

DIARY DATES

Week 5
Sat 8 Year 6—Car Wash
Fundraiser 8am-3pm

Week 6
Mon 10 OLMC volunteer
week
Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 11 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Week 7
Mon 17 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 18 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Week 8
Mon 24 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 25 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

DECEMBER

Week 9
Mon 1 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 2 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am

Fri 5 Theme Lunch

Week 10
Mon 8 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 9 Uniform Shop open
8:30am-10:30am
Christmas
Celebration

Wed 10 ROLLOVER-Office
Semester 2 Reports
go home today

Thur 11 ROLLOVER-Office
Fri 12 ROLLOVER-Office

Sat 13 Working Bee

Week 11
Mon 15 9am-9:20am
Awards Assembly
followed by Thank
you Morning Tea

Tues 16 6pm End of Year
Mass and Year 6
Graduation

Wed 17 Last day for students



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Throughout the year the teachers and I have been reading John Hattie, “**Visible Learning for Teachers Maximising Impact on Learning**”. Over the past two years we have been making learning *visible* at our school. This enables students to articulate what they are learning and why and so build a solid foundation for life and learning in the 21st century.

At our last staff meeting the focus chapter was on the flow of the lesson and the place of feedback. Through his research, Hattie has listed feedback as one of the top ten influences on student achievement. However, this influence is variable because feedback is not always implemented effectively. In this chapter Hattie addressed how to make the most of feedback in the classroom. To make feedback effective, teachers must have a very clear idea of where students are and where they are meant to be and then they should aim to provide feedback that reduces this gap.

There are a number of ways that the teachers at St Monica's provide the type of feedback that reduces the gap. By giving students effective feedback it helps them to answer three important questions:

1. Where am I going? The teachers assist the students in answering this question by creating clear and challenging learning goals and making sure these learning goals are transparent to children.
2. How am I going there? Teachers provide students with valuable feedback *relative to the starting or finishing point*, and not in comparison to other students.
3. Where to next? This is the most interesting question that teachers pose to their students because it helps the student to choose the next most appropriate challenge and can lead them to developing self-regulation over the learning process.

The importance of giving and receiving feedback is not confined to students. As adults, we too seek feedback from colleagues and others in order to be more effective in the things we do.

The ‘voice’ of our students is a vital component in making learning visible at St Monica's. We believe students must be active participants in the process of learning.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

POSMS MEETING

Last week at our parents POSMS meeting Mrs Mason, Miss Rosewell and I were able to feedback to parents our recent Naplan results. The parents viewed our Year 3 and Year 5 results in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy. They also had an opportunity to look at the student booklets and mark a piece of writing using the marking criteria. Thank you to Mrs Mason, Miss Rosewell and all the parents who attended the meeting.

ANAPHYLAXIS / ALLERGIES

Parents are reminded that there are several children in our school who have **anaphylaxis** and **extreme food allergies**.

As we endeavour to provide for the different needs of all our students your co-operation is invited to assist the school in supporting and catering for the needs of these particular children by providing your child only with **foods that are nut free**.

It is extremely important that children do not share food.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Tuesday, our amazing parent community celebrated World Teachers Day. The parents organised for two professional masseurs to give the teachers 10 minute massages and Mrs Haddad donated her time to give the teachers a mini manicure. We would like to sincerely thank all the parents who were involved in organising and running this special treat for us. All of the teachers at St Monica's felt very spoilt and relaxed on Tuesday afternoon! *Miss Michelle Rosewell and Miss Kellee Bagnall*

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

A letter was sent home to each family on Tuesday regarding this appeal. If you have not received your letter please contact the school office. Parents are reminded that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Once your envelope has been received you will be issued with a receipt. Please keep this for taxation purposes.

**AWARDS ASSEMBLY AND THANK YOU MORNING TEA (please note date change)**

Please note that the Awards Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea will now be held on **Monday 15 December (Week 11) not** Friday 12 December as previously advertised. The Awards Assembly will commence at 9:00am. This will be followed by Morning Tea. The reason for the date change is that many teachers do not work on the Friday and they would like to be present for this special day.

