MONICA'S NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 3 Wednesday 10 May 2017

DIARY DATES

TERM 2 Week 3

Thursday 11 May NAPLAN breakfast Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN—Numeracy

Friday 12 May

- 9:15am Mother's Day Mass (no parking on school grounds or Parish carpark)
- 11:20am Our Lady of Fatima Liturgy (no parking on school grounds or Parish carpark)
- Dance Fever

Sunday 14 May

Mother's Day

Week 4 **Monday 15 May**

- 8:30am Book Collection for the Fete—Hall
- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Wednesday 17 May

9:15am S2 Parish Mass

Friday 19 May

- 9:15am S1 Parish Mass
- Dance Fever

Week 5

Monday 22 May

Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Wednesday 24 May

- Our Lady Help of Christians (in class Liturgy)
- 7pm POSMS Meeting to be confirmed

Friday 26 May

Dance Fever

Saturday 27 May

 5pm Mass -First Communion Registration

Sunday 28 May

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 9am Mass-First Communion Registration

School timetable

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supervision

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



Monica's Matters

Web: www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au Email: stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

During this week all children in Australian schools who are currently in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 completed the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. (NAPLAN). All children in the above grades are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the child's normal support in the classroom is provided for children by the class teacher and specialist teachers.

Yesterday the students completed the Writing and Conventions of Language which includes spelling, punctuation and grammar. Today the children sat the Reading component and tomorrow they will sit the Numeracy test which consists of number, algebra and patterns, chance and data, measurement and space sub strands. Friday 12th May has been designated as a catch up day for students who missed a test due to absence from school for one or more of the assessments.

In term three the school and parents will receive test results which provide data which the school can use with many other forms of assessments to review and design future school learning plans for the students. It is important that parents keep these reports safe as they will be required when applying to High School.

For further information regarding Naplan please contact me through the school office, your child's teacher or by logging onto the website: www.naplan.edu.au

"I'd like to be an ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my children." Author unknown. Even though this might be the situation for you, make sure that on Mothers' Day that you are not too busy just have a happy day. It means, I love you, first of all, then thanks to take time to rejoice in yourself, because 'Happy Mothers' Day' means more than for all you do. It means thank you for all your nurturing, sacrificing, loving

Phone: 9630 3697

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Our Lady of Fatima

This year is the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Pope Francis has blessed 6 statues of Our Lady of Fatima that have been travelling around the world. On Friday 12 May our Parish will have one of the statues at St Monica's Church. There will be a special liturgy held at **11:20am** in commemoration of the anniversary. Everyone is welcome to attend the liturgy. Our Parish is the only Parish in Sydney that is lucky enough to have this opportunity. (Parking arrangements as advised will still remain in place for the Liturgy).

NAPLAN breakfast

Thank you to the parents who assisted with the Naplan breakfast—Dahlia Sadek, Kimberly Graham, Amanda Dib, Bernadette Haddad and Katherine Basha. Breakfast will be served again tomorrow morning for Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Thank you also to Mr Bill Chalk (Grandfather of Rhiannon, Matilda, Charlize and Braxton Cooper) for providing the fruit (and delivering it to school) for the Naplan breakfast.







Winter School Uniform

All students should now be wearing their full winter uniform.

Parents are required to purchase all school clothing items through Oz Fashions. No uniform items, including school bags or hats, are available at the school office.

Oz Fashions is located at: 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville Phone: 9897 3121

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

Parking is available on site. http://www.ozfashions.com.au

GIRLS	BOYS	
Winter	Winter	
Short-sleeved shirt	Short-Sleeved Shirt	
Long sleeved shirt (optional)	Long Sleeved shirt (optional)	
Culottes / Long navy pants	Long Navy pants	
Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)	Navy Sloppy Joe (optional)	
School Jacket	School Jacket	
Navy winter stockings	Navy Socks	
Black school shoes	Black school shoes	
Sport	Sport	
Short-Sleeved Shirt	Short-Sleeved Shirt	
Sports Shorts	Sports Shorts	
Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket	Tracksuit pants/School Jacket	
White Socks	White Socks	
Joggers (predominantly white)	Joggers (predominantly white)	
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Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 11 May 2017 (Week 3)

