

**Thursday 18 August**

- ES1 Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
- Year 4 Reconciliation

**Friday 19 August**

- Diocesan Athletics—Eastern Rd Rooty Hill
- 9:15 am Mini Olympics
- Sausage Sizzle Lunch

**Saturday 20 August**

- 3pm Communion Rehearsal
- Reconciliation registration (after the 5pm Mass)

**Sunday 21 August**

- Reconciliation registration (after the 9am Mass)

**Week 6**

**Monday 22 August**

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

**Tuesday 23 August**

- Uniform Shop 8:30am-9:30am
- 11:30am Salaka African Beat incursion
- Netball Gala Day— Penrith

**Wednesday 24 August**

- Backyard League

**Thursday 25 August**

- 9:15am ES1 Parish Mass

**Friday 26 August**

- 9:15am Mass—Feast of St Monica—Whole School
- Father's Day Wrapping

**Saturday 27 August**

- 5pm Mass—First Holy Communion

**Sunday 28 August**

- 9am Mass—First Holy Communion

**Week 7**

**Monday 29 August**

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
- Voice of Youth Cluster Final

**Tuesday 30 August**

- Uniform Shop 8:30am-9:30am

**Wednesday 31 August**

- Fathers Day Stall
- 7pm POSMS Meeting

**Thursday 1 September**

- 9:15am Stage 3 Parish Mass



# Monica's Matters

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## Book Character Parade

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,  
Thank you to Mrs Boulous for organising the Book Parade today for Grandparents Day. Thank you to all the parents for the great effort in creating such wonderful costumes. Thank you also to the parents who set up for the Grandparents Morning Tea and the Stage One parents for providing the food. What a fabulous school community event.

*Louise O'Donnell*  
Principal



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Rodriguez family on the birth of their daughter Alyssa. A baby sister for Mark (Year 2).



## SYMPATHY

St Monica's extends its deepest sympathy to the Forsyth family (Simon, Year 2) on the passing of Mrs Forsyth's father. Please keep the Forsyth family in your prayers at this very sad time.

## POSMS Meeting—Multiplication and Division Strategies

Thank you to those parents who replied to the POSMS meeting invitation. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 August between 7pm-8pm in the Learning Space**. Due to numbers we will not be conducting workshops. Parents will be requested to choose either the Primary (Stages 2 & 3) or the Infants (K-2) groups.

## Friday 19th August - Mini Olympics and Sausage Sizzle Lunch

- **Mini Olympics commencing at 9:15am**

Students are to wear their sports uniform with a coloured shirt of their country of origin, family country of origin or Australian colours.



- **Sausage Sizzle Lunch**

The Social/Welcome Team will be holding a Sausage Sizzle lunch for all students, staff and Olympathon Volunteers **to purchase on Friday 19 August**. A note has been sent home and is also available on the website. All money to be brought on the day. Parent volunteers are asked to contact Tiff Cooper on 0409 205 721. *Social/Welcome Team*

## TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees have now been sent out by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Office. Unless you have an arrangement with the school, fees are due and payable by **Monday 22 August**. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school immediately so that a meeting can be arranged with the Principal.

### Fathers Day Wrapping

**Friday 26 August (Week 6)**

Commencing after 9:15am  
Mass.

All welcome to help.

### Fathers Day Stall

**Wednesday 31 August  
(Week 7)**

More details to follow

### Fathers Day Breakfast

**Friday 2 September (Week 7)**

All fathers, grandfathers and  
significant males are invited.

More details to follow.

## Notice of Intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's School

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





Daryll—3rd place  
Senior Shot Put



Joshua —4th place  
Senior Shot Put



Rachel 1st place  
Ainsley 2nd place 800m



Girls junior relay team  
Madeline, Chelsea, Ana-Maria  
and Emma  
4th place



Lachlan—11 years boys  
1st place 800m and  
**new record holder!!**



Ana Maria  
9 years girls  
100m—4th place



Leonardo—4th place  
U8 boys 100m



Zeke —4th place in  
both 100m and 200m

## 2016 Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who represented St Monica's at the Zone athletics carnival.

Well done to the following students who will participate in the Diocesan Athletics carnival -

Rachel, Ainsley, Lachlan, Joshua, Daryl -Stage 3  
The junior girls relay team - Madeline, Chelsea, Ana Maria, Emma.

Leonardo, Zeke, Ana Maria, Emma - Stage 2  
Special mention to Lachlan in Stage 3 who broke the zone record in the 11 years 800m.

Thank you to all the parents who supported our students on the day, and to Mrs Pospischil who was chief judge at the long jump pit all day. **Mrs Denelle Gardoni**

# Book Character Parade

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Book Character Parade today.

We are especially proud of our Year 6 students who showed great leadership in dressing up for their last Book Parade at St Monica's.

Winners from each stage / division are listed below. Well done everyone!!

