

**TERM 2
Week 7**

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Week 9

Wednesday 21 June

- Stage 3 Parish Mass

Thursday 22 June

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- Semester 1 reports sent home

Friday 23 June

- Pie/Sausage Roll Day—pre-ordered—no late orders
- Dance Fever
- ES1-Stage One parents welcome to attend lessons

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,

On Monday, Stage 1 led us in a beautiful, joyful liturgy marking the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. The liturgy provided our school community with an opportunity to pray and reflect on the gift of God's own spirit that was given to the world more than 2000 years ago.



When the day of Pentecost had come the disciples were all together in one place and suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the holy spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability. Acts 2:1-11.

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed everything. It filled the disciples with spiritual attributes or gifts that transformed them from sacred and lost individuals to people who were filled with courage and wisdom and united them to actively proclaim the Good News to the world. This same Holy Spirit is given to us all through Pentecost and the sacraments so that we too, like the disciples can be courageous, compassionate, loving and faithful. Just like on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit often works within our common everyday life in ways that sometimes can be hard to comprehend.

The challenge for us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires us to use the Gifts of the Spirit and to discern what is true, good and important.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening. Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator Jenny Coorey, Miss Rosewell and all the parents for all their hard work in preparing the children to receive this sacrament.

Jonah Assaf, Trinity Bird, Zoe Bird, Jericho Crame, Jessica Crowle, Kayla Grzelak, Emma Halamkova, Hayden Herder-Beke, Laeticia Hossack, Gene Kneipp, Rafael Noonan, Joshua North, Reema Santos and Kael Sciacca

Multicultural Day

Thank you to Miss Bagnall and all the teachers for their preparation of our Multicultural celebration on Monday. The children looked fabulous as they proudly paraded in their national dress. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent community who provided delicious national dishes for our lunch. We were also fortunate to have so many parents able to serve lunch to the students.



Our lovely Spanish sisters—Sr Mary and Sr Teresa took lots of photos on the day and these will be placed on the school website early next week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

School Fees—Term 2

The due date for school fees for St Monica's School has been extended to **Monday 12 June 2017**. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school please ensure payment of fees by this date.

Families who are experiencing financial difficulties are requested to contact that school immediately so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Cattermole.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a serious and rapid allergic reaction usually involving more than one part of the body. St Monica's currently has students who can suffer severe allergic reactions (**life-threatening**) through contact with **nuts**. As we endeavour to provide for the different needs of all our students, your co-operation is invited to assist the school in supporting and catering for the needs of these particular students, and any future students, by providing your child only with **foods that are nut free**. Students are reminded that they are **not to share food** at recess and lunch.



School Interviews—Online Bookings for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews

As advised, online bookings for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will **open on Friday 9 June at 9:00am**.

Please visit **www.schoolinterviews.com.au** and use the code **9nfts** to make your bookings.

Bookings will **CLOSE on Thursday 22 June at 9:00am**. An instruction sheet has been sent home to each family and can also be found on page 4 of the newsletter. The note is also under School Notes—Whole School on the website.

Pie and Sausage Roll Day

The Parent Involvement Committee is holding a Pie and Sausage Roll Day for teachers and students to purchase on **Friday 23 June 2017**. A note will be sent home next week with more information.

As this is a pre-ordered lunch, no late orders will be accepted.

Stage 3 Boys—Soccer Gala Day—Postponed

The Soccer Gala Day scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday 8 June) has been **postponed** due to rain and field closure by Penrith Council. Parents will be notified once a new date has been confirmed.



Early Stage 1—2018

First round offers will be sent home this week. Existing parents please let us know if you do not receive your letter which will be sent home via the office bags tomorrow (Thursday 8 June).

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.



Book Collection for St Monica's Fete

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

Friday 16 June 2017 (Week 8)

** 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 16 June.**

Parent helpers are welcome to assist on the day.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.

- ES1:** Sienna Acosta, Lucas Alvarez, Olivia Cardomatis, Maka Collins and Braxton Cooper
Year One: Olivia Nguyen and Tia Nour
Year Two: Siria Mondinelli, William Paterson, Sophie Phan, Pranaya Prasath, Andrew Clark, Charlize Cooper, Roger Corcoran, Ashton Dardagos, Michael Maffina
Stage 2: Simon Forsyth, Ruby Knight, Ruby Graham, Sanoy Bhattachan and Ahmad El Merhabi
Stage 3: Kael Sciacca, Ryan Clark, Mateo Soriano

2017 Diocesan Cross Country Team



Netball Gala Day

St Monica's will be entering teams into the **Netball Gala Day** being held on **Tuesday 22 August 2017 (Term 3)** at Penrith.

Teams will be selected before the end of term. Students turning 8 years old this year are eligible to participate.

