

DIARY DATES

Week 5

Wednesday 25 May

- 5pm Year 6 Graduation Meeting

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

- 10:30am Stage 3—OLMC - variety performance

Thursday 2 June

- 9:15am ES1 Parish Mass

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

Week 7

Monday 6 June

- 9am Online bookings **OPEN** for parent/teacher interviews
- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 7 June

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am
- 9:15am Stage 1 Parish Mass

Wednesday 8 June (new date)

- 7pm POSMS Meeting
Literacy focus - reading & writing

Friday 10 June

- Dance Fever—sport uniform

Week 8

Monday 13 June

- Queen's Birthday—**Public Holiday**

Tuesday 14 June

- 7pm Communion Meeting for **PARENTS** only

Thursday 16 June

- 9am Online bookings **CLOSE**
- 9:15am Stage 3 Parish Mass
- Semester 1 reports sent home



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Trivia Night



Our magnificent organising committee



The winning team



Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea



Our terrific organising committee



FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Yesterday every class at St Monica's had a special liturgy to celebrate the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. In 1844, a significant time in our history, the Australian Catholic Church was placed under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians. British settlement was just over 50 years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first election had been held in 1843. The new country was also dealing with the issue of land, immigration and education. We continue to confront the same social problems in our country today. In 1901, the year of Federation, the traditional image of Our Lady Help of Christians was adapted to emphasise her links with Australia: the map of Australia was introduced at Our Lady's feet and the Southern Cross was placed in the sky behind her. Our Lady's right hand is open, reaching out to help her children. Lastly, the crown expresses the significance of Mary as Queen of Heaven.



The new image of Mary Help of Christians

TRIVIA NIGHT

I'm sure that everyone who attended the Trivia Night on Saturday enjoyed the night immensely. A very sincere thanks to the following wonderful families who have been working behind the scenes for many months seeking sponsorship, printing fliers, creating questions and famous faces, organising and setting up the venue, planning games, and MC-ing etc. Thank you to the Cooper, Crowle, Forsyth, Joseph, Lewis, Lukasik, Mitchell, Sciacca, Smith and Talty families.

Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended on the night. Also thank you to the many parents who were not able to attend due to prior commitments but purchased items or gave a donation. Thank you!

Congratulations to the winning team 'Luke Warm Water' - Grant and Cathy Morris, Kevin and Sinead Fisher, Kiera Fisher and Leoni Simon. Well done!

The event raised a magnificent **\$4750:60**. The money will go towards purchasing play equipment for the infant grades.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to Sonia and Nick Sentas for organising the Biggest Morning Tea on Monday. The event raised **\$1778** for the Cancer Council. Thank you to all the parents who assisted behind the scene for this very worthwhile cause.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has now sent home Term 2 School fees. **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 difficulties 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

Parents are advised that we **will not** be proceeding with the Entertainment Book fundraiser this year.

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are eligible to register for Holy Communion. Registrations will take place outside church **after Mass on Saturday 4 June at 5pm and Sunday 5 June at 9am**.

ANAPHYLAXIS / ALLERGIES / ASTHMA

Parents are reminded that every year an Action Plan is required for each of your children who has anaphylaxis / allergies or asthma. Updated plans are required each year, signed by your doctor, so that our records can be updated with the most recent information. Asthma Forms can be located on the school website under School Notes—Whole school.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Parents are requested to notify the school office, *in writing*, if you change your address. We are unable to make any changes to your details without written notification.

WHOOPIING COUGH

There has been a reported case of Whooping Cough in **Year 1**. Please visit the website link below and if your child is showing any of the listed symptoms please see your doctor *immediately*.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>



Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.

Early Stage One:	Onur Unver, Wyatt Heesen, Mia Siemsen
Year One:	Michael Maffina, Charlize Cooper
Year Two:	Simon Forsyth, Maureen Haddad
Stage 2:	Merna El Merhabi, Giselle Mondinelli, Jayden Wilson, Hayden Herder-Beke Laura Emphield, Emma Sadek
Stage 3	Mateo Soriano, Alexis Chang, Christian Kandalaft, Alanah Khadi



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

Alexis Crame	Wyatt Heesen	Mary Thomas	Ruby Knight
Ken Volker Engelen	Jackson Basha	Kayla Grzelak	Jessica Dib
Merna El Merhabi	Riwaz Bhattachan	Czyandexcel Panopio	Aidan Pospischil
Jesse Maffina	Aidan Mutton	Emma O'Rourke	Sophie Phan
Raymond Khadi	Alanis Supuk	Dallas Kuea	Philip Joseph
Michael Maffina	William Paterson	Leonardo Macorig	<i>Staff: Miss Rosewell and Mrs Turner</i>

Dance Fever

Parents of students in ES1-Year 2 are invited to attend their Dance Fever lesson on Friday 24 June.
(Week 9)

11:50am—12:20pm (ES1 & Year 1)
12:20pm—12:50pm (Year 2)

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3–6)

Thursday 23 June 2016 - Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Doors open 4:30pm for a 5:30pm start—finish 8:30pm

Cost \$5 per person (including competitors, to be paid at the venue).

