



## Week 7

### Wednesday 31 August

- 7pm POSMS Meeting in the Learning Space

### Thursday 1 September

- 9:15am Stage 3 Parish Mass

### Friday 2 September

- 8am Father's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Liturgy 9:00am in the Hall

### Sunday 4 September

- Father's Day

## Week 8

### Monday 5 September

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
- No Phone / Internet access at school—whole day

### Tuesday 6 September

- Stage 2 Excursion to Art Gallery
- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am

### Wednesday 7 September

- Stage 2 Parish Mass 9:15am
- Backyard League

### Thursday 8 September

- Stage 1 Parish Mass 9:15am
- Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

### Friday 9 September

- Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

### Saturday 10 September

- 5pm Mass—Commitment Mass (Reconciliation)

### Sunday 11 September

- 9am Mass—Commitment Mass (Reconciliation)

## Week 9

### Monday 12 September

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

### Tuesday 13 September

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am

### Wednesday 14 September

- Cake Stall (S3 organising)

### Thursday 15 September

- ES1 Parish Mass 9:15am

### Friday 16 September

- Pie & Sausage Roll day

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, a day when we honour our fathers and the male role models in our lives.

The idea of celebrating a Father's Day Festival originated with Ms Sonora Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane, USA. Her father, Henry Jackson Smart, single-handedly raised Sonara and five of her siblings after the death of her mother during childbirth. When Sonara attended a Mother's Day Sermon in 1909, she thought that if there was a day to honour mothers then there should also be one to honour fathers. Sonara worked relentlessly for years to ensure that Father's Day became a reality and in 1924 President Calvin Coolidge recognised the first Father's Day.

This Friday we will celebrate Father's Day here at St Monica's commencing with a BBQ breakfast at 8:00am followed by a liturgy in the hall at 9:00am and then an opportunity to spend time with your child/children in their learning space. We hope dads (or significant males) and parents are able to join us. Although it is termed Father's Day, it is appreciated that many other significant adults and mothers play the role of 'dad' in many children's lives. All parents and friends are most welcome.

To all our Dads, Happy Father's Day for this Sunday!

*What Makes a Dad*  
*God took the strength of a mountain,*  
*The majesty of a tree*  
*The warmth of a summer sun,*  
*The calm of a quiet sea,*  
*The generous soul of nature,*  
*The comforting arm of night,*  
*The wisdom of ages,*  
*The power of the eagle's flight,*  
*The joy of a morning in spring,*  
*The faith of a mustard seed,*  
*The patience of eternity,*  
*The depth of a family need,*  
*Then God combined these qualities,*  
*When there was nothing more to add,*  
*He knew his masterpiece was complete,*  
*And so, He called it....Dad.*

## Congratulations to our First Communicants

Last Saturday and Sunday were very exciting days for our school community. *Jonah Assaf, Jordan Basha, Trinity Bird, Zoe Bird, Jericho Crame, Jessica Crowle, Jessica Dib, Kayla Grzelak, Emma Halamkova, Hayden Herder-Beke, Laetitia Hossack, Raymond Khadi, Gene Kneipp, Ezekiel Logo, Hunter Malatag, Zac Michael, Massimo Milutinovic, Rafael Noonan, Joshua North, Kael Sciacca, Isabella Smith, and Jayden Wilson* took the next step on their journey towards full Christian initiation when they received the Sacrament of Eucharist. It was a beautiful First Communion. Congratulations to their families, Father Fernando, the Sacramental Co-ordinator, Jenny Coorey and our Religious Education Co-ordinator, Michelle Rosewell.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### **Lachlan Roberts**

Congratulations to Lachlan Roberts who came first in his 800m event at the Diocesan Athletics carnival last Friday. Lachlan will now progress to the MacKillop Championships which will be held on Monday 19 September at Homebush. Good luck Lachlan!

### **Lachlan Dardagos**

Congratulations to Lachlan Dardagos (Stage 2) and his team, the Winston Hills Hawks u9s (Parramatta District Convents Rugby League Association) who made it to the Grand Final. Unfortunately the team lost 22-18 but we congratulate Lachlan and his team for making it to the Grand Final. Well done!

### **Olympathon**

Thank you to all the families that have sent in their Olympathon sponsorship money. With money received so far, a total of **\$2728:45** has been raised. This is an amazing achievement! We will be holding special raffles over the following two Fridays (2 September and 9 September) for all students who have returned their sponsorship money/forms.

### **POSMS Meeting—Multiplication and Division Strategies**

Thank you to those parents who replied to the POSMS meeting invitation. The meeting will be held tonight **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) group.

### **Voice of Youth**

Last Monday St Monica's school played host to the Cluster Final of the Voice of Youth speaking competition. The Voice of Youth contest is a showcase of the finest public speakers our Year 6 have to offer. Free speech is a very powerful gift that we give to our children and the caliber of the speeches on Monday reflected how well equipped our graduates are to use their speech to reflect upon their world.

