

DIARY DATES

Week 1
Fri 17 NSW PSSA Cross
Country Eastern Creek

Week 2
Mon 20 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Gymnastics—Sport
Uniform

Tues 21 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Week 3
Mon 27 Pow Wow 9-10:30am
Gymnastics—Sport
Uniform

Tues 28 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Fri 31 Mufti—Toys / Books
(Fete) - **date change**

AUGUST

Week 4
Mon 3 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 4 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Zone Athletics Rooty
Hill

Week 5
Mon 10 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 11 School Photos
8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Week 6 BOOK WEEK
Mon 17 Pow Wow 9-10:30am

Tues 18 8:30-9:30am Uniform
Shop open

Thur 20 9am Voice of Youth
Parish Hall

Fri 21 Diocesan Athletics—
Rooty Hill

Sat 22 First Communion 5pm

Sun 23 First Communion 9am



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back as we begin Term 3. I hope that your holidays were relaxing and involved some precious family time.

As we are half way through the school year it is an appropriate time to reflect on our goals and what we have achieved in the first semester. The reflections are based on the key beliefs of our school Mission Statement.

We believe that our community must be Christ-centred and authentically Catholic in all its endeavours.

Our students have been exposed to different forms of prayer. The teachers have a focused Religious Education area in their learning space where they have a word wall display that reflects the scriptural readings and the theological background of their Religion unit. The students and teachers are co-creating learning intentions and success criteria of each lesson with the students. Our Christ-centred leaders continue to lead us in prayer and the Religious Education newsletter continues to inform parents of the learning throughout the school, religious and liturgical feasts and outreach initiatives. Opportunities have been provided for Staff to pray and meditate together.

We believe that everyone in our community brings gifts and is appreciated and celebrated.

The children have had opportunities to develop and demonstrate their talents through school assemblies, Talent Quest, Ninja Club, student leadership, library monitors, Dance Fever and the Swimming and Cross Country carnivals.

We believe that quality teaching and learning occurs in an agile space that builds a community of learning.

In the first semester staff continued to use the data from the Mathematical Assessment Interview to guide their teaching. The students were engaged in a challenging numeracy block and used the learning intention and success criteria to monitor their learning. We continued the Year 1 specialist EMU groups and Mrs Weston commenced training so that we can start a Stage 2 specialist group.

In literacy, all teachers have been focused on writing. Four teachers have attended an intensive four day professional learning course. Teachers have had daily focused writing groups and have been tracking students on a literacy continuum that identifies a student's development in vocabulary knowledge, phonological, phonemic awareness and spelling. Reading Recovery continued in Year 1.

Project Based Learning (PBL) continued in Stage 3 and is being introduced in Stage 2. PBL is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question or problem.

During Term Three and Term Four we will continue our professional learning in Religious Education, Numeracy and Literacy.

Staff Development Day

The staff enjoyed an excellent day of learning during our Staff Development Day on Monday where we further developed our understanding of Project Based Learning. We planned together the Stage 2 PBL Driving Question: 'How can we as historians communicate the impact of British colonisation on Australia and its environment.?' Stage 2 look forward to sharing their product with the school at the end of Term 3.

Staffing News

Next week Miss Bagnall, Mrs Boulous, Miss Rosewell and I will attend the attend the Project Based Learning Conference in Chicago. Mrs Hanna and Ms Bastawrous will replace Miss Bagnall and Miss Rosewell in their absence.

Mrs Cattermole is making a good recovery and will return to school this term.

Notice of intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's Primary School.

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta has developed a policy related to the notice required from parents to terminate their child/children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this policy states that "A term's notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full terms fees will be paid. The notice can be given anytime during the term for the next term." This means that unless the school receives a term's notice then no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

Notice in writing will be accepted at anytime during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 week's notice will be waived.

Children's Workbooks coming home on Friday

Next week all teachers will send home the Religious Education book. Each week from then on another workbook will be sent home. We encourage parents to talk to their child about their learning. We encourage you to write a comment after their last piece of work. The children love to receive feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. You are asked to return the workbook promptly on the following Monday so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

GYMNASTICS (Mondays—Weeks 2 and 3 Term 3)

Gymnastics will held at school on **Monday 20 July and 27 July only**. Students are permitted to wear their sport uniform on these days to participate in the activities. Teachers will advise of your child's sport day for the remainder of this term.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

Parents are advised that any student who arrives at school when classes have gone upstairs after morning assembly **MUST** be accompanied to the school office and signed in. The student will then take a late arrival card to their teacher. Please note that if students go directly upstairs without attending the office and the class roll has already been taken, there is the chance that they will be marked as absent for the whole day.

THANK YOU—PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the many parent helpers who assisted with sorting the books for the Book Stall on Friday 19 June: Gulshan Muttoo, Tiff Cooper, Deza Rodriguez, Joan Evangelista, Vesna Furjanic, Simone Lewis, Joelle Day, Janet Joseph, Bernadette Haddad, Claudia Kassis, Vanessa Talty, Nesrim and Stage 3.

FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to those families who have already returned their Raffle Ticket Books for the Fete. There are extra books available if families are able to sell more than one book. All raffle tickets are to be returned to the school **(sold or unsold)** no later than **Friday 16th October 2015**.

**** Please do not dispose of unsold raffle tickets / booklets as the school is to account for every booklet.**

THANK YOU FROM MAEVE BROWN—ARRUPE PLACE

The following thankyou letter was received following Maeve Brown's recent visit to the school.

"Thank you for the feedback, that's lovely! I really enjoy talking to schools, especially when students are so engaged and willing to discuss difficult subjects. The St Monica's students were fabulous!

