ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 3, WEEK 7 Wednesday 5 September 2018

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:20am Morning supervision

> 8:30am-8:45am Bag Unpacking

8:50am Morning bell

10:40am—11:10am Recess

12:50pm-1:30pm Lunch

> 3:00pm Dismissal

3:00pm—3:30pm Afternoon supervision

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday 23 November (Term 4, Week 6)

Thursday 20 December (Term 4, Week 10)

Friday 21 December (Term 4, Week 10)

ES1 2019
Parent Meeting
Date changed to
Wednesday
26 September 2018
see page 2

Term 4 commences

Monday

15th October 2018

Students return to school wearing Summer Uniform

Important dates on Page 10



Monica's Matters

Web: www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au Email: stmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week is Child Protection Week.

"Child abuse and neglect is preventable. If we all work together as a community we can create an Australia where all children can grow up safe and well. What role can you play in supporting children and their families?" - Richard Cooke, CEO, National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse (NAPCAN)

NAPCAN invites everyone to get involved with National Child Protection Week and play your part in creating safe and nurturing environments for all Australian children. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm. By building stronger communities, we can create safer environments for our children



Phone: 8832 4100

9683 4984

Fax:

Research tells us that a strong community is important for children and helps them to thrive and be safe. The little things we do every day can help to create safer environments for children. Below are a few examples of a way all adults can assist children to be safe:

- Be kind to children and parents and respect young people.
- Be a good role model around children.
- Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong talk to an expert.
- Always take reports of abuse seriously.
- Avoid blame and don't judge; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help.

Plenary Council 2020

In 2020 the entire Catholic Church bishops, priests, religious Plenary Council 2020 men and women and laity will be represented at a general conference in Adelaide called the Plenary Council. This will be the first Plenary Council in Australia since 1937. Laity were not represented at that Council. The world and the Catholic Church have changed a lot since 1937. Vatican 2, the great ecumenical Council in the 1960s, massively restructured the Church.

To plan for the 21st century the Catholic Church in Australia needs to likewise restructure and reform.

The Plenary Council has the approval of Pope Francis and all its decisions are subject to ratification by Pope Francis. There have only been 5 such Councils in Australia since the arrival of the first Catholics in 1788. Each has been concerned with addressing the issues of the day and ensuring that the Church is equipped to handle the challenges of society.

Preparing for the 21st century and the enormous changes in Western society is the real and difficult task facing the 2020 Plenary Council. For the first time in Australia the voice of the laity is to be heard. Between now and 6 March 2019 everyone will be asked to consider the question, "What do you think God is asking of us at this time?"

More information will be promoted within the Parish in the coming weeks and at the next POSMS meeting on Wednesday 24 October in Term 4 we will discuss how all parents in the school can participate in the Plenary process.

ES1 2019 Parent Meeting (Date change)

Please be advised that the ES1 2019 Parent Meeting will now be held on **Wednesday 26 September 2018** (not on Wednesday 19 September). The meeting will commence at **7:00pm and conclude at 8:00pm in the Learning Space**. This is an opportunity for you to be informed about the school's educational philosophy and program and to meet other parents. **Your child does not attend this meeting.**



Staffing News

Mrs Denelle Gardoni has been advised that she needs to extend her sick leave and will be returning to St Monica's on Monday 15 October (first day of Term 4).

Mrs Mary-Jo Mason will be taking Long Service Leave commencing next Monday 10 September. We wish Mary-Jo a very relaxing break and look forward to her return on the first day of Term 4.

Edvany Youssef, our new Catholic Out of School Hours Care Coordinator, officially commenced her position last Monday. Thank you to Courtney Betpeara for acting in the role since March. We wish her well as she returns to her own centre.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell Principal

Gossip

In the last few days I have heard some hearsay and rumours regarding school matters which are a long way from the truth. These can be very dangerous and have the potential to impact negatively and unfairly on children, staff and families alike. Please contact us directly to obtain accurate information if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's wellbeing and progress.

Accepting as the truth, blatant 'gossip' heard at the school gate, at weekend sport or at a birthday party is not helpful. Please give us the opportunity to reassure you and to work with you for the good of your children.

World Youth Day Raffle 2019

Please return all ticket stubs (sold/unsold) together with money collected to the school office by **Friday 14 September 2018 (Week 8)**

Thank you to those families who have already returned their World Youth Day Raffle tickets. Each raffle book contains 10 tickets and cost \$2:00 each (**\$20 per book**).

Raffle Books have been registered to each family who have consented to receiving raffle tickets.

More raffle tickets are available in the office for any families who are able to sell more tickets.

