

# DIARY DATES

## Week 5

Fri 15 9:15am Mass—Feast of the Assumption -Stages 2 and 3 attending  
9:15am ES1 /Stage 1 Liturgy at School

## Week 6

Mon 18 Pow Wow 9-10:30am  
Voice of Youth  
Tues 19 Netball Gala Day—Penrith  
Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am  
Wed 20 Eels Educate Stg 2  
Thur 21 Liz Ellis Netball Clinic S3  
Eels Educate Stage 3  
9.15am Parish Mass - Stage 1

Fri 22 Theme Lunch—Pizza Day

Sun 24 9am First Communion

## Week 7

Mon 25 Pow Wow 9-10:30am  
Tues 26 Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am  
Wed 27 St Monica's Day Liturgy  
Father's Day wrapping  
Thur 28 Eels Educate Stg 3  
12:00 Year 6 Reconciliation  
Fri 29 9.15am Parish Mass—Stage 3

# SEPTEMBER

## Week 8

Mon 1 Pow Wow 9-10:30am  
Tues 2 Uniform Shop  
8:30am-10:30am  
Stage 3 Camp-Bathurst  
Wed 3 Stage 3 Camp-Bathurst  
Eels Educate Stg 2  
Thur 4 Father's Day Stall  
Fri 5 8am Father's Day Breakfast  
9am Father's Day Liturgy followed by activities  
Sat 6 Registration for Reconciliation 5pm Mass or 9am Mass Sun 7/9.  
Sun 7 Father's Day



# Monica's Matters

Web: [www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au)  
Email: [stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Phone: 9630 3697  
Fax: 9683 4984

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who are currently involved in the Parish Sacramental Program for Eucharist. This Sacrament of Initiation into the church is a special time for the children and their families. Thank you to children's parents who have led group sessions and have shared their faith with the children, deepening their understanding of the sacrament.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, 23rd August at 5:00pm and Sunday, 24th August at 9:00am

## ***Congratulations to our St Monica's students:***

Erica Crame, Chanel Azar, Brendan Pospischil, Alanah Khadi, Alana O'Donnell, Jayme O'Donnell, Sofia El Gabaili, Joshua Albayeh, Andy Haddad, Victoria Kassis, Mariah Farah, Lachlan Roberts, Brandon Lukic, Cassandra Kowalczyk, Brooke Emphield, Natasha Muttou, Jackson Basha, Patrick Crowle, Philip Joseph, Martin Crame and Jack Talty

May these students be truly blessed at this special time in their lives. May God's grace bring great hope, joy and love into their lives. May they be nourished and nurtured, now and always.

## **Book Parade**

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended our fabulous book parade last week. The students, pow wow children and staff looked wonderful and everywhere we looked we saw happy and excited faces. We greatly appreciate the effort that goes to making this event a success. I was extremely proud, particularly of our Stage 3 students who participated with enthusiasm, showing great leadership on the day.

Congratulations to Mrs Boulous on her organisation and preparation for the day. Thank you to Sister Mary and Sister Teresa for being the official photographers who captured all the students on the day. Their photographs along with other photographs taken by Mrs Gardoni are on our website.



## **Voice of Youth**

Voice of Youth is a public speaking competition where students have the opportunity to speak about their rights and views on issues that matter and are able to share them with their peers.

A cluster final will take place here at St Monica's next **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August** at **9.30am** between St Bernadette's Dundas, St Marys Rydalmere, Christ the King North Rocks and St Monica's. The final will be held in the Hall and parents are welcome.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Year 6 Voice of Youth finalists: Edward Joseph, Jacob Khadi and Monica Albayeh.

This week parents will have the opportunity at our morning assembly on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to listen to one of these students share their speech.

### The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

This Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which commemorates the death of Mary and the assumption of her body into Heaven. This feast is the most important of all the Marian feasts, and a holy day of obligation. Stage 2 and Stage 3 will attend the parish mass at 9:15am while Kindergarten and Stage 1 will have a liturgy at school commencing at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to attend.

