



## Week 7

### Thursday 24 November

- OLMC Transition Day—9am-2pm
- Stage 3 Excursion—Science Centre Wollongong

### Friday 25 November

- Oakhill Transition Day—8:45am-12:30pm
- Stage 2 Canberra Excursion

## Week 8

### Monday 28 November

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

### Tuesday 29 November

- 2017 ES1 transition day—9am-10:30am

### Thursday 1 December

- 9am— Social Justice liturgy

### Friday 2 December

- Sushi Theme Lunch

## Week 9

### Monday 5 December

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

### Tuesday 6 December

- Transition Day for 2017 new students Years 1-6 9:30am-2:30pm

### Wednesday 7 December

- Christmas Celebration 7pm for 7:15pm—undercroft

### Thursday 8 December

- 9am School Choir /Aria Music
- 11:30am Farewell Mass
- End of Year reports go home
- MAI online bookings open

### Friday 9 December

- Permission notes due for 2017 swimming carnival

## 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

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

**First Reconciliation** Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance on Friday 18 November. May forgiveness, compassion and understanding guide your interactions with others. May Jesus the healer and comforter always be in your hearts. Congratulations: *Jayden Albayeh, Alexander Azar, Jake Chapman, Matilda Cooper, Madeleine David, Sophia Elias, Tia El-Kazzi, Galia Evangelista, Laura Emphield, Neelesh Govender, Samira Hekeik, Jacob Kandalaft, Zachariah Kassis, Leonardo Macorig, Jesse Maffina, Skye Meale, Aidan Muttoo, Joshua North, Maria Nour, Emma O'Rourke, Aidan Pospischil, Ashley Roberts, Emma Sadek, Alexandra Santos, Neave Sciacca and Poppy Sloane.*

## Feast of Christ the King- our Church year ends and a new one begins.

With the Feast of Christ the King last Sunday, and this weekend the First Sunday of Advent, we move into a new liturgical year. We give thanks for the blessings of the year just gone and begin with the joy of waiting and preparing for the coming of the Christ child.

Advent is preparation time for the coming of Christ at Christmas, when we are invited to accept Christ, not only into the world, but into our personal lives. During Advent we think about the many ways God is with us. We try to make ourselves more ready to receive God in our day-to-day lives.

There is certainly a lovely air of excitement to carry us into these final weeks of the school year. This excitement has been born of a year full of wonderful shared experiences - and more still to come!

- Early Stage 1 Parish Mass- **9:15am Thursday 24 November**
- Stage 3 excursion to the Science Centre, Wollongong-**Thursday 24 November**
- OLMC Transition day for Year 6 students **Thursday 24 November**
- Stage 2 excursion to Questacon, Canberra **Friday 25 November**
- Oakhill Transition morning for Year 6 students **Friday 25 November**
- Welcome to ES1 2017 transition morning for parents & children **Tuesday 29 November**
- Social Justice Liturgy—**9:00am Thursday 1 December**
- Sushi Theme Lunch -**Friday 2 December**
- Transition day for new Year 1-6 students enrolled for 2017 -**Tuesday 6 December**
- Christmas celebration **7:00pm for 7:15pm start -Wednesday 7 December**
- Celebrating our students' musical talents—Choir Performance & Aria Music Performance—**Thursday 8 December 9am.**
- Farewell Mass for staff leaving St Monica's - **11:30am Thursday 8 December**
- End of Year Reports that celebrate the achievements of your children as they have grown in faith, knowledge and skills in 2016- **Thursday 8 December**
- Year 5 leadership speeches and voting for Ambassadors and SRC positions in 2017 **Monday 12 December**
- Stage 2 & Stage 3 PBL Product Launches— **7:45-8:45am Tuesday 13 December**
- Celebrating student achievements at our Award Ceremony **9am Tues 13 December**
- Our Thank You Morning Tea for parents **Tuesday 13 December** (after Awards)
- Scrub Day—(Parents most welcome) -**Thursday 15 December**
- Celebrating as a faith community at our Graduation and End of Year Thanksgiving Mass—**6:00pm Thursday 15 December**
- Farewell to our Year 6 students and their families with a light supper & cutting of the graduation cake—**Thursday 15 December**
- School ends for Term 4—**Friday 16 December**



While the end of the year and the approach of the Christmas season can cause many of us to feel hurried and overly busy, let's instead hold the feelings of celebrating great activities and new memories.

