

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

Term 4

Friday 22 November
Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

*School Resumes
For Term 4
Monday 14 October*

*Students to return in
Summer Uniform*

Trivia Night

**Saturday 21
September**

6.30 pm



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week is National Child Protection Week, a campaign held annually to raise awareness of all issues associated with child protection. One of the main areas of focus is protecting children from sexual exploitation as this should be seen as a whole community responsibility.

Teachers at St Monica's have age appropriate conversations with their students about personal safety and what to do if they find themselves in a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable. Unwanted touching by anyone (family, friends or strangers) is not OK and children have the right to say NO.

In the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus the following content is taught in each of our stages:

Early Stage 1:

- identifying a number of possible skills and strategies to stay safe
- recognise that everyone has a right to say yes or no to affection eg hugs, tickles, kisses
- recognise appropriate touch and explore how to respond to inappropriate touch
- practise ways of seeking help in a range of situations eg call 000, use No-Go-Tell when feeling unsafe

Stage 1

- describe situations where they are required to make safe decisions
- describe feelings, reactions and warning signs that can help them recognise safe or unsafe situations eg excitement, feeling anxious, fear
- positive ways to respond to different situations ie being assertive, seeking help
- recall people they can contact to support themselves and others

Stage 2

- describe how their own and others' skills and strategies contribute to healthy and safe outcomes in a variety of situations
- recognise types of abuse and bullying behaviours and identify safe and supportive upstander behaviour and protective strategies
- Analyse physical and emotional responses that indicate when they and others feel safe or empowered, for example:
- compare feelings they experience in a variety of safe and unsafe situations
- recognise emotional and behavioural warning signs associated with unsafe situations eg secrets, bribes, threats, negative feelings, power and control

Stage 3

- examine the influence of emotional responses on behaviour and relationships
- explore scenarios to identify behaviours which makes a scenario safe or unsafe eg warning signs, secrets, threats, bribes, violence
- practise skills to establish and manage relationships, for example:
- recognise risk, abuse and neglect in relationships and ways to seek help
- select and practise appropriate ways to resolve conflict and deal with coercion, abuse and violence, eg negotiation, refusal skills

When a child is abused, the physical and mental pain can last a lifetime. Sadly, according to the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) over 35,000 Australian children were abused last year.

Technology has given our children new opportunities for social interactions, and most importantly, more ways to learn about the world and express themselves. However, there are also challenges faced by our children online that we need to talk to them about. These include online grooming, cyber bullying, online reputation management and sharing of images. By educating and empowering our children to be safe, respectful and resilient online, we can help minimise the risk of things going wrong online.

The best way to understand what your children are doing online is to ASK them about what they are SEEING, SAYING and DOING online.

A good site for more information is the Australian Federal Police initiative Think U Know- www.thinkuknow.org.au

<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/crime-types/child-protection/national-child-protection-week>

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Child Protection Reminder

All parents/carers volunteers assisting in the Learning Space between the hours of 8:50 am- 3:00 pm must report to the office prior to going upstairs. You will be required to sign in using the electronic sign in system. You will receive a printed label which must be worn at all times whilst on the school grounds. All volunteers must sign out before leaving the school at the office.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Peer Review

Yesterday our Stage 3 teachers, Mrs Angela Wedesweiler and Mrs Emily Harrison, participated in a Peer Review.

In our Diocese every school takes part in a Peer Review once a year. Schools receive a notification three weeks before review and then one week before, the school is notified of the Stage and the two areas of learning.

Stage 3 had to present their English and Mathematics programs to representatives from three other schools to determine whether we were compliant as specified by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) in each of the two key learning areas.

Emily and Angela had 60 minutes each to present their curriculum documentation, assessment plans, student records of achievement and student work samples demonstrating differentiation of learning tasks. Both teachers were affirmed of their practice, highlighting the exceptional work being carried out in our school, meeting the needs of our students in all areas of their learning.

