

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

Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

Save the Date Working Bee

Saturday 14 December
7am-11am

Many hands make
light work

*Have you bought
your tickets to our
Movie Night?*

Friday
13 December 2019

'The Greatest
Showman' PG

\$15 family ticket
\$5 single tickets



Monica's Matters

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

Phone: 8832 4100
Fax: 8832 4199

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

New eSafety Website



The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has spent the last 18 months working alongside various experts to create, refresh and streamline the eSafety website's content. Every page on their site has been updated with tailored advice, resources and support to ensure it helps Australians have empowering and positive experiences online. Almost a third of the website features exciting new material, including a section for young people, guided by young people. Not only is this a great resource for students and parents, but the topics can help with online safety conversations in all our classes here at St Monica's..

The parents' and carers' content offers advice to help children have safer experiences online, with resources on developing children's digital intelligence, to give them the social, emotional and practical skills needed to successfully navigate the digital world and act responsibly online.

Importantly, the eSafety guide assists parents to know more about the latest apps, games and social media their children are using with helpful information on online safety and links to report abusive content. With practical skills and advice on tackling the big issues, hard-to-have conversations, and downloadable resources on building safe and healthy online behaviours, the eSafety website encourages parents to guide children in the use of connected devices. I strongly recommend that all parents find the time to view these resources.

Over 300 of the site's resources, including the popular education resources, have been refreshed and re-branded and are easier to find using the new filter feature. The site has also had some of its older resources deleted — with new research and technology, they have become outdated and are no longer relevant. The new online safety hub presents an incredible opportunity to reach a broader range of Australians and make them aware of eSafety's resources and services.

Please view this resource at esafety.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Staffing News

Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert has resigned her permanent position here at St Monica's after years of continuous service. Mrs Ungsuprasert has been a classroom teacher at St Monica's since 1989. In recent years she has worked part time supporting the literacy programme, including supporting students with English as a second language and also teaching aspects of the Creative Arts and PDHPE syllabus in most grades.

Congratulations to **Mrs Denelle Gardoni** on her appointment as the Learning Technology Support Teacher in 2020 and to **Miss Catherine Shaw** who will lead a special project next year, Student Faith Formation in Action.

Mrs Ivana Algeri has been appointed permanent teacher at St Monica's replacing the position vacated by Mr Tyszkiewicz. Ivana currently teaches at Corpus Christi Cranebrook.

Welcome back to **Mr Greg Tyszkiewicz** after his sick leave. Greg will return on Monday 2 December. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Paley and Mrs Linda Zammit for replacing Greg during his period of leave. They have both been wonderful in Stage 2 ensuring that the learning has continued.

2020 MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interviews)

The first two school days in 2020 will be **Staff Development Days (Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 January 2020)**. Staff will be using these days to assess children using a one-on-one numeracy interview (MAI). For the past six years we have found that this is time well used as the teachers complete the majority of their class interviews and are able to use the data to plan the mathematics starting point for their students.

Students who are currently in Kindergarten to Year 5 are required to book an appointment.

Online bookings for the interviews will open on **Monday 9 December (Week 9)**.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the **Triantis** family on the safe arrival of their new son Luke. A baby brother for Sarah (ES1).



2020 School Fees

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has now advised the 2020 Diocesan School Fees. A copy of the 2020 School Fees has been sent home with your child today and can also be found in this newsletter and on the school website.

Please note that the Family Levy will now be part of the resource fee going forward from 2020.

Unexplained Absence Letters

Parents are advised that Unexplained Absence letters have been sent home today to families with students we have on record with Unexplained Absences.



Please note that this letter is required to be returned to school by **Friday 29 November** as the absences form part of your child's Semester 2 report and these reports will be completed next week.

Failure to return this letter by Friday will result in the absences being recorded as Unexplained on your child's report.

Thank you for your co-operation.

MERIT AWARDS

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

ES1:	Isabella Andrade, Caleb Caga-Anan, Gabrielle David, Evangeline Hbeiche, Dominik Lukacevic and Angela Li
Year 1:	Elyssa Ekert, Nitya Mallela, Victoria Youssef
Year 2:	Enzo Inigo and Olivia Szymanski
Stage 2:	Georgia Fernandes, Thao Therese Huynh, Kristian Romic, Mia Siemsen, Theresa Wong, Andrew Clark, Noah Day, Manda Lu, Onur James Unver, Marley Austin
Stage 3:	Gabrielle Nassif, Filippo Prevetera, Andrew Kim, Ruby Knight



School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 4 Week 6 was 88.8 %

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 5 — 89.5 %		Week 6 — 88.8 %	
ES1	93.2%	ES1	92.1%
Year 1	89.4%	Year 1	85.9%
Year 2	100%	Year 2	100%
Year 3	84.8%	Year 3	84.9%
Year 4	88.0%	Year 4	88%
Year 5	75.8%	Year 5	71.8%
Year 6	91.4%	Year 6	94.3%