Where: Parish Hall

Time: Siblings 1:00pm—1:30pm

All Students 1:30pm

This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 11 May**. This is a chance for school students to shop at school for something special for Mum. The children can purchase some wonderful gifts to suit all mums, which will range from \$1 to \$10. Children need to bring their money to shop on the day. The most secure way would be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and the amount enclosed. **Siblings may shop together during lunchtime (1:00pm)**

Mother's Day Mass

When: Friday 12 May 2017 (Week 3)

Where: St Monica's Church

Time: 9:15am

The school would like to show how much St Monica's mums are appreciated, and so all mums and grandmothers and significant women in children's lives are invited to attend a special Mass at St Monica's Church at **9:15am on Friday 12 May**. Always a beautiful Mass which brings tears to your eyes! *Morning Tea will follow in the Hall.*

How can you help?

We need parents who can assist us with the Stall on the day. If you are available for even a short time your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please advise Kathy Sciacca on 0414 534 785 if you can assist. Thank you for your support.







Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.

ES1: Christopher Sadek and Iryssa Alley

Year One: Amelia Wong, Alexa Romero Year Two: Max Lukasik, Aimee Loof

Stage 2: Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Emma Sadek, Sophia Elias, Summer Ierfino,

Stage 3: Trinity Bird, Rhiannon Cooper, Jessica Crowle, Ezekiel Logo, Czyandexcel Panopio,

Mateo Soriano

Staffing News

Long Service Leave

Mrs Cattermole and Mrs Boulous will be taking Long Service Leave in Terms 3 and 4. Mrs Ungsuprasert will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 3. In the next newsletter I hope to inform parents of the replacements for Mrs Cattermole, Mrs Boulous and Mrs Ungsuprasert.

POSMS Meeting

A reminder that the RSVP for the POSMS Meeting is due back at school by Monday 15 May. Once we have received all replies, parents will be advised whether the meeting will go ahead as we only have 5 confirmed attendees.

Term 2 School Fees

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be sending out Term 2 School fees shortly. Fees are due and payable on Monday 29 May (Week 6). Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school, please ensure payment of fees by this date. Families who are experiencing financial difficulty are requested to contact the school office immediately so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Cattermole.

Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester One reports will be sent home on **Thursday 22 June** (Week 9) and interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday 26 June (Week 10). Parents are advised that Wednesday 28 June will the late night for interviews. All parents are required to attend the interviews.

Parents will again be able to arrange their interview times online. More details will be published closer to the date.

Bragging rights

Jackson Basha

Ex-Student Jackson Basha received an academic award for Term 1 for academic application in recognition of his sustained commitment to classwork, homework and study throughout the term. Well done Jackson!



Madeline Lewis

Congratulations to Madeline Lewis who participated in the MacKillop Soccer Trials which were held in Canberra last week. Well done Madeline!



Hot Tips for helping your child at home with Reading Comprehension

This year our English goal is improving reading comprehension. Students in all classes have been focusing on what good readers do before, during and after reading. They are continuing to develop and implement reading strategies.

Reading at home with children and helping them practice specific reading strategies can improve their ability to comprehend. Each newsletter there will be a new strategy that you can use at home when reading with your child to help them improve their reading comprehension. Listen to your child read aloud every day. Strong fluency helps to foster strong comprehension. Talk to your child about book characters, what happened in the book, and what he/she liked best about the book.

Reread

Good readers will reread a piece several times until they are satisfied they understand it. Rereading is simple, but effective.

Clarify/Ask Questions

Asking questions will make your child want to look for clues in the text. Ask them questions that will spark their curiosity as you read aloud together. Questions like, "What are you wondering?" "How might the character feel?" "Why did the author use that word/picture?" "Why is that place in the book important?"

Encourage them to ask questions when confused about a character or the plot. "What just happened?" "Why did X behave that way?"

Remind them that good readers challenge what they are reading by asking questions.

I wonder what questions you will ask today...?

Remember: Good readers unconsciously create visual images in their heads while they are reading. It's all part of the comprehension process. While you are reading to your child, think out loud about the images you see or the questions that may arise. That means explaining the ideas, pictures, questions, and connections that go through your mind as you read a text.

If you have any questions about this strategy or need some more examples, please organise a time to meet with Miss Bagnall.