We have much to celebrate this year at St Monica's so let's join as one in giving thanks for all that we have shared.

### Staffing News

**Miss Leona Sweeney** has decided to retire from teaching at the end of 2016 after 16 years of dedication and commitment to the teaching, learning and welfare of students at St Monica's. As well as her teaching role she has been the co-ordinator of the choir and talent quest (the much loved yearly event).

**Mrs June Madigan** has also decided to retire after 16 years as our Teacher's Assistant and Uniform Shop co-ordinator.

**Mrs Wendy Paley** will finish in her teaching position after 12 years at the end of the year and will be at St Monica's from time to time relief teaching.



**Miss Jamal Al-Chalouhi** and **Ms Melinda Callaghan** will complete their temporary contracts at St Monica's at the end of the year. I thank both of these teachers for their dedication and their contributions to the learning at St Monica's.

I sincerely thank all of the staff members above for their commitment to and love of the teaching profession so clearly demonstrated by their work with so many children over the years. We wish them every blessing as they embark on their new endeavours.

Please join the school community in thanking these valued staff members at our Farewell Mass on **Thursday 8 December at 11:30am**.

### Mathematical Assessment Interviews

The first two days of school in 2017 will be **Staff Development Days - Friday 27 and Monday 30 January**. Staff will be using these days to assess children using a one-on-one numeracy interview (MAI). For the past four years we have found that this is time well used as the teachers complete the majority of their class interviews and are able to use the data to plan the maths starting point for their students.

Online bookings for the interviews will open on **Thursday 8 December** after parents are informed of their child's teacher in 2017. Parents who know in advance that they will be away for the MAI's are asked to let their child's teacher know as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made.

### School starting dates for 2017

#### Term 1, Week 1

**Friday 27 January**

**Monday 30 January**

**Tuesday 31 January**

**Thursday 2 February**

**Friday 3 February**

**Staff Development Day** (Mathematic Assessment Interviews)

**Staff Development Day** (Mathematic Assessment Interviews)

**Term 1 commences for Stages 1—3**

**ES1 commence** full days

**Swimming Carnival**, Granville Swimming Centre (Years 3-6)

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**,  
Principal

### 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.

## Prayers

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



## Outstanding School Fees

Unless you have an arrangement with the school, all school fees should now have been paid. If you still have outstanding school fees, please call the school office **immediately** to discuss this with the Principal. **Please note that all outstanding school fees must be finalised by Friday 2 December 2016.**



## Changes to the 2017 School Fee Statement

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have made changes to how fees will be displayed on the accounts for 2017. To simplify the accounts, parents are advised that:

The Excursion/Inursion Fee will now be known as an **Activity Fee**.

For students in **K-2 \$129**

For students in **Years 3-6 \$189** (this is made up of **\$129** Activity Fee and **\$60** PBL fee).

Resource Fee **K-6 \$174** (is made up of Resource Fee **\$111** and **\$63** Parent Levy)

Service Fee will now be known as **Family Levy—\$63**

## School Uniform Requirements 2017

The issue of students not adhering to school uniform policy has been raised this year by teachers and parents. It is difficult for parents who insist their child wears the correct uniform to school when other parents allow their children to ignore the school policy. I have noticed particularly a trend creeping in with the wearing of **brightly coloured fluoro sporting shoes**, which are not part of our school uniform. As many parents will be purchasing new uniform items during the school holidays I ask that you take note of the school uniform requirements below that are clearly advertised in your Parent Handbook. I have asked teachers to regularly check the children's uniforms next year and a note will be sent home if your child is not adhering to wearing the correct school uniform. Please refer to the uniform list below as per the parent handbook. I thank you for your co operation in this matter.

Oz Fashion has many styles of sporting shoes that are in keeping with our uniform policy.

**Oz Fashions**  
**115– 127 Parramatta Road**  
**Granville 2142**  
**Phone: 9897 3121**

Trading days during the Christmas season.

Last trading day will be  
**Saturday 24 December 2016** (9am-4pm)

Will reopen  
**Thursday 5 January 2017** (9am-5:30pm)

Parents are strongly recommended to purchase their uniform in early January to avoid lengthy queues.

