

Week 3

Wednesday 11 May

- 7pm Social/Welcome Meeting

Thursday 12 May

- Naplan (Numeracy) Yrs 3 & 5
(Breakfast 8:15am-8:50am)

Friday 13 May

- Dance Fever -sport uniform
- 2pm Church Cleaning (School)
- 6:30pm for 7pm start
Confirmation—St Monica's
Church

Week 4

Monday 16 May

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 17 May

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am

Friday 20 May

- Dance Fever—sport uniform

Saturday 21 May

- Trivia Night—6:30pm

Week 5

Monday 23 May

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
- Biggest Morning Tea

Tuesday 24 May

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am

Friday 27 May

- Dance Fever—sport uniform

Week 6

Monday 30 May

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 31 May

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am
- ICAS Science (Stages 2 & 3)

Wednesday 1 June

- 7pm POSMS Meeting—
Literacy focus (reading & writing)

Friday 3 June

- Dance Fever—sport uniform

Saturday 4 June

- Mass 5pm followed by
Registration for Communion

Sunday 5 June

- Mass 9am—followed by
Registration for Communion



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As you are aware, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen comes to the Diocese with a rich understanding of the challenges and opportunities of multiculturalism in western Sydney. The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. In 1972 he joined a diocesan minor seminary which was later disbanded by the communist Government. In 1980 he left Vietnam to begin a new life in Australia.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

In 2005 Bishop Long was elected Superior of the Conventual Franciscans in Australia. Three years later he was appointed Assistant General of the same Order and was transferred to Rome. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 20 May 2011.

Bishop Long is familiar with the western Sydney community, having been Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville, from 1998-2002. His appointment demonstrates the Church's support and understanding of the unique needs of our community.

We will welcome Bishop Long at his formal installation in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at a date that will be set in the near future. I look forward to Bishop Long meeting our school communities and recognising the good work they do as part of the Mission of the Church in Parramatta.

This Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. After seven weeks the Easter Season is now completed. This Friday, at our morning assembly, Stage 2 will lead us in prayer as we reflect on the gift of God's own Spirit that was given to the world more than 2000 years ago.

When the day of Pentecost had come the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. Acts 2:1-11

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed everything. It filled the disciples with spiritual attributes or gifts that transformed them from scared and lost individuals to people who were filled with courage and wisdom, and united them in love to actively proclaim the Good News to the world.

The same Holy Spirit is given to us all through this Pentecost experience and through the sacraments so that we too, like the disciples, can be courageous, compassionate, loving and faithful. As on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit works within our common, everyday life in ways that sometimes can be hard to comprehend.

The challenge for us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires us to use the Gifts of the Spirit and discern what is true, good and important.



St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, provides this 7 point guide for determining how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us:

- Don't make a **decision** when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh up all your options.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the **here and now** as it is, not as we may like it to be.
- The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the **Spirit's healing**.
- The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into **community** with other people.
- Be careful of things that appear **too perfect**. They sometimes have a sting in the tail and **can be destructive**.
- Be guarded about all things that are **urgent**. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of **perspective to problems**.
- The Holy Spirit is always present where **compassion** and **forgiveness** are demonstrated.

Confirmation

On Friday night students in our school and parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for the following children and their families: *Marley Puyat, Jason Grey, Garbhan Sciacca, Daryll and Kurt Hilario, Christian Kandalaft, Hunter Malatag, Chelsea and Madeline Lewis, Rhiannon Cooper, Charlotte Newey, Alexis Chang, Ainsley Mitchell, Jessica Chapman and Isabella Smith.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Erin Turner and her husband, Brad, on the wonderful news that they will become first time parents to twins later on in the year. The staff and students are all very excited by this news. Mrs Turner is receiving lots of advice and pearls of wisdom from her Kindergarten class.



Mother's Day

Thank you to Kindergarten, Mrs Turner and Miss Rosewell for our beautiful mass on Friday to celebrate the gift of mothers. I hope that all our mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday.

Our Mother's Day stall was a great success again this year. Thank you to Gulshan Muttoo and Simone Lewis for their organisation and to the parent helpers—Annika Conda, Rebecca Barber, Dorota Grzelak, Gizel Thomas, Genevieve Smith and Mitsue French for assisting on the stall.

Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester One reports will be sent home on **Thursday 16 June** (Week 8) and interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday 20 June (Week 9).

Again this year parents will be able to arrange their interview times online. More details will be published closer to the date.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should now be wearing their full winter uniform.

