

ST MONICA'S
PRIMARY
NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 1
Wednesday 22 April 2015

DIARY DATES

Week 1	
Fri 24	10:30am Anzac Liturgy Dance Fever
Sat 25	Anzac Day
Week 2	
Mon 27	Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 28	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop Athletics Carnival (rescheduled) Barton Park, Gladstone St, North Parramatta
Wed 29	9am-1pm Mother's Day Wrapping (COSH) + Social/Welcome Team Meeting
MAY	
Fri 1	Mufti Day Crazy Sock Day—Novelties—Fete Dance Fever
Week 3	
Mon 4	Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 5	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop Cross Country — Eastern Creek
Thur 7	9:15am Mother's Day Mass / Morning Tea Mother's Day Stall
Fri 8	Riverside Theatre— S2/ S3 Literacy Group Dance Fever
Sun 10	Mother's Day
Week 4	
Mon 11	All children to be wearing Winter Uniform Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 12	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) (Spelling, Writing and Grammar)
Wed 13	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) (Reading)
Thur 14	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) (Numeracy)
Fri 15	Theme Lunch Dance Fever



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back as we begin Term 2.

Celebrating Jesus' Life! Celebrating new life! Commemorating the sacredness of life!

As a faith and learning community we will gather tomorrow morning at 9:00am for our Easter liturgy to celebrate Jesus' life and the gift of hope and new life which He gave to us all when He died on the cross and rose from the dead. This belief is central to our faith. Easter is a time of rebirth, reflection and renewal. As Easter people we continue our journey with the Risen Christ confident of God's loving presence with us. We remember God's limitless love for us, and the Easter message of hope.

An Easter Message From St Paul

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything....
and the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

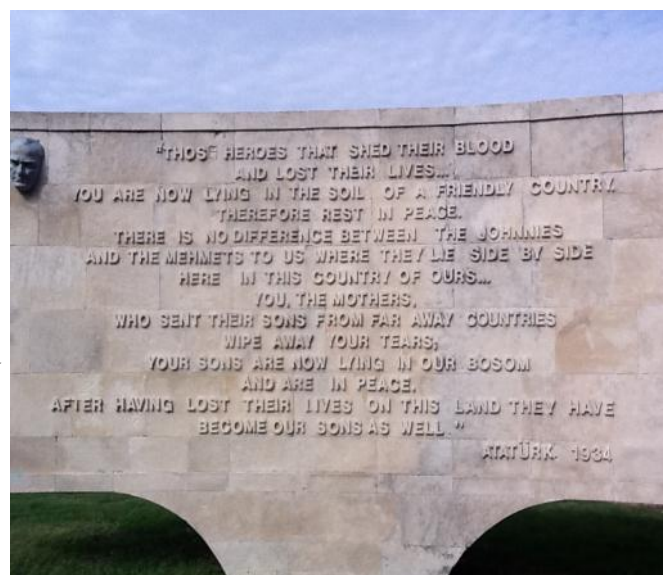
Finally, beloved, whatever is true,
whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
If there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

On Friday morning we will gather at 10:30am for the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) troops at Gallipoli. We remember with great sadness the diggers who made that fateful landing at Anzac Cove. We also commemorate those who have lost their lives in all past wars and recent conflicts and we pray for people across the world who are currently deployed in the quest for peace.

A few years ago I was very fortunate to visit Gallipoli as part of the 'Footsteps of St Paul Pilgrimage' with the Diocese of Parramatta. This photo is of a monument with the words from the first President of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1934). He sums up the respect that the enemies had for one another and especially for the ANZAC troops.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



HOW ARE WE GOING WITH OUR GOALS?

Formation Goal: *For the students to develop a broader understanding of prayer in its various applications.*

During Term 1 the staff had a two- hour meeting led by the Religious Education Adviser in the diocese - Carmen Cassar. Staff learnt about the various forms of prayer including blessings and adoration, prayers of petition, prayers of intercession, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of praise. Our Christ Centred leaders published two newsletters, which informed parents of the various Religious Education units being studied in each Stage.

Literacy Goal: *For all students to improve in their performance in Writing by at least one band in NAPLAN*

In all Stages the teachers have commenced daily guided writing groups. The teachers focus on a specific strategy with the students in each group depending on their specific needs. Mrs Mason, Mrs Turner, Mrs Gardoni and I attended a two day course on writing. We were introduced to the Literacy Continuum at this course. The continuum identifies the stages through which students progress in vocabulary knowledge, spelling and grammar, phonics and phonemic awareness. Teachers were able to use our new learning gained at the course to determine where students were on the continuum .

