

DIARY DATES

TERM 2

Week 9

Thursday 22 June

- 9am Online bookings close
- 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

Monday 26 June

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 27 June

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Wednesday 28 June

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 29 June

- PBL Product Launch
2:30-3:30pm Stages 2 & 3 Learning Space
- Dance Fever Interschool Challenge—Yrs 3—6 Homebush

Friday 30 June

- Term 2 ends at 3pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 3 - Week 1

Monday 17 July

- Students return for Term 3

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,

Over the last week or so Mrs Mason and I have been reading the Semester One progress reports for every child at St Monica's. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to do so. These reports are a true celebration of the learning and achievement of the children. They acknowledge the tremendous effort the children have put into their learning over the semester.

Please focus on your child's strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core learning areas. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then this gives your child direction on what they need to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.

The reports celebrate the passion and expertise of the teachers as they guide and support the children through their learning journey. They show the difference it makes when parents support and encourage their children's learning through what is said and done at home. Lastly, they give direction and some key learning goals and areas for improvement that the children can work towards in Semester Two. I encourage all parents to take this report as an opportunity to praise, encourage and challenge your child in a constructive way.

When the reports arrive please focus on the comments that have been included on the report. Please remember that the E-A grading system is a Commonwealth Government legislative requirement and not something that our school has implemented on our own. If your child is receiving a 'C' grade they are performing where they need to be at this stage of their learning in their particular grade.

All parents are invited to follow up their child's report with an interview with their child's teacher. It is always helpful when your child is part of the interviewing process as this gives a clear indication to your child/children that their education is important and that we work together as a team to help ensure that they work to reach their full potential.

Below I have provided some tips that may assist during the interview process.

- Children learn in different ways. All teachers want to see each student treated as an individual and it is important that we do not compare your child to others in the class or to their siblings.
- Talk to your child about the conference. Find out if they have any concerns about their learning or relationships. Tell your child that you intend to work with the teacher.
- Be ready to collaborate with the school. Teachers will always be positive and always have your child's best interest in mind. Respond tactfully and work with us to find a suitable positive solution.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions if you do not understand something or require further clarification. Not understanding can quickly lead to misunderstanding.

Some good areas to discuss in the interview may include:

- Child's strengths
- Areas for development in Semester Two
- Your child's interaction with their peers
- Is your child working to their potential?
- Is your child contributing to class discussions?

We wish Mrs Boulous, Mrs Cattermole and Mrs Ungsuprasert a very happy long service leave. Mrs Loretta Farrelly will replace Mrs Boulous in Term 3 and Term 4, Mrs Cattermole will be replaced by Mrs Mary-Anne Grewcock for Term 3 and Term 4 and finally Mrs Ungsuprasert will be replaced by Mrs Wendy Paley for Term 3.

I hope that the two week break from the school routine gives you the opportunity to go a little more slowly and enjoy your children.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



ES1 2018

A reminder to all families who have been offered a place for their child for Early Stage One in 2018 that the acceptance letter and payment must be received by **Friday 23 June 2017** to secure your child's place.

School Fees—Term 2

School Fees are now overdue. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school please ensure payment of fees immediately.

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 (Mrs Grewcock in Term 3 and 4).

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

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **9nfts** to make your bookings. Bookings will **CLOSE TOMORROW Thursday 22 June at 9:00am**.



Pie and Sausage Roll Day—Friday 23 June

The Parent Involvement Committee is holding a Pie and Sausage Roll Day this Friday. **Orders were due 9:00am today. As this is a pre-ordered lunch, no late orders will be accepted.**

Student Absences

If your child has been absent from school due to illness or other circumstance it is important that you send in a note to your child's teacher on their return.

If a note of explanation is not received within 7 days, the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will automatically mark the absence as unexplained which will be reflected on your child's attendance record / report.

St Monica's current student attendance rate is 89%



Whole School Photographs

Last day to order Friday 30 June 2017

The following photographs are available for purchase through Advancedlife.

- Whole School Photo
- Whole School Photo (waving)
- Whole School Photo (funny)
- 2 x Whole School Photos with Fr Fernando

Photographs are \$17 each and are available for purchase until **Friday 30 June 2017**.

