

Week 3

Friday 28 October

- National Bandanna Day
- Church cleaning
- World Teacher's Day

Week 4

Monday 31 October

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 1 November

- All Saints Day— Stage 2&3
- attending Parish Mass 9:15am
- Uniform Shop open 8:30am-9:30am
- 1:30pm Stage 3 incursion—hall

Wednesday 2 November

- All Souls Day—Stage 1
- attending Parish Mass 9:15am
- 7pm POSMS Meeting

Friday 4 November

- Just Like You—Cerebral Palsy Workshop Years 1-6

Week 5

Monday 7 November

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 8 November

- Uniform shop open 8:30am-9:30am

Thursday 10 November

- 9am Way of Mercy Liturgy
- Parramatta Marist Transition Day 9am-1pm

Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Day
- Just Like You—Cerebral Palsy Workshop Years 1-6

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



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Best wishes to all our staff as we celebrate Word Teacher's Day this Friday, 28 October. Despite all that technology can offer, the personal relationship between the teacher and student is vital to learning. I would like to encourage you to discuss with your child how they might be able to say thanks to their teacher/s for example, a kind word, a drawing, a short poem or a story would add to every teacher's day this Friday.

On Friday, have a thought for those teachers who taught you and perhaps influenced you in a way which they themselves never knew. This will be a real blessing for them. P.S. As a popular bumper sticker says- 'If you can read this-thank a teacher.'

Thank you to all the staff for all that you do to ensure the learning for the children in your care. Happy Teacher's Day!

Next week we will be celebrating two important feast days in the Church's liturgical calendar: Tuesday 1st November, **All Saints Day** and on Wednesday 2nd November, **All Souls Day**. On All Souls Day we remember all our loved ones who have died. I am very conscious that a number of our families have lost parents and grandparents and other family members this year.

Well respected journalist, Caroline Jones, wrote a memoir entitled "Through a Glass Darkly: A Journey of Love and Grief with my Father" and she speaks of grief in this way: "Grief changes you. People talk about closure and getting back to normal, and I don't think either of those are helpful concepts because grief changes you into a different person. You are carrying something with you: the unaccountable absence of someone who has been with you all your life. How can you not be different?"

In accepting the inevitable grief that every human being experiences at some time during their lives we are consoled by our faith and the belief that one day we will be reunited with those gone before us.

On All Souls Day we will pray for those families who have experienced grief this year and for the souls of their loved ones. Stage 2 and 3 will attend the 9:15am Parish Mass on Tuesday 1st November for All Saints Day and Stage 1 will attend the Parish Mass on Wednesday 2nd November.

*Merciful Father,
hear our prayer and console us
as we renew our faith in Your Son
whom you raised from the dead.
Strengthen our hope that all our departed
brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner



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.

Starting Dates for Term 1, 2017

Friday 27 January	(Staff Development Day) Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI)
Monday 30 January	(Staff Development Day) MAI
Tuesday 31 January	Year 1- Year 6 commence
Wednesday 1 st February	Kindergarten appointments for assessments
Thursday 2 nd February	Kindergarten commence (full day) / Parent Morning Tea (Teas & Tissues)
Friday 3 rd February	Swimming Carnival Granville Pool

Bookings for MAIs will open later in the year and parents will be given instructions for bookings.

POSMs Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 7:00pm – 8:00pm Learning Space

Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Dusan Dakic

Agenda: Keeping children safe online. Tips for Parents, Positive Behaviour for Learning – Rewards & Consequences and NAPLAN results

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.



Sympathy

St Monica's community extends its deepest sympathy to the **Boujandy family** (Ann-Marie Stage 3) on the recent passing of her grandmother (Mr Boujandy's mother) and to the **Lukic family** (Brandon—Stage 3) on the passing of his uncle (Mrs Lukic's brother).

Please keep the Boujandy and Lukic families in your prayers at this sad time.

Lockdown Practice

A lockdown practice was held on Wednesday 19 October during recess time. Everything went well.

2017 Australia Day Nominations

Nominations for the 2017 Australia Day Awards are now open. These Awards recognise outstanding service to the City of Parramatta community and reflect the importance and significance of Australia Day. These Awards are also a great way of recognising our unsung community's heroes.

If you would like to nominate someone and recognise their contribution to the community, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Alternatively you may contact M'Leigh Brunetta, Event Coordinator, Parramatta City Council, directly on 9806 5412. **Nominations close on 20 December 2016.**

Scholastic Super Sale - 50-80% off RRP - Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November 10am-5:30pm

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. Free parking in Car Park 3. Thousands of children's books and learning resources to choose from. **Mrs Sharon Boulous, Teacher/Librarian**

CAPTIVATE Showcase 2016 Videos on Sale

Access to download and/or stream online the videos of ALL 7 Showcase 2016 performances is available to purchase now. You can go straight to the booking site at <https://www.trybooking.com/MWPJ> or see some preview videos and get other information on the CEO website. **Video access costs \$10** and lets you view and download any (or all) of the Showcase videos. Please be aware that the videos are being sold for private use only. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkewtc7y7Gnfbsh0304TKD7n3G7pNSYp>

PBS4L Launch

On Tuesday 25 October, our school launched a new behaviour expectation approach using the model of **Positive Behaviour Support For Learning (PBS4L)**. If you haven't already guessed, our school mascot for PBS4L is the Bee.