*O Blessed Virgin Mary, grant that we may follow your example of faithfulness and love so that we too might one day share your glory with Christ forever. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen.*



### Fundraising

Parents are advised that an amount of \$3397.98 was raised for the Trivia Night in May. Our Fundraising total to date is **\$5511.53** which has been raised through raffles, school disco, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Bush Dance, Sausage Sizzles and the Trivia night. Well done everyone!!

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal

### Staff Development Days

The next scheduled Staff Development Day will be **Tuesday 7 October (Day 1 Term 4)** Students do not attend school on this day.

### Christmas Celebration Night

This year we will be having a Christmas Celebration Night which will be held on **Tuesday 9 December**. The time is to be confirmed and further details will be sent home closer to the date. Mark this special date in your diaries!

### Term 4 Fundraiser

In Term 4, we will be selling homemade jams and preserves to families to raise money for the school. These homemade goodies by Claire Pospischil sold out at the school fete last year and are great for home or for gifts for friends or family. This term we need any glass jars with metal lids that you can spare—we can only use jars with metal lids as we need to sterilize them before they can be used. Please place any jars that you have into the Jar Box outside the school office. If you are experienced at making jams or chutneys, and would like to volunteer to assist Claire, please call or text her on 0466 770 195. Thank you.



### Friday 5 September—Father's Day Breakfast, Liturgy and Learning Space Activities — Advanced Notice

Commencing at 8:00am there will be a Father's Day Breakfast (egg and bacon roll) followed by a Liturgy which will be held at 9:00am. At the conclusion of the Liturgy there will be activities in the Learning Space.



On Monday 1 September an invitation will be sent home to fathers, grandfathers and significant males in your child's life inviting them to the Father's Day Breakfast. Please ensure that the RSVP is returned so that we can cater for the breakfast.

### POSMS Meeting—Project Based Learning (PBL) - Term 3, Week 9

Our next POSMS Meeting will include a Project Based Learning presentation and information regarding PBL at St Monica's. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 September 2014** and will **commence at 7pm in the Learning Space**. All parents are encouraged to attend especially Year 2 and Stage 2 parents.

### Privacy and Collection Notices—School Website

Parents are reminded that the Privacy and Collection Notices are available on the School Website. If you would like to read the Notices, please go to the Parent heading, click on Policies and Procedures and then Privacy. The following Notices are available: Alumni Collection Notice, Australian Privacy Principles, Employment Collection Notice, Privacy—Statement, Privacy Compliance Manual, Standard Collection Notice and Volunteer and Contractor Collection Notice.

### ***Congratulations to the new SRC Representatives for Semester 2 2014.***



**ES1** Vris Patel, Ashleigh North  
**Stage 1** Samira Hekeik, Ezekiel Logo  
**Stage 2** Chanel Azar, Myles Gaddi  
**Stage 3** Monica Albayeh, Behshad Rohani

### ***Merit Awards***

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards. Well done!!

**Year One:** Jesse Maffina, Aidan Pospischil  
**Year Two:** Ryan Clark, Lachlan Dardagos, Jessica Stoker, Gabriel Bucur, Emma Haramkova  
**Stage Two:** Riwarz Bhattachan, Chanel Azar, Jessica Chapman, Isabella Smith, Nishika Jain, Jason Grey, Amelia Furjanic, Alexis Chang  
**Stage Three:** Debra Chirchir, Jordan Crockett, Bryce Hossack

## **2014 Book Character Parade**

***Congratulations to the following winners of the St Monica's Book Character Parade.***

Pow Wow	Liam
ES1	Maureen
Year 1	Emma O
Year 2	Ezekiel, Geshua, Ryan C and Massimo
Stage 2	Cassie and Ann-Marie
Stage 3	Edward and Abbi
Parents	Mrs Bird
Teachers	Mrs McKenzie



**Pizza Day**  
**Friday 22 August 2014**  
**Pizza Slices \$1:50 each**



Order forms have been sent home with each student. Order forms and payment to be returned by *Wednesday 20th August*.  
**No late orders will be accepted.**

### **WRITING COMPETITION REMINDER**

**Make sure you get your entry in before the 31st August 2014.**

Enter now at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)

## **UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY - ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

**Saturday, 23 August (7pm – 9pm)**

**GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY - The ongoing adventures in our Milky Way corner of the Universe**

In this talk we ask a few of the big questions surrounding our own galaxy, the Milky Way:  
 We've got Gravity; We've got Dark Matter; What's Missing?  
 What is behind the mysterious formation of our Galaxy the Milky Way?  
 What is The Sagittarius Dwarf, and how can it help us understand these questions?

