

ST MONICA'S
PRIMARY
NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 4, WEEK 3
Wednesday 21 October 2015

DIARY DATES

Week 3

Fri 23 9:15am S3 Parish Mass

Sat 24 Fete 9am-2pm

Week 4

Mon 26 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 27 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-9:30am

Wed 28 ES1 2016 Transition
Day 9-10:30am

9:15am ES1 Parish
Mass

Fri 30 9:15am Whole School
Mass—All Saints Day

Fright Night Disco
BBQ 6pm
Disco 6:30-8:30pm

Sun 1/11 All Saints Day

NOVEMBER

Week 5

Mon 2 All Souls Day
Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 3 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-9:30am

Thur 5 9:15am S1 Parish Mass

Week 6

Mon 9 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 10 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-9:30am

Wed 11 Remembrance Day
Liturgy 10:15am
Assembly Area

Fri 13 NRMA Road Safety
Day

Staff Development Days
Term 4, Week 11 2015

Thursday 17 December
Friday 18 December



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This year at St Monica's we have had a major focus on writing in every learning space. As part of our teacher learning, for the past two weeks we have been focused on the importance of oral language at our staff meetings.

At its most basic level, oral language is about communicating with other people. It involves a process of utilising thinking, knowledge and skills in order to speak and listen effectively. It is central to the lives of all people.

Teachers focus on the development of oral language because it is as important as that of reading and writing. Students start developing their conversational skills from an early age and to a certain degree they pick up their knowledge naturally. Parents and teachers play a vital role in assisting children in their ability to be good conversationalists.

Talking with children is one way to build their vocabulary and teachers build children's word knowledge while reading with and to their students. They use open ended questions in all Key Learning Areas requiring the students to think at higher levels. A very important consideration that teachers use during questioning is 'waiting time'. This gives the students time to formulate their answers. How teachers respond at this time can encourage or discourage future participation in discussions.

Both parents and teachers can encourage children to participate fully in discussions and conversations by demonstrating attentive body language, using correct grammar and sentence structures, expanding children's responses, asking clarifying questions, and using reflective listening techniques.

Following are two ideas that parents can use to increase speaking skills with their child/children:

* Treat your child as if they are skilled at conversation.

Give them your full attention and focus on what they say. Ask open-ended questions to follow up on what they share with you.

* Ask your child questions about things to which you do not know the answer.

Questions that ask children to reflect on a topic or to formulate opinions and explain them not only show children that you value their ideas but also encourage them to think about their own ideas and feelings. Don't give up if children don't respond well the first time. Sometimes this kind of questioning and responding takes more deliberate probing and offers an opportunity for children to develop this skill.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Thank you

Thank you to **Mr Dennis, Neil and Philip Joseph** for collecting the Chocolate Wheel and all the framework for the stalls from Christ the King School. It was a massive job (three trips!) and we thank you for all your help.

Thank you Mrs Turner



Thank you Mrs Turner for organising such a wonderful Athletics Fun Day at Barton Park yesterday. The students had a great time and we all appreciate your hard work and efforts.

Footy Pass & Hoopla

Yes, we do have this stall despite my oversight not including it on the fete flyer. Everyone will win a prize on this stall, so make sure that you don't miss out. The stall will be located on the soft fall. Look for Bernadette Haddad who will be running this stall.

Toys

There are so many pre-loved toys that have been donated that I am sure that girls and boys and adults will find lots of bargains. Thank you to the Year One Mums for looking after the stall. This stall will be located on the chess board on the playground.

Books

Gulshan Muttoo has been overwhelmed with the generous donations. Lots of recent titles are available so don't miss out. Books will be displayed in alphabetical order to assist everyone to find their favourite author. Gulshan also has many DVDs, comics & magazines available. The stall will be located outside the Stage One entrance.

BBQ & Drinks

Thank you to Neil Joseph for coordinating the BBQ, drinks and chips stall. This year there will be bacon and egg rolls available for the early visitors to the fete as well as the popular sausage sandwiches. The stall will be in the disable parking spaces near the Stage 3 entrance. Water, soft drinks, chips, doritos & twisties will be available at the stall too.

