

## DIARY DATES

### Week 11

#### Tuesday 15 December

- *Rollover—Limited services available from the office*
- 8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open
- 8:50am Tennis—stroke production
- **Scrub Day**—students wear **mufti**
- 2:45pm Farewell Guard of Honour
- 5:45 pm End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

#### Wednesday 16 December

- Last day for Students

#### Thursday 17 December

- Staff Development Day

#### Friday 18 December

- Staff Development Day

## 2016

### Week 1

#### Tuesday 26 January

- Australia Day—Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 27 January

- Staff return
- Mathematics Assessment Interviews

#### Thursday 28 January

- Mathematics Assessment Interviews

#### Friday 29 January

- Students in Years 1—6 return (*Sport Uniform*)

### Week 2

#### Monday 1 February

- ES1 commence - half day  
8:50am—1:40pm
- Morning tea for ES1 parents (playground)
- Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)  
Granville Swimming Centre

#### Tuesday 2 February

- ES1 commence full days  
8:50am-3:00pm

#### Sunday 7 February

- 9:00am School Year Welcome Mass—St Monica's Church



# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,



What a fabulous community event last Tuesday night as we gathered for our Christmas Story. It was a wonderful celebration with every child involved through words, actions and song. I am sure that you would agree that it is times like this that we are all reminded of the privilege of being part of a school community. Special thanks to our four Year 6 students Kyah Day, Alysha Dunnett, Hayley Herder-Beke and Abbi Lewis who were magnificent in their roles as Masters of Ceremonies.

My thanks to our hard working staff for their dedication, ongoing support and commitment to the students at St Monica's.

My thanks also to all the parents who have so generously supported the children and teachers through their assistance in the learning spaces, liturgies, excursions, sporting events, the Fete and social events throughout this year.

Congratulations to all the children who have demonstrated a love of learning in their achievements this year and in their care for one another.

On behalf of the staff we wish to thank the many students and families who have generously given gifts to us for Christmas. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

I wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas, a restful and safe holiday and every happiness in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



## Tuesday 15 December (tomorrow)

- **Financial Rollover—*limited services available from the office***
- **8:50am** Tennis—Stroke Production (playground)
- **SCRUB DAY**—Parents welcome
- Students wear **MUFTI** (no thongs), hat of course
- **2:45pm Guard of Honour** —Farewell to Year 6 students and families leaving St Monica's (playground)
- **5:45pm End of Year Mass / Year 6 Graduation.**  
Students are to wear **school uniform to the Mass.**
- After Mass our Year 6 students will be cutting their Graduation Cake on the playground outside the Teacher's Workroom. All parents are welcome to attend and to congratulate Year 6.

## Mark your diaries

### 2016 Communication Nights—Learning Space

ES1	Wednesday 17 February (Week 4) 5:45pm—6:45pm
Year 1	Thursday 18 February (Week 4) 5:45pm—6:30pm
Year 2	Thursday 18 February (Week 4) 5:45pm—6:30pm
Stage 2	Wednesday 10 February (Week 3) 5:45pm—6:30pm
Stage 3	Wednesday 10 February (Week 3) 6:30pm –7:15pm

### Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Tanya Masefield who will be working at our school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in 2016. Mrs Masefield will be in Stage 2 every Thursday for Miss Rosewell’s Religious Education release time.

Welcome to Miss Kiyoka Kubo who will be teaching Japanese every Wednesday to all students.

We say farewell to our School Counsellor, Mrs Roslyn Phillips, and wish her all the best for the future. Thank you Mrs Phillips for all that you have done for the students and families at St Monica’s.

### Congratulations Mrs Turner

Congratulation to Mrs Turner who is now a fully qualified Reading Recovery Teacher.



### Year Six Fun Day

On Thursday 10th December, the Year 6 students of St. Monica’s attended their Year Six Fun Day. They went to Urban Jungle, a treetop climbing facility and Homebush pools. The Urban Jungle Adventure Park was filled with four action packed courses that included challenging obstacles and flying foxes. The Year Six students climbed through the treetops for two hours before finishing the difficult but fun activity.

Afterwards we enjoyed lunch outside. Platters were served with wedges and chilli sauce, chicken nuggets and chips and mini sausage rolls.

Once the platters were demolished, the students got changed into their swimmers and had a swim at the Aquatic Centre. We had the opportunity to go down the waterslide, swim through the whirlpools, play in the fun area and climb on the inflatable course.

All of us would like to thank Miss Rosewell and Miss Bagnall for taking us out on this wonderful day.

