



TERM 4, WEEK 1
Wednesday 17 October 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)

POSMS Meeting

Wednesday 24 October
Term 4, Week 2

7:00pm Learning
Space

All invited to attend.

Walkathon

Friday 9 November
(Week 4)

Commencing at
9:00am

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

A very warm welcome back for the final term of this year. I trust that every family enjoyed a relaxing break, especially from school routines.

It is another busy term ahead and as always the invitation is extended to our school community to join with us at our planned events to continue nurturing the children in their faith and learning.

Term 4 has started very smoothly with all the students settling back down to work very quickly. My thanks to the staff who have spent time over the holidays preparing learning for this term. Our school has a very dedicated staff indeed!

During the holidays the Administration block (foyers, offices, interview room, bathrooms and staff room) was painted. Next year we will start having the learning spaces repainted.

At the end of last term, we held the Kindergarten 2019 meeting. It was wonderful to see both new and experienced parents at the meeting. My sincere thanks to staff members Miss Bagnall, Miss Shaw and Miss Rosewell who presented a snapshot of the learning in Early Stage One at the meeting. A big thank you to Mrs Abood and Mrs Dawinan who organised all the handouts for the evening. In 2019 we will have two kindergarten classes. All the surrounding Catholic schools had a limited number of spaces for new families so we are very happy to support families from other parishes desiring Catholic education. The transition morning for Kindergarten 2019 will be on Wednesday 31 October between 9:00am-10:30am.

Our next Staff Development Day will be held on Friday 23 November.



Mark your diary

Tuesday 4 December - PBL Product Launch 5:00pm-6:30pm.
Tuesday 18 December—Awards / Graduation / Guard of Honour

Regular Attendance at School

A reminder as we start this new term about the importance of regular and continuous attendance at school. It is essential to support all children in maintaining continuity with their learning and assist with sustained progress.

All students need to be at school by **8:50am** every day. The students can unpack their bag in the learning space at 8:30am and parents are always welcome to accompany their child.

Protocols if your child arrives after 8:50am

If your child arrives after school has begun, please accompany them to the school office to sign them in. Children should not attend the school office unaccompanied if they arrive after 8:50am.

Staffing Update

Mrs Gardoni was due to return to work this week but she has been advised by her doctors to be away for a further two weeks. We welcome back Miss Cakmak who will be in Stage 2 this week and Mr Edward Shaw next week.



Children not returning to St Monica's in 2019

As we approach the end of the year, families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year.

We are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at St Monica's school. If there are families who are not returning to St Monica's in 2019 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



School Photos

Wednesday 24 October (Week 2)



Schools photos will be held on **Wednesday 24 October 2018**. All students are to come to school dressed in their full summer uniform.

It is important that all students **arrive on time for school (morning bell 8:50am)** as photographs will be commencing at 9:00am.

Envelopes and instructions for purchasing photographs were sent home with every student last term.

As advised in the instruction letter:—

Cash/Cheque payments—your child needs to bring their envelope/payment to school **on photo day**.

Online payments—the envelope does not need to be returned to school.

Please note the school uniform requirements for photo day.

GIRLS	BOYS
Summer Polo short-sleeved school shirt Culottes Navy socks Black school shoes	Summer Polo short-sleeved school shirt Navy blue shorts Navy socks Black school shoes
The School Jacket with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day	

ES1 Excursion —Postponed

The ES1 Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday 18 October, been postponed due to the weather forecast of thunderstorms and rain.

The Excursion will now be held on **Wednesday 14 November (Week 5)**.
All other details remain the same.

Walkathon—Postponed

The Walkathon scheduled for this Friday 19 October has been postponed due to the wet grounds at Lake Parramatta and the forecast of further rain this week.

The Walkathon will now be held on **Friday 9 November (Week 4)** commencing at 9:00am.

POSMS Meeting—Wednesday 24 October (Week 2)

Our next POSMS Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 commencing at 7:00pm in the Learning Space. All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

- Plenary Council 2020
- Parent Involvement Committee

2019 ES1 Transition Morning—Wednesday 31 October (Week 3)

Parents are reminded that the Transition morning for 2019 ES1 children will be held on **Wednesday 31 October commencing at 9:00am and concluding at 10:30am**. **The Parent Meeting will be held at the same time in the Parish Hall.**

The children will be in the Kindergarten classroom and will need to bring the following items in a disposable plastic bag:

- a small piece of fruit
- a small drink
- a labelled hat

Free Filing Cabinets

We have two filing cabinets available— 1 x 4 drawer, 1 x 3 drawer. Please contact the school office on 8832 4100 if you are interested.



