

DIARY DATES

Week 3

Fri 31 Mufti Day Fete
- Toys / Books

AUGUST

Week 4

Mon 3 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 4 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Zone Athletics Rooty
Hill

Wed 5 7pm Social/Welcome
Team Meeting
Staffroom

Fri 7 Theme Lunch—
Sausage Sizzle

Week 5

Mon 10 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 11 School Photos
8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Sun 15 Feast of the Assumption

Week 6 **BOOK WEEK**

Mon 17 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 18 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Thur 20 9am Voice of Youth
Parish Hall

Fri 21 Diocesan Athletics—
Rooty Hill

Sat 22 First Communion 5pm

Sun 23 First Communion 9am

Week 7

Mon 24 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 25 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Wed 26 Father's Day Wrapping

Thur 27 St Monica's Day Mass

Week 8

Mon 31 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

SEPTEMBER

Tues 1 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Wed 2 Father's Day Stall

Fri 4 Mufti Day Fete—
Lollies



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last week Miss Bagnall, Mrs Boulous, Miss Rosewell and I had the pleasure of attending the New Tech Network Project Based Learning (PBL).conference in Chicago. The week-long conference enabled us to connect with over 1,800 representatives from Elementary, Middle and High Schools in America as well as our own colleagues from Marist Westmead, Catherine McAuley, a K – 12 school in Newcastle and a college from Victoria

'Are They Ready?' was the theme of this year's conference encouraging all who attended to be focused on preparing every student for the next phase in their schooling (into primary or secondary, university, TAFE or another career path). Every student needs to be aware, eligible and prepared for their next step in their learning and we as educators need to set about achieving that goal. The goal is indeed a huge one, but it is worthy of our best energy and attention. As educators we need to continue to question how we are responding to our changing world and ensure that 21st century skills are explicitly taught in every learning space at St Monica's.

At the conference we were immersed in a vibrant culture of 'learning to learn' amongst other educators in countless collaborative and learning opportunities, developing a growth mindset through our collective learning.

Last year when St Monica's commenced PBL in our Stage 3 we were encouraged through our partnership with Marist, Westmead to re-imagine teaching and learning. Through our learning we have become increasingly aware of our need to engage all our students and be committed to deepening their learning.

At all our staff meetings this term we will be sharing our new learnings from the conference. We will continue our support of the Stage 2 teachers who have commenced their third project, whilst building all members of staff understanding of the process. We will also commence the induction of our Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two teachers and plan smaller. Exciting times are indeed ahead of us at St Monica's!



Tomorrow Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Weston will take part in a Peer Review that is part of the School Compliance audit process in the diocese. All schools must adhere and align to mandatory compliance areas as specified by the NSW BOSTES registration.

Our teachers will meet with Stage 2 teachers from three other schools in our diocese. The diocese nominates two areas of learning to be reviewed and have nominated Religious Education and Mathematics. The teachers need to take their Term One and Term Two programs to the review as well as all Stage 2 assessments and supporting evidence of their teaching.

Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the two curriculum areas. The process is an excellent professional learning opportunity and we wish Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Weston well in the process.

We will welcome back Mrs Cattermole next Monday after her leave of absence. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Carmel Fahy and Mrs Maryanne Grewcock for their dedication and efficiency to the financial position whilst they have been at St Monica's.



CENSUS Friday 7th August 2015

The annual school census will take place next **Friday 7th August**. It is imperative that the school has received an application for extended leave (in the case of leave between 10 and 100 days) or a letter of explanation in the case of sickness, an appointment or shorter leave.

If your child is absent on this day and we do not have formal documentation as to the reason, you will be contacted for an explanation. This is a requirement of the census audit. If your child is sick on the day please notify the office any time from 8:00am.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alison and Scott Hamilton (Father Fernando's secretary) on the birth of Lewis John on the 18th July.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We have only 12 weeks until our St Monica's Parish Fete. We hope that you are having success in selling your raffle tickets to your family and friends. Thank you to all the families that have sold and returned their raffle booklets. If any family would like another booklet please contact the office.

Number of Raffle Books	Number of Books sold and returned	Number of Books to be returned
148	16	132

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell

Principal

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE A STUDENT FROM ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta has developed a policy related to the notice required from parents to terminate their child/children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this policy 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 terms fees will be paid. The notice can be given anytime during the term for the next term." This means that unless the school receives a term's notice then no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

Notice in writing will be accepted at anytime during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 week's notice will be waived.

CARPARK

It has been noticed that some parents are parking their cars in the parish/school carpark and leaving them there whilst they go to work. Please be advised that the carpark is **strictly** for the use of parents/staff/visitors/parishioners who come to the school and parish each day.