Over the past two years, the staff at St Monica's have been putting together refreshed expectations, rewards and behaviour consequences, and on Tuesday, it was launched to our school community. Our school expectations are based around 3 key rules:

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

The day began with all students, staff and parents watching a launch video which introduced everyone to the new rules and expectations. Students then moved off to their homerooms where the new rewards systems were explained and everyone took part in cooperative learning activities. The aim of this new approach is to focus on positive behaviour. The feedback we received from students and parents throughout the morning was encouraging, and it was fantastic to see all students displaying key expectations from our matrix throughout the day.

Our focus for the week is for students to be walking under the undercroft area. All teachers and the SRC Leaders will be keeping their eye out, and the winning class will receive the Famous Bee-Baviour Trophy for the week.

More details about PBS4L will be discussed at this terms POSMs meeting. We hope to see you there!

Michelle Rosewell, on behalf of the PBS4L Team



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



Emma Sadek	Massimo Milutinovic	Alexander Azar	Amarachi Ezema
Gabriel Bucur	Gene Kneipp	Olivia Rouchotas	Elan Rouchotas
Yiannis Keranis	Zoe Bird	Summer Ierfino	Neelesh Govender
Chloe Pearson	Dominic Scurtu	Jericho Crame	Laeticia Hossack
Olivia Nguyen	Victoria Kassis	Rhiannon Cooper	Evan Michael
Ryan Clark	Manson Lu	Isabella Flora Smith	Staff: Miss Bagnall

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1: Olivia Rouchotas, Elan Rouchotas, Olivia Hekeik, Eva Sentas
 Year One: Kristian Romic, Noah Day, Abbi Meale, Ashton Dardagos
 Year Two: Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Madeline Smith, Simon Forsyth, Amarachi Ezema, Philip Andrei Hilario, Mark Rodriguez
 Stage 2: Manraj Kahlon, Samira Hekeik, Lachlan Dardagos, Massimo Milutinovic, Summer Ierfino, Ashley Roberts, Ryan Clark, Jessica Dib, Jordan Basha, Galia Evangelista, Raymond Khadi, Aadit Grover, Dacian Scurtu
 Stage 3: Kurt Hilario, Victoria Kassis, Sandra Chirchir, Marley Puyat, Brooke Emphield

Term 4—Sport Days

ES1 Friday
Year 1 Wednesday
Year 2 Wednesday
Stage 2 Thursday
Stage 3 Wednesday

COSHC

Parents are advised that St Monica's COSHC will **close** for the end of the school year on **Friday 16 December**.

Vacation Care for 2017 will operate from **9 –25 January 2017**

National Bandanna Day Friday 28 October

Bandannas will be available for purchase for all parents and students at the school entrance gates on Friday. **\$4 each**.

All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council.

Laptop computer damaged

Yesterday the teachers and I had to investigate the deliberate removal of 12 keys on one of our laptop computers. I am sure that you would agree that it was essential that we tried to find the student who had removed them so that we could follow-up.

It is important that all students understand the respect that they need to have for the school property that they have the privilege of using. Every student signs an Acceptable Use of Information Technology policy agreeing to respect and look after the computers in their Learning Space.

Please note the black marks on the picture at right where the keys have been removed. This has resulted in the computer being removed from circulation.

I strongly advise all parents to talk to their children about the correct use of technology at school.



Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Youth Eco Summit

We were all ready for our exciting day ahead of us. Our group of 15 settled on the bus and we were soon on our way to Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

When we arrived we had our fruit and water break, eager to find out what we had in store. The first stall we went to was about environmental projects. They showed us a presentation about recycling and what we could do at school.

Next we went to a stall about creating electricity. We had 5 tasks—they were Lemon Electricity, Solar Power, Cycle to create light, Wind power, and Magnetic Electricity. We enjoyed every second of it. Since we had no more sessions left we had no more sessions left we decided to go and check out the other stalls.



The next stall we went to was photo voice. There we had to take a picture of nature or litter and write a caption for it. We got into partners and started taking pictures. Once we finished, we went on an app and came up with a caption to go with the picture. After that we went to a stall about worm farms and composting. We got to hold worms, make worm farms and learnt about how to look after them.

Next we found an interesting stall all about electrical cars and motor cars. We were quizzed about and got a key ring. Then we found a silent disco and had the time of our lives. We dressed up and wore head phones to enjoy the sound. The sound was produced by a person hand cycling with a machine.