School Uniform

A few weeks ago it was published that students wear navy socks with their sport uniform and this was correct information. Over time, students have started wearing white socks with the sport uniform. As parents do not receive a parent handbook each year, unless they have a child starting Kindergarten, parents have automatically had their child wear white socks.

We observed what colour socks the students wore on Sport Day last Friday. Overwhelmingly, Year 1-Year 6 students were wearing white socks while the majority of children in Kindergarten were correctly wearing navy socks.

We will adjust the school sport uniform to have white socks for both boys and girls. Kindergarten children wearing navy socks can continue for the remainder of the year if they do not have white socks.

Every family will receive a Parent Handbook for their reference in November to ensure that they have the correct information at hand.

WHOOPIING COUGH

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.
- A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

Friday 23 October 2015 (day before the Fete!)

Setting Up

From 9:30am stalls will be able to be set up on Friday 23 October. If any parent is available to assist, your help will be gratefully accepted, even if it is for an hour or two. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered already.

Afternoon Pick Up

The afternoon **drive through pick up** will be **closed** on Friday 23 October, as we need to give access to all vehicles that will be unloading stock ready for the fete. Parents are asked to park and walk in and collect your child/children.

Parents will be able to collect their child/children from **12:30pm** on Friday 23 October so that we can set up stalls on the playground. All children remaining at school will be supervised in the Learning Space and **will not** be on the playground during lunch time. Bus and walkers lines will be in the usual areas after school and the carline will be assembled outside the Maintenance Roller door on Friday afternoon if you are collecting your child at the usual 3:00pm dismissal. COSHC will be located in the Hall.

Bunnings North Parramatta

Bunnings North Parramatta have kindly allowed visitors to our Fete to use their parking area **closest to the North Rocks Road entrance**.

We thank Bunnings for their generosity and support of our Fete.

Fresh Flowers Stall

Fresh flowers will be available for sale at the Fete.

The stall will be located next to the Chocolate Wheel

Look out for Charles!

Thank you

Thank you to the following families who generously donated their time selling raffle tickets at Winston Hills Mall for the Fete:

Grzelak, Mitchell, Joseph, Govender and Crowle.

A special thank you to Charles Lukasik (Max, ES1) for co-ordinating the raffle ticket selling over the last two weekends. Thank you Charles!

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle ticket books and money. Extra books are still available at the school office.

There will be a lucky draw each week in the lead up to the fete. Any family who has sent in their raffle tickets is in the running to win a prize just because you have returned your raffle tickets. The last raffle draw will be held this **Friday 23 October**.

Congratulations to the **Emphield family** who were the winners of the last raffle.

There are still **44** raffle books outstanding. Please return these books to school immediately (**sold/unsold**). Thank you

Parramatta District Men's Shed (PDMS)

The Upcycling Program that we are running with the PDMS are always on the lookout for unused hardwood timber to make outdoor furniture. The furniture is being built for 13 local schools which will be used outdoors.

On Saturday the PDMS stall will be on the playground near the Community Room. Examples of some of their craftsmanship will be on display.



Curriculum News

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1:	L'lysse Puyat, Jessica Ishak, Ryan Malatag, Max Lukasik
Year One:	Yiannis Keranis, Jose Bernardo Enciso Llamas
Year Two:	Sophia Elias, Laura Emphield, Giselle Mondinelli, Neelesh Govender
Stage 2:	Trinity Bird, Riwarz Bhattachan, Christian Dib, Joshua North, George Keranis Raymond Khadi, Charlotte Newey, Garbhan Sciacca, Jayden Wilson
Stage 3:	Zoe Bird, Daryll Hilario, Mariah Farah, Brandon Lukic

University of NSW English Results

Apologies to the following students whose names were left off the list in the last newsletter.

