

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Week 11

Tues 16	Scrub Day 6pm End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation
Wed 17	Last day for students
Thur 18	Staff Development Day
Fri 19	Staff Development Day

TERM 1 January 2015

Mon 26	Australia Day holiday
Tues 27	Staff Development Day—MAI Interviews
Wed 28	Staff Development Day—MAI Interviews
Thur 29	All students return for Term 1 (ES1 1/2 day)
Fri 30	ES1 (1/2 day) Swimming Carnival



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

*God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year,
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
We trust that your purposes have always been at work each day.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to Your will.
With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us and guide each day as You have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.*

End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

Tomorrow night our whole school community will come together to thank God for our successful school year. At our Mass we will farewell our Year 6 students and families who are leaving St Monica's.

The graduation marks a significant milestone in the life of these wonderful young people. I am proud to say that these students have been an outstanding group of graduates. They have consistently demonstrated care for others, exemplary conduct and have been great role models for our younger students. I pray that each of them continue on their journey and that they will be able to build upon the educational and spiritual foundation they have received from their families and this school to become people who can make a positive difference to our world.

My thanks and gratitude to our Parish Priest, Father Fernando for his pastoral leadership and care throughout 2014.

May the Christ child be present in your hearts this Christmas and may His abundant graces be with your families.

Wishing all the St Monica's community a holy, healthy, safe and happy Christmas.

Until next year.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Awards

Today we acknowledged the many students in our school who this year have distinguished themselves in various areas of learning and life. Some have excelled in their academic achievement, some in their persistent effort with learning, some in their outstanding achievement in areas such as sport while others have been recognised for their leadership qualities, for giving of themselves to serving others and in helping to make this community a better place through active citizenship. We congratulate all students who were presented with school awards for outstanding effort and perseverance.

Congratulations to the following students:

Christian Living	Maureen Haddad, Kimi Cruz, Ajok Kondok, Charlotte Newey, Hunter Malatag, Mattheas Noonan, Jasmine Bird
Academic Achievement	Manson Lu, Zachariah Kassis, Jessica Crowle, Jessica Chapman, Natasha Muttoo and Brendan Pospischil, Abbi Lewis, Jacob Khadi
Consistent Effort	Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Charles Sentas, Raymond Khadi, Isabella Smith, Cassie Kowalczyk, Kyah Day, Edward Joseph
Most Improved	Jessica Chandra, Samira Hekeik, Trinity Bird, Ainsley Mitchell, Alanah Khadi, Amalie Dona, Jason Ierfino
School Spirit	Vris Patel, Emma O'Rourke, Gabriel Bucur, Sandra Chirchir, Jackson Basha, Hayley Herder-Beke, Chantelle Grabham.

Hills Shire Citizenship Award—Jack Talty

Full Attendance for the School Year

Jayden Albayeh, Joshua Albayeh, Monica Albayeh, Jordan Basha, Kwaku Boakye, Gabriel Bucur, Jessica Chapman, Hayley Herder-Beke, Josue Heydari, Victoria Kassis, Chelsea Lewis, Brandon Lukic, Natasha Muttoo, Joshua North, Lachlan Roberts, Veronica Sadek, Isabella Smith, Madeline Smith and Alanis Supuk.

Eels Reading Encouragement Awards Ardinah Mngoma, Jesse Maffina, Ahmed Dukuly, Alanis Supuk, Eddie Tran, Alisha Merchant and Jimmy Aoun.

Servant Leadership Stage 3—assisted in Stage 1

Alysha Dunnett, Hayley Herder-Beke, Sally Essey, Kyah Day, Abbi Lewis and Amalie Dona.

Stage 2—assisted in ES1

Brooke Emphield, Cassie Kowalczyk, Brendan Pospischil, Philip Joseph, Andy Haddad, Patrick Crowle, Josue Heydari, Lachlan Roberts, Victoria Kassis, Nishika Jain, Natasha Muttoo, Erica Crame, Jack Talty, Joshua Albayeh and Jackson Basha.

Recognition in Sport Abbi Lewis, Bessie Phillips, Joshua Albayeh, Alby Giles and Patrick Newey.

CLASSES FOR 2015	
Early Stage One	Miss Emily Clough
Year One Year Two	Miss Erin Turner Mrs Denelle Gardoni
Stage Two	Mrs Wendy Paley/Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert, Mrs Mary McKenzie and Mrs Mary Weston
Stage Three	Miss Kellee Bagnall and Miss Michelle Rosewell

Important dates for the first 2 weeks for 2015

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th January	MAI Assessments (Staff Development Days)
Thursday 29th January	All students commence Term 1. Parent morning tea after assembly
Friday 30th January	Primary Swimming Carnival—Waves, Baulkham Hills
Sunday 1st February	Opening School Mass 9:00am St Monica's
Information Nights	Week 3—Wednesday

STROKE PRODUCTION

Stroke production will be held tomorrow morning at 8:50am. Thank you to Mr Davidson for providing tennis lessons at St Monica's. The students are very fortunate to have him coach them each week.

Tennis lessons in 2015: To give Mr Davidson an idea of students interested in Tennis lessons in 2015 please complete the following form and return it to the office tomorrow. Lessons will commence again in Week 2 of Term 1.

Tennis Lessons - 2015

Children who are in **Years 1—6** are able to learn tennis at St Monica's. *If you would like your child to learn tennis in 2015, please complete the permission slip below and return to the office tomorrow, Tuesday 16 December 2015.*

Cost of coaching lessons will remain at **\$40 per term per child.**

Tennis Lessons— (Please return to the school Office by Tuesday 16 December 2014.)

I _____ give permission for my child _____ in Stage _____
 Parent/Guardian name Students name
 to commence tennis lessons in Term 1, (Week 2) 2015. **Signed** _____

LOST PROPERTY

Parents are asked to please check the lost property box for their children's clothing or items. Any unlabelled, unclaimed items will be donated to the Uniform Shop at the end of the Term.

STUDENT BANKING

There will be **NO STUDENT BANKING** this week. Student banking will resume in **Week 3** of Term 1 2015.

WORKING BEE *Thank you to the following parents and staff who attended the Working Bee last Saturday.*

Paul Hossack, Gerard Basha, Mel, Kobe and Marley Puyat, Slavica Lukic, Kathy, Sebastian, Neave and Liam Sciacca, Simone, Abbi, Madeline and Chelsea Lewis, Neil, Edward and Philip Joseph, Richard, Cathryn, Patrick and Jessica Crowle, Tom Grzelak, Susan Halabi, Zachariah Kassis, Rachel and Laura Emphield, Miss Sweeney and Mrs Mason.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is back again this year! We are encouraging students to read a minimum of 10 books over the school holidays to go into the draw to win one of four iPad minis!!

All entries must be received via our online form by 5pm on Friday 6 February 2015. Winners will be announced on Monday 16 February 2015 on our website. Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/new-events for more information

Trivia Night

St Monica's annual Trivia Night will be on Saturday 14 March 2015, which is Week 7 of Term 1. The Trivia Night Committee has started to collect prize donations for the night. If you have your own business, work for, or have contacts with a business or company that may be able to donate some prizes for the Trivia Night, please speak to Kathy Sciacca, Tiff Cooper, Simone Lewis, Katrina Mitchell, Genevieve Smith, Vanessa Talty or Claudia Kassis. Alternatively please contact the school. This is a very important fundraising night for our school and so we need lots of donations. The 2014 Trivia Night was lots of fun, so please save the 2015 date in your diaries.