Four schools were represented at the Cluster Final; *St Bernadette's, Dundas, Christ the King, North Rocks, St Mary's, Rydalmere and St Monica's, North Parramatta*. We were well represented by our three finalists—**Andy Haddad, Brandon Lukic and Jack Talty**. Our students performed confidently and presented very diverse topics in a clear and engaging performance. We were all extremely proud of these students.

Jackson Basha and Natasha Muttoo were the MCs for the final and were very confident in their roles. The adjudicators were very impressed with the manner in which they led the event and interviewed candidates. One experienced adjudicator said that she was impressed with their level of maturity, their questions and their composure throughout the entire event.

### **Children's Work Books Coming Home**

This week the children will be bringing home their books in the Key Learning Area of Maths.

Please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the work responses your child has completed. We encourage parents to give their child feedback on their work. A written comment means a lot to your child as they share these with their peers and teachers.

### **Mrs Turner**

Mrs Turner will commence Maternity Leave in Term 4. Her last day at St Monica's for 12 months will be on Friday 23 September. Replacing Mrs Turner in Early Stage One will be Ms Melinda Callaghan, who joined the staff this term to replace Mrs Paley during her period of Long Service Leave.

We wish Mrs Turner all the best as she awaits the birth of her first born children and look forward to hearing her wonderful news in early November.

## Naplan Results

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will have received their child's NAPLAN results. Parents of students in Year 5 are advised **TO KEEP THE REPORT** as you will need this for your child's Year 7 High School application.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## Procedural Fairness

Procedural fairness is a basic right of all when dealing with authorities. Procedural fairness refers to what is sometimes described as the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision'. It forms the basis of our Student Management Policy. All teachers follow the principles of the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision' when classroom and playground issues are brought to their attention.

The 'hearing rule' includes the right of the person against whom an allegation has been made to:

- Know the allegation related to a specific matter and any other information which will be taken into account in considering the matter.
- Know the process by which the process will be considered.
- Respond to the allegations.
- Know how to seek a review of the decision made in response to the allegations.

Our practices and procedures contribute to creating an environment where each person feels valued, respected and develops a sense of self-worth and achievement. These include positive strategies to ensure that all forms of discrimination, harassment, bullying or racism are deemed unacceptable because such attitudes do not support our belief in the dignity of each person. We work in partnership with parents to ensure all matters are dealt with fairly and in a timely manner. A copy of our Complaints Handling Policy is on the website.

## Haircuts

**Parents, I would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children get haircuts that are in line with our published Uniform Policy.** (Girl & Boy Haircut Guidelines Page 14 of the Parent Handbook)

We are constantly promoting the image of St Monica's to the broader community. We have a wonderful reputation out there and we want to enhance it even further.

We feel it is important at a young age to develop pride in appearance and the concept of appropriateness of dress and appearance.

### Hairstyles

Hair is to be clean and neatly cut. The following guidelines for students apply:

#### Girls

- Shoulder length or longer hair **must be tied back**.
- Ribbons or scrunchies in **school colours only** must be worn. Hair accessories are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.
- Decorative headbands are **not permitted**.

#### Boys

- Neat and simple haircuts.
- No undercuts, shaved heads, number ones, rat tails or pony tails.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



## NO PHONES / INTERNET ACCESS—MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

On Monday 5 September, St Monica's Primary School will have no internet access, local network including wireless, file and print and VOIP phones from 9am—3pm due to an upgrade of our system. In an **absolute emergency** on this day please call 0488 280 883.



### Term 3 School fees—now overdue

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. Unless you have an arrangement with the school, fees were due on Monday 22 August. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school immediately so that a meeting can be arranged with the Principal.

### Sympathy

St Monica's community extends its deepest sympathy to the Thomas family (Mary (ES1) and Tony (Year 1) on the recent passing of their grandfather (Mr Thomas' father). Please keep the Thomas family in your prayers at this sad time.

### Prayers

Prayers are requested for members of our school community who are unwell at the moment. There are a few families that especially need our prayers at this time.



### Thank You—Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to the following parents helpers who assisted at the Sausage Sizzle held on Friday 19 August: Genevieve Smith, Christelle Dardagos, Gulshan Mutttoo, Bernadette Haddad, Trish Forsyth, Rebecca Barber, Scott Barber, Mel Puyat, Manjinder Kahlon, Sushila Sherchan and Tiff Cooper. We made a profit of \$397.94.

### Fathers Day Celebrations on Friday 2 September 2016

**8:00 am Father's Day Breakfast** All fathers, grandfathers and significant males are invited to attend.  
**9:00 am Father's Day Liturgy** will be held in the hall at 9:00am.