Congratulations to the following students who received Distinctions in the UNSW English Competition:

Natasha Muttoo, Kayla Grzelak, Charlotte Newey and Jack Talty

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulation to the following children who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition last term –

Year 3

Participation –	Merna El-Merhabi, Manraj Kahlon, Kael Sciacca
Proficiency –	Jordan Basha, Gabriel Bucur, Ryan Clark, Aadit Grover, Zac Michael, Isabella Smith
Credit –	Rishika Bhaskar Rao, Jessica Crowle, Kayla Grzelak, Emma Haramkova

Year 4

Proficiency –	Ann-Marie Boujandy, Jessica Chapman, Rhiannon Cooper, Rachel French, Christian Kandalaft, Czyandexel Panopio, Isabella Smith, Mateo Soriano, Helena Unver
Credit-	Garbhan Sciacca
Distinction –	Alexis Chang

Year 5

Proficiency –	Jackson Basha, Mohan Govender, Josue Heydari, Nishika Jain, Lachlan Roberts
Credit –	Philip Joseph, Brandon Lukic, Natasha Muttoo
Distinction –	Brendan Pospischil

Year 6

Participation –	Salama Kunambi
Proficiency –	Patrick Newey

Full Attendance Term 3 2015

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 3

ES1:	Andrew Clark, L'lysse Puyat, Sara Younes
Year 1:	Sanoy Bhattachan, Kwaku Boakye, Jose Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Michael Farah, Simon Forsyth, Maureen Haddad, Tina Kiaiefar, Manson Lu, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Nika Naeme, Ashleigh North, Kobe Puyat, Mark Rodriguez, Madeline Smith
Year 2:	Jayden Albayeh, Jake Chapman, Sophia Elias, Aidan Muttoo, Aidan Pospischil, Ashley Roberts, Alexandra Santos
Stage 2:	Trinity Bird, Jessica Chapman, Ryan Clark, Amelia Furjanic, Chelsea Lewis, Ainsley Mitchell, Joshua North, Marley Puyat, Jericho Crame, Jessica Crowle, Gene Kneipp, Massimo Milutinovic, Akwasi Boakye, Ana Costea, Lachlan Dardagos, Garbhan Sciacca, Isabella Smith (Year 4) Alanis Supuk
Stage 3:	Joshua Albayeh, Hayley Herder-Beke, Philip Joseph, Abbi Lewis, Natasha Muttoo, Chanel Azar, Patrick Crowle, Abraham Dennis, Andy Haddad, Josue Heydari, Brandon Lukic, Alisha Merchant, Patrick Newey, Brendan Pospischil

ST MONICA'S FETE 2015
ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

	Time	Group name
1	9:30-10:00am	HALLORAN Irish Dancing
2	10:00-10:30am	THE PERFORMANCE STUDIO Dancers
3	10:30-11:00am	Winston Hills Physical Culture
4	11:00-11:30am	Our Lady Mercy College JAZZ ENSEMBLE
5	11:30am-12pm	DANIELLE KNEIPP Album Launch
6	12:00-12:30pm	IL SHIM International TAE KWON-DO
7	12:30– 1:00pm	ST MONICA'S CHOIR with Sally Essey and Antonio Batach
8	1:00-2:00pm	CLUB ST MONICA'S DANCE with DJs Bernard Kneipp and Nash Hawkins

Thank You - Spider Ice Cream Sundaes Fundraiser (Term 3)

Thank you for supporting the Year 6 students in raising money for their Graduation. Special thanks to Joelle Day, Simone Lewis, Rebecca Essey and Mitsue French for lending a hand last term.

Thank you—Sausage Sizzle (Friday 16 October)

Thank you to the parent helpers who assisted at the Sausage Sizzle last Friday.

Thank you to Neil Joseph, Gulshan Muttoo, Paul Hossack, Mel Puyat, Vanessa Talty, Karla Stewart-Sykes, Genevieve Smith and Masoomah Yadegari

Athletics Fun Day

Yesterday we held our much anticipated Athletics Fun Day at Barton Park. We braved the extreme heat to participate in a range of fun and engaging athletics activities. A special thank you to all of the parents who attended and participated in the activities and all of the staff for facilitating each station. We are very grateful to have had the professional Dance Fever company provide all of their equipment and organise the day for us. We were also very fortunate to have Binny from Bincino Coffee (bincinocoffee@gmail.com) supply us with a range of beverages and snacks which were delicious! We look forward to our carnival next year and pray for better luck with the weather!