Thank you to Miss Rebecca Boidin who assisted both teachers in the lead up to the review and on the day.

As Principal I was also required to present documentation to support that we were compliant in certain areas including Attendance Data and Management Plans,

Pastoral Care Policy, Mandatory Reporting and School Procedures, Critical Incident Management and evidence of Evacuation and Lockdown Drills, Medication Policy and Teacher Accreditation.



Today ES1 enjoyed making and eating fruit kebabs for their health lesson.

2020 ES1 Enrolments

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Current families who have a child starting school in 2020, **and have not yet submitted their enrolment application**, are requested to contact Miss O'Donnell **immediately**.

Pow Wow

Pow Wow is an informal playgroup for St Monica's parents with non-school aged children. Parents with children starting Kindergarten in 2020 are also welcome. Gold coin donation.

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: **Thursdays 9:00am - 10:00am**

Where: **St Monica's Community Room (COSHC)**

FATHER'S DAY MASS



Congratulations to the students who received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation recently.

Aimee Akiko Loof, Alicia Youssef, Andrew Clark, Charlotte Sprincis, Gabriela Andrade, Kristian Romic, L'Lysse Puyat, Liam Sciacca, Lola Sloane, Max Lukasik, Michael Maffina, Monica Salic, Noah Day, Ryan Malatag, Sara Younes, William Paterson, Charlize Cooper & Elizabeth Toman.

Congratulations to their families, Father Ephraim, the Sacramental Co-Ordinator - Shanika Joseph and our Religious Education Co-ordinator Angela Wedesweiler.

Thank you to Rebecca Boidin, Angela Wedesweiler, Greg Tyszkiewicz & Tania Starczewski who attended the First Eucharist Mass.



School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 3 Week 6** was **88.9%**.

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 —88.5%	
ES1	82.4%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	87.5%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	83.3%
Year 6	88.6%

Week 6 —88.9%	
ES1	82.3%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	91.3%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	79.2%
Year 6	88.6%

Term 3 School Fees

Please note that school fees were due and payable on
Wednesday 28 August 2019.

Families who do not have an arrangement with the school and are yet to finalise their fees, are requested to contact Mrs Rebello in the school office immediately.

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 Rebello.

MERIT AWARDS

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



Early Stage One: Noah Abi-Daher, Ivo Bangalan, Christos Cardomatis, Marco Jimenez, Marcus Llanto, Vriya Love, Isla Siemsen, Evelyn Wong, Angela Li, Parinika Thamiseti

Year One: Pranvee Basu, Aiden Forsyth, Jacin Moon, Skylar Noronha, Ivy Tran

Year Two:

Stage 2: Charlize Cooper, Wyatt Heesen, Manuela Salib, Alicia Youssef, Roger Corcoran, Lukas Lozancic Babic, Lola Sloane, Charlotte Sprincis, Nina Talty

Stage 3: Sanoy Bhattachan, Jake Chapman, Galia Evangelista, Charbel Sadek, Jayden Albayeh, Laura Emphield, Giselle Mondinelli, Poppy Sloane

Bragging Rights...

Congratulations to Charlize Cooper (stage 2) who has qualified for State Championships in Gymnastics.
Well done Charlize!

Netball Gala Day

Last Wednesday 17 girls from Stage 2 and Stage 3 represented St Monica's at the Netball Gala Day held in Penrith. The weather was kind to us and the girls had a great day. They displayed sportsmanship continually throughout the day despite coming up against a few teams with experienced netball players. Their smiles, enthusiasm and determination throughout the day never faltered.

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came out to Penrith to support us on the day. A special thank you to Bernadette Haddad and Victoria Elias for coaching the teams in the lead up to the day.



Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings



Tuesday 8:30am–9:00am
Thursday 8:00am–8:30am

Please ensure your child is on time for their lesson.

Tennis lessons \$40 per student, per term.

Please make payments directly to Mr Davidson.

If your child is enrolled in lessons, but will no longer be attending, kindly inform Mr Davidson so that he can amend the timetable.