We would also like to thank Mrs Day, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Newey for going out of their way by attending and assisting at the fun day.

*Written by Kyah Day*



## End of Year Awards

Last Friday we acknowledged the many students in our school who this year have distinguished themselves in various areas of learning and life. Some have excelled in their academic achievement, some in their persistent effort with learning, some in their outstanding achievement in areas such as sport while others have been recognised for their leadership qualities, for giving of themselves to serving others and in helping to make this community a better place through active citizenship. We congratulate all students who were presented with school awards for outstanding effort and perseverance.

A big thank you to Mrs Mason, although she wasn't at the awards ceremony, her expert organisation was very much appreciated.



***Congratulations to the following students:***

End of Year Awards	ES1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Christian Living</b>	Matthew Johnson	Kwaku Boakye	Galia Evangelista	Jericho Crame	Christian Dib	Mariah Farah	Sally Essey
<b>Academic Achievement</b>	Liam Sciacca	Manson Lu	Zachariah Kassis	Jessica Crowle	Alexis Chang	Jackson Basha	Alysha Dunnett
<b>Consistent Effort</b>	Mary Cabot	Ahmad El Merhabi	Jayden Albayeh	Kayla Grzelak	Amelia Furjanic	Alanah Khadi	Alisha Merchant
<b>Most Improved</b>	William Paterson	Menuk Gunawardena	Leonardo Macorig	Emma Halamkova	Rhiannon Cooper	Lachlan Roberts & Marcus Trimbounas	Patrick Newey
<b>School Spirit</b>	L'lysse Puyat	Ruby Graham	Summer Ierfino	Jessica Stoker	Maurice Haddad	Chanel Azar	Mattheas Noonan

**Hills Shire Citizenship Award**— Alysha Dunnett

### **Full Attendance for the 2015 School Year**

Jayden Albayeh, Akwasi Boakye, Kwaku Boakye, Andrew Clark, Jessica Crowle, Abraham Dennis, Amelia Furjanic, Philip Joseph, Manson Lu, Brandon Lukic, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Massimo Milutinovic, Natasha Muttoo, Ashleigh North, Brendan Pospischil, Kobe Puyat, Isabella Rose Smith, Alanis Supuk.

### **Eels Reading Encouragement Awards**

Sophie Phan, Tina Kiaiefar, Neelesh Govender, Laeticia Hossack, Czyandexcel Panopio, Brandon Lukic, Hayley Herder-Beke

### **Servant Leadership**

Jordan Basha, Trinity Bird, Jessica Crowle, Ahmed Dukuly, Keira Mitchell, Ezekiel Logo, Kayla Grzelak, Gene Kneipp, Jessica Chapman, Abbi Lewis, Alysha Dunnett, Alisha Merchant, Kyah Day, Hayley Herder-Beke

### **Recognition in Sport**

Lachlan Roberts, Abbi Lewis, Kyah Day, Patrick Newey, Joshua Albayeh, Hayley Herder-Beke

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

**Gold Awards**—Jonah Assaf, Ryan Clark, Jessica Crowle, Kayla Grzelak, Kael Sciacca, Jessica Stoker  
**Platinum Awards**—Kyah Day and Abbi Lewis

## *Year 2 visit Bunnings*

On Wednesday 9th December Year 2 visited Bunnings, North Parramatta to decorate a Christmas tree on behalf of St Monica's.

It will be displayed in store as part of a competition.

Thank you to the Bunnings staff for making us feel so welcome!

*Mrs Gardoni*



## **TENNIS - Stroke Production—Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 8:50am**

Stroke production will be held tomorrow morning at 8:50am. Thank you to Mr Davidson for providing tennis lessons at St Monica's. The students are very fortunate to have him coach them each week. Parents are welcome to attend.



## **LOST PROPERTY**

A reminder that the lost property box outside the school office has a number of unclaimed clothing and lunchbox items. Any unclaimed unlabelled clothing will be donated to the Uniform Shop at the end of the Term.

Parents are also asked to check that their children are wearing their own clothes as quite a few labelled items have been lost and not returned. Thank you.

## **STUDENT BANKING**

There will be **NO STUDENT BANKING** this week. Student banking will resume in **Week 3 of Term 1 2016**.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Brandon Lukic and Amelia Furjanic who have received certificates from the Croatian Catholic School for participating in the Croatian culture and language programme. Well done Brandon and Amelia.

Congratulation also to St Monica's ex-student Ed Joseph who was awarded Year 7 Dux at Oakhill College's recent awards ceremony. Well done Ed!



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