

DIARY DATES

TERM 3

Week 2

Tuesday 25 July

- Stage 3 boys soccer Gala Day

Wednesday 26 July

- Parent Involvement Committee Meeting 7pm

Thursday 27 July

- 8am Australian Maths comp (S2 & 3 students who have registered)

Friday 28 July

- 2pm Church Cleaning

Week 3

Wednesday 2 August

- 8am ICAS—English (S2 & 3 students who have registered)

Friday 4 August

- Census Day

Week 4

Tuesday 8 August

- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- Zone Athletics

Friday 11 August

- Theme lunch—Dumplings
- 2pm Church Cleaning

Week 5 - Book Week

Tuesday 15 August

- Feast of the Assumption

Wednesday 16 August

- 7pm POSMS Meeting

Friday 18 August

- Voice of Youth Cluster Final

Week 6

Monday 21 August

- Staff Development Day (students do not attend school)

Thursday 24 August

- St Monica's Day/Talent Quest

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,

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3 and another busy, exciting term of learning, celebrating and working together as a Catholic community. Both staff and students appear to have returned from the holidays rejuvenated, enthused and ready to tackle the next ten weeks ahead.

With Term 3 a typically busy term, the coming ten weeks are certainly going to be full of activity with a considerable number of events and happenings.

Already there are quite a number of activities and initiatives scheduled for the term ahead:

- Australian Mathematics Competition
- Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
- ICAS English Competition
- Parent Involvement Committee meeting
- Zone Athletics
- Book Week
- Assumption Mass
- Class masses
- Reconciliation
- Zone Athletics
- POSMs Meeting
- Voice of Youth Cluster final
- Staff Development Day
- Netball Gala Day
- St Monica's Day
- Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- First Eucharist
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day Mass
- ES1 2018 Parent meeting
- Incursion/Excursions
- Talent Quest

As we begin Term 3, here are some tips that may assist you throughout the term:

- Manage your own anxiety: Avoid questions that may convey your worries eg "Did you enjoy school today?" Instead, focus on positive action eg "Tell me about the best thing you learnt today".
- Be open to what your child is feeling eg "I see you are feeling sad, that's okay".
- Listen: you don't have to solve everything.
- Meet other parents: Show your child you are part of the St Monica's community.
- Set an early bed time so that your child/children can get up early and be organised: It is hard for a child to focus and participate all day if they are tired or have had a frazzled morning.
- Work with the teacher: The Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of last term were a great time to share concerns and discuss successes. I know that parents and teachers worked together to set goals for your child. Please remember that you can contact your child's teacher at any time and find out how the goals are progressing. Please contact the office or simply write a quick note to your child's teacher requesting an interview time.
- Be realistic: Each child is unique and special. What works for one, may not work for another. In all aspects of their learning- academically, physically, socially and emotionally - children will vary. Embrace the difference!

It is pleasing to note that students have very quickly re-settled into routines and their learning. The first few weeks back of any term are always prime opportunity for reaping the benefits of renewed energy levels and a refreshed outlook. We appreciate the ongoing support of parents in this partnership of education as we work together in fostering only the best of potential in our children. We hope to make learning ever more visible to our students through the learning intentions and success criteria in each learning space so that the children not only know what they are learning and why, but how they will know that they have been successful. Teachers are working to become more aware of the effect of their teaching on their learners. Our inspired and passionate teachers continue to work together as part of a dedicated team to improve their own professional performance so that they have a significant impact on student learning.

One of the best things teachers can do is to give your children quality, constructive feedback about their learning. Students are taught the stages of learning – from just becoming aware of something right through to mastery of it.

Everyone would be aware that time in class with the teacher is what is required for the best learning to take place. As such, it is vital that we ensure that our children are at school, in class, for as much time as possible. Getting to school late, leaving early or having days away from school all reduce the quality of learning time available to our students and can make a difference. Obviously, there are times when this is unavoidable but I would encourage all parents to make every effort to ensure their children are here at school for the greatest amount of time possible.

Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of children arriving at school late or who have quite a large number of absent days. The missed learning opportunities do impact on those children (not to mention peers being disrupted). We get one opportunity to lay the foundations for lifelong learning and it is vital that each child is given every opportunity to succeed by being at school, on time, on a consistent basis.

I'm only missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of my schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 3 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	Nearly 6 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years

As a reminder, school begins at 8:50am with morning supervision beginning at 8:20am. Arriving late for school may cause some children to be anxious as they miss the settling in that comes with the start of the day along with the instruction session for the class which sets them up for the day's activities.

Staff News

This term we welcome back Mr Tyszkiewicz to Stage 3. We also welcome Mrs Maryanne Grewcock replacing Mrs Cattermole, Mrs Loretta Farrelly (Monday & Tuesday) replacing Mrs Boulous and Mrs Wendy Paley (Thursday & Friday) replacing Mrs Ungsuprasert while each of these staff members are on long service leave.



POSMs Meeting— Wednesday 16 August

Parents are warmly invited to our next POSMS meeting on Wednesday 16 August commencing from 7pm-8pm in the Learning Space. At the meeting all parents will have hands on experience in using Google Docs, Google Classroom and webpages which are used daily by the students in their learning/homework. All parents will be using one of our school devices (MacBooks and Chromebooks). No previous experience is necessary.

I wish all our community a happy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

CENSUS Friday 4th August 2017

The annual school census will take place on **Friday 4th August**. It is imperative that the school has received an application for extended leave (in the case of leave between 5 and 100 days) or a letter of explanation in the case of sickness, an appointment or shorter leave.



If you know in advance that your child will be away on Friday 4th August or your child is absent on the day could you please send an email to the school office stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au or notify the office on 9630 3697. Written documentation for all absences on Census Day is a requirement of the census audit.