2020 Swimming Carnival—Friday 31 January

Merrylands Pool—17 Burnett Street, Merrylands

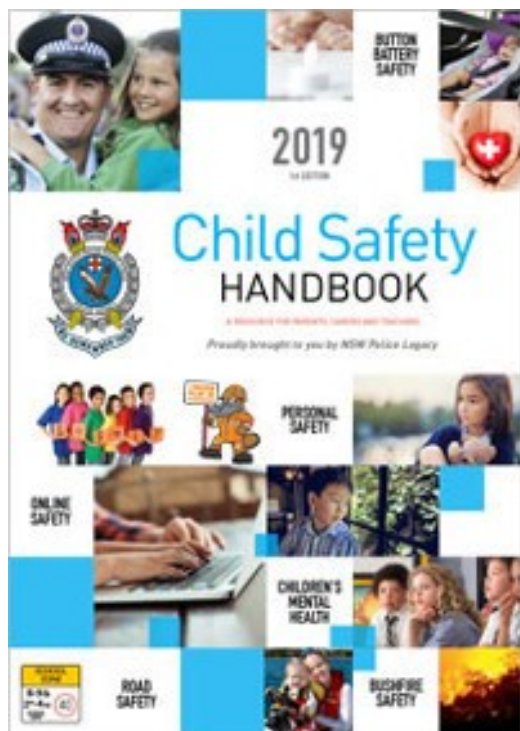
Please complete the 2020 Swimming Carnival Permission Note and return it to your child's teacher **by Friday 29 November 2019**

The 2020 Swimming Carnival will be held on the second day back at school, Friday 31 January .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Manda Lu	Andrew Clark	Roger Corcoran	Cadence Metierre	James Ahn
Onur James Unver	Ava Cong	Jonathan Payne	Pranvee Basu	Thao Theresa Huynh
Lucas Alvarez	Isabella Andrade	Rafaella Santos	Ivy Tran	Dominik Lukacevic
Imeth Wijeratne	Staff: Mrs Harrison and Mrs Bright			



NSW Police Legacy Digital Child Safety Handbook

A new edition of the Child Safety Handbook is now available online. It aims to help raise awareness of child safety issues that all families face, and what can be done to prevent these risks.

The Handbook enables people of all ages to develop strategies to help them deal with difficult situations, and covers such issues as: bullying at school, personal safety, safety in the home, first aid, safety online, fire prevention, road safety outdoors, healthy living and drug & alcohol awareness.

The Child Safety Handbook App has also been produced by NSW Police Legacy and includes everything we need as a community to protect our most valuable and vulnerable resource – our children.

From preventive measures at home to safety outdoors, from cybersafety to dealing with peer pressures, this app is a resource for every family and school community.

The app can be downloaded via the Apple store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle.

Student Banking

The last day for Student Banking this year will be **Wednesday 11 December (Week 9)**.
Student Banking will resume on **Wednesday 12 February 2020 (Term 1 Week 3)**.

Foreign Currency Coins being sent to school

IMPORTANT NOTICE

An increased number of foreign currency (coins) have been appearing in the school banking deposits and ice block money.

Parents may have noticed that at times banking deposits have been amended and the foreign coins have been sent home.

Parents are requested to please check the coins before sending them to school with your child as these coins are unable to be processed.

Thank you.



Christmas Songs

Friday 13 December 2019

6:30pm—7:00pm

St Monica's Parish Hall

Children to wear CHRISTMAS CLOTHES





MOVIE NIGHT

* The Greatest Showman* (PG)

Friday 13 December 2019

Movie will commence at sundown (approx 7:30pm)
6:30pm-7pm Christmas Songs in the Hall





- No Alcohol
- Ice blocks and popcorn for sale on the night
- BYO Snacks/Drinks
- Tickets to the movie will be issued once RSVP & Payment has been received.
- Please bring your tickets on the night—they will be collected prior to entering the movie area.

Parental Supervision
 Parents are to provide supervision for their child/dren for the duration of the movie.

**RSVP + Payment
due by Wednesday
4 December 2019**
Family Ticket : \$15
Single tickets: \$5 each



Please return to the School Office by Wednesday 4 December 2019

Movie Night—'The Greatest Showman' (PG) - Friday 13 December 2019

FAMILY NAME _____ (Eldest Child Name: _____)
 (Eldest Child Stage: _____)

Please enclose the correct money

☐ Family ticket \$15 Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Number attending _____
☐ Single tickets \$5 each Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Number attending _____

I/We would be interested in purchasing a sausage sizzle on the night ☐ YES ☐ NO

*At this stage we are only gauging if this is something that parents may require.
 We will let you know by 4 December if we will be having a Sausage Sizzle.*

☐ I understand that I am to provide parental supervision for my child/dren for the duration of the movie.

