

ST MONICA'S
PRIMARY
NORTH PARRAMATTA



Monica's Matters

TERM 2, WEEK 3
Wednesday 6 May 2015

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DIARY DATES

Week 3

Wed 6 7pm Social/Welcome
Team Meeting

Thur 7 9:15am Mother's Day
Mass / Morning Tea
Mother's Day Stall

Fri 8 Riverside Theatre –
S2/S3 Literacy Group
Dance Fever

Sun 10 Mother's Day

Week 4

Mon 11 Winter Uniform
Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 12 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
(Spelling, Writing and
Grammar)

Wed 13 NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
(Reading)

Thur 14 NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
(Numeracy)
9:15am Stage 1 Mass

Fri 15 Theme Lunch
Dance Fever

Week 5

Mon 18 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 19 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Wed 20 7pm POSMS Meeting
Learning Space

Thur 21 S3 Soccer Gala Day
9:15am ES1 Mass

Fri 22 Dance Fever
Athletics Trials
7:30pm Confirmation

Week 6

Mon 25 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Our Lady Help of
Christians Liturgy

Tues 26 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Thur 28 9:15am Stage 1 Mass
Talen Quest 1:00pm

Fri 29 Dance Fever
Church Cleaning

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Our community will celebrate with a special Mass for mothers and grandmothers led by Early Stage One tomorrow in St Monica's Church commencing at 9:15am.

At the conclusion of Mass we would like to invite all mothers, grandmothers and significant others to a special morning tea in the hall.

It is appropriate for us in our Catholic faith community that Mother's Day occurs in the month of May. This is the month that we devote to Mary, the Mother of God, the greatest role model for women, our inspiration and our hope. Mary experienced all the emotions of mothering, joy and happiness at the birth of her child; anguish and despair as she watched Him suffer and die on the cross.

As we celebrate on Sunday let us remember those mothers who are unwell, who are stressed by the emotional and financial challenges of mothering and those mothers in countries experiencing the fears and turmoil of war.

Let us all remember our Mothers who have died. May they rest in peace.

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional difficulties;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled;

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Sharon Boulous
(Teacher) and her husband Paul on
becoming grandparents for the first time.
Thea Grace arrived safely on Tuesday 28 April.



Registration for Holy Communion

Students who have received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

OUTSIDE CHURCH AFTER MASS

Mass Times

Saturday 30 May at 5pm
Sunday 31 May at 9am

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

We wish our students in Year 3 and Year 5 all the best next week as they undertake their NAPLAN assessments with other students throughout Australia.

As indicated in a letter sent home last term to parents of these students, the data provided by the assessments assists both the school and you as parents in determining needs and highlighting strengths for each individual.

The reports that parents will receive in September will describe the type of skills in writing, reading, language and numeracy demonstrated by your child. The report will also include information about whether or not your child has achieved the National Benchmark minimal standards.

The NAPLAN schedule is:

Tuesday 12th May	Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation) Writing
Wednesday 13th May	Reading
Thursday 14th May	Numeracy

If your child is ill on any day of the assessments we will arrange for your child to sit any assessment missed on Friday 15th May.

Different students (and parents) have different reactions to NAPLAN. As a school our position is that whilst we want our students to perform to their potential, we don't wish to create undue anxiety in our children. At the end of the day we are proud of each and every one of them.

The following tips may assist parents as we head into NAPLAN week:

- Ensure that your child has a good night's sleep
- Provide healthy snacks, a good lunch and plenty of water
- Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside
- Children pick up on cues from us so keep it low key. The assessments cover normal classroom/curriculum learning acquired over a period of time so no extra tutoring or last minute studying is necessary
- Encourage your child to do their best but don't put unnecessary pressure on them. Emphasise that this is one of many formal assessments they will have during their school life and it is designed to help them learn more effectively.