Numeracy Goal: *By developing students' ability to interpret questions they will move at least one growth point in EMU and at least one band in NAPLAN.*

The teachers have been setting a learning intention and jointly constructing a success criteria at the start of their Numeracy Block every day. In each of the learning spaces there is a mathematics word wall for the students to use as a reference for their learning. Students have continued to explain and prove their thinking in problem solving activities.

SOCIAL/WELCOME TEAM MEETING - Community Room (COSHC)

Wednesday 29 April 2015 (Week 2) commencing at **9:00am**
(Meeting will be held prior to Mother's Day Stall Gift wrapping)

POSMs MEETING—Learning Space

Wednesday 20 May 2015 (Week 5) commencing at 7pm in the Learning Space.

MORNING KISS AND DROP

Parents may have seen in the car park this week a new yellow line marking near the 'Kiss and Drop' gate. During the holidays Mr Dennis has clearly outlined where a car can park safely to allow children to exit the car and enter the school grounds.

Parents choosing to park their car will now have plenty of room to do so in safety. Thank you for taking extra care around our school

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

From **Monday 11th May (Week 4)** all students **must** be in full Winter uniform. I take this opportunity to respectfully ask that parents continue supporting our expectation that students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. This demonstrates a sense of both personal pride and pride in our school community. Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

BABY KHADI

Congratulations to the Khadi family on the safe arrival of Lucas last Thursday.

ICE BLOCKS

Friday, 1st May will be the final day that we will be selling ice blocks at lunch time until the warmer weather returns. Thank you to our Year 6 students who have assisted selling the ice blocks.

LAKE PARRAMATTA PARK

For the past four years parents and I have been able to walk all interested Primary students up to Parramatta Park each Friday in the cooler months to play soccer, cricket, chasings and throw Frisbees. Students leave school at 12:40pm and return to the school by 1:30pm. If any parent is able to assist with this activity, please contact the school office.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for Kindergarten (Early Stage One) will close this **Friday 24 April 2015**.

Enrolment Application forms may be downloaded from the school website www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au. Go to the **PARENTS** heading and then click on **ENROLMENTS** from the drop down menu. Alternatively you may collect an enrolment form from the school office.

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

Once Enrolments have closed parents will be contacted to arrange an interview with the Principal and Parist Priest. Interviews will take place during May and June.

Pizza Day Thank You

Thank you to the parents who helped on Pizza Day which was held in Week 9 of Term 1. Your generosity of time is appreciated. Thank you to: Kathy Basha, Bernadette Haddad, Sonia Sentas, Gulshan Muttou, Claire Pospischil, Kimberley Graham, Vanessa Talty, Rebecca Essey, Victoria Elias and Melissa Cabot



'CRAZY SOCK MUFTI'

Lucky Dip Novelties

Friday 1st May 2015



Do your kids have a box at home full of party favours, nick-nacks and toys from happy meals? We would gladly appreciate donations of children's party favours, trinkets etc (new and unused) that are small and suitable for our lucky dip items. Examples include: anything you use to pop into party bags for your children, silly glasses, little cars, plastic insects, small puzzle toys, stamps, plastic jewellery, little note pads etc.

Please bring the items to school on Friday 1 May.

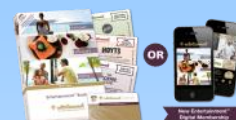
Students are to wear their sports uniform, a pair of crazy socks and are requested to donate some novelties for the fete.

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS—Early Bird Offers

Entertainment Book Early Bird Offers are now available.

Books cost \$65 each and every membership sold raises \$13 for our school.

Once again you have the option of ordering an **Entertainment Book Membership** or an **Entertainment Digital Membership**.



Your advance purchase of the new Entertainment Book contributes to our fundraising and ensures you will be allocated a book when they become available later this month. Early Bird Offers may be used straight away.

Book Memberships: Customers who pay for their printed Entertainment Book will receive one sheet of Early Bird Offers for each Book purchased.

Digital Memberships: Customers who purchase a Digital Membership will have the offers sent automatically to their phone.

