

ST MONICA'S  
PRIMARY  
NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 9  
25 June 2014

DIARY DATES

Week 9

Fri 27 Dance Fever

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR  
TERM 2 AT 3PM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JULY

TERM 3

Week 1

Mon 14 Staff Development  
Day—Students do not  
attend school today

Tues 15 Students return for  
Term 3

Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am

Week 2

Mon 21 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 22 Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am

Fri 25 2pm Church Cleaning

Week 3

Mon 28 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 29 Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am

AUGUST

Week 4

Mon 4 Pow Wow 9-10:30am  
Book Character Parade  
and Book Fair

Tues 5 Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am  
Zone Athletics  
Stage 3 Camp Bathurst

Wed 6 Stage 3 Camp Bathurst  
Fri 8 Feast of St Mary of the  
Cross MacKillop



# Bulletin

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last week there were two serious incidents that were reported regarding the 'Kiss and Drop'. These incidents occurred because drivers did not follow the safety procedures that we have in place.

**Please read the following guidelines and if a relative or friend is using the Kiss and Drop please ensure that you inform them on how 'Kiss and Drop' works at St Monica's.**

### *Morning Drop Off*

- **Entry to the school is via Daking Street only**
- Parents are ***not to leave their car when they are in the 'drop off zone'***.
- Please ensure bags etc are already in the car ready for the children to take.
- Children are to only get out of the car from the **driver's side**.

### *Afternoon Pick up*

- Keep all business driveways clear whilst on the car line allowing cars to reverse out onto Daking Street if required.
- Keep to the left hand side of the road so that oncoming traffic can access Church Street.
- Move close into the kerb where the 'no parking' signs have been placed at our school entry.
- **When entering the school grounds from Daking Street**—parents are asked to either follow the marked arrows to the carpark or if entering the playground to follow the teachers directions.
- **When exiting the playground** after picking up your child **you may only turn right out of the playground** towards North Rocks Road and Church Street.

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Entry to the school is via Daking Street only and exit is either via Church Street or North Rocks Road.**

### *Pasta Lunch*

Thank you to the wonderful parents who made the bolognaise and neopolitana pasta lunches last Friday. Your efforts were appreciated by all the children who ordered their lunch. Special thanks to Janet Joseph who did a test run at home with her family and then calculated the ingredients for the two pasta dishes so that all the children had plenty to eat. Thank you also to Simone Lewis, Neil and Janet Joseph, Tiffany Cooper, Katrina Mitchell, Gulshan Muttoo, Mitsue French, Joan Evangelista, Kristy O'Rourke and Gabriela Maksimova. A profit of \$304.30 was made which will go towards technology for the school.

### *ABC*

Last Friday Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools was interviewed by Rebecca Barrett from the ABC News at St Monica's. Mr Whitby and Mrs Barrett were very impressed with the students as they explained their learning and how they integrated technology. The news item will be on the ABC sometime this week. If we receive word on the day we will inform parents otherwise keep tuning into the ABC News at 7:00pm nightly.

### *Dance Fever*

Photos of the Interschool Challenge can be found under Galleries on the School Website.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 14 July 2014

**Students do not attend school  
on this day.**

Students return to school for Term 3  
on Tuesday 15 July.

### ***PBL Presentation***

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students and their teachers on their presentation of their PBL driving question “How can we, as civil engineers, design a bridge for two or more purposes?”.

### ***Book Fair and Book Parade***

A reminder to all parents and students that the Book Fair and Book Parade will be held on **Monday 4 August** (Week 4, Term 3). The theme this year is ‘Connect to Reading’. Characters **MUST** be from a book. Further details can be found under SCHOOL NOTES on the website.

I wish all staff, students and families a very safe and relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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## Media release

Tuesday 17 June 2014

### **GOOD NEWS & BAD FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN NSW BUDGET**

Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) has welcomed the NSW Government's commitment to lift recurrent funding to all schools in the State Budget, honouring the national agreement signed in 2013.

But it said it is disappointed the NSW Government has left in place its 2012 freeze on capital funding to all non-government schools, which educate more than a third of the state's school students.

The 2014-15 NSW Budget confirms state funding will increase each year under the National Education Reform Agreement (the so-called 'Gonski' funding reforms).

"We welcome confirmation that the NSW Government will honour its recurrent funding obligations, despite the Federal Government's decision to abandon the agreement in its final two years when the most substantial investments were due to be made in all schools," CECNSW executive director Brian Croke said.

"The NSW Government was the first to sign up to the Commonwealth's school funding reforms, which direct more funding to teaching students with the greatest need."

Dr Croke said students with a disability and indigenous students have been the fastest growing segments of enrolments in NSW Catholic schools over the past three decades.

"By the end of 2013, there were 12,708 students with a disability enrolled in NSW Catholic schools – up from 377 in 1985 – while indigenous enrolments have grown sixfold since 1985 to almost 6,400."

"Today's confirmation of additional recurrent funding means all NSW schools can plan for school years up to and including 2019, knowing the state component will be delivered."

But Dr Croke said the decision to continue the freeze on capital funding to non-government schools meant it would be harder to meet the forecast growth in demand for additional school places.

"We are disappointed that the Government has left capital funding for the state's 934 non-government schools at \$54.6 million.

"With building costs rising, this is effectively a cut in capital funding – the first time NSW Government capital allocations to non-government schools have declined in real terms since 1968.

"Every school in NSW – Government and non-government – is an integral part of the state's economic and social infrastructure.

"They need to be expanded and updated to keep pace with the leading schools in our region; this is not the time to be leaving any school behind," Dr Croke said.

In 2013, NSW's 583 Catholic schools educated 251,158 students and employed more than 27,000 teaching and support staff.

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