If you have any questions related to NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

NAPLAN Breakfast

We would like to invite all our **Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN students** to breakfast every morning prior to the assessments. 8:15 am – 8:45am (School bus children will be served on arrival)

Menu

- Cereal: Weet Bix, Corn Flakes or Sultana Bran
- Toast with vegemite, jam or honey
- Flavoured milk (chocolate, strawberry, banana)
- Fresh fruit



Thank you to Bernadette Haddad for coordinating this event and to Tiff Cooper for organising the fresh fruit.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

2016 ES1 (KINDERGARTEN) ENROLMENTS

Kindergarten enrolments have now closed. Any parent who has a child who is ready to commence school in 2016, and has not yet submitted an enrolment application, is asked to contact the school office **immediately**. Enrolment interviews have now commenced.

POSMs MEETING—Learning Space

Wednesday 20 May 2015 (Week 5) commencing at 7pm in the Learning Space.

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

From **Monday 11th May (Week 4)** all students **must** be in full **Winter uniform**. I take this opportunity to respectfully ask that parents continue supporting our expectation that students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. This demonstrates a sense of both personal pride and pride in our school community. Thank you for your support in this endeavour.



A reminder that the uniform shop is open on **Tuesday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am**. If you are unable to attend the uniform shop during this time, you may send in a completed uniform order form (together with payment) to the school office. Forms are available from the school office or the school website. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform—a detailed list can be found below

GIRLS

Winter

Short-sleeved polo shirt
Long-sleeved polo shirt (optional)
Culottes or Long Navy pants
Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)
School Jacket
Navy winter stockings
Black school shoes

Sport

Short-Sleeved Shirt
Sports Shorts
Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket
Navy Socks
Joggers

BOYS

Winter

Short-sleeved polo shirt
Long-sleeved polo shirt (optional)
Long Navy pants
Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)
School Jacket
Navy Socks
Black school shoes

Sport

Short-Sleeved Shirt
Sports Shorts
Tracksuit pants/School Jacket
Navy Socks
Joggers

The **School Jacket** with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year
The **School Hat** with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 school fees are due and payable on **Monday 25 May (Week 6)**. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school please ensure payment of fees by this date. If you are experiencing financial difficulty with your fees please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Cattermole. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT WRAPPING

Thank you to the following parents who generously donated their time to help wrap all the Mother's Day presents for the Mother's Day Stall: ***Kathy Basha, Simone Lewis, Camille Sloane, Layse Andrade, Victoria Elias, Gulshan Muttoo, Melissa Cabot and Genevieve Smith.***



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Gulshan Muttoo and Simone Lewis for coordinating the Mother's Day Stall again this year. The children have so much pleasure selecting their special gifts for their mother at the stall.

MUFTI DAY—LUCKY DIP/NOVELTIES

Thank you to the generosity of all the parents who sent in items for the Lucky Dip Stall and to the parents who assisted in sorting out the items last Friday 1 May: ***Karla Stewart-Sykes, Simone Lewis, Gulshan Muttoo, Joan Evangelista and Janet Joseph.***

LOST PROPERTY

There are numerous jackets in the lost property box outside the school office. Please ensure all items of clothing / lunchboxes etc are labelled so that they can be returned to their rightful owner.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1:	Miranda Huang, Alicia Youssef, Matthew Johnson
Stage One:	Michael Farah, Manson Lu, Ruby Graham, Jake Hollis, Simon Forsyth Neelesh Govender, Laura Emphield, Poppy Sloane
Stage 2:	Keira Mitchell, Massimo Milutinovic, Alexis Chang, Jordan Basha, Ainsley Mitchell, Rachel French, Kayla Grzelak
Stage 3:	Sally Essey, Philip Joseph, Chanel Azar, Patrick Newey, Patrick Crowle



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

Nishika Jain	Dunya Grudic	Amalie Dona	Patrick Newey
Chelsea Lewis	Madeline Lewis	Jessica Chapman	Santiago Conda-Tengbeh
Rachel French	Rishika Bhaskar Rao	Abraham Dennis	Pragna Guruprasad
Galia Evangelista	Alysha Dunnett	Marcus Trimbounas	Charlize Cooper
<i>Staff: Ms Anne Buttigieg and Mr Dennis Cheung</i>			

DATE CHANGE

Please note Stage 2 Parish Mass change of date from Wednesday Week 4 to Wednesday Week 7 (due to NAPLAN)

Full Attendance Term 1 2015

Congratulations to the following students who also attended school every day in Term 1. Well done! Due to a computer error their names were not included in the previous list.

