

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Week 7	
Thur 4	Grandparent's Day 9am—11am
Week 8	
Mon 8	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 9am Online Interviews
Tues 9	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open
Week 9	
Mon 15	8:50 am Aria Music Performance at Morning Assembly Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 16	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open ICAS—Spelling
Thur 18	Semester 1 reports home
Fri 19	Mufti—Book Stall Bingo Night—Parish
Week 10	Interviews this week
Mon 22	Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 23	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open
Thur 25	Stage 2 Soccer Gala
Fri 26	Term 2 Ends

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JULY

Week 1	
Mon 13	Staff Development Day (Students do not attend school today)
Tues 14	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open
Fri 17	NSW PSSA Cross Country Eastern Creek
Week 2	
Mon 20	Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Tues 21	8:30-9:30am Uniform Shop open
Fri 24	Mufti - Toys (Fete)



Monica's Matters

Web: www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au
Email: stmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 9630 3697
Fax: 9683 4984

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last Wednesday Mrs Mason, Mrs Turner, Mrs Gardoni and I attended our third professional learning day on Writing to support our school goal this year. Part of the day was building teacher knowledge about oral language as this is critical for the student's development in their literacy skills. It is through talk in the first instance that oral vocabulary is built; the ability to process and produce complex sentences is first practiced through speaking and our skills in recalling, narrating and persuading are first done through talk.

Oral language has a major social function as it is an important way that we connect with other people, build relationships and share our thoughts and feelings. At its most basic level, oral language is about communicating with other people. It involves a process of organising our thoughts, imparting knowledge coherently and using effective speaking and listening skills.

Oral language permeates every facet of the primary school curriculum. The development of oral language is as important as reading and writing, at every level, in the curriculum. Teachers focus on activities based on purposeful language interactions. Purposeful talk prior to writing is one of the major means through which children construct and refine their understanding of language. Effective communication builds confidence and self esteem.

Research clearly shows that it is through their everyday experiences that children gain the oral language skills they need to become strong writers and readers. It is essential that children are exposed to an abundance of language in their everyday lives both at school and at home.

The Australian Literacy Educators' Association offers the following suggestions to support your child's oral language development:

- model a rich vocabulary
- engage in lively conversations
- provide the time and place for imaginative play
- encourage your child to talk about their thinking
- praise turn taking and active listening
- talk about the great books that you read together
- wonder together about the world
- use open-ended questions when asking your child about their day eg.
 - ◆ Tell me something that made you laugh today.
 - ◆ Tell me three different times that you used your pen/pencil today?
 - ◆ What challenged you today?
 - ◆ What was a new word/weird word that you heard today?
 - ◆ How did you help someone today? How did someone help you today?
 - ◆ What was your favourite part at lunch time today?
 - ◆ What three words do you think your teacher would say about you today?

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently during a beautiful liturgy. Thank you to Miss Michelle Rosewell for assisting the Parish Coordinator, Mrs Jenny Coorey and also to Mrs Danielle Kneipp for her wonderful leading of the singing during the liturgy. Thank you to Sister Mary and Sister Teresa who captured special moments of the ceremony. These photos can be found on the school website.



TALENT QUEST

Congratulations to all the children who shared their talents with us at our Talent Quest last Thursday. We were thoroughly entertained and amazed with the creativity and stage presence of all the participants.

Congratulations also to Kyah Day, Amalie Dona and Patrick Newey who did a wonderful job compering. They were confident in their role and did a fabulous job in keeping the program to the schedule.

Thank you to Miss Sweeney for organising the event as I know that it takes a great deal of her time auditioning and preparing the program for the day.

FETE BOOK STALL

We will be taking your book donations on Friday 19th June in the hall. A flyer will be sent home next week with specific details.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS—Online Bookings

This year the school will be introducing **online bookings** for our Parent/Teacher interviews which will be held in Week 10 commencing Monday 22 June. Instructions on how to access the online bookings can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. **Bookings will open on Monday 8 June 2015 at 9:00am.** Reports will be sent home on Thursday 18 June.



ARIA MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Monday 15 June 2015 (Week 9). Parents are welcome to attend a musical performance by students who attend Aria Music School. The assembly will commence at 8:50 am and finish at 9:15 am.



MORNING PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that the supervision on the playground commences at **8:20am daily**. Students should not be arriving at school before this time unless they are enrolled at the Catholic Out of School Hours Care facility. Supervision after school ceases at 3:30pm.

LATE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded that the morning school bell is at **8:50am**. Students arriving at school after this time are to be brought to the school office and be signed in by a parent/guardian. The school gates in the car park are closed at 9:00am each morning.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the El-Kazzi family (Tia—Year 2) on the birth of their son. A new baby brother for Tia!