This night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.  
**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On  
**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)

# St Monica's Day Celebration

## Wednesday 27 August 2014

We will be celebrating the special feast day of St Monica on Wednesday 27 August. There are various events happening throughout the day to commemorate this important Saint.

### The timetable for the day:

- 9:00 am** St Monica's Day Liturgy – venue to be confirmed
- 9:30 – 10:45 am** In-class activities on St Monica
- 10:45 – 11:10 am** Morning Tea – parents invited to a 'Diocesan Scholarship Fund' morning tea, held in the hall
- 11:30 am** Zumba – in the playground, led by our Y6 leaders
- 12:30 pm** Picnic lunch in the playground – students bring in their lunch and a picnic rug/towel to sit on for our picnic lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm** National Literacy & Numeracy Week Activities – students will be reading and taking part in numeracy activities outside.

**What to wear:** Wear something 'blue' (that is appropriate for sport) OR your sports uniform. Please note all students must wear their joggers and will need a hat.

**What to bring:** Picnic Lunch  
Rug or towel  
Your favourite book  
A water bottle/drink bottle (for the numeracy activities)

Parents are invited to celebrate the day with us and are encouraged to participate in the activities that have been organised (so you will need to wear your joggers too!). The Diocesan Scholarship Fund morning tea is a morning tea organised to raise financial assistance for families enrolling in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Parramatta. We kindly ask if you are able to attend this morning tea, could you please make a small donation towards this Diocesan initiative. This morning tea invitation is for parents and friends of St Monica's. The students will be having their recess in the playground.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

**Michelle Rosewell**  
Acting REC



**Gilroy's Art and Photography Exhibition,** *Gilroy Catholic College, 17-37 Marie Street, Castle Hill*  
 Tuesday 12 August 2014, Brother Damien Hall, Gilroy Catholic College. People's choice award voting 5-6:30pm



Parents Representative Council  
 SUPPORT | CELEBRATE | EDUCATE



### 2014 Dates

The PRC would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the returning and new representatives for our Catholic schools and wish everyone a very Happy New Year

Term	Event	Guest Speakers	Location
Term 1 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2014 7pm	Annual General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill Presenting iPad Awareness. (Attendees to bring iPad)	Diocesan Assembly Hall, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian Street, Blacktown
Term 1 Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes The Resilience Centre Presenting The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change	St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes
Term 2 Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 9am to 3pm	PRC Reflection Day	PRC Welcomes Fr. Richard Leonard, Director, Australian Catholic Film and Broadcasting	"Winbourne" Edmund Rice retreat & Conference Centre 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
Term 2 Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher	Diocesan Assembly Hall, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian Street, Blacktown
Term 2 Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Remy Lowe, Academic Counsellor, Western Sydney Presenting Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students. Parents and student to attend.	Loyola Senior High School and Trade Training Centre, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt
Term 3 Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Mrs Sue Walsh, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Leader of Systems Learning) and/or Mrs Mary Greenaune, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Team Leader of Student Services Presenting Learning Difficulties - How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty? What do I do? What Support is available in our catholic schools?	Diocesan Assembly Hall, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian Street, Blacktown
Term 3 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Dr Andrew Martin Presenting Anxiety & Children	St Patrick's Primary School, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown
Term 4 Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Danielle Mantakoul Presenting Smart Start School Readiness	St Michael's Primary School, 155 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown Sth
Term 4 Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Michelle Nolan, Coordinator Healthy Weight Promotion Team (Healthy Children's Initiative) Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District and/or Jenny Plaskett, Live Life Well @ School Coordinator, Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District Presenting Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating	Diocesan Assembly Hall, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian Street, Blacktown



# ST MONICA'S BOOK PARADE AND BOOK FAIR



For more photos please visit our school website:  
[www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au) and go to the Media Galleries