ES1: Liam Sciacca, Noah Day

Year 2: Santiago Conda-Tengbeh, Summer Ierfino, Maria Nour, Neave Sciacca

Stage 2: Aadit Grover, Ahmed Dukuly, Kael Sciacca, Charlotte Newey, Garbhan Sciacca

Stage 3: Kyah Day, Damian Matijevic, Eddie Tran, Josue Heydari and Brandon Lukic

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are once again available. **Books cost \$65 each** and every membership sold raises \$13 for our school.

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

You may order securely online at: www.entbook.com.au/21576y3 or **click on the link on our website home page.**

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



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ALL parent volunteers **MUST** now have a 'Working With Children Check'. This replaces the Prohibited Declaration Forms some parents have completed in the past. *These forms are no longer valid.* We ask that **ALL** volunteers complete a 'Working With Children Check' as soon as possible so that you can continue to be a volunteer in our school.

Please go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and click on the blue square with the gold star "Start Here" and then follow the prompts. The link for the WWC Check is available on the front page of our website.

The check is free for volunteers and is valid for 5 years.

Parents will need to complete the online application—you will then receive an email with an application number which you will be required to print out and take to the RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) with your identification. Once your application has been processed you will then be sent another email providing you with a 'Working With Children Check' number. Please forward this email to the school email address (stmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au) where it will be recorded.

ONLINE TRAINING MODULE — Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Please note that **ALL** volunteers are also required to complete the Online Training Module through the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta every two (2) years. The online training module can be accessed via <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

The link for this Online Training Module is also on the front page of our website.

Diocesan Cross Country

Yesterday (Tuesday 5th May) students from St Monica's participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek. The students performed exceptionally well and represented our school with great sportsmanship.



Congratulations to Lachlan Roberts who came 5th in his event and will now progress to the NSW Cross Country.

Congratulations to all the students who qualified to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country:

Ashley Roberts	Aidan Pospischil	Raymond Khadi
Gene Kneipp	Madeline Lewis	Trinity Bird
Merna El Merhabi	Chelsea Lewis	Lachlan Roberts
Brendan Pospischil	Brandon Lukic	Ainsley Mitchell
Rachel French	Alanah Khadi	Chanel Azar
Patrick Crowle	Abraham Dennis	Philip Joseph
Kyah Day	Abbi Lewis	Patrick Newey

Mark your diaries—Dance Fever Performance

The Dance Fever performance at Homebush will be held on **Tuesday 16th June** (Week 9) for students who would like to participate from years 3-6. Details to follow soon.



Mrs Erin Turner
Sports Co-ordinator

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 7 May (tomorrow)
Where: Parish Hall
Time: 8:20am—8:45am *Siblings*
10:30am—12:00pm *All Students*

This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7 May. This is a chance for school students to shop at school for something special for Mum. The children can purchase some wonderful gifts to suit all mums, which will range from \$4 to \$12. Children need to bring their money to shop on the day. The most secure way would be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and the amount enclosed. Siblings may shop together before school at 8:20am.

Mother's Day Mass

When: Thursday 7 May (tomorrow)
Where: St Monica's Church
Time: 9:15am

The school would like to show how much St Monica's mums are appreciated, and so all mums, grandmothers etc are invited to attend a special Mass at St Monica's Church at 9:15am on Thursday 7 May. Always a beautiful Mass which brings tears to your eyes! Morning Tea will follow in the Hall.

How can you help?

We are in need of parent helpers to assist with the Stall on the day.

Please advise Simone (0421 816 257) or Gulshan (0405 043 170) if you can help.

Thank you for your support.

Social/Welcome Team

Receptionist

wanted for local psychology practice.

- ◆ School hours 10am-2pm
- ◆ Flexible with 1-2 days per week
- ◆ Front desk duties including intake process, payments, general clerical

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