CAR WASH—Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser

Saturday 8 November 2014 Only \$10 per car 8:00am—3:00pm

School Grounds —family, friends, grandparents, neighbours all welcome.

**WALKATHON RAFFLE WINNERS**

On Friday 24 October the following children were awarded Smiggles Vouchers in recognition for raising the most money for the Walkathon. Congratulations to Aidan Muttoo (\$126), Natasha Muttoo (\$126), Emma Halamkova (\$128.50), Simon Forsyth (\$150) and Brandon Lukic (\$200). Well done everyone.

WORKING BEE

Our next Working Bee is scheduled for **Saturday 13 December 2014 (Week 10)**. A flyer will be sent home with further details. Many hands make light work—even if you can only spare one hour.

PASTA DAY

Thank you to the Social/Welcome Team for organising the Pasta Day lunch which was held last Friday 24 October. Thank you to the following parent helpers who generously donated their time on the day: Tiffany Cooper, Joan Evangelista, Cecile Puyat, Mitsue French, Janet Joseph, Neil Joseph, Gulshan Muttoo, Simone Lewis, Katrina Mitchell, Sonia Sentas, Emma Kuea, Gabriela Maksimova and Genevieve Smith.

Important dates to remember—Term 4

Week 5

Saturday 8 November 8am-3pm Car Wash—Year 6 Fundraiser

Week 10

Tuesday 9 December Christmas Celebration
 Wednesday 10 December Rollover—limited services available from the Office
 Thursday 11 December Rollover—limited services available from the Office
 Friday 12 December Rollover – limited services available from the Office
 Saturday 13 December Working Bee

Week 11

Monday 15 December 9:00am-9:20am Awards Assembly followed by Thank You Morning Tea (*please note date change*)
 Tuesday 16 December 6pm End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation
 Wednesday 17 December Last day for students
 Thursday 18 December Staff Development Day
 Friday 19 December Staff Development Day

Youth Eco Summit

On the twenty second of October, fifteen students from Stage 2 and 3 attended the Youth Eco Summit at Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park. The Youth Eco Summit is an educational program that students can attend to learn about environmentally related subjects.

At the Youth Eco Summit the students from St Monica's attended three short workshops. The first workshop was about water. At this workshop the students participated in fun games and activities that taught them about where water comes from, testing water to see how clean it is and how to preserve water. The next workshop was called Bug Wise. This workshop taught children how to research and identify different types of bugs. The last workshop that the St Monica's children went to was a workshop about frogs called The New South Wales Frog and Tadpole Study Group. This workshop taught children about different species of frogs in Australia and the life cycle of frogs.

All of the students that went to the Youth Eco Summit had a great time. We learnt a lot of interesting things. We sincerely thank Mrs Mason, Mrs Pospischil and Mr Unver.

By Alysha Dunnett, Sally Essey and Brendan Pospischil.



WRITE4FUN

Read some of the winning entries in the 2014 Write4Fun competition at www.write4fun.net
 Congratulations to all the children who entered the competition. *Mrs Mason*

Community Coins—Mission in Action

This term, all the students of St Monica's are learning about Mission for Religion. As part of this unit in Stage 3, the students are focusing on answering the driving question: How can we, as missionaries, understand and proclaim the Good News of Jesus? After conducting research on local community projects, Stage 3 nominated three local projects they would like to support. We currently have three jars in the classroom for students to donate at their own free will. All funds collected will be donated to the local community projects.

The projects we are supporting include:

Can in a Van— a group that donates cans of food to people in need.

Youth Participation Grants-encourages young people to participate in the community in youth led projects

Youth Off the Streets—an initiative focussing on educating and employing our youth.

Our Community Coins in Stage 3 is our 'action' towards our mission unit, and a way we can give back to our local community.

Although the Community Coins display is in Stage 3, it is an open invitation for all members of our school community to donate.



*Miss Michelle Rosewell and
 Miss Kellee Bagnall*

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Merit Awards.