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

ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

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

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

Group tuition at school **\$24:50** (incl GST) per lesson.

Private Tuition at school **\$39 (incl GST)** and

Private Home Tuition **\$42 (incl GST)**

Individual tuition is also available.

Keyboard Classes!

Day: **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>

Child Protection Requirements

All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the following CEDP 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.

ELIZABETH FARM

Year 1 and Year 2 travelled to Elizabeth Farm at Rosehill. All children enjoyed hands on activities from the past.
Thankyou to the parents who attended on the day.



St Monica's Day



DRESS AS
ANYTHING
STARTING
WITH THE
LETTER:



ST MONICA'S FANCY DRESS TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT 21 SEPT 6:30PM

TRIVIA, GAMES, PRIZES

**BRING FAMILY
AND FRIENDS**

(MAXIMUM 8 PER TABLE)

**ADULTS
ONLY**

**BYO ALCOHOL
& NIBBLES**

**\$20 PER PERSON
PLUS GOLD COINS**

FOR GAMES ON THE NIGHT

*Contacts: Trish Forsyth: 0402 337 075, Vanessa Tally: 0423 845 885, Gen Smith: 0414 901 968, Tim Cooper: 0409 205 721
Please return the attached slip to the school office along with payment.*

REGISTRATION

Individuals or small groups up to 5 people register in this section and you will be combined into teams.

NAME: _____

Number of tickets: _____ (1 per person)

TOTAL: \$ _____ (\$20 per person)

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM REGISTRATION

Already have 6 to 8 people? Register as a team here.

NAME: _____

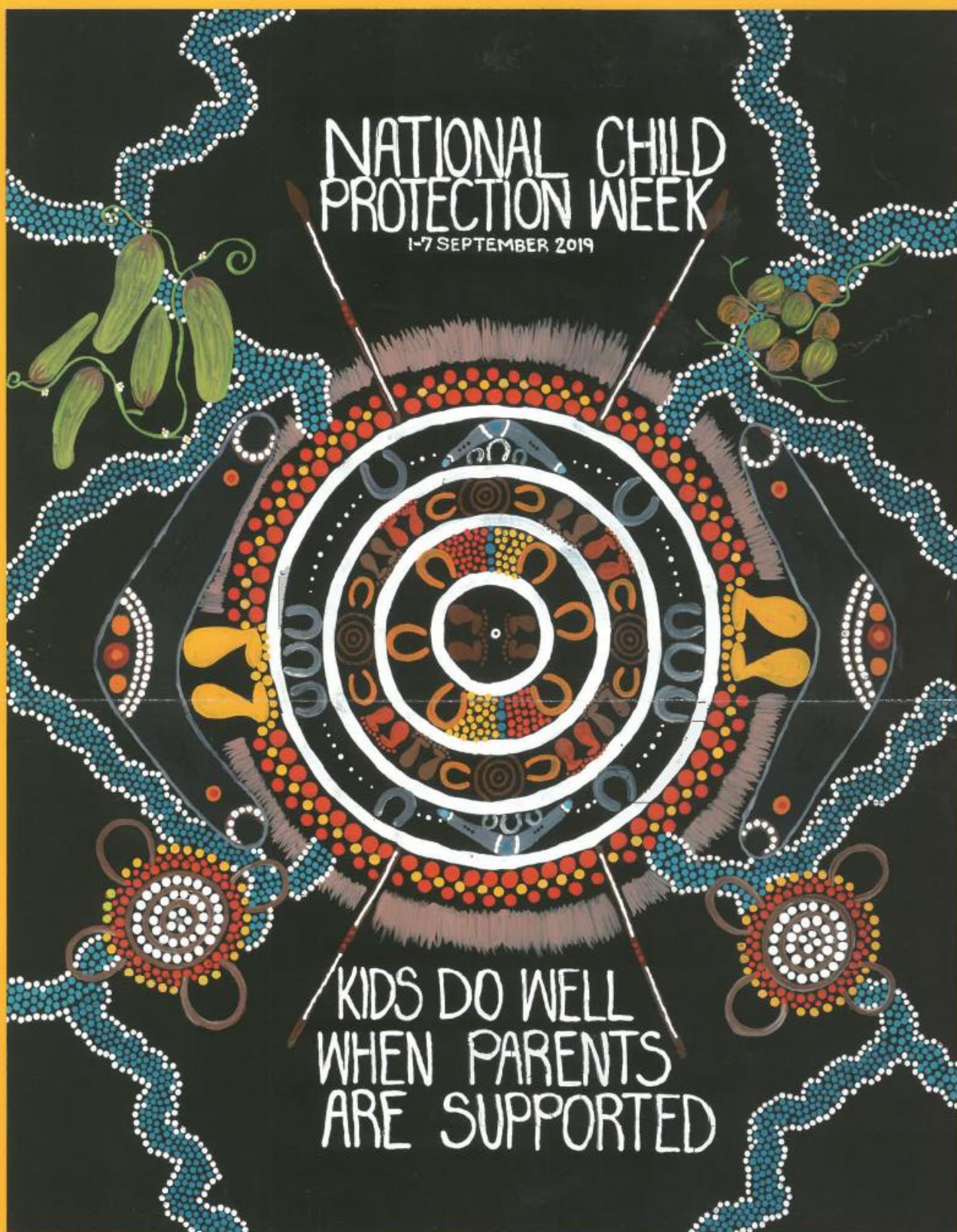
Number of tickets: _____ (1 per person)

