

DIARY DATES

Week 7

- Wed 27 St Monica's Day  
Liturgy  
St Monica's Day  
Celebrations  
Father's Day  
wrapping
- Thur 28 Eels Educate Stg 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  
Sat 6/9 5pm Mass OR  
9am Mass Sunday 7/9.
- Sun 7 Father's Day

Week 9

- Mon 8 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
- Tues 9 Uniform Shop  
8:30am—10:30am  
**11:30am** Salaka  
African Beat—whole  
school incursion
- Wed 10 Eels Stage 2  
7pm POSMS—  
(PBL) Learning Space

- Fri 12 Walkathon

Week 10

- Mon 15 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
- Tues 16 Uniform Shop  
8:30am—10:30am
- Wed 17 7pm ES1 2015—  
Parent  
Information Evening
- Fri 19 School closes at  
3:00pm for Term 3



# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Today we celebrated the feast day of St Monica who is the patron saint of mothers and of motherhood. St Monica was born at Tagaste in Africa to a Christian family in 331. While she was still young she was married to Patricius, a pagan, and had three children, one of whom was St Augustine. Monica was unceasing in her prayers to God for her children to be baptised, especially Augustine who had become wayward and lazy in his early years. Monica strengthened her faith by her prayer and was outstanding in virtue, a wonderful example of a Christian mother. St Monica died at Ostia in the year 387, aged 56.

St Monica's love of God and family is a love that we strive to live out in our school's vision and mission. There were five words that meant so much in St Monica's life:

**Patience-** St Monica waited and watched her son, Augustine, drift into a way of life that ignored God. She was patient and prayed and eventually he came back to the Catholic faith

**Endurance-** St Monica showed endurance through her trials and demonstrated patience, gentleness and kindness.

**Charity-** St Monica was taught to always respond in love to the poor and the suffering.

**Prayer-** the unceasing prayers of St Monica helped many, including her husband and children.

**Conversion-** St Monica's constant prayers eventually guided her husband and son on their faith journey.

**Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Augustine.** He was a man who never wanted to be alone. He loved the company of his friends, exchanging ideas, teaching and learning from them. At St Monica's we strive to promote the same ideal of friendship that builds and enriches – a friendship that accepts individuality and makes us journey in one mind and heart. This is underpinned by such qualities as mutual forgiveness, tolerance and compassion.

## Voice of Youth

Congratulations to Jacob Khadi on his selection for the Western Zone Final of the Voice of Youth at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes next week. Jacob spoke about 'Superheroes versus Legends'. At our cluster final we were also extremely proud of our other finalists Monica Albayeh and Edward Joseph. Thank you to Bernard Kneipp and Julian Peen who were magnificent as comperes for the event.

## Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

We wish our Stage 3 students and teachers well as they head off to Bathurst next week for an overnight excursion.

During this term Stage 3 have been investigating the driving question: Who are the pioneers of the Gold Rush and how can we tell their stories in multiple ways?

## Uniform

Our school uniform gives the children a strong sense of identity and adds to their positive self-esteem as they take pride in their appearance. The correct uniform must be worn every day to school. Over the last few weeks I have spoken to different students regarding inappropriate haircuts, the wearing of additional jewellery, nail polish, different coloured hair ribbons and make-up. I would appreciate parents' immediate attention if your child is not following the school uniform policy.

### Morning Arrivals & Punctuality

Supervision commences at **8:20am** every morning. Children arriving a few minutes before supervision are requested to sit on the step and wait for the teacher on duty.

Parents are reminded of the importance of having your child/children on time each day for school. School commences each morning at 8:50am with assembly, where important information is communicated. **Please try and aim to be at school at least 5 minutes before the bell time.** Late arrivals to class create a great deal of disruption.

It is a legislative requirement under the Education Act 1990 that "Parents' or carers' responsibility is to ensure that their child attends school regularly and explain absences of their children promptly and in writing."

