

TERM 4, WEEK 3
Wednesday 25 October 2017

DIARY DATES

Term 4

Wednesday 25 October

- PIC Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Park in Daking Street.

Friday 27 October

- World Teachers Day
- Dance Fever-Skipping
- Set up for the Fete
- Lucky Draw for Fete

Saturday 28 October

- St Monica's Fete 9am-2pm

Monday 30 October

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Wednesday 1 November

- All Saints Day

Thursday 2 November

- All Souls Day
- S3 Incursion

Friday 3 November

- Dance Fever—Skipping

Monday 6 November

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 7 November

- Melbourne Cup
- Just Like You—Cerebral
Palsy Workshop

Wednesday 8 November

- POSMS Meeting 7pm

Thursday 9 November

- Mountains to the Sea S2

Tuesday 28 November

Christmas Concert with Michael
Mangan 7pm to be confirmed

Term 4 Staff Development Days

Friday 17 November (Week 6)
Monday 18 December (Week 11)
Tuesday 19 December (Week 11)

School timetable

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



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This Saturday is our very important St Monica's Parish Fete. As most of you are aware, it is a wonderful community event and this is largely due to the hard work of lots of parents behind the scenes.

We are in desperate need for more volunteers on the day for some of the stalls. I know that there are many families who have not volunteered. We still need **75** spaces filled!

During enrolment interviews when Father Fernando and I have met with families, many have expressed that they are unable to assist with events throughout the week, due to work commitments, but that they can assist at one off events. It is now time to honour this commitment. More importantly, provide our children and community with the support and resources to enable a high quality learning environment we continue to enjoy.

Please come along to the fete and show your children that you value and support their school and be involved on the day. Please click here to access our volunteer form <http://signup.com/login/entry/656982168582748042>
I look forward to seeing everyone at our fete on Saturday!

Setting up the site will commence at 9:00am on Friday and we need lots of volunteers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and there is a job to suit everyone.

- Assemble the stalls
- Empty the shed of all the boxes stored in there for the fete
- Unpack the boxes of items
- Collect tables from the hall
- Set up the staging for the chocolate wheel
- Move the silver seating
- After 11:50am set up the hall chairs ready for the entertainment/move some of the trash & treasure into the Kindergarten foyer/grassed area to make it easier on Fete morning.
- Set up all the stalls- ie books, BBQ cakes, chocolate wheel, footy toss, lollies & lucky dips, Pow Wow, raffle and toys.

Just a reminder that there will not be any drive through car pick up on Friday at 3:00pm as the giant slide and obstacle course will be set up in the car park along with some of the stalls. As many of the stallholders from the school and parish will be still on site, please park in the surrounding streets and walk in and collect your child. Early pick up arrangements can be made by just writing a short note to your child's teacher informing them of your intentions. The students will be remaining in the learning space after recess for the remainder of the day due to cars coming onto the site and setting up of the stalls.

Parent Involvement Committee—Meeting tonight (Wed 25th Oct)

The Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held **tonight** in the Teacher's Staff Room commencing at **7:00pm** to discuss upcoming events as well as finalising fete details. All welcome. **Please park in Daking Street only.**

Staffing News

Last Sunday Mrs Gisella Cattermole, our financial secretary, currently on long service leave, informed me that she will be retiring from her position at St Monica's at the end of 2017. Gisella has been at St Monica's for more than 25 years and has seen many changes to our school over the years. We will find a time convenient to Gisella where the community can formally thank her for her tremendous contribution to St Monica's.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Mary-Jo Mason who is now a New Tech Network 'Certified Teacher'. Mary-Jo has been awarded this certification as she has demonstrated a deep understanding of the key components of the New Tech model, including project-based learning, teaching and assessing 21st century skills, technology use in the classroom, and the unique culture that empowers students.

World Teachers Day

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers Day! We are blessed to have a wonderful team of teachers and staff who work extremely hard for the children in their care. To be a teacher is a ministry of service, of dedication and of passion. To care, guide, encourage and challenge each child in the class is a talent. Could you do it? You may like to write a note of thanks (or your child could) to your child's teacher to thank them for the wonderful gift of themselves.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

St Monica's News

Tennis Lessons

Mr Davidson has advised that there are **vacancies in both tennis lessons groups** if your child would like to play tennis. If your child is currently enrolled in lessons and has not been attending could you please advise Mr Davidson if they will be continuing lessons this term.

