

ST MONICA'S  
PRIMARY  
NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 4, WEEK 1  
Wednesday 7 October 2015

DIARY DATES

TERM 4 OCTOBER

Week 1

Wed 7	Students return for Term 4—Summer Uniform
Thurs 8	8:30am Korker Fundraiser (Hair Accessories)  Responsible Pet Education Program for (K-2) 1:30pm-3pm
Fri 9	Ascent—Shoelace Program (K-3)
Sat 10/ Sun 11	Hall opened <b>after</b> Masses for Trash & Treasure collection (5pm Sat, 9am/6pm Sunday)
Week 2	
Mon 12	Pow Wow
Tues 13	Uniform Shop 8:30am-9:30am  Athletics Fun Day Barton Park
Thur 15	Stage 1 Excursion Stage 3 Excursion
Fri 16	Fruit & Veg sense workshop
Sat 17/ Sun 18	Hall opened <b>after</b> Masses for Trash & Treasure collection (5pm Sat, 9am/6pm Sunday)

**Staff Development Days**  
**Term 4, Week 11 2015**

Thursday 17 December  
Friday 18 December



# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back to St Monica's and to Term 4. I hope that the spring holiday was an opportunity to rest and renew and also a time to pursue family interests.

It is hard to believe that there are only ten school weeks remaining for the year. The term calendar, however, indicates a full program of activities and celebrations before we complete the school year. I strongly encourage all parents to constantly check the calendar on the school website and mark important dates, particularly those that involve the school community in significant celebrations eg Athletics Carnival (Tuesday 13 Oct), Stage 1 & Stage 3 excursions (Thursday 15 Oct), Fete (Saturday 24 Oct), Fright Night Disco (Friday 30 Oct), Whole School Christmas Celebration (Tuesday 8 December) Awards and Thank You Morning Tea (Friday 11 December) and End of Year Mass and Graduation (Tuesday 15 Dec).

### Fete Update

Our Parish fete is fast approaching with the countdown on. Thank you to all parents who have generously contributed already to our major fundraiser. Trish Forsyth has been co-ordinating all the stall volunteers over the holidays and at this stage we are in need of many more volunteers. To date we have only received volunteer forms back from only half of our 130 families. I urge all parents who have not completed the volunteer form to send it into the school this week. All that is required is an hour or two of your time so that everyone can enjoy the fete. Please include your email address on the form.

### Fete Flyers

Thank you to Brett and Donna Bird for generously designing and printing signage, stickers and flyers for the fete. All families will receive flyers this week to give to neighbours and friends. If any parent is available next week to do letterbox drops, particularly where there are a number of unit complexes, please contact the office.

### Fruit Boxes

Don't forget to order your fruit and vegetable boxes at the very reasonable price of \$45:00. The boxes are straight from the markets and are guaranteed to be fresh and filled with seasonal products. Money can be placed in a clearly labelled envelope and left at the School Office. Orders are due by Friday 16 October (Week 2)

### Raffle Tickets

Thank you so much to all the families who have returned their raffle tickets.

There are still **81** outstanding books that have not been returned and we would appreciate them being sent back to school immediately (***sold or unsold***).

### Winston Hills Raffle Ticket selling

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to sell raffle tickets this Saturday 10 October and next Saturday 17 October at Winston Hills Mall.

If there are any parents who are available to assist with selling raffle tickets at Winston Hills Mall on either of these weekends from 9am-2pm, could you please contact the office. Thank you for your support.

### Fete Stall Holders

Thank you to the following teams of people who have co-ordinated stalls over the past months:

Katrina Mitchell	School Co-ordinator
Brett & Donna Bird	Magnificent Banners & Flyers
Neil Joseph	BBQ & Drinks
Gulshan Muttoo	Books
Simone Lewis & Kathy Sciacca	Chocolate Wheel
Cathryn Crowle, Claire Pospischil & Vanessa Talty	Country Kitchen
Danielle Kneipp	Entertainment
Tiffany Cooper	Fruit Boxes
Bernadette Haddad	Hoopla & Footy Pass
Laurie & Rebecca Hekiek (Kebabs Plus)	Kebabs, Fairy Floss, Sno Cones, Pizza, Gelato & Coffee Cart
Joelle Day & Karla Stewart-Sykes	Lollies & Lucky Dips
Janet Joseph	Memorabilia
Diane Cerrone	Nail Art
Volunteers	Trish Forsyth

### Ice blocks

Ice blocks will be available every day this term for 50 cents.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**

Principal

## Friday 23 October 2015 (day before the Fete!)

### Setting Up

From 9:30am stalls will be able to be set up on Friday 23 October.

If any parent is available to assist, your help will be gratefully accepted, even if it is for an hour or two.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered already.