Year 6 Fun Day and Graduation Fundraiser—Krispy Kreme Donuts

Please see the letter on page 4 regarding the Year 6 Fundraiser. This letter is an indication as to whether you would like to purchase donuts. No money is required yet as another note will be sent home during the term. Please complete the slip on the letter and return to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday 24 October.



St Monica's Primary School

North Parramatta

Dear Parents,

We are organising a fundraiser for the Year 6 Fun Day and Graduation. We will be selling individual Krispy Kreme donuts at recess time. Students will have the opportunity to purchase individual donuts. Individual donuts that will be sold are original glazed donuts only. You will need to pre-order and pay prior to the date. Donuts will cost \$2.50 each.

Families will also have the option to buy a dozen to collect in the afternoon. There are two options:

1. One dozen of original glazed = \$20
2. Classic assorted dozen = \$25

Please note this option can only be used as a 'take home pack' and not purchased and shared amongst the students.

This note is an indication as to who would like to purchase donuts. If you could please complete the slip below and return to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday 24 October 2018.

All money raised will be going towards the Year 6 Fun Day and Graduation.

Kind regards,
Stage 3 Teachers

****Please return by Wednesday 24 October 2018****

Name: _____

Estimated Quantity to Purchase:

Type of Donut	Individual Original Glazed Donuts - \$2.50	One Dozen Original Glazed - \$20 Take home pack	One Dozen Assorted - \$25 Take home pack
Quantity of Donuts			

Total Cost: \$ _____

Signed: _____

No money is required yet - another note will be sent home during the Term

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for
Term 3 Week 10 was 91.5%.

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.



Week 9— 90.7%	
ES1	90.3%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	83.9%

Week 10—91.5%	
ES1	93.5%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	83.9%

Plenary Council 2020

Your church wants to hear your voice.

As I reported in the last newsletter, everyone has been invited to contribute to the Plenary Council 2020. We the laity, have been invited to contribute our ideas to the question, "What do you think that God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" We are all urged to prayerfully consider the question and everyone is invited to contribute an answer. In response people can write a few lines or a few pages- handwritten or typed. At our next POSMs Meeting on Wednesday 24 October, parents can contribute.

Responses can be emailed to <http://plenaryconcil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say> or posted to:

**Plenary Council
PO Box 747
North Sydney NSW 2059**

Answers can be anonymous or signed- it is your choice.

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 Applicants

School student applications for 2019 opened on Monday 15 October.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to reapply.

If you need to update your child's details or reapply, please go to:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

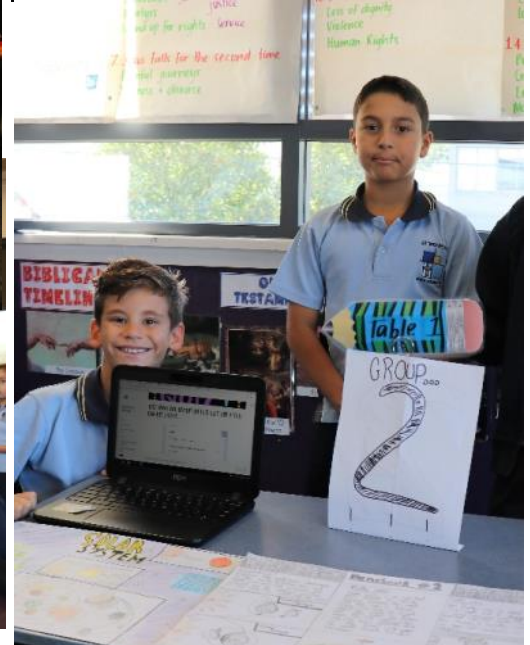
Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>



PBL Product Launch 26 September 2018



Thank you to Mrs Romic for her photos of the Product Launches held at the end of last term.

Talent Quest

On Thursday 20th September, St Monica's Primary School held their annual Talent Quest.

We had 21 wonderful acts, from Years 1-6, with a range of talents on display. There were tap dancers, singers, piano players, magicians, DJ, dancers and guitar players. With such a wide range of talent to choose from, it made it very hard for our judges to choose the winners.