If your child arrives late at school the parent or carer who has brought the child to school **must accompany the child to the office** to sign a blue note which is then given to the Homeroom Teacher.

Parents are advised that if a note explaining your child's absence is not sent to school within seven (7) days of their absence, your child will be marked on the roll as having an *UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE*.

### Staffing

In the next few weeks Mrs Mason and Mrs Ungsuprasert will be taking some short long service leave. Mrs Mason will be absent from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. During this period Miss Joanna Haddad will be replacing Mrs Mason for her Year 2 and Stage 2 literacy groups and in Stage 3 for Music.

Mrs Ungsuprasert will be away from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September and Mrs Newbury & Mrs Hanna be in Year 2 during this time.

We wish Mrs Mason and Mrs Ungsuprasert the very best during their time away from St Monica's and we look forward to their return.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



### SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees were due on Monday 18 August. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. If you have not yet paid your fees, and you do not have an arrangement with the school, could you please contact the school office immediately.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT ONLY MEETING

**Location:** St Monica's Community Centre

**Description:** A meeting will be held for all Parents (only) of children registered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be in the Parish Community Centre on Tuesday 16 September 2014. Entrance in Daking Street (near school office) 7:30pm-8:30pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2014**      **Location:** St Monica's Parish Church

**Description:** First Reconciliation 2014 on Friday 21 November 2014 @ 7pm

### BUSHCARE'S MAJOR DAY OUT

*Third Settlement Reserve, Cnr Edison Parade and Oakes Road, Winston Hills*

Join experienced Bushcarers and those who have never tried Bushcare before. Help us rid our bushland of weeds and help our native plants thrive.

**When:** Sunday 7 September 2014 9am—12:00 noon. Free BBQ lunch provided.

**Bring:** Drinking water and gardening gloves (if you have them).

**Wear:** A hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy shoes and long pants.

**To RSVP:** Visit [www.parramatabushcare2014.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.parramatabushcare2014.eventbrite.com.au) by 31 August 2014. For more information please contact 9806 5722.



**ICAS Spelling**

Congratulations to the following children who participated in the ICAS Spelling:

- Riwaz Bhattachan** – Distinction, **Alexis Chang** – Distinction, **Jessica Chapman** – Merit,  
**Rachel French** – Distinction, **Charlotte Newey** – Distinction, **Garbhan Sciacca** – Merit,  
**Isabella Smith** – Participation, **Joshua Albayeh** – Credit, **Jackson Basha** – Credit,  
**Cassandra Kowalczyk** – Credit, **Natasha Muttoo** – Participation, **Lachlan Roberts** – Merit,  
**Kyah Day** – Participation, **Patrick Newey** – Participation, **Nish Jain** – Credit,  
**Edward Joseph** - Participation, **Bernard Kneipp** – Distinction, **Julian Peen** - Credit

**Merit Awards**

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

- ES1:** Ahmad El Merhabi, Mark Rodriguez, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Michael Farah, Kobe Puyat  
**Year One:** Charles Sentas, Emma O'Rourke, Poppy Sloane, Trinity Mendoza  
**Year Two:** Aadit Grover, Jessica Crowle, Ezekiel Logo, Isabella Smith  
**Stage Two:** Jack Talty, Brendan Lukic, Maurice Haddad, Pinar Helena Unver  
**Stage Three:** Edward Joseph, Jacob Khadi, Monica Albayeh

**Road Safety Issues around Schools**

Transport for NSW has provided our school with Safety Town posters regarding Road Safety Issues around schools. The Safety Town posters include key messages and tips for families to discuss and practise with their children. Parents are encouraged to read the posters which have been uploaded to *School Notes* on the website. Click on *News and Events*, *School Notes* then *Whole School* on the school website.