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved St Monica's shirt Culottes Navy Socks Black school shoes	<b>Summer</b> Short-sleeved St Monica's shirt Navy blue shorts Navy Socks Black school shoes
<b>Winter</b> Short-sleeved shirt Long sleeved shirt (optional) Culottes / Long navy pants Navy Sloppy Joe (optional) School Jacket Navy winter stockings Black school shoes	<b>Winter</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Long Sleeved shirt (optional) Long Navy pants Navy Sloppy Joe (optional) School Jacket Navy Socks Black school shoes
<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket White Socks Joggers ( <b>predominantly white</b> )	<b>Sport</b> Short-Sleeved Shirt Sports Shorts Tracksuit pants/School Jacket White Socks Joggers ( <b>predominantly white</b> )
The <b>School Jacket</b> with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year The <b>School Hat</b> with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day	

Oz Fashions will be having a sale on Clarks shoes during December/January.  
Details below.



	RRP	SALE PRICE
ALLIANCE	<del>\$100.00</del>	\$75.00
DAYTONA YOUTH	<del>\$135.00</del>	\$90.00
DAYTONA ADULT	<del>\$140.00</del>	\$100.00
GEN Z YOUTH	<del>\$140.00</del>	\$90.00
GEN Z ADULT	<del>\$145.00</del>	\$100.00
GLACIER	<del>\$130.00</del>	\$75.00
RAPTURE	<del>\$100.00</del>	\$75.00
RESPONSE	<del>\$100.00</del>	\$50.00
REWARD	<del>\$100.00</del>	\$75.00
VALE	<del>\$130.00</del>	\$75.00
VANCOUVER	<del>\$85.00</del>	\$65.00
VENTURA	<del>\$85.00</del>	\$65.00

**ICE CREAM FRIDAYS!!!**





Chocolate coated ice creams will be sold at school lunch times only on a Friday, for \$1 !!!

All money raised will go towards Year Six Fun Day

(Regular Ice blocks will continue to be sold for children who would prefer those instead at 50 c each ).

### 2017 Swimming Carnival—Permission Notes

Parents are advised that the Swimming Carnival Permission note is due back at school by **Friday 9 December** to ensure that all is ready for the Swimming Carnival on **Friday 3 January 2017**. If you require another copy of the note please go to the school website—**News and Events— School Notes—Sports notes**.



### Social Justice—Christmas Gifts—Arrupe Place

Gifts which have been donated to our Mission Tree will be delivered to Arrupe Place, Parramatta next **Wednesday 30 November 2016**. If you have not yet donated a gift and would like to do so, the last day for collection will be **Tuesday 29 November**. Thank you to all of the families who have kindly donated gifts to this special cause.

### School Choir and Aria Music Performance—Thursday 8 December

Our **School Choir** performance will commence at **9:00am** and will be followed by a musical presentation by students who attend **Aria Music** at **9:20am**. All welcome to attend.







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

Onur James Unver	Ava Cong	Manda Lu	Jonah Assaf
Jose Bernardo Enciso Llamas	Tina Kiaiefar	Isabella Rose Smith	Mark Rodriguez
Hayden Herder-Beke	Daryll Hilario	Skye Meale	Andrew Clark
<b>Staff: Mrs Boulous, Miss Clough and Mrs Cattermole</b>			

## MERIT AWARDS

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



ES1:	Helen Elias, Olivia Hekeik
Year One:	Abbi Meale, Andrew Clark, Charlize Cooper, Jessica Ishak, Max Lukasik, Ryan Malatag
Year Two:	Dallas Kuea, Ashleigh North, Aaliyah Assaf, Kwaku Boakye, Charbel Sadek
Stage 2:	Christian Bouassi, George Keranis, Joshua North, Hayden Herder-Beke, Pragna Guruprasad, Ana-Maria Costea, Laura Emphield, Jessica Crowle
Stage 3:	Rhiannon Cooper, Myles Gaddi, Daryll Hilario, Nishika Jain, Rachel French, Josue Heydari, Charlotte Newey, Philip Joseph

## Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

How to enter: It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel.