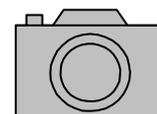
JAM JARS (Fete)

Thank you to everyone who has donated jars over the last few months. We are still in need of more jars as our supply is running out. If you are able to donate jars please leave them in the office foyer (Student Entrance) in the box marked "Jam Jars". Thank you in advance for your support.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photos will be held on **Tuesday 11 August (Week 5)**. Order envelopes and instructions for the day will be sent home next week. Please read the ordering instructions as there are a few changes. Students are to wear their **full school winter uniform**.



TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES—due Monday 17 August (Week 6)

Term 3 School Fees have now been sent out by the Catholic Education Office. Unless you have an arrangement with the school, fees are due and payable by **Monday 17 August**. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school immediately so that a meeting can be arranged with the Principal.

THEME LUNCH—SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our next Theme Lunch (Sausage Sizzle) will be held on **Friday 7 August**. A flyer will be sent home next week with details. If you are able to assist on the day please see the contact details on the flyer. **Many hands make light work.**

UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop has numerous jackets that are unlabelled so we are unable to return them to their correct owner. If your child has lost a jacket you are welcome to come to the uniform shop on Tuesday between 8:30am-9:30am to collect a replacement. *Mrs Madigan*

NSW CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Today all Year 6 students are bringing home an invitation to participate in a state-wide study of child development. The study aims at identifying factors affecting later health, education and behaviour in adolescence or adulthood.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

STAGE 2—JAPANESE

Here are some pictures of Stage 2's Japanese food samples. They learnt about plastic food samples that are displayed in Japanese restaurants to encourage customers to come in. They made their own versions using various craft items. *Ms Anne Buttigieg*





Mufti Day for the Fete - Toys / Book Collection This Friday 31 July (Week 3)



**There is no theme for this mufti day however all students
must wear joggers.**

Students are asked to donate toys and books for the privilege of wearing Mufti.
Donations may be taken directly to the Hall from **8am** on Friday 31 July.



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

Jessica Stoker	Eddie Tran	Philip Hilario	Kristian Romic
Ahmad El Merhabi	Ainsley Mitchell	Samika Seepersad	Abbi Meale
Madeline Smith	Giselle Mondinelli	Michael Farah	Kobe Puyat
Joshua Albayeh	Staff: Mrs Hanna, Mrs Ungsuprasert and Mrs Abood		

ICAS SCIENCE

Congratulations to the following children who participated in the ICAS Science competition.

Year 3	Distinction Participation	Ryan Clark and Jessica Crowle Aadit Grover, Isabella Smith, Manraj Kahlon, Gabriel Bucur, Rishika Bhaskar-Rao, Kayla Grzelak, Kael Sciacca, Merna El Merhabi
Year 4	Distinction Credit Merit Participation	Alexis Chang, Garbhan Sciacca, Pinar Helena Unver Jessica Chapman, Rachel French, Rhiannon Cooper, Mateo Soriano Christian Kandalaft
Year 5	Distinction Credit Merit Participation	Brendan Pospischil Josue Heydari, Philip Joseph, Brandon Lukic, Lachlan Roberts, Jack Talty Natasha Muttoo Mohan Govender
Year 6	Merit Participation	Patrick Newey Salama Kipanya Kunambi



Hard Work, Dedication!!!

On Monday 26 July, Stage 3 experienced a 'bootcamp' session at 9:00. Johnny Dang, from the Australian Army has also been a personal trainer and was a previous student at St Monica's. He gave up his time to discuss with us the importance of a fit and active lifestyle. During the session we learnt that it is important to keep a healthy diet and body. Johnny, also known as 'Jigger', spoke to us about many tips on how to keep fit, for example; eating healthy, drinking a lot of water, doing exercise daily and having a positive attitude when it comes to being healthy. The bootcamp was our entry event for one of our PBL projects this term that integrates Maths with Physical Education and Health. Throughout the term we will be working on a project to create a healthy lifestyle plan with menus and a fitness routine.

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School Photos
Tuesday
11 August 2015
(Week 5)

Father's Day Stall
Wrapping
Wednesday 26 August
(Week 7)
Commencing at 9am
All welcome to help

Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 2 September
(Week 8)
More details to follow

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Staff Development Days Term 4, 2015

Tuesday 6 October (Week 1)
Thursday 17 December (Week 11)
Friday 18 December (Week 11)



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**College Open
Morning Tour**
Monday
August 3, 2015

Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day



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If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

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Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au

Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**