The Uniform Shop is open on **Tuesday mornings** (during school terms) between **8:30am—9:30am**.

Parents are encouraged to send in their completed uniform order forms (with payment details included) so that the order can be filled and returned home with your child.

Please be advised that the **new finance system is still in a trial stage** and your patience while this is being implemented is appreciated. Thank you.

GIRLS	BOYS
Winter	Winter
Short-sleeved shirt	Short-Sleeved Shirt
Long sleeved shirt (optional)	Long Sleeved shirt (optional)
Culottes / Long navy pants	Long Navy pants
Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)	Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)
School Jacket	School Jacket
Navy winter stockings	Navy Socks
Black school shoes	Black school shoes
Sport	Sport
Short-Sleeved Shirt	Short-Sleeved Shirt
Sports Shorts	Sports Shorts
Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket	Tracksuit pants/School Jacket
White Socks	White Socks
Joggers (predominantly white)	Joggers (predominantly white)
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	

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been noticed that a number of girls are wearing **footless tights** under their culottes. **Please note that this item of clothing is not part of the school uniform**. Please ensure your daughter is wearing the correct winter school uniform which is either stockings/culottes or long pants.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

The Catholic Education Office will be sending out Term 2 School fees shortly. **Fees are due and payable on Monday 30 May 2016 (Week 6)**. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school please ensure payment of fees by this date. **Families who are experiencing financial difficulty are requested to contact the school office immediately so that an appointment can be made with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Cattermole.**

Parents are advised that the school office will be unable to process school fee payments made by credit card/Eftpos during the Uniform Shop trading hour on Tuesday mornings between 8:30am and 9:30am. You are welcome to come into the office after 9:30am on Tuesdays.

2016/2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Due to the decline in Entertainment Book purchases, we will be assessing whether there is enough interest to commit to this Fundraiser again this year. If you are interested in purchasing this year's book could you please notify the school office by note or email by next **Monday 16 May**.

LOST PROPERTY

There are many clothing items and lunch containers in the lost property box outside the school office. Please ensure all items are labelled so that they can be returned to their rightful owner.

ICE BLOCKS

This **Friday (13 May)** will be the last day we will be selling ice blocks until the warmer weather returns. Thank you to our Year 6 students who have assisted selling the ice blocks each lunchtime.



SOCIAL/WELCOME TEAM MEETING

A reminder that tonight's Social/Welcome team meeting will commence at **7pm** in the Staffroom.

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL WELCOME TEAM.

A special thanks to all the families who donated an item for the Trivia prize hampers. The committee has been able to put together some amazing prizes to give away on the night.

NAPLAN Breakfast (Year 3 & 5 students)

Thank you to Bernadette Haddad for coordinating the Naplan breakfast and to the many parents who assisted each morning. Thank you also to Tiff Cooper for providing the fruit for the breakfasts. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 3

- Wednesday 11 May * 7pm Social/Welcome Team Meeting
- Thursday 12 May * NAPLAN (Numeracy) Years 3 & 5
(8:15am-8:50am Breakfast for students in Yrs 3 & 5)
- Friday 13 May * Dance Fever (sport uniform)
* 2pm Church Cleaning (School Group rostered on)
* 7pm Confirmation (6:30pm for a 7pm start)

Week 4

- Friday 20 May * Dance Fever (sport uniform)
- Saturday 21 May * 6:30pm Trivia Night—Heroes & Villains

Week 5

- Monday 23 May * Biggest Morning Tea
- Friday 27 May * Dance Fever (sport uniform)

Week 6

- Tuesday 31 May * ICAS Science (Stage 2 and Stage 3)
- Wednesday 1 June * 7pm POSMS Meeting—Literacy Focus: Reading & Writing
- Friday 3 June * Dance Fever (sport uniform)
- Saturday 4 June * 5pm Mass -Registration for First Communion
- Sunday 5 June * 9am Mass—Registration for First Communion

Week 7

- Monday 6 June * 9am Online Parent/Teacher interviews bookings OPEN
- Friday 10 June * Dance Fever (sport uniform)

Week 8

- Monday 13 June * **Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday**
- Tuesday 14 June * Uniform Shop (8:30am-9:30am)
* 7pm First Communion Meeting—Parents only
- Wednesday 15 June * ICAS Spelling (Stages 2 & 3)
- Thursday 16 June * 9am Online Parent/Teacher interviews bookings CLOSE
* Semester One reports sent home.
- Friday 17 June * Dance Fever (sport uniform)

