

DIARY DATES

Week 9

Wed 10 7pm POSMS—
(PBL) Learning
Space

Thur 11 Early Stage One
excursion to
Calmsley Farm

Fri 12 Walkathon

Week 10

Mon 15 Pow Wow
9am -10:30am

Tues 16 Uniform Shop
8:30am—9:30am
then closed for
stocktake

Wed 17 7pm ES1 2015—
Parent Information
Evening

Fri 19 School closes at
3:00pm for Term 3

OCTOBER

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 6 Labour Day Public
Holiday

Tues 7 Staff Development
Day—Students do
not attend school

Wed 8 Students return for
Term 4

Summer Uniform

Week 2

Mon 13 Pow Wow
9am-10:30

Tues 14 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

WALKATHON

A reminder that St Monica's Walkathon will be held this **Friday 12 September**.

10:50am—1:00pm St Monica's to Lake Parramatta

Lunch provided: Pie or Sausage Roll (alternate menu for children unable to eat either of these items. Please see class teacher)

Students must wear a hat and bring water.

Father's Day Thank You

Thank you to Neil Joseph for co-ordinating the Father's Day Stall which was held on Thursday 4 September. Thank you to the following parents who assisted on the day—Amanda Dib, Gulshan Muttou, Tiffany Cooper, Kathy Sciacca, Cathryn Crowle, Katrina Mitchell, Simone Lewis, Gabriela Maksimova, Rodreza Rodriguez, Nova Mendoza, Lyn Ahn, Jane Crame, Marilou Hilario, Agi Kowalczyk, Genevieve Smith and Mitsue French.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to Tiffany Cooper for coordinating the Father's Day Breakfast which was held on Friday 5 September. Thank you to the many parents who helped on the day.

Break In

You may have heard the news through your child last week that the learning space was broken into twice in the early hours of the morning. The intruders were on site for 4 minutes each time and stole laptops and iPads. We are assisting the police with their investigation and have been able to give them serial numbers of all the devices stolen.

Last week we met with the locksmith and received helpful advice regarding additional changes to our security and storage of our technology.

Thank you to Brother Patrick Howlett and Parramatta Marist for offering us the use of laptops while we wait for our insurance claim to be processed.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN results were sent home last Thursday for children in Year 3 and Year 5. We are proud of our students who have achieved pleasing results.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment used to determine the performance and progress of students in Literacy and Numeracy. The Year 3 test assesses concepts and skills that have been covered from Kindergarten to Year 3. Similarly the Year 5 test assesses all learning from each grade up to that point in time.

The NAPLAN results will be analysed by all staff and will guide us in planning future learning focuses.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

POSMS Meeting—tonight

Wednesday 10 September 2014
7:00pm—8:30pm Learning Space

Our next POSMS Meeting will include a Project Based Learning (PBL) presentation and information regarding PBL at St Monica's. All parents are encouraged to attend, especially Year 2 and Stage 2 parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPAL VISIT

On Monday 8 September, we had 6 Principals visit our school. The focus for these principals was to see PBL in action in an agile learning space. The principals arrived at 1:30pm and were lead on a tour around St Monica's. They spent time in Stage 3 to talk to the students and teachers about how PBL works. The students discussed their current PBL projects with the principals. Jacob Khadi, Angelina Cappello, Monica Albayeh and Edward Joseph led the principals in a Q&A session after the classroom visits. The principals were very impressed and presented the school with two books as a thank you gift. These will be donated to our library.

Michelle Rosewell and Kellee Bagnall, Stage 3 Teachers

SCHOOL GATES

Parents are advised that the school gates will now be locked at **9:00am** each morning. Any students arriving after this time must be brought to the school office (entrance Daking Street) and be signed in by their parents.



CARES (Community and Road Education Scheme) Auto Place and Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

Open Day - Wednesday 24 September 2014—10am– 3pm

Bring your own helmet and bike, road safety information, safety checks and skills course, NSW Push Bike Squad, Cake stall and sausage sizzle, face painting and participant show bag.

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the St Monica's boys who won their Rugby Union Grand Final on Father's Day! The Under 10s winning team for North Rocks included Patrick Crowle, Jackson Basha, Philip Joseph, Jack Talty and Lachlan Roberts. The Under 12s winning team included Edward Joseph. Well done!