Thank you

Miss Bagnall Literacy Co-ordinator

School Athletics Carnival

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted at the Athletics Carnival in Week 1. Thank you also to Mrs Simon (Simon Forsyth's grandmother) who assisted in the morning set up.

A number of school records were broken on the day.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

11 Year Girls 800m - Chelsea Lewis 12/13 Year Girls 800m - Rachel French 12/13 Year Boys 800m - Garbhan Sciacca Junior Boys 200m - Leonardo Macorig 11 Year Girls 100m - Emma Halamkova Junior Boys Shot Put - George Keranis 11 Years Girls Shot Put - Madeline Lewis

The Cumberland Zone carnival is scheduled for August 8 at Blacktown International Sportspark Athletics Track at Rooty Hill. More information will be available closer to the event.



Diocesan Cross Country

Students from St Monica's participated in the Diocesan Cross Country held at Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 2 May 2017. The students performed exceptionally well and represented our school with great sportsmanship.

Thank you to Miss O'Donnell, Mrs Gardoni and Mrs Davino who attended with the students on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to attend the Diocesan Cross Country:

Neave Sciacca, Ruby Knight, Aaliyah Assaf, Maria Nour, Matilda Cooper, Samira Hekeik, Jacob Kandalaft, Simon Forsyth, Leonardo Macorig, Aidan Muttoo, Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Kobe Puyat, Kael Sciacca, Ashley Roberts, Aidan Pospischil, Alexander Azar, Henry Corcoran, Lachlan Dardagos, Ana Maria Costea, Jessica Dib, Merna El Merhabi, Veronica Sadek, Gene Kneipp, Christian Kandalaft, Raymond Khadi, Manraj Kahlon, Chelsea Lewis, Madeline Lewis, Emma Halamkova, Garbhan Sciacca, Mateo Soriano, Ainsley Mitchell, Chloe Pearson and Rhiannon Cooper.



The cross country experience was amazing, in all sorts of ways. All Parramatta Diocesan primary and secondary schools attended this extraordinary event. The range of students went from eight to even eighteen year olds! Everyone below Year 5 and 6 ran two kilometres, while the older kids ran three kilometres. All the St Monica's students tried their hardest to run this challenging course. The three kilometre course included hills, stone pathways, and an uneven track. The 2km gave an uneven track, and hills as well. All schools were cheering in a supportive way for their own representatives as well as ours.



Book Collection for St Monica's Fete

Would you like to make room for some new books?

St Monica's Book Collection Drive for the Fete will be held on

Monday 15 May (Week 4)

We will be collecting:

books, magazines, console and computer games, unused puzzles, DVD's & CD's

** We will not be collecting:

Encyclopaedias, VHS video tapes or any academic/study related text books

Donated items will be collected in the Hall from 8:30am on 15 May.

Parent helpers are welcome to assist on the day.



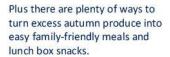


Nutrition Snippet

The simp√est woy

...to enjoy autumn produce.

In-season fruit and veg not only taste great, they're much cheaper than at other times of the year.





Apple (red delicious, Granny Smith): apple porridge; apple crumble.

Banana: banana bread; banana and oats smoothie. **Mushroom:** ginger, mushroom and fish stir-fry; chicken and mushroom sausage rolls; beef and mushroom meatloaf.

Pumpkin: pumpkin, spinach and cheese cannelloni; spicy pumpkin

Zucchini: zucchini quiche with rice crust; zucchini and corn fritters.

Go to eatittobeatit.com.au for the recipes.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.





Annulment Information Seminar

Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process.

Date: Tuesday 23rd May Time: 6.45pm

for 7pm start to 9pm.

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First

Ave) Cost: \$7.00.

Registration Essential: Contact Rita Chater

Ph: 8822 2222 or

email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing.

Date: Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th May.