### Afternoon Pick Up

The afternoon **drive through pick up** will be **closed** on Friday 23 October, as we need to give access to all vehicles that will be unloading stock ready for the fete. Parents are asked to park and walk in and collect your child/children.

Parents will be able to collect their child/children from **12:30pm** on Friday 23 October so that we can set up stalls on the playground.

All children remaining at school will be supervised in the Learning Space and **will not** be on the playground during lunch time. Bus and walkers lines will be in the usual areas after school and the carline will be assembled outside the Maintenance Roller door on Friday afternoon if you are collecting your child at the usual 3:00pm dismissal. COSHC will be located in the Hall.

**Thank you Dennis!!** A special thank you to our Maintenance Manager, Dennis, for all his hard work during the school holidays. Dennis has maintained the gardens, replaced the sand in all the sandpits and put up a fence near our flagpole.

Thank you for your hard work Dennis. Your efforts are truly appreciated.



### **Important—Working With Children Check**

Parent helpers are required to complete the **Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta Online Child Protection training module for Volunteers**.

This module must be updated **every 2 years**.

Please go to <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

Parents are also required to complete the **NSW Working With Children Check for Volunteers**.

Please go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) and click on the blue square with the gold star “Start Here” and then follow the prompts. This check is free for volunteers and is valid for 5 years.

The links for both of these modules are also on the front page of our school website.

**Please ensure that both of these are completed BEFORE you volunteer.** Parents who have not completed these checks are not eligible to assist in the classroom or on excursions.

Thank you for your co-operation with this important matter.



### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE A STUDENT FROM ST MONICA’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, has developed a policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their child/children’s enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this policy states that “A term’s notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term’s fees will be paid. The notice can be given anytime during the term for the next term.” This means that unless the school receives a term’s notice then no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

Notice in writing will be accepted at anytime during Term 4 in relation to the following year’s enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 week’s notice will be waived.

### **Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Following the decision last month to **recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch** due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have made 10 school banking deposits they may order their Galaxy Glider reward item. Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

### **Nut Free Foods**

Parents are reminded that **anaphylaxis** is a serious and rapid allergic reaction usually involving more than one part of the body. St Monica’s currently has students who can suffer severe allergic reactions (**life-threatening**) through contact with food containing nuts. As we endeavour to provide for the different needs of all our students your co-operation is invited to assist the school in supporting and catering for the needs of these particular students, and any future students, by providing your child only with **foods that are nut free**. Please note that the school has not banned any other products. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Morning Tea / Lunch—please read**

There have been quite a number of students who have been attending the office stating that they do not have food to eat at morning tea and/or lunch. Many children appear to be eating all of the food provided at recess and therefore do not have anything to eat at lunchtime. Could you please ensure that you pack enough food for your child for both recess and lunch each day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Thank You from Stage 2**

Stage 2 teachers and children would most especially like to thank Mr Unver for driving the McAuley bus for our excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. Thanks so much Mr Unver.



### **STAGE 3 LITURGY—Friday 9 October 2015**

A Liturgy will be held in the Library area of the Learning Space on Friday 9 October commencing at **8:30am**. The liturgy is part of the Stage 3 Project Based Learning—Religion curriculum. Parents from all stages are welcome to attend.



Congratulations to Lachlan and Abbi who competed at the MacKillop Athletics trials held on Monday 14 September at Rooty Hill.

Lachlan came 3rd in the 800m and moves on to next stage. Abbi came 5th in long jump. Well done Lachlan and Abbi!! We are very proud of you.

## *Hair Accessories Fundraiser*

On Sale

**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
Thursday 8 October  
Term 4, Week 1  
8:30am



***Hair Bands***

\$4:00 each  
or 2 for \$7:00



***Korker Clips***

\$4:00 each  
or 2 for \$7:00



***Special Package Deal***

2 Korker Clips,  
2 Hair Bands + 1 Headband

**only \$16**

(no other combinations available)



***Headbands***

\$4:50 each

Following the fundraiser,  
items will be available for purchase  
through the Uniform Shop

## Curriculum News

### MERIT AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.*



<b>ES1:</b>	Patrick Mitchell, Lola Sloane, Ashton Dardagos,
<b>Year One:</b>	Sanoy Bhattachan, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Jessica Chandra
<b>Year Two:</b>	Neave Sciacca, Jake Chapman, Jayden Albayeh, Zachariah Kassis
<b>Stage 2:</b>	Ezekiel Logo, Rachel French, Lachlan Dardagos, Alanis Supuk, Ana Maria Costea Merna El Merhabi, Amelia Furjanic, Jessica Chapman, Aadit Grover, Ann-Marie Boujandy, Alexis Chang, Jessica Crowle, Kurt Hilario, Gabriel Bucur, Gene Kneipp
<b>Stage 3:</b>	Andy Haddad, Marcus Trimbounas, Sofia El Gabaili

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



Charlotte Newey	Giancarlo Milutinovic	Emma Halamkova	Mohan Govender
Jayden Albayeh	Salama Kipanya Kunambi	Jordan Basha	Simon Forsyth
Christian Dib	Myles Gaddi	Lola Sloane	Mary Cabot
Ruby Graham	Menum Gunawardena	<i>Staff: Mrs Paley and Mrs Gardoni</i>	

### Term 4 - Summer Uniform

Students are to return to school in Term 4 (Wednesday 7 October) wearing their Summer Uniform.