If any parents would like to assist in training and attend on the day please contact Miss Emily Farrelly.



Staff Development Days

Monday 21 August (Term 3, Week 6)
 Friday 17 November (Term 4, Week 6)
 Monday 18 December (Term 4, Week 11)
 Tuesday 19 December (Term 4 Week 11)

Dance Fever

Parents of students in **ES1-Year 2** are invited to attend their Dance Fever lesson on **Friday 23 June (Week 9)**

11:50am—12:20pm (ES1)
12:20pm—12:50pm (Stage 1)

Student in ES1-Year 2 will be dressing in their dance clothes.

More details to follow.

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3—6)

Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

The Dance Fever Showcase is coming up on **Thursday 29th June (Week 10)** at Homebush.

The Permission note has been sent home.

Doors open 5:00pm for a 6:00pm start—finish 8:30pm

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Australia Ave, Sydney Olympic Park

\$6:00 per person (including children competing—to be paid at the venue)

Permission note is on the school website under School Notes—Stages 2 and 3.

Further details will be provided when available.

Wednesday 7 June 2017



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held in **Week 10, Term 2, 2017.**

- *Students in ES1 and Stage One are not required to attend the interviews with their parents.*
- *Students in Stages 2 and 3 are required to attend the interviews with their parents.*

Bookings will OPEN on Friday 9 June 2017 at 9:00am.

Please use the code below. Do not use your last event's code.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact the School Office for assistance with the bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9630 3697.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited.

Bookings must be finalised by **9:00am on Thursday 22 June 2017** when bookings for this event will **CLOSE**.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

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Simply enter the code and press "Go"
**THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE
YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –
Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close at **9:00am on Thursday 22 June 2017.**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents who need to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9630 3697

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

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 everyday. 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.

Make Connections

Connecting what your child already knows while she reads helps to deepen their understanding of the text. Suggest your own connections as an example: *I once read a book that had a similar character who also liked to play netball (T2T). I know that they play netball in many countries around the world (T2W). As a child I played netball at school (T2S).*

Text-to-Text (T2T): Does this story relate to another story you have read? What characters from other stories remind you of X? □

Text-to-Self (T2S): How can you relate to this story? Have you ever felt the way X does?

Text-to-World (T2W): How does this story relate to 'a current event' in the world?

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

In each newsletter we will be publishing Top Tips for Kids from the Cyber Safety Lady—Leonie Smith (**copyright Leonie Smith 2011**)

Top Tips for Kids

Apple Messages Privacy - PC Settings

To prevent strangers from messaging you on iMessage (Apple Messages) set privacy settings. On a Mac PC open the app and go to 1. "Messages" (top left menu). Then to 2. "Preferences" - 3. "General". 4. Un-tick "Notify me about messages from unknown contacts". Add new friends by messaging them with a friend request, or un-tick briefly to accept a friend request.



Messages Apple Mobile Set privacy on mobile iMessage via Device "Settings" scroll down to "Messages" and click. Then scroll down to "Filter Unknown Senders" set to the On position (green). Exit out of settings to save.

Blocking #images: via Apple Messages mobile app

Apple iOS10 Messenger has Gifs, images & add on Apps. Some may have adult content. To block images/gifs 1. Open an old message. 2. Click the A symbol. 3. Click four dots bottom left 4. Hold down the #images icon until all icons shake. 5. Click the small x symbol on the #images icon to delete it. Click back to message & then then click on 6. A icon and then "Store". Then click "Manage" and disable 7. "Automatically Add Apps". Disable any other apps you want, then click done. Exit out by touching the main message window. Close app.



Important: To prevent #images being re-enabled. Go to Settings/General Settings/Restrictions/Installing Apps and slide toggle to the left to disable. Exit out of the Restriction

Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 7

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| Friday 9 June | * 9:00am Online Bookings open—Compulsory Interviews
* Dance Fever |

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Week 9

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| Wednesday 21 June | * Stage 3 Parish Mass |
| Thursday 22 June | * Reports sent home
* Online bookings (Parent/Teacher interviews) close 9am |
| Friday 23 June | * Dance Fever
(ES1—Stage 1 parents welcome to attend lessons)
* Pie and Sausage Roll Day (Pre-ordered—no late orders) |

Week 10

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| Monday 26 June | * Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Tuesday 27 June | * Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday 28 June | * Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday 29 June | * Parent Teacher Interviews
* PBL 2:30pm-3:30pm
* 5:30-8:30pm Dance Fever Challenge, Homebush (Yrs 3-6) |
| Friday 30 June | * 3:00pm Term 2 ends |

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8:00am-8:30am 2nd Group 8:30am—9:00am

Mr Davidson has requested that students please be on time for their lessons each week.

Thank you.

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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.

Multicultural Day