This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

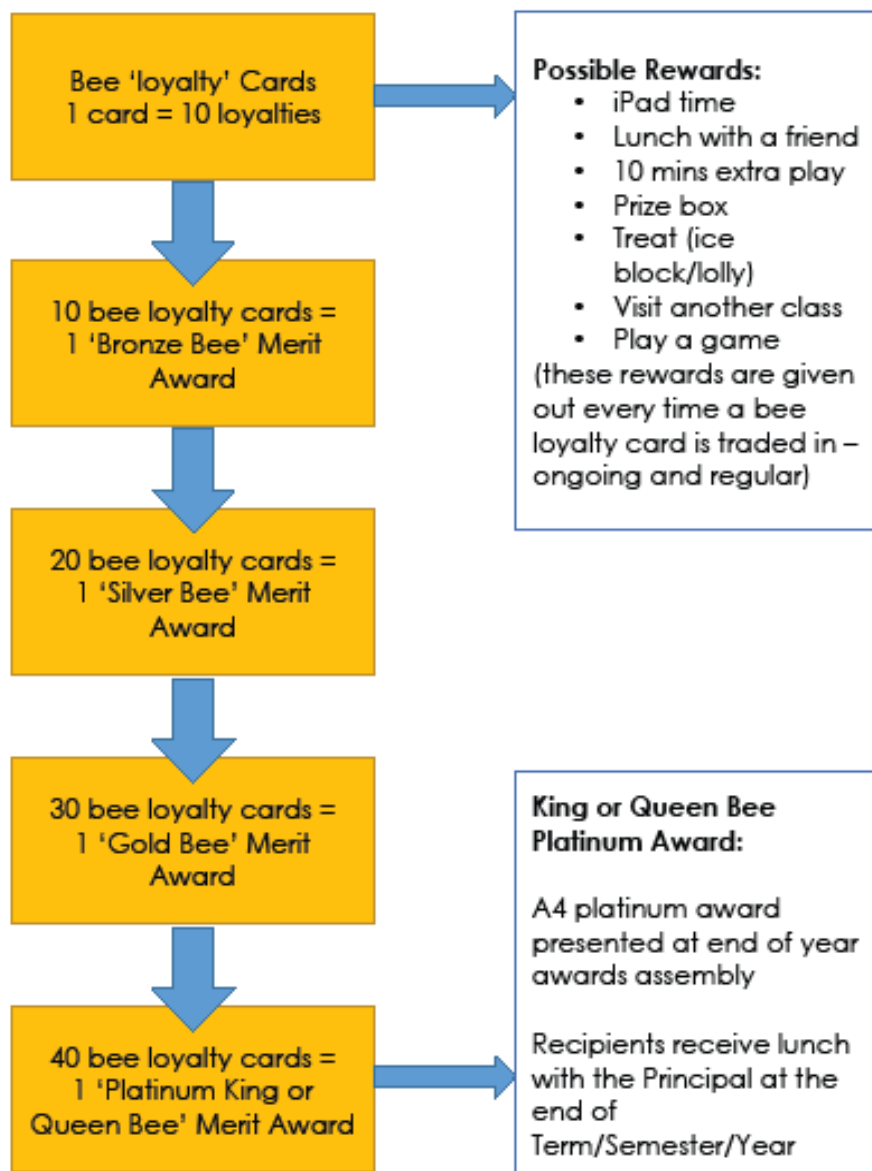
The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

Entries open on 7 November 2016 and close at 5pm on 7 February 2016. Terms and Conditions can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

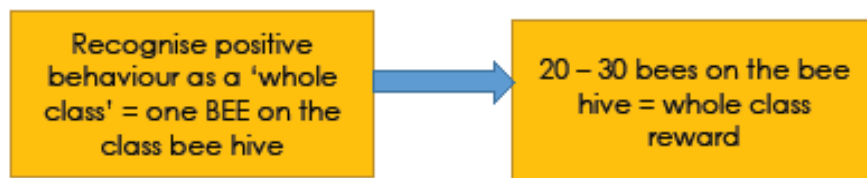


## ST MONICA'S REWARDS FLOWCHARTS

### *Individual Reward - regular reinforcement of individual positive behaviour*



### *Whole Class – in class positive rewards*



## 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.**

**For all school uniform requirements, please see details below:**

**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.

## ARIA MUSIC

**Quality investment in your child's future**

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: [ariamusicsschool@gmail.com](mailto:ariamusicsschool@gmail.com) Phone: **0402 780 130**

Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a fun learning environment.  
Group classes at school **\$23:10** (incl GST) per lesson. Individual tuition is also available.

### **Keyboard Classes!**

Days: **Tuesday** lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

### **Music Lessons have the Power!**

Develops musical talent  
Develops self discipline  
Encourages self esteem  
Enhances co-ordination & concentration  
Is lots of fun!!

