

Week 2

Monday 17 October

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
- Anti Poverty Week Liturgy

Tuesday 18 October

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am
- 9:30am Stage 3 Entry Event Incursion

Wednesday 19 October

- Youth Echo Summit—
Olympic Park
- Social/Welcome Team Mtg

Thursday 20 October

- Stage 1 Excursion

Friday 21 October

- Stage 2 Incursion

Monday 24 October

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 25 October

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am
- PBS4L Launch

Friday 28 October

- National Bandanna Day

School timetable

8:20am	Morning supervision
8:50am	Morning bell
10:40am—11:10am	Recess
12:50pm-1:30pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Dismissal
3pm—3:30pm	Afternoon supervision

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Erin Turner and her husband Brad on the safe arrival of their beautiful twin daughters Heidi and Bronte. Mum, Dad and babies are all well!



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

A warm welcome back to all children and staff after the holidays. I hope that all families had the opportunity to 're-charge their batteries' and return to St Monica's ready for a learning-filled Term 4. This term promises to be very busy with many events involving the community.

Tuesday	18 Oct	Stage 3 Incursion
Thursday	20 Oct	Stage 1 Excursion
Friday	21 Oct	Stage 2 Incursion
Tuesday	25 Oct	PBS4L Launch
Wednesday	26 Oct	Queensland Principal Visit
Friday	28 Oct	National Bandanna Day (Cancer)
Wednesday	2 Nov	POSMS Meeting 7pm
Friday	4 & 11 Nov	Just Like You- Cerebral Palsy Workshops
Wednesday	16 Nov	7pm Kindergarten 2017 Parent Meeting
Friday	18 Nov	First Reconciliation
Tuesday	29 Nov	Kindergarten 2017 Transition
Wednesday	7 Dec	Christmas Celebration
Thursday	8 Dec	School Choir Performance/Reports go home
Tuesday	13 Dec	7:45-8:45am Stage 2/Stage 3 PBL Project Launches
Tuesday	13 Dec	9am Awards Assembly/Thank you Morning Tea
Wednesday	14 Dec	Year 6 Fun Day
Thursday	15 Dec	Scrub Day/Tennis Stroke Production/Graduation & End of Year Mass
Friday	16 Dec	Term 4 concludes

On Monday, at the Staff Development Day, our focus was on our mathematics goal. It was a very productive day where staff focused on their teaching practice, examined work samples and also had a closer look at our numeracy NAPLAN results. Thank you to all the staff who contributed to the success of the day.

Today we welcomed Senior Constable Dusan Dakic, School Liaison Police, to talk to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students about cybersafety.

Some of the important points that Constable Dakic stressed with our students included:

- **Passwords**—'Yours and yours alone', ensure it is a strong password. Parents should know their children's passwords and usernames.
- Parents must be aware of their child's online activity, especially if they are using sites where they are underage;
- The importance of only being 'friends' and **communicating with people that they actually know**.
- Telling an adult if cyberbullying is happening to them or someone that they know.
- Think before you post.

If you would like to discuss this further please organise an appointment with Miss Bagnall.

During the holidays a number of projects were completed in the school. The air conditioners were all serviced, the carpets were cleaned and Mr Dennis started improvements in the garden near the hall.

A major painting project will commence at the school during this term. Parents may have noticed that we have a number of damaged walls and a lot of the paint is now peeling. The project will involve sanding and scraping all loose and peeling paint and filling in a number of cracks. Then all the walls will be refreshed with blue Dulux Weathershield Paint.

Parents are always invited to be active members of the school community and I invite you to 'keep up to date' with all events and participate in the life of the school.

Have a wonderful Term 4!

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell, Principal

Uniform Shop

Mrs June Madigan has indicated that she will retire at the end of this year. I have spoken to Oz Fashion, our uniform supplier, and we have decided that from Thursday 1 December 2016 **the school uniform will cease to be sold at the school**. Parents will be required to purchase the uniform directly from our supplier's warehouse. The warehouse is open 6 days a week, including school holidays, and stock is always on the shelf. Oz Fashion also sell school shoes and joggers.

Important
Message

The **last day of operation for the Uniform Shop** will be **Tuesday 22 November** (Week 7) so that Mrs Madigan can complete the stocktake.

Oz Fashion is located at:

115-127 Parramatta Road Granville.

Opening Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Parking is available on site.

Uniform Shop—date change for next week

Parents are advised that for **next week only** (Week 2) the uniform shop will be open on **Wednesday 19 October between 8:30am—9:30am**. The Uniform Shop **will not** be open on **Tuesday 18 October**.