Please visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code **FEF 88K ZMQ** to view and purchase the photographs. **Please place orders online.**

PBL—Thursday 29 June (Week 10)

All parents, families and friends are invited to attend the Stage 2 and Stage 3 **Product Launch** on **Thursday 29 June 2:30pm-3:30pm**. The Launch will be held in the Learning Space.

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.

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate birthdays in July.



Garbhan Sciacca	Sandra Chirchir	Laura Emphield	Mateo Soriano
Matilda-Rose Hall	Zachariah Kassis	Alexis Chang	Enzo Inigo
Georgia Fernandes	Aimee Loof	Tia Nour	Ryan Malatag
Ashley Roberts	Max Lukasik	Trinity Bird	Jose Arenas Abarca
<i>Staff - Miss Shaw</i>			

Library Monitors

Congratulations to the following students who are now official Library Monitors for 2017 and 2018!!

Laetitia, Jessica C, Jacob, Aiden P, Jessica D, Emma, Aiden M, Neave, Trinity, Kayla, Sophia, Summer, Jericho, Zeke, Giselle, Samira, Gabriel, Gene, Laura and Matilda.

Each student submitted an application form and sat with me for an interview about their interests and what they could bring to the role. These students also had a training period where they all showed outstanding leadership qualities and initiative. These students also had a training period where they all showed outstanding leadership qualities and initiative. We are very proud of them all.



Mrs Sharon Boulous ,Teacher/Librarian

Dance Fever—ES1—Stage One

Parents of students in **ES1, Year 1 and Year 2** are invited to attend their Dance Fever lesson this **Friday 23 June** (Week 9). **11:50am—12:35pm**

Student in ES1-Year 2 will be dressing in their dance clothes. This includes sequins of course!

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3—6)

Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

The Dance Fever Showcase will be held on **Thursday 29th June (Week 10)** at Homebush.

The Permission note has been sent home.

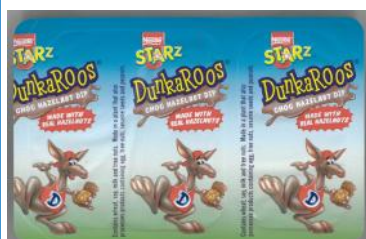
Doors open 5:00pm for a 6:00pm start—finish 8:30pm

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.



Parents are reminded that St Monica's currently have students who can suffer severe allergic reactions (life threatening) through contact with nuts and sesame based foods. There is a new product called DunkaRoos that children have been bringing to school in their lunchbox.

As this product contains **hazelnuts** we request that your child **does not bring this item for their recess or lunch**. This also applies to the product **Nutella**.



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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Go

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 correctlyYou 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 3697We 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.

St Monica's Fete—Raffle

Thank you to those families who have returned their Raffle Ticket Books and money.

A reminder to families that all raffle ticket books must be returned to the school office
sold/unsold by Friday 13 October.**Please do not dispose of unsold raffle tickets/books** as the school is to account for every booklet.

Raffle tickets have been assigned to each family who has given consent to receive raffle tickets. If any families would like to receive an extra book, please contact the school office.

NUMBER OF BOOKS Sold and returned	NUMBER OF BOOKS To be returned
16	134

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 inferences

We infer by combining what we already know (our prior knowledge) with clues or evidence from the text. For example if we read "The boy put on his hat and sunglasses before going outside," we can infer that it is a sunny day. Talking about what you can actually see/hear (literal) and what you can infer (literal + prior knowledge and other clues) will help students to be able to make inferences about texts.

Summarise

Talking about what happened in the text gives your child an opportunity to share any other questions, comments, connections, inferences they may have.

Talk about which part they liked/disliked, did they enjoy the text, have they learnt something new? What were the main ideas? Can you describe what happened using only three sentences? Ask them what was important, is there a message?

Summarising helps them to put ideas into their own words.