We walked to the other side of Sydney Olympic Park and found a mud stall. The instructor told us about mud sculptures from all around the world and what he had accomplished. Then the real fun began as we took our shoes off and jumped in the mud. Mrs Gardoni was horrified!! Mrs Pospichil was in her element!! After jumping and squelching our feet in the mud we got out. We were very, very muddy!!! We cleaned ourselves off as best we could and ate our lunch near the cows.

After that we went to a stall where we learned how to grind oats and wheat, and made pies out of pastry. Our last stop was at a stall about energy.

We participated in an experiment where we had to see how much energy we could produce while riding a bike.

The day had ended and it was time to go back to school and re-join our class. Thank you to Mrs Gardoni and Mrs Pospichil who accompanied us, and to Mr Unver for transporting us to and from the venue in the mini bus. We enjoyed the day very much and now hold a wonderful memory!!



*by Vinayak Sharma, Zeke Logo, Laeticia Hossack and Trinity Bird
(Stage 2 Students)*

Day/Date	Workshop Name*	Year*	Start time*	End time*
Friday 4/11/2016	Stage 3 Workshop A	5	9:00 AM	9:45 AM
	Stage 3 Workshop A	6	9:50 AM	10:35 AM
	Stage 1 Workshop A	2	11:15 AM	11:50 AM
	Stage 1 Workshop A	1	11:55 AM	12:40 PM
	Stage 2 Workshop A	3	1:35 PM	2:15 PM
	Stage 2 Workshop A	4	2:20 PM	3:00 PM
Friday 11/11/2016	Stage 3 Workshop B	5	9:00 AM	9:45 AM
	Stage 3 Workshop B	6	9:50 AM	10:35 AM
	Stage 1 Workshop B	2	11:15 AM	11:50 AM
	Stage 1 Workshop B	1	11:55 AM	12:40 PM
	Stage 2 Workshop B	3	1:35 PM	2:15 PM
	Stage 2 Workshop B	4	2:20 PM	3:00 PM

Just Like You

Cerebral Palsy Workshops for Years 1-6 Friday 4 and 11 November 2016

Just Like You is a disability awareness program educating children to understand that people with disabilities are the same as everyone else—they are **Just Like You!**

Just Like You workshops are lively, interactive and compelling, where students are engaged to reflect on their own roles and actions as a citizen in their school and community.

Please see the timetable for details.

December: Social Justice Month

'Be the change you wish to see in the world' Gandhi

Social Justice exists when all people share a common goal of humanity and therefore have the right to equal treatment and support of basic human rights by promoting a just society.

During the month of December, as a school we will be raising awareness for Social Justice Issues. This will include prayer, writing responses, actions and activities where we can raise money and collect donations for people in our world who are treated unjustly.

A group of boys in Year 6 have come together to form a Social Justice Team, and are working on projects to implement throughout the month of December.

The first project is called Mission Tree. The team have created Christmas tags, each with a different gender and age on them. Each family will have the opportunity to select a tag from the Mission Tree and prepare a Christmas gift for this child. You will wrap and return your gift and place it, with the Christmas tag, under the Mission Tree. These gifts will be donated to the refugees at Arrupe Place.

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'
Helen Keller

Thank you to everyone in our St Monica's community for your ongoing support and generosity.

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle Rosewell
Religious Education Coordinator



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.

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.

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.



Church Cleaning Dates

Each year the school is included on the Church Cleaning roster
(***Friday afternoons***)

Anyone who is able to assist is asked to meet at the Church at 2pm.
Cleaning is finished in time for school dismissal/pickup.



The roster for December 2016—November 2017 is now available for you to mark dates in your diary.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated

***2 December 2016
16 December 2016
3 March 2017
24 March 2017
19 May 2017
23 June 2017
28 July 2017
1st September 2017
22 September 2017
3 November 2017***

High School Transition Days for 2017 (Year 7)

Parramatta Marist High Westmead

Thursday 10 November 2016 between 9am—1pm

Students are to: Wear their current school sport uniform and joggers

Bring a pen, pencil, eraser and morning tea.

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Friday 18 November 2016 between 8:30am—2:00pm

Students to be picked up at bus bay at 2:00pm.



Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta

Thursday 24 November 2016 between 9:00am-2:00pm

Students to wear current primary school uniform. Morning tea provided by College.

Students to bring their own lunch.



Oakhill Orientation Day -

Friday 25 November 2016 between 8:45am-12:30pm



All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead (formerly known as Catherine McAuley Girls High) are invited to return to school to celebrate our 50th anniversary.



Golden Jubilee Mass to commence at 12 noon, Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen
OFM Conv DD, Bishop of Parramatta

Following Mass enjoy a 'trip down memory lane' with memorabilia, displays, hospitality and performances.

Further information please contact School Reception: 9849 9100 or mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley Westmead
2 Darcy Road, Westmead
www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Staff Development Days

Term 4, 2016

Monday 19 December
(Week 11)

Tuesday 20 December
(Week 11)

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Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

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