The raffle will be drawn on 27 October 2018 at Lifted Live event held in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Please do not dispose of unsold tickets as the school is to account for every book of raffle tickets.

Thank you in advance for supporting this raffle. Louise O'Donnell, Principal

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for Term 3 Week 6 was 90.9%.

We all know that consistent attendance is vital for student success in their learning.

Congratulations to those classes meeting the diocesan 90% target for attendance.

Below is the current breakdown of attendance for each grade.



Week 5—92.9 %		
ES1	93.6%	
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	100%	
Year 3	93.3%	
Year 4	87.5%	
Year 5	91.3%	
Year 6	85.9%	

Week 6	- 90.9%
ES1	90.3%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	88.2%
Year 6	85.8%

Sympathy

Our St Monica's community extends sympathy to the Herder-Beke family on the recent passing of Hayden's grandfather (Mrs Herder-Beke's father). Please keep the Herder-Beke family in your prayers.

Voice of Youth

Congratulations to Trinity, Kael and Raymond who represented St Monica's Primary at the Voice of Youth Competition on Tuesday 28 August at St Mary's Rydalmere.

Congratulations to Kael who was awarded the Social Justice Medal.



Prayers

Prayers are requested for members of our school community, for family members who are here and overseas, who are unwell at the moment. There are a few families that especially need our prayers at this time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ezekiel Logo (Stage 3) who attended the MacKillop Rugby Trials in Coffs Harbour last week and was selected for the NSW Rugby team. Well done Zeke.





Father's Day Stall

Thank you to Kath Sciacca for co-ordinating the Father's Day Stall which was held on Wednesday 29 August and to the parent helpers who assisted her on the day: Sushila Pun, Joy Lukasik, Victoria Elias, Dalia Sadek, Genevieve Smith, Nesreen Rofaeil and Rebecca Essey.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you also to Tiff Cooper, Trish Forsyth, Paul Hossack, Layse Andrade, Sushila Pun and Wendy Wang for their help on the Father's Day Breakfast BBQ which was held on Thursday 30 August.

POSMS MEETING ThinkUKnow Cybersafety Education Program









POW WOW

Pow Wow is an informal playgroup for St Monica's parents with non-school aged children. Parents with children starting Kindergarten in 2019 are also welcome.

We have puzzles, games, books, craft, role-play toys etc for the kids to enjoy as well as the outside playground facilities. It is a good opportunity for the children to get to know each other and become familiar with the school and it's surroundings as well as an opportunity for parents to have a 'cuppa and a chat'!

When: Mondays (school terms)

9:00am - 10:00am

Where: St Monica's Community

Room (COSHC)

Contact: Trish Forsyth

0402 337 075



St Monica's Parish has a Facebook Group Page.

Search for **St Monica's North Parramatta** if you would like to join.

Father's Day at St Monica's





St Monica's celebrated Father's Day on Thursday 30 August.

The day commenced with a BBQ breakfast, followed by Mass and then activities on the playground with the students.

We hope you all enjoyed Father's Day last Sunday.

Happy Fathers Day

McCarthy Catholic College Trade Training Centre Open Day

What a fantastic day 18 Stage 3 students had visiting McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre at Emu Plains. We had so much fun looking at what you can do at the trade centre. Year 11 and Year 12 students have the opportunity to complete their first year of an apprenticeship while they are still at school. There are many opportunities available such as; engineering, childcare, hairdressing, landscaping, metalwork and many more trades The current high school students have had great experiences at school. The students are studying what they enjoy. Some students also have a job whilst at school which is organised by the school. By: Jesse Maffina and Jacob Kandalaft

On Tuesday 26th August it was my privilege to accompany the students to visit our sister school at McCarthy Catholic College Trade Training Centre Open Day. It was a very fun, interesting and informative day. The staff at the College were very keen to showcase their students' work and the level of interest and engagement by the students, at the school, was very evident. They organised games, gardening, dress ups in a particular profession, a large Jenga game, patting of their animals, shampooing hair and playing with Ooblik to name a few. Our students were rewarded with McCarthy money which they could spend at a mini gift shop the McCarthy students had organised especially for our children.

The McCarthy students leave with level 3 certificates, work experience and an HSC. 96% of the students who attend McCarthy Catholic Trade Training School stay in employment which is much more than the 51% of students who leave school and begin a trade. I would be very happy to discuss the day further with any interested parent and would encourage parents to look at McCarthy College as a beneficial pathway for students. **Angela Wedesweiler**











Congratulations to all our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of Eucharist on Saturday 25 August 2018.