Fr Montano 15th Priestly Anniversary


Date: Saturday 4 October 2014 **Thanksgiving Mass:** 5:00pm **Dinner** starts 6:30pm at Parish Hall **BYO**

Ticket Prices: Family Ticket \$50 (2 adults and 2 kids), Single Adult \$25, Pensioner \$20, 5-16 years old \$10

Tickets on sale after Mass.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open next Tuesday 16 September between 8:30am—9:30am. The Uniform Shop will then be closed for stocktake.

 2014 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Well done everyone! <i>Mrs Denelle Gardoni</i>	
ESI	Aaliyah Assaf, Kwaku Boakye, Maureen Haddad, Ardinah Mgnoma, Madeline Smith, Sophie Stoker
Year 1	Jayden Albayeh, Sophia Elias, Galia Evangelista, Samira Hekeik, Zachariah Kassis, Aidan Muttoo, Emma O'Rourke, Aidan Pospischil, Neave Sciacca
Year 2	Jonah Assaf, Jordan Basha, Trinity Bird, Akwasi Boakye, Ryan Clark, Jessica Crowle, Madeleine Gorrell, Kayla Grzelak, Emma Halamkova, Laeticia Hossack, Gene Kneipp, Rafael Noonan, Veronica Sadek, Kael Sciacca, Samika Seepersad, Jessica Stoker, Geshua Toledo
Year 3	Riwaz Bhattachan, Ann-Marie Boujandy, Alexis Chang, Jessica Chapman, Rachel French, Amelia Furjanic, Maurice Haddad, Chelsea Lewis, Madeline Lewis, Garbhan Sciacca, Isabella Smith, Mateo Soriano, Alanis Supuk, Pinar Helena Unver
Year 4	Joshua Albayeh, Jackson Basha, Patrick Crowle, Abraham Dennis, Andy Haddad, Nishika Jain, Philip Joseph, Victoria Kassis, Cassandra Kowalczyk, Brandon Lukic, Natasha Muttoo, Brendan Pospischil, Jack Talty
Year 5	Kyah Day, Abbi Lewis, Mattheas Noonan, Julian Peen
Year 6	Monica Albayeh, Peter Boujandy, Mark Furjanic, Edward Joseph, Martha Kassis, Bernard Kneipp

ICAS Spelling

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

- Participation:** Riwaz Bhattachan, Nish Jain, Brianna Mitchell, Kyah Day, Lachlan Roberts, Victoria Kassis, Ainsley Mitchell, Garv Sciacca, Isabella Smith, Mohan Govender
- Merit:** Rachel French, Jessica Chapman, Martha Kassis, Patrick Newey, Brandon Lukic, Philip Joseph
- Credit:** Alexis Chang, Edward Joseph, Jack Talty, Natasha Muttoo, Charlotte Newey, Mateo Soriano, Jackson Basha
- Distinction:** Julian Peen, Cassandra Kowalczyk

MindQuest 2014

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November

Glenwood HS, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave, Glenwood 2768

On Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November 2014, the seventy-fourth MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. The cost of the weekend is \$175 (including GST). Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25 mins Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby. For more information contact Shelagh 02 4232 2494

Tennis Lessons—Term 4

Mr Davidson advises that there are a few vacancies for Term 4 for students wishing to commence tennis lessons. Please contact him directly or send him a note via the school office. Tennis lessons are currently held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at school.

Stage 3 Camp 2014

On Tuesday 2nd of September, Stage 3 travelled to Bathurst. Our first stop was at Echo Point in the Blue Mountains. As tourists we observed the scenery and the Three Sisters. We next went to Mt Piper Power Station where we learnt about electricity supplies that we use in our everyday lives. The last stop for the day was the Bathurst Gold Fields, where we stayed. While we were there we learnt about a gold miners life. That night we did line dancing. After the first big day we went back to the Gold Fields to learn about the gold mining machines, as well as that, we panned for gold in the creeks. Our last stop was at Hartley Court house where we learnt about the convicts. We acted out the convicts trials that actually happened in the court, then we were on our way back to school.

By Abbi Lewis & Hayley Herder- Beke



TEAM BEAT VISIT

Yesterday our students and teachers experienced the wonderful sounds of SALAKA—a duo team of African musicians who introduced us to the music of West Africa. The term Salaka means “to share” and this is exactly what Lucky and Touso did. Through movement, song and percussion we all participated in a delightful hour of music making. Long live music!! More photos will be available on the school website shortly.

Leona Sweeney, Music Co-ordinator



Guitar lessons now at Carlingford Music Centre, contact Aria Music Office for details!



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