

DIARY DATES

Week 5

Fri 14 9:15am S2 & S3
attending Parish Mass
ES1/Yr 1/Yr 2 Liturgy in
classrooms—

Sun 15 Feast of the Assumption
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Week 6

Mon 17 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 18 8:30-9:30am
Uniform Shop open

Thur 20 9am Voice of Youth
Parish Hall

Fri 21 Diocesan Athletics—
Rooty Hill

Sat 22 First Communion 5pm

Sun 23 First Communion 9am

Week 7 **BOOK WEEK**

Mon 24 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 25 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Wed 26 Father's Day Wrapping

Thur 27 9:15 St Monica's Day
Mass

Sat 29 Karaoke Night—Hall

Week 8

Mon 31 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

SEPTEMBER

Tues 1 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Wed 2 Father's Day Stall

Fri 4 Crazy Hat Day for the
Fete—lolly collection

Sun 6 FATHERS DAY

Week 9

Mon 7 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 8 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop

Wed 9 7pm POSMS Meeting

Fri 11 Theme Lunch

Week 10

Mon 14 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 15 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop
7pm St3 Product
Launch

Wed 16 7pm 2016 ES1 Parent
Information Night

Thur 17 Graduation "Spider Day"



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This Saturday, 15th August, we will celebrate 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'.

In 2001 at the Australian Catholic Bishops conference the decision was made that in addition to our attendance at Mass each Sunday two other feasts were also deemed holy days of obligation- the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (Christmas Day) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Holy days of obligation are when Catholics must attend Mass. In keeping this obligation we are acknowledging the importance of this feast day. The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of Mary being a superlative human person, who was taken into heaven body and soul.

Mary is quite a significant figure in our church as she was called upon to be the mother of Jesus. Mary showed concern and gave to her son, Jesus, all through his life. In the bible we can find stories where Mary demonstrated her humanness and connected with mothers all over the world. Mary modelled how we should live our lives.

Mary is also seen as a sign of hope and comfort to all Australians. As our patron saint she offers calmness when we are tested by our own personal limitations and the circumstances that life presents to each of us. Through her life, Mary showed us how hope can overcome anguish and inner peace can overcome anxiety. She lived her life in a positive manner and overcame many of life's challenges.

We place great importance on worshipping and including Mary in our prayer and liturgical life.

This Friday Stage 2 and Stage 3 will attend the parish Mass at 9:15am and all parents are invited to attend. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will conduct liturgies in their learning spaces.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen*

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



St Monica's Day Thursday 27 August 2015

9:15 am	Mass followed by morning tea for parents.
10:30—11am	Student recess
11am-12:00 noon	Open Classrooms
12 noon—2:40pm	Surprise for students Parents welcome to stay and bring a picnic lunch

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE A STUDENT FROM ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta has developed a policy related 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 terms 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.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES—due Monday 17 August (Week 6)

Term 3 School Fees have now been sent out by the Catholic Education Office. Unless you have an arrangement with the school, fees are due and payable by **Monday 17 August**. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school immediately so that a meeting can be arranged with the Principal.

BOOK WEEK

Please note that Book Week will now be held in **Week 7** and not week 6 as previously advertised.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

A reminder that the closing date for the Premier's Reading Challenge is **Friday 21 August**. Congratulations to all those children who have completed the challenge this year.



Mrs Gardoni

SPORT UNIFORM

Students are to wear their **sport uniform** on the following days in **Term 3**.

ES1	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
S2A / S2B / S2C	Friday
S3A / S3B	Every Monday Some Fridays (teachers will advise students)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at the Sausage Sizzle held on Friday 7 August: *Neil Joseph, Paul Hossack, Gulshan Muttou, Simone Lewis, Janet Joseph, Masoomah Yadegari, Trish Forsyth and Genevieve Smith*. A profit of \$374.25 was raised which will go towards technology. *Social/Welcome Team*

HOT POT & KARAOKE NIGHT—ST MONICA'S HALL

A **Hot Pot & Karaoke night** will be held on **Saturday 29th August** in the Hall. Tickets go on sale this weekend, single \$20, BYO drinks & nibbles. Karaoke starts 5:30, hot pot 6:30 pm, we hope to see you there.