TOTAL: \$ _____ (\$20 per person)

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM NAME: _____



Artist: Shirleen Nambajirpa Campbell (Tangentyere Women's Safety Group) Hoppys Camp

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

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Hills Community Aid
Est. 1969 Empowering Communities to Thrive

50TH
ANNIVERSARY

Family Fun Day

FREE Event

WHEN & WHERE
MON 30TH SEPT
10 am – 2 pm
BALCOMBE HEIGHTS ESTATE
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

- ★ CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ SYDNEY THUNDER CRICKET
- ★ FACE PAINTING ★ HENNA TATTOOS
- ★ RIDES ★ TREASURE HUNT
- ★ JUMPING CASTLE
- ★ FOOD & DRINKS
- ★ HILLS DAILY GRIND COFFEE
- ★ DJ/MUSIC ★ LARGE BOARD GAMES
- ★ BISCUIT DECORATING
- ★ DEVONSHIRE TEAS
- ★ SERVICE INFO STALLS & ACTIVITIES

**Please join us for the Hills Community Aid
49th Annual General Meeting, 9am
at Learning in the Hills.**



For more information Ph 9639 8620 | Email enq@hca.org.au | www.hca.org.au



***Member for a Day:
What would you say?***

Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY

Activities

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location

6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

**The public café
will be open.**

Sausage
Sizzle
\$3.00
per person



FREE ENTRY • All Welcome
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

**GROUP BOOKINGS FOR
10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL
9230 2047**

Term 3 Important Dates

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

Week 7

Wednesday 4 September	7pm Trivia Meeting
Thursday 5 September	9:00am—10:00am Pow Wow 12:30 Australian Girls Choir Visit
Friday 6 September	Social Justice Arcare Visit

Week 8

Thursday 12 September	9:00am-10:00am Pow Wow
Friday 13 September	Butter Chicken Day

Week 9

Tuesday 17 September	9:00am-10:30am PBL Launch 11:10am-12:50 Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off Day
Friday 20 September	Choir Arcare Visit
Saturday 21 September	Trivia Night

Week 10

Wednesday 25 September	7pm ES1 2020 Parent Meeting
Thursday 26 September	9:00am-10:00am Pow Wow
Friday 27 September	Term 3 ends at 3:00pm

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 14 October	School resumes for Term 4 Students return wearing Summer Uniform
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