You may order securely online at: www.entbook.com.au/21576y3

Please contact Mrs Abood in the school office if you have any further enquiries.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1: Ashton Dardagos, Michael Maffina, Charlize Cooper
 Stage One: Kwaku Boakye, Ahmad El Merhabi
 Tia El-Kazzi, Jayden Albayeh, Suhana Roy, Jesse Maffina
 Stage 2: Jessica Chapman, Ann-Marie Boujandy, Jessica Crowle, Kayla Grzelak, Christian Kandalaft,
 Gene Kneipp
 Stage 3: Lachlan Roberts, Alysha Dunnett, Hunter Malatag

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



Jason Grey	Sophie Stoker	Jessica Ishak	Sofia El Gabaili
Ezekiel Logo	Liam Sciacca	Kwaku Boakye	Pinar Helena Unver
Charles Sentas	Damian Matijevic	Brandon Lukic	Kael Sciacca
Brooke Emphield	Sakina Kunambi	Jacob Kandalaft	Gabriela Andrade
Akwasi Boakye	<i>Staff: Miss O'Donnell</i>		

Full Attendance Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 1.:

ES1: Andrew Clark, Ashton Dardagos, Miranda Huang, Matthew Johnson, Max Lukasik, Michael Maffina, Siria Mondinelli, William Paterson, Sophie Phan, L'Lysse Puyat, Lola Sloane

Year 1: Kwaku Boakye, Simon Forsyth, Jake Hollis, Tina Kiaiefar, Manson Lu, Evan Michael, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Ashleigh North, Kobe Puyat, Charbel Sadek, John Sadek

Year 2: Jayden Albayeh, Alexander Azar, Laura Emphield, Samira Hekeik, Jacob Kandalaft, Zachariah Kassis, Sakina Kunambi, Jesse Maffina, Giselle Mondinelli, Aidan Pospischil, Emma Sadek, Poppy Sloane

Stage 2: Jordan Basha, Amelia Furjanic, Hayden Herder-Beke, Ainsley Mitchell, Veronica Sadek, Jessica Stoker, Jessica Crowle, Laetitia Hossack, Christian Kandalaft, Gene Kneipp, Massimo Milutinovic, Keira Mitchell, Pinar Helena Unver, Akwasi Boakye, Ana Maria Costea, Lachlan Dardagos, Peter Farah, Dunya Grudic, Raymond Khadi, Samika Seepersad, Isabella Smith. Alanis Supuk.

Stage 3: Joshua Albayeh, Jackson Basha, Debra Chirchir, Alysha Dunnett, Hayley Herder-Beke, Philip Joseph, Alanah Khadi, Natasha Mutttoo, Abraham Dennis, Amalie Dona, Brooke Emphield, Salama Kipanya Kunambi, Hunter Malatag, Patrick Newey, Brendan Pospischil.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Stall Gift Wrapping

When: Wednesday 29 April 2015

Where: Community Room (COSHC)

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm (*commencing with the Social/Welcome Team Meeting*)



If you are able to assist with wrapping gifts for the Stall we would be very grateful for any time you can spare.

Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 7 May 2015

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 8:20am *Siblings*
10:30am—12:00pm *All Students*



This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7 May. This is a chance for school students to shop at school for something special for Mum. The children can purchase some wonderful gifts to suit all mums, which will range from \$4 to \$12. Children need to bring their money to shop on the day. The most secure way would be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and the amount enclosed. Siblings may shop together before school at 8:20am.

Mother's Day Mass

When: Thursday 7 May 2015

Where: St Monica's Church

Time: 9:15am



The school would like to show how much St Monica's mums are appreciated, and so all mums, grandmothers etc are invited to attend a special Mass at St Monica's Church at 9:15am on Thursday 7 May. Always a beautiful Mass which brings tears to your eyes! Morning Tea will follow in the Hall.

How can you help?

We need parents who can assist us with the Stall on the day.

Please advise Simone (0421 816 257) or Gulshan (0405 043 170) if you can help.

Thank you for your support.

Social/Welcome Team

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ALL parent volunteers **MUST** now have a 'Working With Children Check'. This replaces the Prohibited Declaration Forms some parents have completed in the past. These forms are no longer valid. We ask that **ALL** volunteers complete a 'Working With Children Check' as soon as possible so that you can continue to be a volunteer in our school.

Please go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and click on the blue square with the gold star "Start Here" and then follow the prompts. The link for the WWC Check is available on the front page of our website.

The check is free for volunteers and is valid for 5 years.

Parents will need to complete the online application—you will then receive an email with an application number which you will be required to print out and take to the RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) with your identification. Once your application has been processed you will then be sent another email providing you with a 'Working With Children Check' number. Please forward this email to the school email address (stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au) where it will be recorded.

ONLINE TRAINING MODULE — Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Please note that **ALL** volunteers are also required to complete the Online Training Module through the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta every two (2) years. The online training module can be accessed via <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

The link for this Online Training Module is also on the front page of our website.

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