 Parent Name

 Parent Signature

 Date

2019 End of Year Celebrations

Awards Ceremony / End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

On **Tuesday 17 December 2019** we will hold our End of Year Awards Ceremony, End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation. Following the Mass, Year 6 students and their families only, are invited to attend a luncheon in the Hall. We will farewell all students who are leaving St Monica's with a Guard of Honour.

The schedule for the day is below.

9:00am **End of Year Awards Ceremony (Hall) followed by
 Morning Tea (9:45am-10:45am)**
 (10:45am—11:10am Year 5 parents set up for Graduation Luncheon)

11:15am **End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation
 Followed by luncheon for Year 6 students and their families only (Hall)**

1:30pm **Guard of Honour for all students leaving St Monica's**

Letters to Farmers

Year 2 have been learning about farms, sustainability and where our food comes from. As the country is in drought, the children have written letters to the farmers thanking them for all that they do and to cheer them up at this hard time. Some of their letters are below.

Dear Farmer,

Merry Christmas. Thank you for being a helpful person.

I am so sorry there is a drought because sometimes we waste water. There has only been a little rain. I promise I will help the environment.

I am going to tell you a joke.
Why did the grain of wheat go to the doctor?
Because it had a wheat germ.

Mary had a little lamb ch.ch.bamb.post it on the Instagram #normal lamb.
Have a good new year.

Love from Sienna (8 years old)

Dear Farmer,

My name is Ruby. I am very sorry to hear about the drought. You are doing a very important job for everyone. We appreciate all the work you are doing for us.

We know it is hard work for you . Keep it up.
Merry Christmas.

From Ruby (7 years old)

Dear Farmer.

My name is Joanna. I live in Sydney.

I am sorry to hear that you are struggling with your crops and animal supplies.

We appreciate what you have done for us.

What did the cow say to the other cow?
Moo! Move!

Merry Christmas

Best wishes from Joanna
(7 years old)

Dear Farmer,

My name is Mathew and I live in Sydney. We have been praying for rain for the farmers.

Thank you for all that you do.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas .

From Mathew
(8 years old)

Dear Farmer,

My name is Zac and I am very sorry to hear you are struggling in drought. Sorry I can't help.

I really appreciate your generosity.

Thanks for everything.

What did the skeleton say at the buffet?
Can I have a milkshake and a mop!

Why can't you whisper near a wheat plant?
Because they are all ears?

Merry Christmas from Zac (7 years old)

Dear Farmer,

My name is Cadence.

I am very sorry for the animals that are in drought and don't have water.

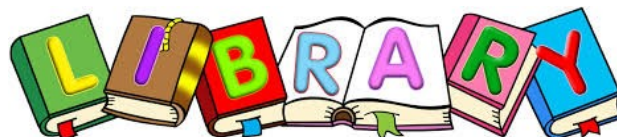
We appreciate that the animals produce food like meat, chicken and a drink which is milk.

We know that you are sad about the animals and your crops. I hope the animals don't die and that it rains soon.

Merry Christmas from Cadence.
(7 years old)

Thank
you!





LIBRARY TIMES: Monday-Thursday: **8.30am - 8.50am**
(open to all classes)

Extra borrowing times:

Monday: YEAR 2 **Recess**

Tuesday: YEAR 1 **Lunch**

Wednesday: STAGE 2 & YEAR 5 **Recess**

Thursday: ES1 & YEAR 6 **Lunch (storytime)**

TERM 4 BOOK FAIR



Our **“STOMP, CHOMP and READ”**
Book Fair was held last week and
it was a **ROARING** success!



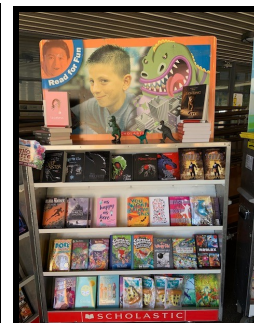
A Big **Thank You** to the generous families who bought books.
Many used it to get started on their early Christmas shopping!

The students were so excited to see many of their
favourite books displayed.

It also gave many others the opportunity to discover new authors/titles

All funds raised will be used directly in the school to purchase
new teaching resources. Thank You!

Mrs Rita Davino



2020 Diocesan School Fees

22 November 2019

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2020. The new schedule includes a very modest 1.5% increase on the fees from 2019, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 1.5% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2020 are outlined below:

2020 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2020 is \$822. This is an increase of 2% from 2019. This increase is slightly higher than the tuition fee increase of 1.5% as governments do not provide sufficient capital funding for our school provisioning program.