Please ensure that **every article of your child's uniform is labelled** as there are a number of unlabelled items in lost property.

\*\* Please note that all students are to wear **navy socks** with **both** their school and sport uniform.

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved shirt Culottes Navy socks Black school shoes	<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved shirt Navy blue shorts Navy socks Black school shoes
<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket Navy socks Joggers (predominantly white)	<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit pants/School Jacket Navy 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	

### University of NSW English Results

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the UNSW English completion last term.

Congratulations to

**Participation:** Rishika Bhaskar, Gabriel Bucur, Ryan Clark, Jordan Crockett, Merna El-Merhabi, Rachel French, Aadit Grover, Andy Haddad, Nishika Jain, Philip Joseph, Abbi Lewis, Chelsea Lewis, Madeline Lewis, Brandon Lukic, Emma Halamkova, Garbhan Sciacca, Kael Sciacca, Isabella Smith (Yr 4)

**Merit:** Jessica Chapman, Manraj Kahlon, Pinar Helena Unver

**Credit:** Jackson Basha, Alexis Chang, Jessica Crowle, Patrick Crowle, Patrick Newey, Brendan Pospischil, Mateo Soriano, Isabella Smith (Yr 3)

**Distinction:** Kayla Grzelak, Natasha Muttoo, Charlotte Newey, Jack Talty

These certificates were awarded to the students at our last assembly in Term 3.

## Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle ticket books and money. Extra books are still available at the school office.

There will be a lucky draw each week in the lead up to the fete. Any family who has sent in their raffle tickets is in the running to win a prize just because you have returned your raffle tickets.

The next raffle draws will occur on the following Fridays: **9 October, 16 October & 23 October.**

Congratulations to the **Govender family** who were the winners of the second raffle.

TOTAL BOOKS SENT HOME	Number of Raffle Books sold and returned	Number of Books to be returned	Number of Extra Books to be sold
175	88	81	6

## Fete News

### Trash & Treasure

The Hall will be opened after Masses (5pm Saturday Vigil and the 9am and 6pm Sunday) on the weekends of **10/11 October** and **17/18 October** for the collection of Trash & Treasure items for the Fete. **Please note that items are not to be left at school under any circumstances.**

### Volunteer Commitment Form

The Volunteer Commitment has been sent home to each family. Thank you to those families who have returned their form to school. If you are yet to return your form, could you please ensure that you include your **email address** so that the organisers may contact you via email. Please see Page 8 of this newsletter if you require another form.

### Bunnings BBQ Thank You.

Hi all. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 13 September. It was a fantastic day demonstrating the strong community spirit we have at St Monica's School and Church. We made over \$900 in profit for sausages & drink sales and over \$300 for ticket sales for the raffle - an amazing effort!!

A special thanks to Geoff Newey who helped me manage the event and to Louise O'Donnell who was there well before start to set up, in the middle to check on our needs and well after the end of the BBQ to help pack up and take care of the remaining supplies back at school.

To the chefs - hats off! The food was excellently cooked and we have had many compliments about the sausages. You guys cooked up a storm and sometimes for long periods under great pressure!

To the preparation team - hands in the air! Great work under pressure, and providing just the right amount of product enabled us to manage our supplies right through the day!

To the servers - a big hug - your pleasant manner enabled the customers to feel welcome and get their sausages and drinks and then be approachable by the "onsell" team of ticket sellers!

To the cashiers - a huge pat on the back - handling money is never an easy job, especially when it isn't your own! Thanks for making sure the money was secure and there were happy customers!

To the ticket sellers - a big thumbs up - you all did an amazing job, led for most of the day by Charles, who inspired young and old to part with that extra \$1, \$5 or even \$10 to support our fete raffle. Special mention to Ed and Phil for putting in a big day on the hustings, too (OK I am biased but I am very proud of them!).

Finally, please pass on my huge thanks to all your families for allowing you to give up some of your valuable home time to help our school raise much needed funds.

It was a pleasure working with you all on the day, and I hope we can renew our teams energy and go again for the Fete BBQ in a few short weeks time!!!