Simon Forsyth, Aaliyah Assaf, Charbel Sadek, John Sadek, Kobe Puyat, Manson Lu, Peter Talampas, Giselle Mondinelli, Maureen Haddad, Madeline Smith, Ashleigh North, Samuel Nassif, Evan Michael and Ryan Clark



Congratulations to their families, Father Ephraim, the Sacramental Co-Ordinator - Jenny Coorey and our Religious Education Co-ordinator Michelle Rosewell.

Thank you to Miss Rosewell, Mr Tyszkiewicz, Mrs Gardoni and Miss O'Donnell who attended the First Communion Mass.



WRITING COMPETITION CLOSES SUNDAY

Last Chance To Enter
The 2018 Student Writing Competition

Enter your poem or story here...

www.write4fun.net

Closes 5pm Sunday 9th September 2018

Over \$3000 in CASH and PRIZES to be won!

ENTRY IS FREE!

Head Lice

There has been a reported case of head lice in Stage 2.

Please examine your child's hair to look for the following signs—

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash.
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft.
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice.

For further information and instructions for treating head lice please visit:

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/default.aspx



MERIT AWARDS

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



ES1: Rayansh Agrawal, Amelia Bavell, Abigail Corera, Elijah Essey, Aiden Forsyth

Joanna Huynh Year 1:

Year 2: Anna Maria Anish, Oskar Grzelak, Mia Henderson, Eva Tran

Sanoy Bhattachan, Andrew Clark, William Paterson, Deihl Peter Talampas, Stage 2:

Tiara Arredondo, Ashton Dardagos, Thao Theresa Huynh, Charbel Sadek

Jessica Crowle, Hayden Herder-Beke, Jessica Dib, Aidan Muttoo Stage 3:

Term 3 School Fees



Term 3 School Fees are now overdue.

Unless you have a payment arrangement with the school, please contact Mrs Dawinan on 8832 4100 to discuss payment of your fees.

Families who are experiencing financial difficulties are requested to contact the school immediately so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Dawinan.

School

Photographs
Term 4 (Week 2)
Wednesday 24 October 2018



Gilroy College Year 7 2019

Orientation Day for students will be held on Tuesday 4 December 2018.

POSMS Meeting

Wednesday 24 October 2018 Term 4, Week 2 7:00pm Learning Space

All invited to attend.

Bragging rights

Congratulations to a number of our ex-students who received awards at the Parramatta Marist Awards Ceremony in Term 2.

Christian Kandalaft—Year 7 (Out of 185 students Christian came 2nd in English and 4th in History)

Lachlan Roberts—Year 8

Nash Hawkins—Year 10

Bernard Kneipp—Year 10

Robin Kneipp—Year 11

Tristan Carter—Year 12



A special mention to **Patrick Newey** (Year 9) who competed in a National Teams Squash Competition in Canberra in late June and in the NSW Championships in July. Well done to all our ex-students!

OZ FASHIONS—UPDATED UNIFORM PRICE LIST

OZ Fashions advises that the updated uniform price list will take effect from 1 September 2018.

115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville (Corner of Parramatta Road and Good Street)

Phone: 9897 3121 Fax: 9897 3222 Email: mail@ozfashions.com.au Website: www.ozfashions.com.au

Opening Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00am-5:30pm Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday CLOSED



St Monica's Primary Nth Parra Uniform Price List



GIRLS UNIFORM

NAVY SKORTS:	\$35.00
NAVY PANTS:	\$40.00
NAVY STOCKINGS:	\$15.00

BOYS UNIFORM

NAVY SHORTS:	\$30.00
NAVY TROUSERS:	\$40.00

UNISEX UNIFORM

FLEECY ZIP JACKET:	\$35.00
FLEECY JUMPER:	\$30.00
FLEECY TRACKPANT:	\$25.00
SHORT SLEEVE POLO SHIRT:	\$30.00
LONG SLEEVE POLO SHIRT	\$30.00
SPORTS SHORTS:	\$25.00
NAVY SOCKS (Dress uniform all year round):	\$4.00
WHITE SOCKS (Sport):	\$4.00

ACCESSORIES ALL YEAR ROUND

BACK PACK	\$45.00
LIBRARY:	\$10.00
BUCKET HAT WITH LICE REPPELLENT POUCH:	\$15.00
LICE OFF REPELLANT KIT:	\$6.00

OZ FASHIONS UNIFORM SHOP TIMES OF OPENING

9:00am - 5:30pm MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00am - 4:00pm SATURDAY

CLOSED - SUNDAY // PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 3 Important Dates

Please make a note of important upcoming dates and events for this term.