Well done to the following students who received a place in the Talent Quest. We look forward to Talent quest 2019.

Solo	1st	Ryan Clark
	2nd	Ava Cong
	3rd	Charlotte Sprincis
Group	1st	Samira Hekeik, Matilda Cooper, Poppy Sloane and Neave Sciacca
	2nd	Emma Sadek and Ruby Graham
	3rd	Ryan Malatag, Max Lukasik, Michael Maffina, William Paterson, Liam Sciacca and Noah Day.

Tracie Hope, Diversity Leader



2018 Full Attendance - Term 3

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 3.

ES1:	Rayansh Agrawal, Pranvee Basu, Abigail Corera, Amelia Corera, Mia Fernandes, Aiden Forsyth, Liam Forsyth, Joel Heesen, Alessia La Macchia, Grace Lim, Chloe Luo, Angelica Menjivar, Jaein Moon
Year 1:	Jared David, Zachary Dy, Ruby Elias, Joanna Huynh, Dominick Macorig, Cadence Metierre, Joseph Joe Robin
Year 2:	Annabelle Boasiako, Georgia Fernandes, Wyatt Heesen, Olivia Hekeik, Manda Lu, Eva Sentas, Mia Siemsen, Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang
Stage 2:	Roger Corcoran, Matthew Johnson, Michael Maffina, Siria Mondinelli, Samuel Nassif, William Paterson, Thao (Theresa) Huynh, Manson Lu, Kenzh Munda Cruz, Sophie Phan, Kobe Puyat, L'Lysse Puyat, Kristian Romic, Charbel Sadek, Liam Sciacca, Madeline Smith, Elizabeth Toman
Stage 3:	Amy Makko, Zac Michael, Kael Sciacca, Charles Sentas, Trinity Bird, Ryan Clark, Jessica Crowle, Summer Ierfino, Aidan Pospischil, Henry Corcoran, Madeleine David, Gene Kneipp, Emma Sadek, Neave Sciacca

Reminders ...

- Please send a plastic spoon/fork with your child if they require one to eat their recess or lunch. The office does not keep supplies of these items.
- Please do not send any food containing nuts to school.
- Ensure all clothing is labelled to avoid lost property.
- School Banking—students are reminded to bring their bank deposit books to school on Tuesdays. **Banking is done on Tuesday mornings.**



Scholastic Book Club News

From Term 4 - 2018, the school will incur a delivery charge of \$7.50 for every subsequent Book Club order received.

Parents will not be affected by this change but we would like to process one consolidated order per term.

Parents are reminded that the order forms must be submitted before / on the return-by-date to the school office. Online ordering will also close on this return-by-date.

Parents who still want to order (after the closing date), can do so via the Scholastic website. This order will incur a postage and handling charge and orders will be delivered to their home address.

Gulshan Muttoo
Book Club Coordinator

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world -- Malala Yousafzai



Term 4 Important Dates

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

Week 1

Thursday 18 October Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)
ES1 Excursion—**Postponed**

Week 2

Monday 22 October Pow Wow 9am-10am

Tuesday 23 October Tennis Lessons

Wednesday 24 October **School Photographs** (Summer Uniform)
Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
7pm POSMS Meeting—Learning Space

Thursday 25 October Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)

Friday 26 October World Teacher's Day

Week 3

Monday 29 October Pow Wow 9am-10am

Tuesday 30 October Tennis Lessons

Wednesday 31 October Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
9am-10:30am ES1 2019 Orientation / Parent Meeting

Thursday 1 November All Souls Day
Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)

Friday 2 November All Saints Day
Theme Lunch—Sausage Sizzle

Week 4

Monday 5 November Pow Wow 9am-10am

Tuesday 6 November Tennis Lessons
Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 7 November Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

Thursday 8 November Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)

Friday 9 November Walkathon—Lake Parramatta 9:00am
Reconciliation 6:45pm for 7pm

Week 5

Monday 12 November Pow Wow 9am-10am

Tuesday 13 November Tennis Lessons

Wednesday 14 November ES1 Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)

Thursday 15 November Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)

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

Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent
Develops self discipline
Encourages self esteem
Enhances co-ordination & concentration
Is lots of fun!!

Guitar Classes!

Day: **Thursday**
Time: 12:20pm—12:50pm
Location: The Community Room

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.