### **Guitar Classes!**

Day: **Wednesday** lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

[www.ariamusic.com.au](http://www.ariamusic.com.au)

### **Term 4 Sport Days**

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

### **Staff Development Days—Term 4, 2016**

**Monday 19 December**  
(Week 11)

**Tuesday 20 December**  
(Week 11)

### **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**

# Christmas at the Shrine

## **Christmas Celebration Opening**

An opening Prayer and entertainment by the children from  
Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's Schools,  
10.00am to 10.30am

## **Blessing of the Baby Jesus**

Bring the baby Jesus from your family's home Nativity set  
to the Shrine Chapel for a special Christmas blessing.  
10.30am to 11.30am

## **Sausage Sizzle**

The Kellyville Lions Club will be selling delicious sausage  
sandwiches from 10.00am to 1.00 pm

## **Christmas Face Painting**

Get your free face painting by OLOR YouthGroup and pick  
a toy from Santa's Toy Chest from 10.00am to 11.30am.

## **Hills Spirit Soccer**

Children can participate in some soccer fun and mini  
soccer games with their friends, courtesy of Hills Spirit  
Football Club. 10.00am to 1:00pm

## **Christmas Tea**

A large variety of Christmas desserts, Tea and Coffee will be  
served from 10.30am until 1.00pm

## **Christmas Carol Sing Along**

Join us for an old fashioned Christmas carol sing along with  
Joe Apap. 10.30am to 11.30am

## **Christmas Colouring & Writing Contest**

Children have a chance to win great prizes. Get your  
contest forms at the OLOR Parish Office and complete by  
25/11/16. Winners will be announced after Santa's visit

## **Christmas Gift Booth**

A collection of Shrine art and Christmas crafts for sale.  
10.00am to 1.00pm on the lawn by the Shrine Chapel

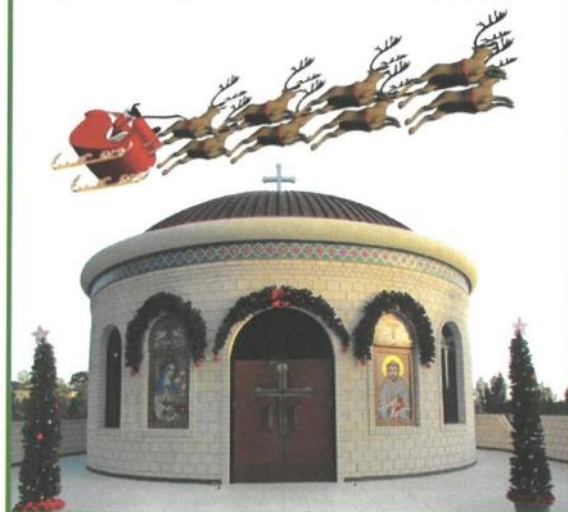
## **Christmas Raffle**

Take a chance to win a Christmas gift basket. Raffle tickets  
available until the winner is announced at 1.00pm

## **A Visit from Santa Claus**

Santa and his helpers will arrive at 11.30am to visit with  
children of all ages

***Please park at the Our Lady of the Rosary car park  
(8 Diana Ave.) and walk next door to the Shrine***



Saturday, 3rd December, 2016

10.00am to 1.00pm

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents  
8 Grevfriar Place, Kellyville, NSW



## 2017 Diocesan School Fees

21 November 2016

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2017 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.0% increase on the fees from 2016. Every effort has been made to keep the fee increase to a minimum and I am pleased to report that the increase is **less than** the 3.3% education CPI increase for the same period.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.0% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

### Tuition Fees - 2017

The 2017 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,131	\$849	\$567
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,461	\$1,095	\$732
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,028	\$1,521	\$1,014
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,250	\$1,689	\$1,125
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,874	\$2,157	\$1,437

The 2017 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$377	\$283	\$189
	Years 1 – 6	\$487	\$365	\$244
	Years 7 – 8	\$676	\$507	\$338
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$750	\$563	\$375
	Years 11 – 12	\$958	\$719	\$479



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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### Diocesan Building Levy - 2017

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2017 is \$756 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$252 payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

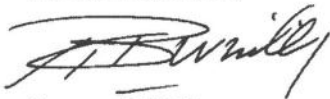
### Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2017

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2017 is **\$1,869 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$623 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.** The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2016 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education. Please be assured that we will continue to provide exciting learning experiences for them within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



**Gregory B Whitby**  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education  
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