Early Stage One	Manson Lu, Charbel Sadek, Maureen Haddad, Jake Hollis, Sophie Stoker, Madeline Smith, Ashleigh North, Kobe Puyat, Aardinah Mngoma
Stage One	Laura Emphield, Emma Sadek, Suhana Roy, Jacob Kandalaft Melica Rohani, Massimo Milutinovic, Ryan Clark, Jessica Crowle Ezekiel Logo, Shreya Shrestha, Skye Meale, Joshua North, Hayden Herder-Beke, Ajok Kondok
Stage Two	Brendan Pospischil, Brooke Emphield, Philip Joseph, Natasha Muttoo
Stage Three	Chantelle Grabham, Sally Essey, Alisha Merchant, Mark Furjanic, Brianna Mitchell,

FOSMS (Fathers of St Monica's Students)

Well I am back from my long holiday and looking forward to a catch up with the FOSMS guys. Term 4 is always the milestone term, especially with the year 6 students leaving the school and the kindy kids reaching the end of their first full year of formal schooling. To reflect on these milestones and all those in between, I propose we meet for **dinner at Ribs and Rumps in Parramatta on Friday 14th November at 7:30 pm. Please get back to me by 10th November so I can make the booking.**

Kind regards, *Neil Joseph*

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Ribs and Rumps, 353 Church Street. Parramatta Phone: 9630 2434

<http://ribsandrumps.com/locations/parramatta/>

Menu: <http://ribsandrumps.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Menu-2014.pdf>

p.s. If you know of any dads who may be interested, then please forward my details to them so they can join us.

p.p.s. In case you did not know, Janet has a facebook group for St Monicas POSMS if you would like to join - our events are posted there too! Please ask any new mums and dads to join the facebook group by requesting access on the POSMS page. <http://www.facebook.com/groups/135849593116951?id=216859241682652>

Free Long Sleeved Rash Vests— there are two size 14 and one size 16 long sleeved rash vests that have been donated to the school. Please enquire at the office if you would like one.



College Open Morning Tour
Monday
November 17, 2014

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA
Celebrating 125 Years

OLMC Parramatta Orientation Day – Year 7 2015

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls who will be starting Year 7 in 2015 to Orientation Day on **Wednesday November 12, 2014**. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

SCHOLASTIC— SUPER SALE

All stock at least 50% off RRP. Thousands of Children's Books and Learning Resources to choose from. Paperback novels \$3.00 Paperback picture books \$6.00, Teacher Resource Books from \$6.00, Hardcover Books \$8.00, Computer Accessories and Software 50% - 80% off RRP.

When: Wednesday 12th November 2014 10.00am - (Schools Only)
Thursday 13th November 2014 10.00am-7.30pm (Schools and Public Day)

Where: Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park (Parking in Car Parks P7 and P3)

Don't forget to bring your boxes and bags.

St Monica's Preserve Fundraising

The preserves below are all home-made and would make great Christmas gifts. All money raised will go towards funding new technology purchases. Limited quantities available. Orders will be processed on a first come first served basis.



Preserve items for sale:

Strawberry jam.....	\$8 per jar
Orange marmalade.....	\$7 per jar
Orange ginger coriander marmalade.....	\$7 per jar
Orange rhubarb marmalade.....	\$7 per jar
Orange clove marmalade.....	\$7 per jar
Capsicum chilli relish.....	\$6 per jar
Caramelised onion chutney.....	\$6 per jar
Spicy preserved cumquats.....	\$6 per jar

Thank you to Claire Pospischil for her generosity in kindly making the preserves.

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St Monica's 2014 Preserve Fundraising

Parent name and mobile number: _____

Eldest child's name and class: _____

Preserve order:

Quantity ordered	Cost per jar	Preserve Item	Total Cost
	\$8	Strawberry Jam	
	\$7	Orange Marmalade	
	\$7	Orange ginger coriander marmalade	
	\$7	Orange rhubarb marmalade	
	\$7	Orange clove marmalade	
	\$6	Capsicum chilli relish	
	\$6	Caramelised onion chutney	
	\$6	Spicy preserved cumquats	
TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED			\$

Preferred collection point (please note jars won't be sent home with children as they are glass):

- Afternoon kiss and drop
 COSHC
 School office