**Parramatta Diocesan Athletics**

The Parramatta Diocesan athletics carnival was held on Friday 22nd August at Blacktown. We were honoured to have nine students represent our school and Cumberland Zone at this exciting event. Congratulations to Ezekiel Logo, Chanelle Maikhael, Joshua Albayeh, Lachlan Roberts, Abbi Lewis, Monica Albayeh, Jacob Khadi, Bethany Phillips and Peter Boujandy for your outstanding efforts on the day. We are very proud to have so many talented athletes. Congratulations! *Mrs Erin Turner, Sport Co-ordinator*

**COSHC Vacation Program—Spring 2014**

The COSHC Vacation Program has been displayed outside the school office in the display case. Bookings for the Vacation Program must be received and paid for by Friday 5 September 2014. Please contact COSHC directly on 0429 990 179 for further information.

**Netball Gala Day**

Thank you to the Stage Two and Three students who attended the Netball Gala Day held in Penrith yesterday. Unfortunately due to wet weather the day was cancelled soon after arriving at the courts. Thank you to Miss Bagnall for managing the students on the day and to the parents who attended and braved the wet weather. Thank you to Mrs Haddad, Mrs Cooper, Mr Joseph and Mr Reid for transporting students to and from Penrith. We look forward to next year and hopefully better weather! *Mrs Erin Turner, Sports Co-ordinator*

**Congratulations**

A belated congratulations to the Lu family (Manson ES1) on the birth of their son Manton.

**Parent's Representative Council  
Presentation**

**Monday 1 September 2014**  
7:00 pm (doors open 6:30pm)

**Dr Andrew Martin presenting**  
ANXIETY AND CHILDREN

St Patrick's Primary School  
BLACKTOWN SOUTH

Book now: [prcparraevents@hotmail.com](mailto:prcparraevents@hotmail.com)



Happy birthday to the following students and staff members who will be celebrating birthdays in September.

Maurice Haddad	Marley Puyat	Jack Talty
Ashleigh North	Julian Peen	Neave Sciacca
Sanoy Bhattachan	Sally Essey	Mattheas Noonan
Kimi Cruz	Nazanin Abdollahi-Haghshenas	Medeea Pandrea
<b>Staff:</b> Mrs McKenzie		

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM – SPRINGWOOD**

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be running an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Springwood for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd Springwood. Each fortnight a different aspect of grief will be discussed, with some input, reflection and sharing about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. The first topic is “*The Physical Effects of Grief*”. Details and Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

### **SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNGER WIDOWED PEOPLE**

In response to requests and inquiries the CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be starting a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. We will trial this group for 12 months, and it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm **Cost:** \$5.00.

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### **STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm.

**Venue:** CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00.

**Registration:** [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205



**College Open Morning Tour**  
**Monday**  
**September 1, 2014**

### **Royal NSW Lancers**

Parramatta City Council and the Royal NSW Lancers are hosting an historic military parade of cavalry, tanks, armoured vehicles, modern day Regiment and band through the streets of the Parramatta CBD on the **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. The parade will commence at Macquarie Street at 1:30pm and concludes at 2:00pm. The Lancer Barracks on the corner of Smith Street and Hassall Street will be open to the public from 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

### **LANCERS PARADE OVERVIEW**

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

Parade commences at Macquarie St at 1.30pm

1. Section of mounted lancers from the Australian Light Horse Association – representing the Regiment in its earliest days
2. Single rider wearing Boer War Lancer Uniform
3. Section of Light Horse from the Australian Light Horse Association
4. Motorise Machine Gun section truck
5. Bren Gun Carrier
6. Matilda Tank
7. Ferret Scout Car MK2
8. Centurion Tank
9. M113A1 Personnel Carrier
10. Light Cavalry Reconnaissance Land Rover
11. Bushmaster
12. Regimental Band
13. 1st/15th Royal NSW Lancers marching with Guidons

Parade concludes at 2pm  
Open day at Lancer Barracks from 2pm to 6pm

KEY	
	Parade route
	Post parade route for tanks
	Viewing areas
	Bus detour route out
	Bus detour route in
	Road closures
	Road closures – managed access for buses
	First Aid
	Information