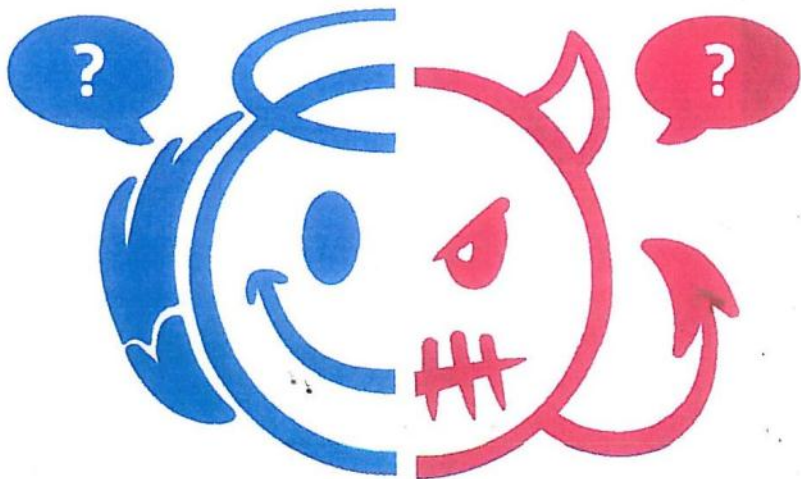
Heroes & Villains - Trivia 2016

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! You can buy tickets in the morning at school from a Trivia Committee representative or after Mass on the weekend. You can also fill out the registration form below, and together with your money in an envelope clearly labelled TRIVIA NIGHT, send it into the school office. Alternatively you can contact Tiff Cooper on 0409 205 721, Simone Lewis 0421 816 257 or any of the committee members.

**ST MONICA'S
FANCY DRESS
TRIVIA NIGHT**

SAT 21 MAY 6.30PM

**HEROES
&
VILLAINS**



TRIVIA, GAMES, PRIZES

**BRING FAMILY
AND FRIENDS**

**ADULTS
ONLY**

**BYO ALCOHOL
& NIBBLES**

**\$15 PER PERSON
PLUS GOLD COINS
FOR GAMES ON THE NIGHT**

For any enquiries please contact any of the following Trivia committee members:

Tiff Cooper 0409 205 721
Vanessa Talty 0423 845 885

Cathryn Crowle 0401 295 173
Simone Lewis 0421 816 257

Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075
Katrina Mitchell 0452 063 733

Kath Sciecce 0414 534785
Gen Smith 0414 901 960

PAYMENT TYPE:

CASH

CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to St Monica's Primary School

Already have between 6 & 8 players? Register as a team.

NAME: _____

NUMBER IN TEAM: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ (\$15 per person)

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM REGISTRATION

Individuals or groups of less than 6 people register in this section and you will be combined into teams.

(Between 6 & 8 players can register as a team of 6)

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ (\$15 per person)

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION



Catherine McAuley Westmead - School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 17th May 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.



In Support of:

**Mother Teresa Primary
School's Literacy Program**

&

**St Vincent De Paul's
Winter Appeal**



Gary Eck

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks
- Tropfest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two

"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the world sense of humour" - Time Out

"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" Daily Telegraph



Bruce Griffiths

- Tripple J Comic of the Year Winner.
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

"The best one-liner comic in the business".



Sam Bowring

- Opening Act - Arj Barker 2015
- Raw Comedy National Finalist
- Nominee: Best Newcomer and the Piece of Wood Award - MICEF
- Rove Live; Stand Up Australia

"His jokes are like ninjas quietly sneaking up on you ... undeniably funny." - Adelaide Advertiser



Mat Wakefield

- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage

"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)

7:30pm - May 13

The Morley Centre - Gate 3, 2A Darcy Road, Westmead 2145
(Entrance opposite PRIVATE hospital Westmead)

Tickets \$30 at comedyforacause.net/MT 18+ Only

ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: ariamusicschool@gmail.com

Phone: 0402 780 130

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

Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent

Develops self discipline

Encourages self esteem

Enhances co-ordination & concentration

Is lots of fun!!

Keyboard Classes!

Day: **Tuesday** lunchtime

Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm

Location: The Community Room

www.ariamusic.com.au



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

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. This includes volunteering in the classroom and on excursions.

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.

- Print out this email and take it 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 (please include your date of birth).**

ONLINE TRAINING MODULE — Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

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

Please note that BOTH modules must be completed in order to comply with the requirements.