Tennis lessons will not be held on Thursday 9 November. Mr Davidson will hold a make-up lesson for this group on Wednesday 15 November.

Sympathy

St Monica's Community extends sympathy to the Elias family (Sophia S2, Helen Yr 1 and Ruby ES1) on the passing of their great grandfather (Mrs Elias' grandfather).

Sympathy is also extended to the Arenas Abarca family (Jose Martin Arenas Abarca—Yr 1) on the passing of Jose's grandfather (Mrs Abarca's father).

Please keep the Elias and Arenas Abarca families in your prayers at this sad time.

Write4Fun

Congratulations to Simon Forsyth (S2) who entered the Write4Fun competition. His entry progressed to Round 2 of judging. Well done.

Baking for the Fete

Baked goods may be brought to school on Friday. Food may be taken directly to the Community Room (COSH).

St Monica's Parish Fete

Our Parish Fete will be held this **Saturday 28 October** and there are still many things to do in the lead up to the day. **We need everyone in the community's support so that it is a successful day.**

Every family is expected to assist in some way in any of the following tasks:

- **Returning stalls and poles from Christ the King School**, North Rocks (truck required & volunteers to load and unload).
- **Baking a slice or cake for the Country Kitchen.** Thank you to the volunteers so far.
- **Setting up stalls on Friday 27 October** (morning tea & lunch will be provided)
- **Packing away stalls after 2:00pm** on Fete day.

Please contact the Office if you can assist with any of the tasks listed

Trish Forsyth has created an **online form** to volunteer to work on a stall on the day of the fete. Instructions can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. Year 6 students may volunteer to work too, with parent permission, and we will assign them to a stall. The students complete a volunteer form too. **We still have 75 volunteer spaces to fill.**

Raffle Tickets

Our raffle tickets are a big money spinner for our fete and I know you would agree that the prizes are worthwhile and the tickets affordable at **just \$1:00 each**. Thank you to the families that have returned their sold tickets and to the parents who have taken more than one booklet.

NUMBER OF BOOKS Sold and returned	NUMBER OF BOOKS To be returned
104	46

A reminder to families that all raffle ticket books must be returned to the school office immediately.

Thank you to the following families that sold raffle tickets at Winston Hills and Northmead Shopping Centres on Saturday 21 October—Munda Cruz, Nour, Salib, Corcoran, Grzelak, Graham and Roberts.

Lucky Draws

Congratulations to **Yuna Shin** and **Iryssa Alley** who were the winners of the third and fourth Lucky Draws for the Fete.

Last Lucky Draw—Friday 27 October.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Mathematics competition last term:

BEST IN SCHOOL

Henry Corcoran

Year 3

MENUK GUNAWARDENA Proficient, SANJOY BHATTACHAN Proficient, KOBE PUYAT Proficient
MAUREEN HADDAD Participation, SOPHIE STOKER Participation

Year 4

NEAVE SCIACCA Credit, AIDAN MUTTOO Credit, AIDAN POSPISCHIL Credit,
DACIA SCURTU Credit, ASHLEY ROBERTS Proficient, MATILDA COOPER Proficient
CHARLES SENTAS Proficient, LAURA EMPHIELD Proficient, MARIA NOUR Participation

Year 5

HENRY CORCORAN Distinction, JESSICA CROWLE Distinction, KAELE SCIACCA Credit,
VINAYAK SHARMA Credit, JONAH ASSAF Proficient, RYAN CLARK Proficient,
TRINITY BIRD Proficient, EMMA HALAMKOVA Proficient, JORDAN BASHA Proficient
JESSICA STOKER Proficient, MANRAJ KAHLON Proficient

Year 6

MATEO SORIANO Credit, RIWAZ BHATTACHAN Credit, CHRISTIAN KANDALAFT Credit
CHARLOTTE NEWAY Proficient, GARBHAN SCIACCA Proficient, JESSICA CHAPMAN Proficient
MARLEY PUYAT Proficient, MAURICE HADDAD Proficient, RHIANNON COOPER Proficient

Mrs Mary-Jo Mason

Assistant Principal

Fete Volunteer Commitment Sign Up – Att: All Families

This year, to make things easier, we have set up an online sign-up program (SignUp.com) for you, the volunteers, to be able to enter your own details and select the stall and time slot(s) to assist with on the day of the Fete.