### Student Representative Council (SRC) - Semester 2

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as SRC members for the remainder of the year. *Badges will be presented at the morning assembly on Monday 5 September (Week 8)*



<b>ES1</b>	<b><i>Helen Elias and Jose Martin Arenas Abarca</i></b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b><i>Michael Maffina</i></b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b><i>Ruby Knight</i></b>
<b>Stage 2</b>	<b><i>Laura Emphield and Trinity Bird</i></b>
<b>Stage 3</b>	<b><i>Ainsley Mitchell and Natasha Mutttoo</i></b>

## 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.



*Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate birthdays in September.*



Helen Elias	Olivia Hekeik	Lydia Clancy	Maurice Haddad
Marley Puyat	Ashleigh North	Sanoy Bhattachan	Manraj Kahlon
Jack Talty	Neave Sciacca	Lukas Lozancic Babic	<b>Happy Birthday!</b>

## ***Cake Stall***

On Wednesday 14 September (Week 9) Year 6 students will be running a Cake Stall at school. Students from all Stages will be able to purchase food baked by the Year 6 students. A flyer with more details will be sent home with students next week. Thank you. Year 6 Fundraising Team



## **ES1 Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm!**

Thank you to all the parents who attended Kindergarten's first excursion.  
We had a great day of learning about all of the animals on the farm.



## **MindQuest 2016**

**Glenwood HS, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave, Glenwood 2768**  
**Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2016 9:30am—3:30pm**

The 81st MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program.

They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics and much more.

The cost of the weekend is \$190 (including GST).

Contact—Mrs Mason. Closing Date is Friday 14 October 2016.

## Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who attended the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held at Rooty Hill on Friday 26 August:

**Emma Halamkova, Chelsea Lewis, Ana Maria Costea, Ezekiel Logo, Leonardo Macorig, Laura Emphield, Lachlan Roberts, Alanah Khadi, Ainsley Mitchell, Brendan Pospischil, Darryl Hilario and Rachel French.**

## Netball Gala Day



Students from Stages 2 and 3 attended the Netball Gala Day which was held on Tuesday 22 August at Jamison Park, Penrith.

Thank you to Mrs Callaghan for supervising on the day and to Mr Tyszkiewicz, Mrs Crowle and Mrs Lewis for training the teams.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge! Well done!

K-2 Challenge Level	3-4 Challenge Level	5-6 Challenge Level
Helen Elias	Liam Sciacca	Jessica Chapman
Oskar Grzelak	Jayden Albayeh	Rachel French
Onur James Unver	Sophia Elias	Maurice Haddad
Andrew Clark	Aidan Muttoo	Garbhan Sciacca
Noah Day	Neave Sciacca	Mateo Soriano
Aaliyah Assaf	Jonah Assaf	Pinar Helena Unver
Ruby Graham	Ryan Clark	Joshua Albayeh
Maureen Haddad	Jessica Crowle	Patrick Crowle
Sophie Stoker	Kayla Grzelak	Andy Haddad
	Emma Halamkova	Brandon Lukic
	Manraj Kahlon	Natasha Muttoo
	Kael Sciacca	
	Jessica Stoker	

## Salaka African Beat incursion



## Child Protection Requirements

*All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the following Child Protection requirements prior to assisting in the classroom or on excursions ('Building Child Safe Communities—Undertaking for Volunteers')*

- **Volunteer Form**
- **Online Training Module (every two years)**

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' (Links are also available on the homepage of our school website [www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au))

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

***We thank all volunteers for their continued support.***

## Technology at School

Dear Parents,

We are starting to notice that some students are not always appropriately using technology at school, which is disappointing.

At the beginning of the year every student (and their parent) signed a Letter of Agreement form, which states that students have read and understood the rules and responsibilities of the schools Acceptable Use Policy. (If you need to see a copy of The Acceptable Use Policy again, you can find it on our school website, under *Policies and Procedures*).

Every time students log on to a device at school they have to agree to the "Acceptable User Policy" terms again.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Agreement". Below the title, it says "Please read the Policy Terms below and click 'I Accept' to proceed." The form features the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta logo, which is a blue flame-like icon. Below the logo, the text reads "Acceptable Use Notice for Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta". It then states: "Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media Guidelines" apply to all students, staff, volunteers and contractors in their use of ICT, social media and other digital tools. It asks users to ensure they read and comply with guidelines available at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central> under the Technology tab. A note at the bottom states: "Note: While CEDP respects your right to privacy, your use of ICT on CEDP networks and devices is subject to supervision and monitoring to ensure responsible use." At the bottom left of the form is a blue button that says "I Accept".

At school Stage 2 and Stage 3 students use their school email addresses for schoolwork only. They share and send work within their classes, as well as teachers sending them resources and work, including their homework. This email address is **not to be used for personal use outside of school**, only school related learning.

Any students who are not using technology appropriately during learning time, will be excluded from using technology for a time determined by the Principal and parents will be contacted.

Please discuss this again with your child.

Miss Kellee Bagnall  
ICT / Stage 3 teacher





## 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.

## OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for Life at our Open Morning Tour on September 5, 2016. Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team and get a sense of the rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



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**Monday**  
**September 5, 2016**

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