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

Snapchat Privacy Settings

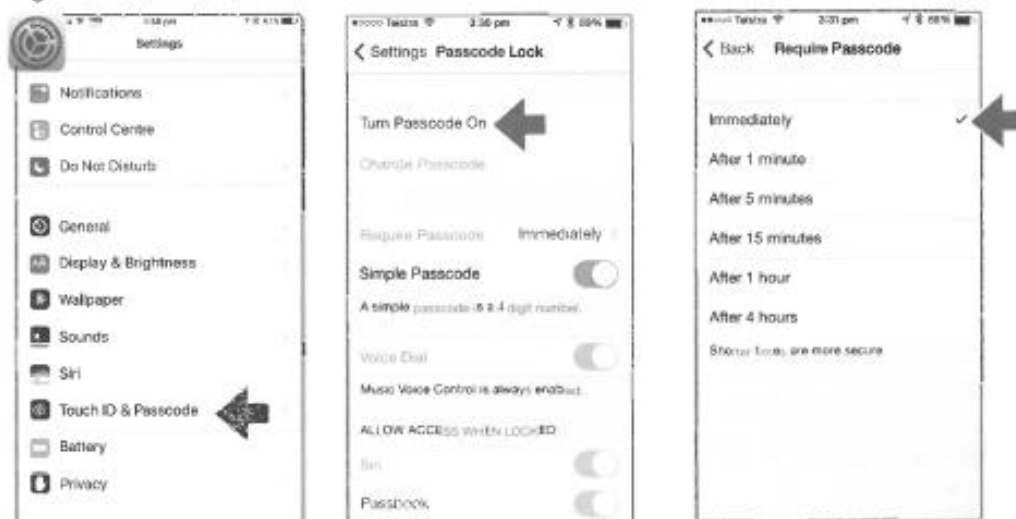
Snapchat is advertised as a messaging app where messages "disappear". However it is not 100% safe for sending photos and posts. Snapchat photos CAN be copied via screen capture, saved then shared on to others.

To set up privacy settings on Snapchat. Open - 1. Click Ghost icon - 2. "Settings" - Scroll to 3/4. "Who Can..." Set both settings to "My Friends" to prevent messages from strangers 5. Turn off "Quick Add". 6. Set up Login Verification also to secure your account from hackers.



Setup Screen Passcode On Apple Mobile

Set up a secret screen lock passcode or Touch I.D. You can set it so that it locks immediately or after a few minutes of inactivity. Go to your device "Settings" - "Passcode" - "Turn Passcode On" - "Set up a pass code" - set the time delay - then exit out to save. Set Touch ID to most secure settings.



Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 9

- Thursday 22 June
- * Online bookings close at 9am (Parent/Teacher interviews)
 - * Semester 1 Reports sent home

- Friday 23 June
- * Dance Fever Infants Showcase 11:50am-12:35pm (ES1—Stage 1 parents welcome to attend lessons)
 - * Pie and Sausage Roll Day (Pre-ordered—**no late orders**)

Week 10

- 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—Stage 2 and 3, Learning Space
 - * Dance Fever Challenge, Homebush (Yrs 3-6)
- Friday 30 June
- * 3:00pm Term 2 ends

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 3 - Week 1

- Monday 17 July
- * School resumes for Term 3

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)

SPORT DAY

All Stages will have their sport day on **FRIDAYS** during Term 3.

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. Thankyou.



Wanted:



Families to host "2" Japanese students 20th – 25th October 2017

Students are aged 13-15 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
 3 meals a day
 daily transport to/from St Monica's Primary

Families are paid \$45 per night per student for hosting.

Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 <http://www.vsoceania.com>

Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com mob: 0423 097 518 / 0408 468 538

The Japanese students will attend St Monica's and be with the students on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 October.

ARIA MUSIC

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!

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!!

Keyboard Classes!

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

www.ariamusic.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.

IL Shim Taekwon-Do

Taekwon-Do classes currently held in the Parish Hall

CLASS TIMETABLE – commencing February 2017

5.00pm to 5.50pm – Monday & Wednesday
Juniors (Green Tip and below)

6.00pm To 8.00pm – Monday & Wednesday
Seniors (Greenbelt & above) & Demonstration Team

FEES

1 Family Member - \$70.00 per month (includes two lessons per week)

2 Family Members - \$130.00 per month (includes two lessons per week)

3 Family Members - \$150.00 per month (includes two lessons per week)

4 Family Members- \$180.00 per month (includes two lessons per week)

5 Family Members - \$200.00 per month (includes two lessons per week)

Casual training fees \$15.00 per session per person, \$10.00 for two or more family members per session per person.

www.ilshimtkd.com.au