NSW Primary Schools State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Lachlan Roberts who participated in the State Athletics Carnival last Wednesday 14th October at Homebush. He achieved 33rd place for his 800m running event. What a wonderful achievement!

Mrs Erin Turner, Sport Co-ordinator

Important—Working With Children Check

Parent helpers are required to complete the **Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta Online Child Protection training module for Volunteers**.

This module must be updated **every 2 years**.



Please go to <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

Parents are also required to complete the **NSW Working With Children Check for Volunteers**.

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

The links for both of these modules are also on the front page of our school website.

Please ensure that both of these are completed BEFORE you volunteer. Parents who have not completed these checks are not eligible to assist in the classroom or on excursions. Thank you for your co-operation with this important matter.

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Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard? Please email: ariamusicsschool@gmail.com
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Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a fun learning environment.
Group classes at school \$23:10 (incl GST) per lesson. Individual tuition is also available.

Guitar Classes!

Days: **Wednesday** lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

Keyboard Classes!

Day: **Tuesday** lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

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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.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233
Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding
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 0000

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

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, has developed a policy relating 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 term's 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.



PLENTY OF PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

Come along and help raise funds to send our Year 6 students out with a bang! A sausage sizzle will be run prior to the disco for those requiring dinner from 6.00pm. (\$2:00 per sausage sandwich – beef only)

This disco is for St Monica's students only.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend, at the same cost of \$5, but must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Dress up, come along, have a dance – you could win one of our numerous prizes on the night!

Please complete the slip below and return with your money by Monday 26th October

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ST MONICA'S FRIGHT NIGHT DISCO - Friday 30 October 2015

Family Name: _____ Name of eldest student: _____ Homeroom: _____

Number of tickets @ \$5 per ticket: _____ Amount enclosed for tickets \$ _____

Number of sausages ordered @ \$2 each: _____ Amount enclosed for sausages: \$ _____
(for catering purposes)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Number of non-school aged children attending: _____

I _____ agree to supervise any non-school age children I am RSVPING for.

All Year 6 students are encouraged to be in attendance.

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU (A YEAR 6 PARENT), ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME ON THE NIGHT.

I _____ would be happy to volunteer my time to assist on the night.

Please contact Simone Lewis on 0421 816 257.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM

St Monica's Fete – Saturday 24th October 2015

Following is the list of jobs that we need assistance from every parent in the school to commit to so that we have a successful fete.

- Collecting stalls from a nearby school and setting up the stalls (Friday 23rd October)
- Unpacking items to go on stalls eg toys & books etc (Friday 23rd October)
- Working on a stall (Saturday 24th October)
- Packing up stalls from 2pm-3:30pm (Saturday 24th October)

Stalls					
BBQ	Books	Cake	Chocolate Wheel	Country Kitchen	Craft
Face Painting	Devonshire Tea	Drinks	Footy Pass/Hoopla	Lucky Dips	
Lollies & Showbags	Toys	Trash & Treasure	Selling Raffle Tickets		

Parent Name/s: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

Eldest Student name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Please **tick** as many jobs that you are able to assist with.

- Selling Raffle Tickets at Winston Hills Mall**
 - Saturday 10th October (9:00am-2:00pm) Time available _____
 - Saturday 17th October (9:00am-2:00pm) Time available _____
- I can collect stalls on Friday 23rd October**
- I can assist in setting up stalls on Friday 23rd October (from 9:00am)**
- I can work on a stall on Fete Day Saturday 24th October**
(Preference, if any, from the list above) _____
- Packing up stalls at the end of Fete day from 2:00pm-3:30pm.**

Please **tick** the times you are available to work on a stall on Saturday 24th October.

- 9:00am - 10:00am
- 10:00am - 11:00am
- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm

