

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Week 2

Mon 13 Pow Wow
9-10:30am

Tues 14 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Week 3

Mon 20 9am ES1 2015
Orientation Morning

Tues 21 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Fri 24 Theme Lunch

Week 4

Mon 27 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 28 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

World Teachers Day

Wed 29 7pm POSMS Meeting

Fri 31 9:15am Whole School
Mass

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 All Saints Day

Sun 2 All Souls Day

Week 5

Mon 3 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 4 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Week 6

Mon 10 OLMC volunteer
week

Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 11 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back to Term Four! I hope that you enjoyed the break with your family and friends and are ready for the many exciting opportunities and challenges that the last term of the year will bring. It is hard to believe that there is little over 11 weeks until Christmas! Before we know it we'll be saying, "Where did the year go?"

During the break many teachers were here preparing and planning for the term ahead. Our two office ladies Mrs Cattermole and Mrs Abood spent two days at school entering data onto a new administration system. I thank them for their continued dedication.

We have a very busy term ahead that includes Mercy Day this Friday, excursions, kindergarten orientation for students and parents, World Teacher's Day, car wash for Year 6 fundraising, theme lunches, assessments, Christmas celebration, awards, Thank You Morning Tea and our End of Year Mass and Graduation night at which our wonderful Year 6 students will celebrate the completion of their primary education.

Student reports will be sent home on Wednesday 10th December. It is most important that all students strive to do their best and finish off the school year in a very positive way. There has been significant learning growth for many students and I encourage all parents to continue to support their child/ren as they strive to do their best this term.

As the year marches towards the final stages it is important to take a moment to reflect on our role as the 'most important persons' in the lives of our children. Maybe it would benefit us if we had a checklist directed towards our role as teachers of our children. See how you go with this checklist that I was given to reflect upon. Be encouraged if you are successfully succeeding in some areas. Perhaps there is something that you may need to work towards this term.

- ◆ Fortunate is the child who has someone who believes in him/her and has high hopes for him/her.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who has someone to whom he/she can carry his/her problems unafraid.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who is allowed to pursue his/her curiosity into every worthwhile field of information.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child whose efforts to achieve have found encouragement.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who has someone who understands that childhood's grievances are real and bitter and so call for understanding and sympathy.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who is led gently by the hand along the pathway of life by someone who is guide, companion and inspiration.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who has learnt to be less selfish and more considerate of others.
- ◆ Fortunate is the child who is encouraged to look beyond the material things of life and has started to see what he/she has been blessed with each and every day.

Professional Learning

Last term the teachers were introduced to the new Mathematics syllabus by Mrs Gardoni and Miss Clough. The new syllabus makes clear the links between the various components of mathematics, as well as the relationship between mathematics and other Key Learning Areas. It encourages the students to learn to apply their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding in other areas of learning. The syllabus encourages the students to become self-motivated learners through inquiry and active participation in challenging and engaging experiences. Our involvement in the Extending Mathematical Understanding program for the past four years certainly supports the new syllabus.

Yesterday at our staff development day we were introduced to the new NSW syllabus Science and Technology that all schools will be implementing in 2015. A major focus of the new syllabus is to engage children to become self-motivated learners through active participation in challenging experiences in order to develop innovative solutions. The students will use scientific inquiry to develop their understanding of science ideas and concepts, and the importance of scientific evidence in making informed decisions about the use of science and technology in their lives. Thank you to Mrs Paley and Mrs Weston who led the day for us. More information on either of these new syllabi can be located on www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Issues or Concerns

Families that encounter issues or concerns must always contact their child's classroom teacher first. Should the issue or concern not be resolved parents are strongly encouraged to contact Mrs Mason or myself immediately.

Walkathon

Congratulations to all the children who have brought in their walkathon sponsorship money. So far **46** children have raised **\$2277.10** which is a wonderful achievement. For the next two Fridays we are having raffle draws at our morning assembly for the children who have brought in their sponsorship money. Please collect all funds and return them to school in a clearly marked envelope by **Friday 17 October** (Week 2).

On Friday 17th October we will award the top three children who have raised the most money for our walkathon. Congratulations to the following children who won prizes in our first walkathon draw: Aaliyah Assaf, Brandon Lukic, Natalia Domanska, Amelia Furjanic and Emma Sadek.

Welcome Back Mrs Newbury

Mrs Newbury has returned to St Monica's (part-time) after her maternity leave. Mrs Newbury will be in Stage 3 each Tuesday when Miss Rosewell is released for her REC role and on Friday Mrs Newbury will be in Stage 2.

Father Fernando Montano

Congratulations to Father Fernando on the anniversary of 15 years of priesthood.



Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

SCHOOL GATES

Parents are advised that the school gates will now be locked at **9:00am** each morning. **Any students arriving after this time must be brought to the school office (entrance Daking Street) and be signed in by their parents.** Please do not just drop off your child without accompanying them to the office as the new administration system requires you to sign them in.



CONGRATULATIONS - Ex student of St Monica's

Congratulations to ex-student Andre Nunez on his recent awards at the Parramatta Marist Year 12 Graduation. Andre was awarded 1st Place in Advanced English as well as receiving many other awards on the day. Well done Andre.

ICAS—Spelling

Congratulations to Bernard Kneipp who received a Distinction in the ICAS Spelling held last term.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Hekeik family on the birth of their new baby son Jonathon—a brother for Samira (Stage 1) and also to the Roy family on the birth of their baby son Krish—a brother for Suhana (Stage 1).



SYMPATHY

The school community extends its sympathy and prayers to the Aoun family on the recent passing of Jimmy's grandfather.

2015 ES1 Orientation Morning

A reminder to parents of children commencing Early Stage One in 2015 that there will be an Orientation Morning on **Monday 20th October 2014**. Students will go to the Learning Space between 9am-10:45am. Parents are invited to a meeting in the Community Room between 9:10am-10:40am.

Students will need to bring a small backpack, a small piece of fruit and a water bottle.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE— Term 3

Our goal is for every student to attend school every day, on time and ready to learn. If your child is sick they should be kept at home until they are well enough to return to school. In Term 3, the following students attended school every day. Congratulations to the following children:

<p>ES1—DOYLE Aaliyah Assaf Kwaku Boakye Bernardo Enciso Michael Farah Manson Lu Ashleigh North Kobe Puyat Mark Rodriguez Madeline Smith</p>	<p>YEAR 1 McAULEY Jayden Albayeh Emma O'Rourke Medeea Pandrea Aidan Pospischil</p>	<p>YEAR 2A CALLAN Jordan Basha Trinity Bird Gabriel Bucur Dunya Grudic Emma Halamkova Hayden Herder-Beke Rafael Noonan Joshua North</p>	<p>YEAR 2B CONWAY Jericho Crame Ahmed Dukuly Peter Farah Massimo Milutinovic Veronica Sadek Kael Sciacca</p>
<p>S2A AUGUSTINE Joshua Albayeh Alexis Chang Sandra Chirchir Mariah Farah Amelia Furjanic Victoria Kassis Chelsea Lewis</p>	<p>S2B MCKINNON Jackson Basha Jessica Chapman Abraham Dennis Andy Haddad Josue Heydari Brandon Lukic Natasha Muttoo Marley Puyat Lachlan Roberts Isabella Smith Alanis Supuk</p>	<p>S3A MORAN Martin Crame Natalia Domanska Mark Furjanic Julian Peen</p>	<p>S3B KEOGH Monica Albayeh Jasmine Bird Charlotte Carter Debra Chirchir Hayley Herder-Beke Jason Ierfino Martha Kassis</p>

NETBALL REGISTRATION — Looking for a fun and friendly netball competition?

We invite you to join **ST MATTHEWS UNITING CHURCH NETBALL CLUB** The perfect competition for all ages! Games played at Gooden Reserve, Baulkham Hills. The 2015 season begins Saturday 4th April. **Register on Saturday 1st November 2014 at Winston Hills Mall from 10 am to 2 pm.** (We will be located down the Coles end of the Mall next to the food court) For further enquiries, please email stmatthewsnetballclub@hotmail.com

**Notices from Solo Parent Services / Catholic Care Social Services / Diocese of Parramatta****POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM**

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program again, commencing on Wed 22nd Oct. at 7.30pm. Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, Cost \$80. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. For further information and registration contact Solo Parent Services on 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY

Come along for a lovely day of quiet, peaceful prayer and reflection in beautiful surroundings led by Sr. Eileen Quade. The invitation is open to all. Sunday 12th Oct, from 10.30am-3pm. Venue: Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill. Cost \$10.00. BYO lunch. Bookings essential: Solo Parent Services PH: 9933 0205 Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Catholic Tribunal Staff and CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. For the first time we will be holding an Annulment Information night at **Springwood**. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining greater understanding about the Annulment process. **Venue:** The Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. **Date:** Tues 14th October **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration Essential: PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNGER WIDOWED PEOPLE

In response to requests and inquiries CCSS Solo Parent Services have started a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. This support group will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and the next group held on Tuesday 21st October. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Details and Registration:** PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Happy birthday to the following students and staff members who will be celebrating birthdays in October.

Christian Dib	Myles Gaddi	Charlotte Newey
Pankti Patel	Emma Halamkova	Levi Bryant
Giancarlo Milutinovic	Mohan Govender	Bryce Hossack
Nish Jain	Patrick Youssef	Kiara Naik
Simon Forsyth	Carl Mendez Valencia	Jayden Albayeh
Salama Kipanya Kunambi	Jordan Basha	
Staff: Mrs Paley and Mrs Gardoni		

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My Dear People

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal in Schools

In May of this year we inaugurated the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal in schools throughout the Diocese of Parramatta and it supported the regular May Appeal in parishes. I write to thank you for your contributions.

From Granville to Katoomba parishes and schools came together to raise much-needed funds to support CatholicCare's wide range of welfare services in Western Sydney, as well as educate Seminarians, finance catechetics in government schools and support youth ministry, deacons, university and hospital chaplains.

The theme of this DWF appeal was *Faith at Work* based on the words of James 2:18 'But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.'

Eleven schools in the Diocese of Parramatta raised over \$1000 by conducting school fundraising events and returning envelopes that had gone home to families. A total of \$38,000 was collected from school communities. Please be assured that the funds raised make a genuine difference to many people.

I am grateful to parish priests and parishioners, to principals and parents, to teachers and students and their families, to long-time supporters and new contributors.

In November, the final DWF Appeal for 2014 will be run in schools and parishes and your generosity is once again called upon so that the good work can be continued. 'Without the money, there can be no mission'. When all of us give on a regular basis, the Church can plan for mission into the future and make a real difference.

May God bless you and the work you have made possible in and through the Church in Parramatta and beyond.

Yours sincerely in Christ



Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB BTheol DPhil
Bishop of Parramatta

Operation Christmas 2014

The Team at Koori Kids seeks our school's involvement in this year's Operation Christmas initiative that was formed with the support of some high profile Australians to spread some Christmas cheer to those kids that are less fortunate and/or hospitalised this Christmas.

Koori Kids overall vision has always been about grabbing hold of kids and steering them away from the ever increasing drugs and alcohol that stares them in the face, this issue is epidemic everywhere. "Operation Christmas" has been running for the last five years assisting underprivileged kids from across the state. They host Celebrity hospital visits. Celebrity ambassadors and volunteers converge on the Children's Hospitals and regional Children's Wards on Saturday 14 December armed with presents and love for all the kids from all across the state that are hospitalised during the Christmas period.

This year to show their appreciation to supporting schools, we will be given the opportunity to win a "Christmas Mega Stocking" including 2 Apple Mac computers, 2 Apple I pads, a Plasma TV and Sporting Equipment. One lucky school will also win an "Ultimate NAIDOC celebration for 2015, including Aboriginal Dancers, Entertainment, Bush Tucker, Celebrity Visit and a NAIDOC Pack, Respect Band and Polo Shirt for every student. There is also an extra special "Celebrity Prize" for the school that raises the most money.

If you would like to order any of the following items, please complete the form below and return it to the school office, complete with payment, in a clearly marked envelope, by Friday 17 October 2014.

Please note that NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted after this date.

Thank you for your support.



Operation Christmas 2014 — Order Form

Please return this form, together with payment, to the School Office by Friday 17 October 2014

Please note that NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted after this date.

Student Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

 <p>Santa Hat \$2.00</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>Operation Christmas Lapel Pin \$2.50</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>Operation Christmas Wrist Band \$2.00</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>
 <p>Operation Christmas Pen \$2.50</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>Teachers Pack \$3.50</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>Kids Pack \$3.50</p> <p>Qty <input type="checkbox"/></p>