Friday 14 August 2015 (Mass and Liturgy for Feast of the Assumption)

9:15am Stage 2 and Stage 3 attending Parish Mass

ES1—Year 2 Liturgy in Classrooms

Congratulations to the new SRC Representatives for Semester 2 2015.

ES1 William Paterson and L'ysse Puyat
Year 1 Ruby Graham
Year 2 Alex Azar
Year 3 Jessica Dib
Year 4 Alanis Supuk
Year 5 Erica Crame
Year 6 Patrick Newey



Badges will be presented to students at Friday morning's assembly at 8:50am. Parents welcome.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

From **Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. **You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).** Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sheets / stickers to school.

So far we have collected 3996 stickers!

FOSMS (Fathers of St Monica's Students)

Will be meeting for our Term 3 dinner on **Friday 14th August 2015 at 7:30pm.**

Lets meet at: Thai Garden House in North Parramatta
 526 Church Street, North Parramatta 2151 Phone: 9683 1288

Please RSVP to me by Wednesday 12th August on 0418113160 or email at njoptus@optusnet.com.au

Neil Joseph

RAFFLE TICKETS

We have only 10 weeks until our St Monica's Parish Fete. We hope that you are having success in selling your raffle tickets to your family and friends. Thank you to all the families that have sold and returned their raffle booklets. If any family would like another booklet please contact the office.

TOTAL BOOKS SENT HOME	Number of Raffle Books sold and returned	Number of Books to be returned	Number of Extra Books to be sold
148	32	116	23

St Monica's is holding a BBQ at Bunnings! Volunteers are desperately needed.

When: Sunday 13th September 2015
 Where: Bunnings North Parramatta (opposite our school)
 Time: 8:00am to 5:00pm

Many hands make light work so don't be shy. We would love it if you could lend a hand for an hour sometime during the day—cooking, serving etc. We will be putting together a roster, so if you can assist let us know asap. We will be working in teams of 4-5 people and you must be aged over 18 to help. For any enquiries please contact Neil Joseph on 0418 113 150 or njoptus@optusnet.com.au or via the Facebook POSMS group. Thanks as always for the great support we get. **Social/Welcome Team**



‘Crazy Hat Day’ Lolly Collection



Friday 4 September (Week 8)

Students may wear a ‘Crazy Hat’ with their uniform.

Students are asked to donate packets of lollies for the Fete.

Please ensure the ‘Best Before’ / ‘Expiry’ date will not expire prior to the fete day. Thank you.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1:	Liam Sciacca, William Paterson, Noah Day
Year One:	Mark Rodriguez, Dallas Kuea, Andrei (Phillip) Hilario
Year Two:	Ashley Roberts, Maria Nour, Sakina Kunambi, Alexandra Santos
Stage 2:	Shreya Shrestha, Rafael Noonan, Garbhan Sciacca, Madeline Lewis, Jessica Dib, Isabella Rose Smith, Raymond Khadi
Stage 3:	Brendan Pospischil, Zahan Elavia, Sarah-Rose Wilson

Father’s Day Stall Wrapping

Wednesday 26 August
(Week 7)

Commencing at 9am
All welcome to help

Father’s Day Stall

Wednesday 2 September
(Week 8)

More details to follow

Staff Development Days Term 4, 2015

Tuesday 6 October (Week 1)
Thursday 17 December (Week 11)
Friday 18 December (Week 11)

Voice of Youth

Voice of Youth is a public speaking competition where students have the opportunity to speak about their rights and views on issues that matter and are able to share them with their peers.

A cluster final will take place here at St Monica’s on **Thursday 20 August** at **9.30am** between St Bernadette’s Dundas, St Marys Rydalmere, Christ the King North Rocks and St Monica’s. The final will be held in the Hall and parents are welcome.