Each student has received a note with all the details and permission slip.

Please go to our school website -News & Events—School Notes—then choose Stage 2 or Stage 3 for the original note.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held in **Week 9**.

Bookings will OPEN on Monday 6 June 2016 at 9:00am

Bookings must be finalised before **Thursday 16 June at 9:00am**, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, an iPad will be available at the School Office from Tuesday 7 June 2016, to make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9630 3697.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited.
BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 16 June 2016 at 9:00am

A flyer with instructions and the event code will be sent home to each family closer to the date. The note will also be available on the school website under School Notes.

POSMS Meeting

The **new date** for the POSMS Meeting is **Wednesday 8 June** commencing at 7pm in the **Learning Space**

Literacy Focus (Reading and Writing)

All invited to attend

Staff Development Days

Monday 18 July (Term 3, Week 1)

Monday 10 October (Term 4, Week 1)

Monday 19 December (Term 4, Week 11)

Tuesday 20 December (Term 4 Week 11)

Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 5

- Wednesday 25 May * 5pm Year 6 Graduation Meeting—Stage 3 Learning Space
 Friday 27 May * Dance Fever (sport uniform)

Week 6

- Monday 30 May * Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
 Tuesday 31 May * ICAS Science (Stage 2 and Stage 3)
 * Uniform Shop (8:30am-9:30am)
 Wednesday 1 June * 10:30am—12 Stage 3 attending performance at OLMC
 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
 * Pow -Wow 9am-10:30am
 Tuesday 7 June * Uniform Shop (8:30am-9:30am)
 Wednesday 8 June * 7pm POSMS Meeting—Literacy Focus: Reading & Writing
 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.
 * Stage 3 Mass
 Friday 17 June * Dance Fever (sport uniform)
 Saturday 18 June * 5pm Commitment Mass—First Communion
 Sunday 19 June * 9am Commitment Mass— First Communion

Week 9

- Parent / Teacher Interview Week***
 Thursday 23 June * Dance Fever Challenge—Homebush (Years 3-6)
 4:30pm for 5:30pm start



SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading

Principal Solicitor at Wesley Community Legal Service, Castlereagh Street, Sydney

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
- How to protect your rights regarding family assets.
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or Representing yourself

DATE

Tuesday 7th June 2016

TIME

7.30pm—9.30pm

VENUE

CCSS Centre
38 Prince St, Blacktown
(Cnr First Ave)



COST \$7.00



Further Details and Bookings
Solo Parent Services

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Physical Activity Improves Mental Wellbeing

In addition to physical benefits, physical activity has a range of positive effects on children's mental wellbeing.

Being physically active:



It is recommended children aged 6-12 years aim for at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

Get active as a family, walk to the park, join a sporting team, walk or ride to school and limit screen time.

Live Life Well @ School is a joint initiative between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education



**Western Sydney University
Penrith Observatory School of Computing,
Engineering and Mathematics**

**Astronomy Night Saturday 28 May 2016 (7pm-9pm)
Mars Opposition.**

Mars has fascinated us and stirred our imagination for a very long time. Come along during May to view the red planet during opposition. The evening will include a presentation, 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

**Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession
and \$50 family**

Bookings are essential:

To book and pay for tickets visit:
westernsydney.edu.au/observatory

Winston Hawks Women in League Day.

Sunday 29th May John Curtin Oval Winston Hills.

Raffles, Cake and Sweet Stall, Guess the Jellybeans competition.

Other highlights on the day will be the jumping castle for kids, a meal deal will be available for kids at the canteen, the Women's Touch game and there may be some Super Heroes and Hawky strutting their stuff. Fun for the whole family! Thanks to our wonderful sponsor Capellas Pizza, who will have their great pizzas on sale from their mobile ovens at John Curtin from lunch time.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open
Morning Tour
Monday
June 6, 2016**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for Life at our Open Morning Tour on **June 6, 2016**.

Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team and get a sense of the rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta. ***The College is now enrolling for 2018.***

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: **[In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.](#)**

Dates/Times: **[Friday June 3rd 2016](#) (operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**) and **[Saturday June 4th 2016](#) (also operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**)****

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Jewellery, Plants, Toys, Furniture, Manchester, White Elephant, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing refreshments, tea and coffee during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.