We need assistance from every parent in the school - even just 1 hr of your time - to ensure a successful School and Parish Fete.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to the invitation page on SignUp.com:
<http://signup.com/login/entry/656982168582748042>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com and SignUp.com **does not share your email address with anyone**.)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Remember you can sign up for more than one stall as the day is broken in 1hr timeslots.

Tip: Get in early to make sure you get your preferred stall and timeslot!

Please contact Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075 if you have any problems or questions about the process.

PBS4L: Positive Behaviour Support For Learning

Last term we began our peer support program. All of the students at St Monica's were placed in a group that was lead by a year 6 leader. The lessons that were taught were specific to our 3 school rules; Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner!



This term our year 6 leaders and peer support groups will be creating a 2 minute movie demonstrating their understanding of an aspect of one of our school rules. This will help to consolidate all the children's learning from the previous term. Some examples of movies that will be created are "I am wearing my hat on the playground", "I am listening attentively" and "I am responding to the bells".

How can I help as a parent?

- * Ask your child or children about which film they are helping to create.
- * Celebrate any positive behaviour that has happened at school.
- * Talk to your child or children about the reward programs that are happening in their classrooms and how many bee stings and the reason for receiving them.
- * Visit the new display for "Famous Behaviour Class of the Week", located next to our downstairs assembly area!

Mrs Emily Harrison
Special Projects Co-ordinator
promoting PBS4L



2018 Term 1 Dates

Staff return—Monday 29 January 2018

Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January are Staff Development Days (MAI Testing)

Stages 1-3 (Years 1-6) return —Wednesday 31 January 2018 (8:50am-3:00pm)

ESI (Kindergarten) commence—Thursday 1 February 2018 (9:00am-2:30pm)

Early finish time is so that new families can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.

Term 1 ends— Friday 13 April 2018

Mountains to the sea

Yesterday, the 18th of October I went to Lake Parramatta with St. Canice's and we learnt that littering is bad because everything you throw gets dragged to the lake or river by the rain and we learnt that instead of using plastic plates, bottles, cups and coffee cups use your own things.

We also learnt it is really bad to throw bottles with water in them and let the rain drag it or push it into the lake/river. I met some friends from St. Canice's and when you see rubbish it is better that you pick it up.

Then we went on a bus with St. Canice's and then we got to Narrabeen and St. Rose was there. After we played in some sand islands and then we ate lunch. After we went to some rock pools we got into groups so we wouldn't get lost.

Now for the fun bit: we saw sea animals. We got to touch the sea animals and it was so cool, I got to touch a starfish, a slug and more sea animals. Then after we went back to the bus.

It was about 2 hours to come back to school, for me it was felt even longer that when we first got there. I got really tired when we came back to school.

Bernardo (Stage 2)



Live Life Well @ School

Student Poster Competition

The Live Life Well @ School team in Western Sydney supports schools to become places where children can eat well and be physically active, fostering student wellbeing.

Students are invited to enter the first annual LLW@S **Student Poster Competition**. The winning entry will receive a playground marking design and installation package worth \$7,500 for our school.

Poster artwork should be based on one or both of the following themes:

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Active Outdoor play

The competition is open to students in K-6.

Each poster should:

- include a 3 to 5 word slogan
- be no larger than A4 and be 2D

All entries must include the following:

On Front of poster (bottom) Student's first name, school year & name of school

On back of Poster: Student's FULL name.

**Please return all posters to Mrs Turner by
Friday 10 November 2017.**

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8am–8:30am 2nd Group 8:30am–9am

Mr Davidson advises that there are **available spaces**.

If your child is interested in tennis lessons, please see Mr Davidson on the playground on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. Thankyou.

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Group classes at school **\$23:10** (incl GST) per lesson. Individual tuition is also available.

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

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

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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.

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')

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

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

(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.

2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 October 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% 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 - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

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 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. 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 2013 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, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
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