

DIARY DATES

Week 8

Thur 19 9am Stage 2 attending
Parish Mass
Parent Teacher
interviews continue

Fri 20 Dance Fever
Theme Lunch—Pasta

Week 9

Mon 23 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 24 Uniform Shop
8:30am—10:30am

Fri 27 Dance Fever

SCHOOL CLOSURES 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



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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Over the last month Father Fernando and I have been interviewing many families seeking enrolment for Kindergarten for their child for next year. It is always an immense privilege to listen to the aspirations and dreams that parents have for their children and their motivation for seeking to join our St Monica's community.

Often what are put forward as reasons for seeking a Catholic based education is described in terms such as: nurturing, community, faith, values, high expectations, broad education, care, support, committed teachers, family, service, ritual, environment and relationships.

What is often being described in this language are not simply words but a reality to be lived. This reality is based on children being educated as part of a community where Christ is encountered each day through kindness, compassion, forgiveness, love, patience, hospitality and service.

During the interviewing period, Year 6 students were called upon to show parents who had not visited our learning space. Angelina Cappello, Edward Joseph, Jacob Khadi, Bessie Phillips, Martha Kassis and Kiara Naik were wonderful representatives for St Monica's. Many of the parents commented on how engaging, articulate and knowledgeable these students were and how proud they were of their school.

On Sunday, 8th June twenty-three children from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Very Reverend Father Peter Williams, Vicar General confirmed the children and spoke to all of them about being agents of change to help to make our world more compassionate and loving. Father Peter encouraged the children to seek the help of the Holy Spirit with their actions to bring about this change. Actions could include speaking out in an unjust or difficult situation or helping someone without being asked.

We congratulate these newly confirmed children and we will continue to hold them in our



prayers. Thank you to Sister Mary and Sister Teresa for taking the photos at Confirmation. Last night 40 students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 competed in the Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush. These students danced magnificently and all the staff who attended were extremely proud of their performances. Many children received 1st, 2nd or 3rd places for their jive or tango dances. St Monica's competed against various schools in Sydney and our school was awarded two trophies for the overall performances of Year 3 and Year 4.

Thank you to Miss Bagnall, Mrs Mason, Miss Rosewell, Mrs Turner, Sister Mary and Sister Teresa who went along to the event and supervised the students. We were all so proud of all the students who performed magnificently throughout the night. Special thanks to Sister Teresa and Sister Mary for taking the wonderful photographs during the night and capturing the spirit on the night.



SISTER MARY AND SISTER TERESA

Last week we received confirmation that Sister Mary and Sister Teresa will be with us at St Monica's for the remainder of the year. This news was met with much excitement from the students and staff.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING PROJECT

During the holidays Mrs Boulous, Miss Rosewell and I will be attending the Project Based Learning Conference in New Orleans with staff from Marist, Westmead. At this conference titled '*New Tech Network Annual Conference*' we will be working with teachers and students involved in PBL from around the world.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE STUDENTS FROM ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

The Catholic Education 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 that "**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.

MORNING PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that the supervision on the playground commences at **8:20am daily**. Students should not be arriving at school before this time unless they are enrolled at the Catholic Out of School Hours Care facility. Supervision after school ceases at 3:30pm.

LATE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded that the morning school bell is at 8:50am. Students arriving at school after this time are to be brought to the school office where a blue note is to be signed by the parent. The school gates in the car park are closed at 9.15am each morning.

INVITATION TO DANCE FEVER SCHOOL SHOWCASE

This term our children have had the opportunity of experiencing the Dance Fever program. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the program and have learnt wonderful new dance skills as well as very good social skills. I would like to invite all parents to view their child's dance session **this Friday 20 June**.

Kindergarten & Year 1	11:50am
Year 2	12:20pm
Stage 2	1:30pm
Stage 3	2:20pm

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Parents are advised that the next **Staff Development Day** will be held on **Monday 14 July 2014** (The first day back for Term 3). **Students do not attend school on this day.** Students return to school on Tuesday 15 July.



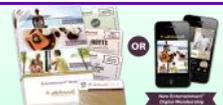
As this newsletter is the final one for Term 2, I would like to extend my thanks for your continued support over the term. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children. I would also like to thank the staff for their generosity in terms of time, self and sharing of skills as it is often outside the normal hours of the day. Term 2 has been extremely busy with Athletics Carnival, Naplan, Excursions, Talent Quest, Semester One Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews, ICAS, Confirmation, Diocesan Cross Country, Mother's Day Stall and Mass, Biggest Morning Tea and Trivia Night.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

2014/2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The new 2014/2015 Entertainment Books have arrived and are available for purchase! **Books cost \$65 each** and every membership sold raises \$13 for our school.



This year you have the option of ordering an **Entertainment Book Membership** or an **Entertainment Digital Membership**.

You may order securely online at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21576y3>

Thank you to all the families who have already purchased their Entertainment Books! Don't miss out!!

Please contact Mrs Abood in the school office if you have any further enquiries.

TENNIS LESSONS - Term 3, 2014

Mr Davidson advises that tennis lessons will be held in **Week 1 of Term 3** and then will **resume in Week 5**. A letter detailing the changes has been sent home to all tennis students.

SCHOOL AMBASSADORS—PHOTOGRAPH

The school ambassadors photograph is in the display cabinet outside the school office. An order envelope has been sent home to the school ambassadors. There are two methods of payment should you wish to order a photograph.

WELL DONE LACHLAN!

Congratulations to Lachlan Roberts on his outstanding effort at the NSW Catholic Primary School Cross Country Trials held last Friday 13th June. Lachlan achieved 20th place out of 120 competitors in his event which is a huge achievement. Congratulations!

COSHC

The Vacation Care Program and Booking Request Form for the July holidays are available on the school website. Please note that the closing date for booking requests and full payment is **Friday 20 June 2014**.

CAR PARK CAUTION

Please use extreme caution exiting the driveway each day especially in the morning. A number of our students who catch buses or walk home use our internal pedestrian crossing just as you exit the school area. Please use extreme caution approaching this crossing at all times.

Parents are also reminded to follow the arrows marked on the playground. When exiting the playground in the afternoon after picking up your child through Kiss and Drop **you may only turn right** towards North Rocks Road and Church Street. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. The Catholic Education Office has now sent out second reminder letters. If you have already paid your fees please disregard this letter. If you have not paid your fees, please do so immediately. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school on 9630 3697 to arrange an appointment with the Principal.



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

Garbhan Sciacca	Sandra Chirchir	Patrick Crowle
Laura Emphield	Mateo Soriano	Matilda-Rose Hall
Natasha Muttoo	Hayley Herder-Beke	Zachariah Kassis
Ahmed Dukuly	Alexis Chang	Debra Chirchir
Jordan Crockett	Ashley Roberts	Trinity Bird

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School holiday jewellery making classes

Where: Banjos Bead House
When: July 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11
Duration: Classes are for 3 hours:
9.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 4.00pm
Full day bookings can also be made.

A variety of projects are on offer for children from age 6 - 12 or teenagers. Classes are small, individualized and run by our professional bead and craft teachers. You can book for one or a number of classes.

Cost \$45 per class, includes all materials plus snack and drink.

For more information or to book please phone or email Lynda or Denise, or visit our website.