Tennis Lessons

Lessons for Term 3 will commence on **Tuesday 1 August (Week 3)** as advised by Mr Davidson.



PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)

All parents are warmly welcomed to the next meeting on Wednesday 26 July commencing at 7pm.

Please note the following dates for your diaries:

Friday 11 August	Theme Lunch—Dumplings
Monday 28 August	Father's Day wrapping / pricing 9am
Wednesday 30 August	Father's Day Stall 1pm
Thursday 31 August	Father's Day Mass

Church Cleaning - School roster for Term 3

Any parents who are available to assist with the Church Cleaning on the following dates are asked to meet outside the Church at 2:00pm. Cleaning is finished in time for afternoon school pick up.

Friday 28 July , Friday 11 August and Friday 22 September

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.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

Parents who collect their child/children early from school are requested to inform COSHC, **prior to school dismissal**, that their child will not be attending the service that day.

Informing COSHC staff of absences will make it easier for them to account for the children on their list. COSHC's phone number is **0429 990 170**. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



Congratulations to Mrs Mason who graduates as an EMU Specialist Teacher.

Dance Fever

**Congratulations to our successful students
who represented us in the recent Dance
Fever Challenge at Homebush.**



MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards last Term.



- ES1: Martin Salib, Cadence Metierre, Dominick Macorig, Allegra Jammo
- Year One: Manda Lu, Alexis Crame, Wyatt Heesen
- Year Two: Gabriela Andrade, Shubbh Chugh, Noah Day, Jessica Ishak, Matthew Johnson, Ryan Malatag, L'Lysse Puyat, Lola Sloane, Alicia Youssef
- Stage 2: Madeleine David, Galia Evangelista, Madeline Smith, Aidan Muttoo, Jesse Maffina, Zachariah Kassis, John Sadek, Jessica Chandra
- Stage 3: Jonah Assaf, Ryan Clark, Skye Meale, Steven Talampas, Reema Santos, Kael Sciacca

2017 Full Attendance - Term 2

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 2.

- ES1: Christopher Sadek
- Year 1: Wyatt Heesen and Manda Lu
- Year 2: Ashton Dardagos, Michael Maffina, Sophie Phan, Pranaya Prasath, L'Lysee Puyat, Liam Sciacca, Dominic Scurtu
- Stage 2: Madeleine David, Galia Evangelista, Zachariah Kassis, Aidan Muttoo, Maria Nour, Aidan Pospischil, Emma Sadek, Charles Sentas, Madeline Smith, Jayden Albayeh, Manson Lu, Evan Michael, John Sadek, Neave Sciacca, Lucas Dacian Scurtu
- Stage 3: Jordan Basha Christian Dib, Manraj Kahlon, Gene Kneipp, Zac Michael, Garban Sciacca, Isabella Rose Smith, Henry Corcoran, Lachlan Dardagos, Amelia Furjanic, Christian Kandalaft, Marley Puyat, Veronica Sadek, Kael Sciacca





NSW Catholic Primary School Sports Council

2017 PSG TRACK & FIELD EVENT

1500m

Calling for Expression of Interest from Parramatta Diocesan Primary School Students

Trials for the 1500m Event for the NSW PSSA State Team will be held at the 2017 NSW PSSA Athletics Championships on 18th /19th October @ Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

To qualify for these trials, students enrolled in Catholic schools affiliated with NSWCPS (Polding and MacKillop) will need to complete an Expression of Interest including supporting documentation with ratified times and submit to their Diocesan Sports Coordinator. All students wishing to compete must advance through our pathway.

From these nominations, 2 athletes for Polding and 2 athletes for MacKillop will be selected for each of the events listed below. Students are not required to attend the Polding or MacKillop Athletics Championships.

10 Years Boys (Born 2007)

10 Years Girls (Born 2007)

11 Years Boys (Born 2006)

11 Years Girls (Born 2006)

12 Years Boys (Born 2005)

12 Years Girls (Born 2005)

Students selected for MacKillop and Polding will attend the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships on 18th /19th October @ Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Students who place and make the qualifying time will then be selected in the NSW PSSA State team to attend the Pacific School Games in Adelaide 1st – 9th December 2017.

Please note, this is not an event in the regular NSW PSSA program.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSES 20th AUGUST 2017

Parramatta Diocesan Primary School Sport
Aengus Kavanagh Centre, Mt Druitt – PO Box 215 Rooty Hill NSW 2766
P: 0408 278 918 E: mthornton@parra.catholic.edu.au W: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu

Bragging rights

Congratulations to the following ex-students who received awards at the Parramatta Marist Academic Assembly on Wednesday 28th June.

Nash Hawkins— 1st place - Geography, 2nd place - Accelerated Mathematics, 2nd place - Science, 2nd place - STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics), 3rd place - English, 3rd place - Information & Software Technology

Bernard Kneipp -1st place- Commerce, 2nd place- Geography, 2nd place- English

Jacob Khadi—1st place in PASS, 2nd place in PDHPE

MindQuest 2017

Glenwood HS, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave, Glenwood 2768
Saturday 9 & 10 September 2017 9:30am—3:30pm

The 85th MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics and much more. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

**Contact Mrs Mason for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494.
Closing Date: Monday 14 August 2017**

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
18	132 as at 29/6/17

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)

Term 3—Sport Day

All Stages will have their sport day
 on
FRIDAYS

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.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our **Open Morning Tour** on **Wednesday July 26 2017**. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the **Registrar 8838 1222** to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

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.



ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

6D KIDS ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-13.

- Improve self confidence
- Improve body awareness (proprioception) which in turn allows skills to become automatic.
- Mixing with other children and learning new skills.

**Tuesdays
& Thursdays
at 4pm**

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conditions apply