<b>Pow Wow</b>	Little Miss Sunshine Little Red Riding Hood
<b>ES1 Doyle</b>	Ken Volker Engelen—R2D2 Nina Talty—Mutt Dog
<b>Year 1 McAuley</b>	Charlize Cooper—Dragon Andrew Clark—Red Crayon
<b>Year 2 Conway</b>	Sanoy Bhattachan—Koala in a Tree Yiannis Keranis—Diary of a Wimpy Kid
<b>S2A Augustine</b>	Jonah Assaf—Cookie Monster George Keranis—Ned Kelly
<b>S2B McKinnon</b>	Emma Halamkova—Mary Poppins Kael Sciacca—Captain Underpants
<b>S2C Callan</b>	Emma Sadek—Princess Leia Aidan Muttoo—Noddy
<b>S3A Moran</b>	Jack Talty—"Don't make me Choose" Zoe Bird—Dingo from Wombat Stew
<b>S3B Keogh</b>	Matilda-Rose Hall—Raggedy Anne Andy Haddad—Jolly Swagman
<b>Staff</b>	Miss Emily Clough—Little Mr Bump
<b>Best Recycled</b>	Maureen Haddad—Hairy McLary Zac Kassis—Dragon Erica Crame—Cookbook Miss O'Donnell—Lamington





## MERIT AWARDS



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

ES1:	Ken Volker Engelen, Ava Cong, Jose Martin Arenas Abarca
Year One:	Sara Younes, Sophie Phan
Year Two:	Yiannis Keranis, Elisha Gyimah, Ruby Graham
Stage 2:	Jayden Albayeh, Sophia Elias, Merna El Merhabi, Lachlan Dardagos, Ashley Roberts, Simeon Gyimah, Jordan Basha, Isabella Smith, Akwasi Boakye, Charles Sentas, Skye Meale
Stage 3:	Jack Talty, Lachlan Roberts, Chloe Pearson, Garbhan Sciacca

### Voice of Youth

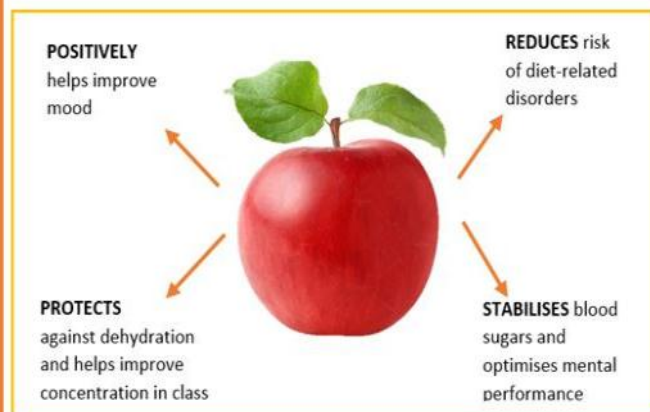
Voice of Youth is a public speaking competition where students have the opportunity to speak about their rights and views on issues that matter and are able to share them with their peers.

A Cluster Final will take place here at St Monica's on **Monday 29 August** at **9.30am** between St Bernadette's Dundas, St Mary's Rydalmere, Christ the King North Rocks and St Monica's. The final will be held in the Hall and parents are welcome.

***Please note that due to the nature of the event it is strongly encouraged that pre-schoolers and toddlers do not attend out of respect to the competitors.***



Eating well and drinking water at school can help maintain a healthy mind in class.



Here are a few suggestions for eating well and drinking water at school:

- Have vegetables and fruit as snacks
- Pack a water bottle
- Choose wholemeal varieties of breads, rice, noodles and crackers

Live Life Well @ School is a joint initiative between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education



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### NSW State Irish Dancing Championships

Congratulations to Emma and Rachel who participated in the State Irish Dancing Championships.

Emma came 4th -Girls 9 Years Championships and Rachel came 2nd - (10 Years Girls championships)

## Hack Day at Parramatta Marist

Ten students from Year 5 attended 'Hack Day' at Parramatta Marist on Tuesday 16 August. Students participated in a variety of activities including circuits, bridge building, making game controllers and F1 model cars helping them to understand about science and maths. All the students had a fantastic day and there was some great learning. *Miss Kellee Bagnall*



## Talent Quest



Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Talent Quest which was held on Thursday 11 August. They all performed wonderfully well and did both themselves and our school proud. *Miss Leona Sweeney*

More photos available on the school website.



## Building Child Safe Communities – New procedures reminder for volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community.

Parent helpers/volunteers are now requested to complete the **Volunteer Form and Online Training Module** as per instructions below.

As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

**Step 1: Complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form for each volunteer location.**

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

**Step 2: Complete the online training module – required every second year.**

[TRAINING MODULE](#)

These can be accessed by visiting the **Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage** <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

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Location: The Community Room

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## Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There will be three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:


**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**9.15am – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.


Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our three upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.



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## HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY



for parents/carers wanting to know more about child anxiety

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**Anoushka Houseman**  
Clinical Psychologist and Lead Counsellor -  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

**Monday, 22 August 2016**

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(Term 3 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to seminar)

**Nagle College: 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown South (College Library)**

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and  
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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