There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount for the building levy of 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

LEARNING FOR TODAY'S WORLD

3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Support Fund**

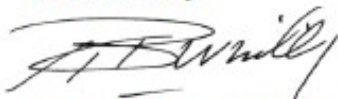
In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) page of the CEDP website.

- **Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



ST MONICA'S WORKING BEE

Many hands make light work

Saturday 14 December 2019

7:00am – 11:00am

Can you spare an hour or two to come and support the school?

- A great opportunity to become involved in St Monica's Community, especially if your work commitments during the week prevent you from visiting our school.
 - Improve the physical environment of the school.
 - Meet new parents
 - All welcome.



Term 4 Working Bee – Saturday 14 December 2019

Please return to the School Office by Wednesday 4 December 2019

- ☐ I/we **will be able** to attend the Working Bee
- ☐ I/we **are unable** to attend the Working Bee
- ☐ I/we will be able to bring morning tea

I can assist with: (please indicate)

- ☐ Pruning bushes – especially on Daking Street
- ☐ Getting rid of cobwebs/spiderwebs
- ☐ Cleaning windows / window sills
- ☐ Clean playground using blower
- ☐ Clean bubblers
- ☐ Kitchen / kitchen cupboards
- ☐ Organise the sport shed
- ☐ Washing down outside seating / tables
- ☐ Weeding
- ☐ Wipe out bag cupboards
- ☐ Hang paintings / photographs
- ☐ ES1 tables
- ☐ Sinks

I will arrive at school at ☐ 7am ☐ 8am ☐ 9am ☐ 10am

Please bring brooms, cloths, gardening tools, cleaning products, gloves, scrubbing brushes etc.

Name/s: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature/s: _____

Eldest Child's Homeroom: _____

Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a
**GOOGLE
CHROMEBOOK**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **two Google Chromebooks** or one of **thirty gift vouchers** valued at \$30.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

**Competition opens
on 2 December 2019 and
closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020**

Terms and conditions apply.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



@CatholicEdParra

catholicedparra

Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Oakhill

COLLEGE



Oakhill College and the Students Leaders would like to invite you to celebrate the festive season with our annual

Christmas@Oakhill Family Picnic and Concert

Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

Thursday
5
December
5.00pm to 7.00pm

Suitable for all ages. Face painting, crafts, sausage sizzle and of course, a visit from Santa!

All proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House – Randwick for sick children and their families this Christmas season.

Free event - Tickets essential
Get your tickets at Trybooking.com
'Christmas@Oakhill'

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

Musical 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>

Child Protection Requirements

*All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the CEDP Child Protection requirements **prior** to assisting in the classroom or on excursions ('Building Child Safe Communities—Undertaking for Volunteers')*

The Volunteer Form and Training Module can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Our Schools
Parents as Partners
Volunteer & Contractor Training

- **Volunteer Form**
- **Online Training Module (every two years) *currently being upgraded***

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

Term 4 Important Dates

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

Week 7

Friday 29 November **2020 Swimming Carnival Permission notes due today**

Week 8

Wednesday 4 December **RSVP & Payment for Movie Night due today**

Thursday 5 December 2:30pm-3:30pm PBL Launch

Friday 6 December Year 6 Fundraiser—Spider Ice Cream sodas

Week 9

Monday 9 December Online bookings open for Mathematics Assessment Interviews

Tuesday 10 December Year 6 Fun Day

Wednesday 11 December Semester 2 Reports home

Friday 13 December 6:30pm –7pm Christmas Songs in the Hall)

Movie Night — 'The Greatest Showman' (PG)
Movie to commence at sundown (approximately 7:30pm)
(Parental supervision required for all children attending)/

Friday 14 December Working Bee 7am-11am

Week 10

Monday 16 December Scrub Day

Tuesday 17 December End of Year Awards Assembly
 Thank You Morning Tea
 End of Year Mass / Year 6 Graduation
 Year 6 Celebration Lunch

Wednesday 18 December Last day for Students

Thursday 19 December **Staff Development Day** (*students do not attend school today*)

Friday 20 December **Staff Development Day** (*students do not attend school today*)

2020 Term 1 Dates

Tuesday 28 January 2020

Staff Return

*Tuesday 28 January and Wednesday 29 January are
Staff Development Days.*

MAI Testing for Years 1-6 will be held on these two days.

Thursday 30 January 2020

Years 1—6 commence (8:50am-3:00pm)

Friday 31 January —Swimming Carnival—Merrylands Pool

Monday 3 February 2020

ESI (Kindergarten) commence

9am-2:30am Early finish time for new families only so they can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.

Friday 9 April 2020

Term 1 ends