ATHLETICS TRIALS

A reminder that the Athletics trials have been cancelled for Friday 5 June. Stage 2 and 3 teachers will organise times to conduct their own trials. A note was sent home this week with further details. An athletics fun day will be held in Term 4 for all students which will be run by the Dance Fever company. Thank you for your patience. *Mrs Erin Turner*

GRANDPARENTS DAY—Thursday 4 June 2015

Students from K-2 will be performing some short items during the Grandparent's Day celebration.

MERIT AWARDS



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

ES1:	Gabriela Andrade, Max Lukasik, Patrick Mitchell
Stage One:	Alex Azar, Aidan Muttoo
Stage 2:	Jonah Assaf, Akwasi Boakye, Pinar Helena Unver, Amelia Furjanic, Riwarz Bhattachan, Dunya Grudic, Keira Mitchell, Gene Kneipp
Stage 3:	Nazanin Abdollahi Hagshenas, Josue Heydari, Brandon Lukic, Natasha Muttoo

The Year 6 students for assisting with the Early Stage One interview tours

Debra Chirchir, Kyah Day, Alysha Dunnett, Hayley Herder-Beke, Abbi Lewis, Damian Matijevic, Mattheas Noonan, Christian Stathopoulos Jordan Crockett, Amalie Dona, Sally Essey, Salama Kipanya Kunambi, Alisha Merchant, Patrick Newey and Behshad Rohani

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate birthdays in June.



Jesse Maffina	Aidan Muttoo	Emma O'Rourke	Aidan Pospischil
Samyra Singh	Raymond Khadi	Alanis Supuk	Dallas Kuea
Philip Joseph	Michael Maffina	Jackson Basha	Kayla Grzelak
Jessica Dib	Merna El Merhabi	Riwarz Bhattachan	Czyandexcel Panopio
Sophie Phan	William Paterson	Leonardo Macorig	Staff: Miss Rosewell and Mrs Turner

TALENT QUEST NEWS

St Monica's Talent Quest was held last Thursday. This is an annual event which showcases some of the amazing talent we have in our community. Thank you to those parents, relatives and friends who were able to attend this event and support our students.

Congratulations to the following performers who received awards at St Monica's Talent Quest 2015.

GOLD AWARDS	Division 1: Suhana
	Division 2: The Space Pirates (Jack Phil, Pat & Jackson), Sally, Alexis, Abbi
SILVER AWARDS	Division 1: The Year 1 Singers (Ashleigh, Dallas, Samyra, Maureen, Sanoy, Ahmad and Kwaku) Emma, Matilda & Maria.
	Division 2: Jessica C, Nazanin and Mariah, The Ghost Girls (Rhiannon & Jessica S), Charlotte, The Cute Sassy Dancers (Jessica C, Alexis, Rachel, Amelia and Ann-Marie)
BRONZE AWARDS	Division 1: Neelesh
	Division 2: Andy, Natasha and Brooke, Ana Maria, Pragna, Shreya & Ana-Maria, Lachlan

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are once again available. **Books cost \$65 each** and every membership sold raises \$13 for our school. **The fundraiser will be closing soon.** If you would like to order a membership please do so immediately to avoid missing out!



This year you again have the option of ordering an **Entertainment Book Membership** or an **Entertainment Digital Membership**.

You may order securely online at: www.entbook.com.au/21576y3 or **click on the link on our website home page**. Please contact Mrs Abood in the school office if you have any further enquiries.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held in Week 10.

Bookings will open on Monday 8 June 2015 at 9:00am.

Bookings must be finalised before **Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 9:00am**, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, an iPad will be available at the School Office from Tuesday 9 June 2015, for parents to make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9630 3697.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited.

BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2015 at 9:00am

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

9GU76 Go

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

**THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE
YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 9:00am**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents who need to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9630 3697

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

Come to St Monica's Bingo Night

When: Friday 19 June 2015

Where: Church Hall

Time: 6pm for a sausage sizzle

7pm: Bingo starts



BYO Drinks and Nibbles

- Tickets available after all Masses this Saturday and Sunday.
- Or by purchasing at the Parish Office
- Or by sending the correct money in a labelled envelope to the school office.



**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

<p>June Saturday 6 7pm – 9pm</p>	<p>Astronomy Night OUR COSMIC NEIGHBOURHOOD An exciting tour of our own galaxy and its neighbours suitable for all ages, including a glimpse at the possible future of our galaxy. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes</p>
<p>Saturday 20 7pm – 9pm</p>	<p>Astronomy Night The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.</p>
<p>Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au www.uws.edu.au/observatory, www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory</p>	

ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?
Aria Music is enrolling for 2015 at St Monica's.

Please email: ariamusicsschool@gmail.com

Phone: 0402 780 130

Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a
fun learning environment.

Group classes at school \$23:10 (incl GST) per lesson. Individual tuition is also available.

Guitar Classes!

Days: Monday lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

Keyboard Classes!

Day: Tuesday lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent
Develops self discipline
Encourages self esteem
Enhances co-ordination & concentration
Is lots of fun!!
www.ariamusic.com.au