurneyed, cobwebs taken down, toilets and bubblers scrubbed, extensive weeding and pruning, relocation of sport's equipment and social welcome team area, garden beds emptied and moved, kitchen cleaned and artwork hung.

Sincere thanks to: Kathy & Gerard Basha, Thomas Boakye, Richard, Cathryn, Patrick & Jessica Crowle, Sherwin Elias, Richard, Trish & Simon Forsyth, Vesna & Amelia Furjanic, Tom, Dorota, Kayla & Oscar Grzelak, Susan Halabi, Stefan Halamka, Paul Hossack, Neil, Janet, Edward & Philip Joseph, Claudia, Martha, Victoria & Zachariah Kassis, John, Simone, Abbi, Chelsea & Madeline Lewis, Laura Llamas, Slavica Lukic, Mary-Jo Mason, Bradley North, Claire, Brendan & Aidan Pospishil, Mel & Marley Puyat, Vanessa, Nick, Jack & Nina Talty. Thank you also to Filiz Unver and Ashika Seepersad who were not able to attend the Working Bee but provided morning tea.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion boxes can be returned to the school. Please return them in Week 1, Term 2. Thank you for your generosity—all proceeds go to Project Compassion. *Ms Kerry Power*

PBL What an amazing evening! Last night's PBL Product Launch was a great success as most Stage 3 students, their parents and friends gathered in the Learning Space to celebrate their learning. The space was set out like a cultural expo as visitors mingled between the product displays, enquiring about the process of design and tasting the sumptuous cultural snacks. Products ranged from posters to websites, iPad apps to paintings and an interactive jigsaw. A huge thank you to Suzie Halabi who made the food impact possible. It was an incredible achievement and the quality of the catering was fantastic. A wonderful way for the parent community to formally farewell Ms Power. Many former students attended and a great evening was had by all. Congratulations to Miss Rosewell and Ms Power for sharing wonderful learning in Stage 3.

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS



A reminder that the **closing date** for 2015 Kindergarten enrolments is this **Friday 11 April 2014**.

When lodging your application you will need to provide your child's **original birth and baptismal certificates and an up-to-date immunisation form**.

Enrolment interviews will take place during Term 2.

Please note that your child will need to be present at the Enrolment Interview.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to those families who have returned their Raffle Books and money.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at **2:45pm**

on Thursday 10 April on the playground.

Good luck everyone!



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

St Patrick's Cathedral
Monday 14th April—8pm

CHRISM MASS

St Patrick's Cathedral
Wednesday 16th April—7.30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Monica's Parish
Thursday, 17th April—7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

St Monica's Parish
18th April—**Stations of the Cross**—10am
Chinese Stations of the Cross—1.30pm
Passion of the Lord—3pm
Reconciliation will follow the 3pm Liturgy

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Vigil

St Monica's Parish
Saturday, 19th April—6.30pm
Chinese Mass—9.00pm

Easter Sunday

St Monica's Parish
20th April—9am
Chinese Mass—11.30am
No evening Mass

LAKE PARRAMATTA PARK

Commencing Week 2, Term 2 (Friday 9 May) Stage 2 and Stage 3 will again be going up to the park on Fridays, just before lunch, returning to the school by 1:30pm. If there are any parents who would be willing to walk up to the Park with Miss O'Donnell, could you please contact the school office and advise of your availability. Thank You.

FOUND

A black child's cardigan was left at the Disco on Friday night. It may be collected at the school office.

MINDQUEST 2014

Glenwood High School, Forman Ave, Glenwood Park Drive, Glenwood 2768

Date: Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 June 2014

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Fee: \$175 for the MindQuest Enrichment Weekend

MindQuest offers 36 exciting courses for gifted and talented students in Years 1-6. This fast paced challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. Please see Mrs Mason for further details.

FREE GIANTS AFL SUPERCLINIC - Thursday 10 April 2014 5:30pm—7:00pm

Doyle Ground, North Parramatta between Macarthur and Buller Streets. AFL NSW ACT would like to invite all boys and girls aged 4-12 to attend the Hills Lions Super Clinic/Club Night. Meet the GWS Giants Mascot, GMan, Free Giants Stress Football, Free Coaching clinic and BBQ. Register with the club on the night to receive: Free Size 1 Giants Football, Free Giants Family Membership, Auskick Backpack including football, cap, footy cards, Footypedia and lots more! To register your attendance, please contact: Mike O'Grady, mike.ogrady@aflnswact.com.au or 8867 7411 and leave your details.

DATES FOR TERM 2

Friday 2 May (Week 1)

Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 May (Week 3)

Monday 9 June (Week 7)

Friday 27 June (Week 9)

School Athletics Carnival

Naplan — Years 3 and 5

(breakfast provided for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students)

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Term 2 ends



School holiday jewellery making classes

Where: Banjos Bead House
When: April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24.
Duration: Classes are for 3 hours:
9.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 4.00pm.
Full day bookings can also be made.

A variety of projects are on offer for children from age 6 – 12 or teenagers. Classes are small, individualized and run by our professional bead and craft teachers. You can book for one or a number of classes.

Cost \$45 per class, includes all materials plus snack and drink.

For more information or to book please phone or email Lynda or Denise, or visit our website.

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Join our Easter Family Night

FREE

Thursday 10th April 6pm - 8pm

Join us for a great night of fun for the whole family!

- Kids D.I.Y workshops
- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Light refreshments provided

Other great activities including:

- Petting Zoo
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- FREE BBQ
- Cafe Open for Coffee

Bookings essential — for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.

BUNNINGS warehouse

LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...

ST MONICA'S DISCO



WORKING BEE



Thank you Miss Haddad and Mrs Lawrence

Thank you to Miss Joanna Haddad and Mrs Janet Lawrence who have replaced Mrs Gardoni this term in Year 2.

We thank them for their dedication and care of our students during their time here.

Mrs Gardoni will return to Year 2 on the first day of Term 2 which is Monday 28 April.



St Monica's Primary

SAVE THE DATE: **SATURDAY 24TH MAY**

FANCY I ♥ 80. DRESS
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED

TRIVIA NIGHT

ADULTS ONLY
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

CALLING ALL YOU MATERIAL GIRLS AND BOYS
COME ALONG FOR AN **AWESOME** NIGHT OF
TRIVIA GAMES PRIZES

\$10 PER PERSON
KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR REGISTRATION FORMS
COMING HOME WITH YOUR KIDS SOON
For enquiries contact TIM Cooper 0408 205 751 or email tim@rockbuild.com.au

BYO
ALCOHOL & DRINKS

Q. How many sides does an icosagon have?
A. 20.