THANK YOU!  
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Kind regards, Neil Joseph, Social/Welcome Team

**Special thanks to Neil Joseph, our Bunnings BBQ co-ordinator, for all his efforts in the lead up to the day and for co-ordinating this wonderful fundraiser for the school.**

## Healthy Eating

A Fruit and Veg Sense Workshop will be offered to parents who want to know more about healthy eating.

In this workshop we show parents how they can save time and money making healthy meals the whole family will enjoy and give them clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

The workshop will be held on **Friday 16 October** (Week 2). The session runs from 9:00am—10:30am and you will learn about how you can start and maintain an effective healthy lifestyle plan in your home.

Please send in a note to the office if you wish to attend.




**The simplest way**  
to improve the health of your family and save money

### Come to our **FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop**

**Date:** Friday, 16 October 2015  
**Time:** 9:00am until 10:30am  
**Venue:** St Monica's Primary School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

-  **Save time and money making healthy meals**
-  **Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters**
-  **Get a free recipe book simply by attending**

**Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 14/10/15 by:**  
**Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at**  
[www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatitobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatitobeatit/register)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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### ARIA MUSIC

#### Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard? Please email: [ariamusicsschool@gmail.com](mailto:ariamusicsschool@gmail.com) Phone: 0402 780 130

Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a fun learning environment.

Group classes at school \$23:10 (incl GST) per lesson. Individual tuition is also available.

#### ***Guitar Classes!***

Days: **Wednesday** lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

#### ***Keyboard Classes!***

Day: **Tuesday** lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

#### ***Music Lessons have the Power!***

Develops musical talent  
Develops self discipline  
Encourages self esteem  
Enhances co-ordination & concentration  
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### The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

#### **You can contact us on:**

Phone: (02) 9933 0233

Web: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)

Mail: PO BOX 3066, North Parramatta NSW 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact  
**NSW Police on 1800 333 0000**

# VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM

## St Monica's Fete – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Following is the list of jobs that we need assistance from every parent in the school to commit to so that we have a successful fete.

- Collecting stalls from a nearby school and setting up the stalls (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)
- Unpacking items to go on stalls eg toys & books etc (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)
- Working on a stall (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October)
- Packing up stalls from 2pm-3:30pm (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October)

Stalls					
BBQ	Books	Cake	Chocolate Wheel	Country Kitchen	Craft
Face Painting	Devonshire Tea	Drinks	Footy Pass/Hoopla	Lucky Dips	
Lollies & Showbags	Toys	Trash & Treasure	Selling Raffle Tickets		

Parent Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **tick** as many jobs that you are able to assist with.

- Selling Raffle Tickets at Winston Hills Mall**
  - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October (9:00am-2:00pm) Time available \_\_\_\_\_
  - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October (9:00am-2:00pm) Time available \_\_\_\_\_
- I can collect stalls on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**
- I can assist in setting up stalls on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (from 9:00am)**
- I can work on a stall on Fete Day Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
(Preference, if any, from the list above) \_\_\_\_\_
- Packing up stalls at the end of Fete day from 2:00pm-3:30pm.**

Please **tick** the times you are available to work on a stall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

- 9:00am - 10:00am
- 10:00am - 11:00am
- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm



# **Straight from Sydney Markets**

# **FRUIT & VEGIE BOX**

**All fresh and seasonal fruit and vegetables bought at the markets just for you for only \$45**

**To pre-order, for pick up at the fete and ensure you do not miss out, fill out the form below and return to the school office with cash payment by Friday 16th October 2015**

**All profits will be donated to the St Monica's Community**

**Your fresh Fruit & Veg box will be ready for collection from the Fruit & Veggie Stall (in the Community Room) at the Fete on Saturday 24th October 2015**

(Early pick up can be arranged for 3pm Friday afternoon at school pick up on the 23rd October 2015 - Please mark the bottom option)

**Any questions? Contact Tiff Cooper on 0409 205 721 or [tiff@bdcbuild.com.au](mailto:tiff@bdcbuild.com.au)**

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## **Fruit & Vegie Box Order Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email / Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Boxes:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

**Amount enclosed: \$**

**Optional:- Pick up from School 3pm Friday 23.10.15 (please tick)**

# ST MONICA'S FETE 2015

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group name</b>
1	9:30-10:00am	HALLORAN Irish Dancing
2	10:00-10:30am	THE PERFORMANCE STUDIO Dancers
3	10:30-11:00am	Winston Hills Physical Culture
4	11:00-11:30am	Our Lady Mercy College JAZZ ENSEMBLE
5	11:30am-12pm	DANIELLE KNEIPP Album Launch
6	12:00-12:30pm	IL SHIM International TAE KWON-DO
7	12:30– 1:00pm	ST MONICA'S CHOIR with Sally Essey and Antonio Batach
8	1:00-2:00pm	CLUB ST MONICA'S DANCE with DJs Bernard Kneipp and Nash Hawkins