Week 7

Wednesday 5 September Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

Thursday 6 September Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lesson (Guitar)

Sat 8 / Sun 9 Commitment Masses for Reconciliation

5pm Saturday and 9am Sunday

Week 8

Monday 10 September Pow Wow 9am-10am

Wednesday 12 Sept Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

Thursday 13 Sept Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lesson (Guitar)

Friday 14 September Year 6 Fundraiser—Pie and Sausage Roll Day

Week 9

Monday 17 September Pow Wow 9am-10am

Wednesday 19 Sept Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

Thursday 20 Sept Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lesson (Guitar)

Talent Quest

Week 10

Monday 24 September Pow Wow 9am-10am

Wednesday 26 Sept 8am-9am S2 PBL Product Launch

Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

* 2019 ES1 Parent Meeting - 7pm-8pm Learning Space

(Parents only—children do not attend this meeting) (* date changed)

Thursday 27 Sept Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lesson (Guitar)

Friday 28 Sept Term 3 ends at 3:00pm



Spring Vacation Care 2018 Program WEEK 1 — St Monica's

Monday 1st October	Tuesday 2nd October TASTE OF THE WORLD	Wednesday 3rd October ART ATTACK	Thursday 4th October 9D CINEMA	Friday 5th October CALMSLEY HILL FARM
Closed Public Holiday				
, umio nonauj	First we cook then we eat. Come and enjoy the taste from Mediterranean street food to the fine dining of an Italy. Come to COSHC where we can cele- brate the best thing in life	Creativity is the way we share our soul with the world. Come to COSHC and let find your inner Picasso.	This is no ordinary cinema Come and enjoy the effects and action of this simulated ride where animations come to life.	Old McDonald had a farm E-I -E-I-O. With a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there, Here a moo-moo there a moo-moo, everywhere a moo-moo. EXCURSION—Additional
	Bring: lunch, morning tea, refill- able water bottle, hat. Cost: \$50	Bring: Paint apron/shirt , mom- ing tea, lunch, refillable water bottle and hat. Cost: \$50	Bring: lunch, morning tea, refillable water bottle, hat. Cost: \$55	Authority Form Required. Bring: Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. Cost: \$70

Children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, enclosed sports shoes & socks & a sun-safe hat (legionnaire or bucket hat with wide brim) for all outdoor play and excursions.

COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. COSHC is an allergy aware space—please do not bring nuts or eggs. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site.

10 Daking street, North Parramatta | Open: 6.45am—6.30pm | coshcstmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au



Spring Vacation Care 2018 Program WEEK 2 — ST Monicas



Children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, enclosed sports shoes & socks & a sun-safe hat (legionnaire or bucket hat with wide brim) for all outdoor play and excursions.

COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. COSHC is an allergy aware space—please do not bring nuts or eggs. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site.

Child Name:	Age:	School Year:
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Child's Name	Mon 8th \$50	Tue 9th \$70	Wed 10th \$50	Thur 11th \$50	Fri 12th \$55	Total
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LOSING DATE	FOR PAYME	NTS Fri 21s	st Septemb	er 2018	TOTAL:	\$

Parent / Guardian Permission (Please read and initial every statement) I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by Friday 21st September 2018, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice. I understand that no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted After Friday 14th September, 2018 I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care. I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts. I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number. I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request. I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional educators will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait, and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late. I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorized contact. I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is not compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care. I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks. I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the backup venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aguarium/Wildlife World. I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices. I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays. Parent 1 Signature:_____ Date: _____ Parent 2 Signature: Date:

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8:00am-8:30am

2nd Group 8:30am-9:00am

Please ensure your child is on time for their lesson.

Tennis lessons \$40 per student, per term. Payments directly to Mr Davidson.

If your child is interested in tennis lessons, please see Mr Davidson on the playground on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. Thankyou.

ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: ariamusicschool@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.

Keyboard Classes!

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

Guitar Classes!
Day: Thursday

Time: 12:20pm—12:50pm Location: The Community Room Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent Develops self discipline Encourages self esteem

Enhances co-ordination & concentration

Is lots of fun!!

www.ariamusic.com.au

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are required to purchase all school clothing items through

Oz Fashions.

Oz Fashions is located at: 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville Phone: 9897 3121

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm Parking is available on site.

http://www.ozfashions.com.au

Notice of Intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's School

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states:

"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 any time during the term for the next term."

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

Child Protection Requirements

All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the following Child Protection requirements **prior** to assisting in the classroom or on excursions

('Building Child Safe Communities—Undertaking for Volunteers')

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au then scroll down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'

- Volunteer Form
- Online Training Module (every two years)

(Links are also available on the homepage of our school website www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au)

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.