Time: 7pm -9pm Venue: 38 Prince St, Black-

town (cnr First Ave)

Cost: \$5.00

For details and registrations please contact

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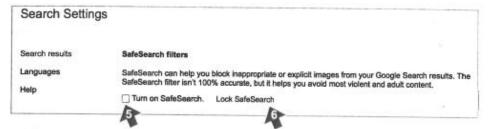
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Top Tips for Kids

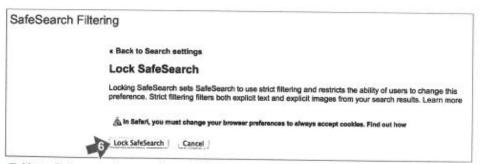
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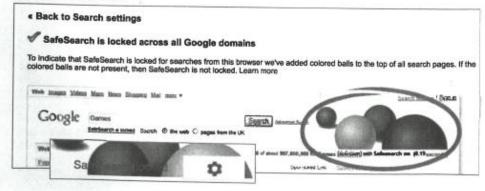
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Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 3

Thursday 11 May * NAPLAN (Numeracy) Years 3 & 5 / Breakfast from 8am

* Mother's Day Stall (Siblings-1:00-1:30pm) then from 1:30pm

Friday 12 May * Dance Fever—Sport Uniform (ES1-S3)

* 9:15am Mother's Day Mass / Morning Tea in the Hall

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* RSVPs due back for POSMS Meeting

Wednesday 17 May * Stage 2 Parish Mass—9:15am

Friday 19 May * 9:15am Stage 1 Parish Mass

* Dance Fever -Sport Uniform (ES1-S3)

* 2pm Church cleaning (School rostered)

Week 5

Wednesday 24 May * 7pm POSMS Meeting—Literacy (to be confirmed)

Friday 26 May * Dance Fever

Sat 27 / Sun 28 May * Registration for First Communion

5pm Mass Saturday / 9am Mass Sunday

Week 6

Monday 29 May * PRC General Meeting— Keynote speaker: Dr Justin Coulson

Topic: 'Raising Resilient Children' - St John XXIII Stanhope Gardens

Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:



Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017 9.15am – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 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.

DR JUSTIN COULSON RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



WHEN: Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

WHERE: Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College, Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer. 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

The PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.

What others have to say:

"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."

"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!.."

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Registrations are open - visit:

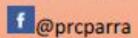
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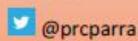


One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is 'How can I help my child become resilient?" Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.

Helping our children develop resilience can have lifelong effects.

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Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children
2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers.

Venue: St Mary's Rydalmere,

1 Myrtle St, Rydalmere. Tel: 9684 4044

Learn

- \checkmark How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- √ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?

The course costs \$10 (per parent or per couple) which covers the cost of the Parent workbook Register for this course contacting **St Mary's School Office** on **9684 4044**

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserve the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go! I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grow aut of coatrol









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The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta together with St Mary's Rydalmere, are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course.

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

 Session 1
 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 Thursday 8th June 2017

 Session 2
 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 Thursday 15th June 2017

 Session 3
 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 Thursday 22nd June 2017

Course Facilitators: Jeanette Mansour & Anne Margalit

Cost is \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register by calling St Mary's school office on 9684 4044

An end to the arguing and yelling!
 It saved our lives
 Simple, sane, effective
 This course is being run by a Parentshop* licensed practitioner.
 www.parentshop.com.au

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.

Application for Extended Leave 5 or more days (Important changes)

Parents are advised that the guidelines for Applying for Extended Leave have now changed. Parents must now complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form (A1) if their child/children will be away for <u>5 or more days</u>. Applying for Leave must be done <u>prior</u> to commencing leave.

Previously this form was only necessary for student absences for 10 or more days. If approved, the Principal will issue a Certificate of Extended Leave (C1). If the Principal declines this application (ie it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

You may download a copy of the form from the school website under School Notes.



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Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: ariamusicschool@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.

Guitar Classes!

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

Keyboard Classes!

Wednesday lunchtime

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

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New Keyboard Teacher—Aria Music



Originally from China, Miss Cathy started her musical journey when she was 4 years old. At 13, she passed ABRSM Grade 8 Piano Performance. (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music). Shortly after that Miss Cathy and her family migrated to Auckland, New Zealand, where she finished her high school education. She then decided to further pursue her musical education at the University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia. She graduated with a Bachelor or Music in 2007, then with a Master of Music (Composition) in 2008. She further underwent a degree in Master of Art (Music Therapy) and became a Registered Music Therapist in 2011. Being a mum of two young children, Miss Cathy is passionate about working with children in both the fields of music education and music therapy. She believes that the power of music can accompany children through every stage of their life and help them to reach their full potential.



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Parking is available on site.

http://www.ozfashions.com.au



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.