I will have a chat to the casework team to work out some dates for you for next term and we can discuss having the students visit as well.

Also, please pass on our thanks for all the clothes and food donated by the school thus far. We are overwhelmed by your generosity!"



DATE CHANGE

Please note that the **Mufti Day for the Fete Toy collection** has been changed from Friday 24 July to **Friday 31 July (Week 3)**.

Students are asked to donate toys (and books) on this day.

Donations may be taken directly to the Hall from 8am on Friday 31 July.



earn & learn

We're really excited to let you know that Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths.

Starting on **Wednesday 15th July** when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on the sticker cards. **One sticker will be issued for every \$10 spent.** Once the sticker card is completed you may place it in the box at school or at your local Woolworths store. When the program closes on Tuesday 8th September, all completed sticker cards will be sent to Earn & Learn where the number of points will be calculated so that resources and equipment may be redeemed.

MERIT AWARDS



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

ES1:	Noah Day, Sara Younes, Abbi Meale, Kristian Romic
Year One:	Amarachi Ezema, Madeline Smith, Tina Kiaiefar, Charbel Sadek, John Sadek
Year Two:	Sophia Elias, Emma Sadek
Stage 2:	Ryan Clark, Isabella Smith, Jessica Stoker, Melica Rohani, Aadit Grover, Merna El Merhabi, Charlotte Newey, Samika Seepersad, Mateo Soriano, Garbhan Sciacca, Madeline Lewis, Maurice Haddad, Rhiannon Cooper
Stage 3:	Hayley Herder-Beke, Kyah Day, Abbi Lewis, Alisha Merchant, Jack Talty



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

Zacchariah Kassis	Garbhan Sciacca	Mateo Soriano	Ashley Roberts
Alexis Chang	Laura Emphield	Debra Chirchir	Sandra Chirchir
Shreya Shrestha	Jordan Crockett	Natasha Muttou	Ryan Malatag
Max Lukasik	Hayley Herder-Beke	Patrick Crowle	Trinity Bird
Ahmed Dukuly	Matilda-Rose Hall	Sarah-Rose Wilson	HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Full Attendance Term 2 2015

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 2.

ES1:	Andrew Clark, Ashton Dardagos, Miranda Huang, Max Lukasik, Michael Maffina, Abbi Meale, William Paterson, Sophie Phan, L'lysse Puyat
Year 1:	Kwaku Boakye, Michael Farah, Maureen Haddad, Manson Lu, Giancarlo Milutinovic, Ashleigh North, Kobe Puyat, Charbel Sadek, John Sadek, Madeline Smith
Year 2:	Jayden Albayeh, Jake Chapman, Galia Evangelista, Sakina Kunambi, Jessie Maffina, Aidan Pospischil, Poppy Sloane
Stage 2:	Jordan Basha, Riwarz Bhattachan, Trinity Bird, Jessica Chapman, Ryan Clark, Amelia Furjanic, Hayden Herder-Beke, Joshua North, Marley Puyat, Veronica Sadek, Gabriel Bucur, Jericho Crame, Jessica Crowle, Skye Meale, Massimo Milutinovic, Alwasi Boakye, Lachlan Dardagos, Shreya Shrestha, Isabella Smith (Year 4) Alanis Supuk
Stage 3:	Jackson Basha, Hayley Herder-Beke, Philip Joseph, Natasha Muttou, Abraham Dennis, Amalie Dona, Salama Kipanya Kunambi, Hunter Malatag, Brendan Pospischil

Consent Form: Use of Student’s Image and/or Work

There are still a number of families who have not yet completed the Consent Form: Use of Student’s Image and/or Work which was sent home earlier this year. If you have received another copy of this form could you please complete the details and return it to the office as a matter of urgency as the information must be entered onto our computer system. Thankyou.

Congratulations to the Johnson family (Matthew ES1) on the birth of their baby daughter Gabriela.



Seminar – Understanding Family Law

Two Sessions

CCSS Solo Parent Services are holding two sessions for our Seminar on “Understanding Family Law”. The seminars on the following dates will cover the topics below:

Wednesday 22nd July – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/ Separation and Children’s needs.

Wednesday 12th August – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Settlements/ Property.

Venue for both Seminars: DAC, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Cost: \$7.00 per session

Registration Essential: Solo Parent Services - Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205

EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for anyone who at a younger age has suffered the death of their spouse or partner.

This is aimed for people under 55 with or without children.

Next Gathering: Tuesday 21st July.

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown **Cost:** \$5.00 **Details:** Solo Parent Services -Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205

EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

St Paul the Apostle P&F welcomes

*JOIN US FOR THIS
UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY!*

Brett Murray

Presenting

Anti-bullying

(This presentation is suitable for parents and carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 6)

Brett Murray, an experienced author and educator, will be presenting to Stage 3 children, about an anti-bullying campaign—Make Bullying History.

To further enhance this education, the P&F has arranged for Brett to present a parent targeted Anti Bullying session. This presentation is designed to empower and encourage parents. The session will provide you with information regarding the amazing influence and impact you have on your children and the incredible role parents can play in regards to bullying.

Date: Tuesday 21 July 2015

Time: 7:30pm—8:30pm

Venue: St Paul the Apostle, Parish Centre

44 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

RSVP: Friday 16 July

A gold donation on the night would be appreciated.
Tea and coffee will be provided.

For further details and to rsvp contact
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OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open
Morning Tour
Monday
August 3, 2015**

**School Photos
Tuesday
11 August 2015
(Week 5, Term 2)**

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to **hear from you**

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233

Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding

Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au

Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**