***Please note that due to the nature of the event it is strongly encouraged that
pre-schoolers and toddlers do not attend out of respect to the competitors.***

Congratulations and best wishes to our Year 6 Voice of Youth finalists: **Kyah Day, Sally Essey and Abbi Lewis.**

Parents Representative Council News

An afternoon with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg 17 October 2015

St Andrew's Parish Hall, Breakfast Road, Marayong

PRC is proud to have been able to secure Dr Michael Carr-Gregg for the benefit of our Diocesan parents and educators in 2015! Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's Highest Profile psychologists who specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be doing his presentation on his latest book: Strictly Parenting - Everything you should know about raising a school-aged child.

Book early for this NOT TO BE MISSED free event at prcparraevents@hotmail.com

Contact: PRC President Email: prcparraevents@hotmail.com

Seminar: Understanding Family Law

CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding the 2nd session of our Seminar on Understanding Family Law with an overview of the Family Law Act in relation to Separation/Divorce. The focus for this session is on Property Settlements and Spousal maintenance.

Date: Wednesday 12th August **Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm **Venue:** Diocesan Assembly Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown **Cost:** \$7.00 – **Registration Essential:** Eileen or Rita Ph: 9933 0205
or **email:** soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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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.

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

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Develops musical talent
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Is lots of fun!!

Keyboard Classes!

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

www.ariamusic.com.au

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

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

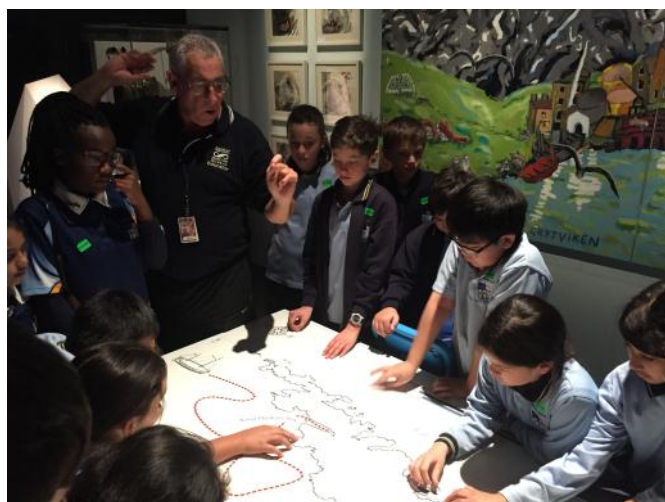
Stage 3 Excursion

On 30 July Stage 3 went on an excursion to the IMAX Theatre. The students watched a documentary about Antarctica that directly related to their Term 3 HSIE PBL unit. This documentary taught them about Antarctica's ecosystem and expeditioners who discovered its incredible components.

After the students watched this documentary, they went to the National Maritime Museum, where they went on the 'Vampire', an old Australian Navy Ship. Stage 3 looked at the exhibition of Shackleton, an Antarctic explorer. They learnt about his journey and discoveries in Antarctica.

We would like to thank Mrs Day, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Talty, Mrs Crowle and Mrs Muttoo for assisting on the day.

Written by Kyah Day and Alysha Dunnett



★ **MOVIE NIGHT** ★

Admit One

Stage 3 Movie Night

Please join us to support our Stage 3 students in
the launch of their documentaries based on our
HSIE Driving Question

We would love to see you there!

When: Tuesday 15 September

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Stage 3 Classrooms

Who: Family & friends (12yo+)

(Unfortunately this invitation does not extend to children under 12yo)

**Please RSVP by Monday 7 September to reserve
your tickets (limited seats available)**

I would like to reserve _____ tickets

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

**Please note that the Product Launch date is now
Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7pm
(not Wednesday 16 September as previously advised).**

Stage 3 Boot Camp



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

Thursday 3rd September and Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

Do you know Helen Minol? Our Lady of the Rosary School Community, St Marys, invites you to attend one or both events they are holding to celebrate Helen's remarkable achievement of 50 years teaching at OLR and to wish her well for her retirement.

Wednesday 7 October—Liturgy at the school at 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

Saturday 24 October—6pm Mass at the Church followed by a 'Back to OLR Reunion Experience' and supper at school.

RSVP before Friday 11 September 2015 to olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au and to enquire about further information.