Kiss and Drop

The Kiss and Drop section of the car park is designed to provide a safe and convenient area to drop your children off at school in the morning. Parents are asked not to 'Kiss and Drop' your children in any other area of the car park as this poses a significant risk to your child's safety. At peak times, the car park does become congested and everyone's patience is appreciated.

Please have your child **ready with their bag to exit the car on the driver's side** in the 'Kiss and Drop' area.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is not only a requirement under the Education act 1990, it is also essential for your child's academic and social growth. We understand that there are times when illness prevents your child from attending school. However, the number of children being absent from school for reasons other than sickness is concerning. If your child misses just five days each term, over the life time of their schooling, they will have missed more than one whole year and one term of schooling! I am more than happy to work with parents if you need support in improving your child's attendance.

Full Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who attended school **every day in Term 3!**

ES1: Wyatt Heesen

Year 1: Dominic Scurtu

Year 2: Tina Kiaiefar, Charbel Sadek, Madeline Smith

Stage 2: Zachariah Kassiss, Sakina Kunambi, Emma Sadek, Dacien Scurtu

Stage 3: Andy Haddad, Hunter Malatag, Brendan Pospischil, Isabella Smith



Lockdown Practice

We are required to have Evacuation and Lockdown practices throughout the year. Next week we will have a lockdown practice during lunch time while the children are playing. Hopefully we will never need to have a real lockdown at the school but I know that parents will appreciate that we will continue to practice on a regular basis.

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 and staff who celebrate birthdays in October.

Myles Gaddi	Christian Dib	Jayden Albayeh	Mohan Govender
Emma Halamkova	Lola Sloane	Simon Forsyth	Alexa Romero
Jordan Basha	Charlotte Newey	Nina Talty	Menuk Gunawardena
Ruby Graham	Manuela Salib	Staff: Mrs Paley, Mrs Farrelly and Mrs Gardoni	

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.



Pow Wow

Pow Wow is held on Monday mornings in the Community Room (COSH) between 9am-10:30am during school terms. Please bring morning tea for your child/children. An informal get together for mums and pre-schoolers / toddlers. Craft/books/activities. Lots of fun. All welcome. Contact the school office for more information



Ice Blocks

A reminder that ice blocks are on sale at lunchtimes during Term 4—**50c each**.

Congratulations to ...

Lachlan Roberts (Stage 3) who participated in the MacKillop Track and Field Carnival held on Monday 19 September at Homebush. Lachlan placed 5th in the 800 metres race. Well done Lachlan!



Manraj (Stage 2) who has been selected in the Northern District Cricket Association's Under 10 Foster Shield side for the coming representative season. He will be playing competitive matches against other districts from 23rd October. Well done Manraj!



Tennis Lessons

Mr Davidson advises that there are some spaces available for tennis lessons during Term 4. If your child is in Year 1-6 and is interested in tennis lessons at school, please complete the permission slip below and return to school by tomorrow (Thursday 13 October). Lessons are **\$40 per child per term**. Thank you.

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TENNIS LESSONS—TERM 4

(Please return to the School Office by **Thursday 13 October 2016**)

I _____ give permission for my child to commence tennis lessons in Term 4, 2016

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature: _____ **Parent Contact Number:** _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: ☐ Year 1 ☐ Year 2 ☐ Year 3 ☐ Year 4 ☐ Year 5 ☐ Year 6

Term 4 Summer Uniform Please ensure that every article of your child's uniform is labelled to avoid lost property. The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings between 8:30am and 9:30am. Uniform Shop last day Tuesday 22 November 2016 (Week 7)	GIRLS	BOYS
	Summer Polo Short-sleeved shirt Culottes Navy socks Black school shoes	Summer Polo Short-sleeved shirt Navy blue shorts Navy socks Black school shoes
	Sport Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket White socks Joggers (predominantly white)	Sport Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit pants/School Jacket White socks Joggers (predominantly white)
The School Jacket with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day		

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)

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There are two Open Mornings remaining specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 17th November 2016 9.15 – 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 two 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.

Stage 1 Incursions (Term 3)

As part of Stage 1's HSIE unit we have had three incursions to help us understand different members of the community and the different roles they play, both past and present. We have been visited by NSW Police, Fire & Rescue NSW and Ambulance Service NSW.



Staff Development Days Term 4, 2016

Monday 19 December (Week 11)
Tuesday 20 December (Week 11)

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