

# DIARY DATES

## Week 3

### Thursday 3 August

- S2 Excursion / S3 Mass

### Friday 4 August

- Census Day

## Week 4

### Tuesday 8 August

- 9:15am St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- Zone Athletics

### Friday 11 August

- Theme lunch—Dumplings
- 2pm Church Cleaning

## Week 5

### 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 today)

### Tuesday 22 August

- Netball Gala Day

### Thursday 24 August

- 9:15 Mass St Monica's Day / Talent Quest/ Grandparent's Day

### Friday 25 August

- Diocesan Athletics—Blacktown

### Sat 26/Sun 27 First Communion

## Week 7

### Monday 28 August

- 9am Father's Day Wrapping/ Pricing

### Wednesday 30 August

- 1pm Father's Day Stall

### Thursday 31 August

- 9:15am Father's Day Mass

## 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,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of August. When I view the school calendar there are many important events this month that parents may like to attend.

3	Stage 3 Mass 9:15am (parents warmly welcome to attend) Stage 2 excursion to UTS
4	Census
7	Religious Literacy Online Training Year 4 & Year 6
8	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 9:15am Mass- whole school (parents welcome to attend) Zone Athletics
9	Extending Mathematical Understanding Professional Learning Day- Mrs Mason
10	Backyard League K-6
11	Dumpling Day / Church Cleaning- (parents are needed to assist with these activities) Stage 3 Talent Quest Auditions
15	Feast of the Assumption 9:15am Mass Y3-6 Liturgy K-2 (time to be advised) (parents welcome to attend Mass and Liturgy) PBL Marist coaching in Stage 2 & Stage 3
16	Principal Meeting Professional Learning for all staff Multiplicative Thinking 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parents Of St Monica's Meeting POSMs 7:00pm (all parents welcome) Stage 1 Talent Quest Auditions
17	Backyard League K-6 Stage 1 Talent Quest Auditions
18	Voice of Youth Cluster Final Year 6
19	First Holy Communion Rehearsal/ First Reconciliation registrations
20	First Reconciliation registrations
21	Staff Development Day - Project Based Learning- no classes this day
22	Netball Gala Day
24	St Monica's Feast Day - Mass 9:15 Mass Grandparents Day, Talent Quest (Parents and Grandparents are invited to attend)
25	Diocesan Athletics
26	First Communion
27	First Communion
28	9am Father's Day gift wrapping /pricing (parents required to assist)
30	Father's Day Stall 1:00pm (parents required to assist)
31	Father's Day Breakfast, Mass & Activity ( Mothers to assist with breakfast. Fathers of course are guests of honour)

## How is your Jar Filled?

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them in to the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He asked his students again if the jar was full? They agreed that yes, it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognise that this is your life.

The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children - anything that is so important to you.

The pebbles are the other things in life that matter, but on a smaller scale.

The pebbles represent things like your job, your house.

The sand is everything else. If you put the sand or the pebbles into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks.

The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, material things, you will never have room for the things that are truly most important. Pay attention to the things that are critical in your life. Set your priorities.

At the end of the professor's demonstration, one of the students took the jar (full of rocks, pebbles and sand) and added a full glass of water, the water being absorbed by the sand.

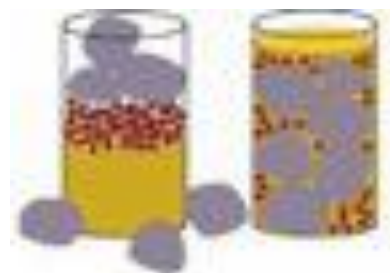
Moral: whatever your life is filled with, there will always be some room left for more if you set your priorities!

I hope you find some moments to relax, breathe purposefully and connect to the calmness that is deep within all of us.

Please view the events in the table on the front page and consider the ones that you may be able to attend this term.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



## Haircuts

Hair is to be clean and neatly cut. The following guidelines for students apply:

### Girls

- Shoulder length or longer hair **must be tied back**.
- Ribbons or scrunchies in **school colours only** must be worn.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.
- Decorative headbands are **not permitted**.

### Boys

- Neat and simple haircuts.
- No undercuts, shaved heads, number ones, obvious shaved line designs, rat tails or pony tails.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.

## CENSUS DAY this Friday 4th August 2017

The annual school census will take place this **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 your child is away from school on Friday please send an **email to the school office** [stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call the school office. You may also send an Absent note via the Skoolbag app.

Written documentation for all absences on Census Day is a requirement of the Census Audit.

### New Phone Number for St Monica's

Please be advised that St Monica's Primary has been migrated to the new SIP (digital) phone system. Our school phone number still works for incoming phone calls, but when anyone from the school calls out, the school's new number of **02 88324100** will show on the recipient's phone. This should be the only change noticeable at this stage of the process.

### Second Hand Clothing

The school has a number of second hand uniforms for sale. If you think that your child may need a "top up" of their uniform, please look for the table outside the Teacher's Work Room on **Thursday 17 August** from **8:30am – 9:00am** and from **2:30pm – 3:00pm**. All items of clothing will be **\$5:00** each. **Cash only**.

### St Monica's Feast Day Grandparent's Day Talent Quest — Advance Notice

There will be a number of events to celebrate our St Monica's Feast Day on **Thursday 24 August** (Week 6). Mass will commence at 9:15am, followed by Open Classroom visits. Morning Tea (provided) in the hall 10:40am followed by the Infants Talent Quest and then the Primary Talent Quest.

A program of exact times will be sent home on Thursday 17 August.

### Term 3 School Fees —due Monday 21 August

Term 3 School Fees have now been sent out by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Unless you have an arrangement with the school, fees are due and payable by **Monday 21 August 2017**.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school immediately so that a meeting can be arranged with the Principal.

### Dates from the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Fete Collection	<b>Friday 1 September</b>	Toys and Books
	<b>Friday 22 September</b>	Lollies and Lucky Dips
		Subway Lunch

Both days will be MUFTI Days. More details to follow.

### Head Lice

There have been reported cases of head lice in the school. Please check your child's hair for any evidence of lice and treat accordingly. For more information go to: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/head-lice>

### 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.**

## MERIT AWARDS

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



Year One: Lukas Lozancic Babic, Manda Lu

Year Two: Andrew Clark, Abbi Meale, Pranaya Prasath, Dominic Jenel Scurtu, Sara Younes, Theresa Huynh

Stage 2: Maureen Haddad, Galia Evangelista, Leonardo Macorig, John Sadek, Poppy Sloane

### ***ICAS Science***

**Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Science competition:**

Year 3:	Sanoy Bhattachan – Credit	Maureen Haddad – Participation
Year 4:	Daci Scurtu – Distinction	Aidan Muttoo – Credit
	Aidan Pospischil – Credit	Neave Sciacca – Merit
	Matilda Cooper – Participation	Charles Sentas – Participation
Year 5:	Jonah Assaf – Credit	Ryan Clark- Credit
	Kael Sciacca – Credit	Jessica Crowle – Credit
	Henry Corcoran- Merit	Emma Halamkova – Merit
	Manraj Kahlon – Participation	Jessica Stoker – Participation
	Kayla Grzelak – Participation	
Year 6:	Alexis Chang – Distinction	Riwaz Bhattachan – Distinction
	Charlotte Newey – Credit	Mateo Soriano – Merit
	Jessica Chapman – Participation	Rhiannon Cooper – Participation
	Maurice Haddad – Participation	Garbhan Sciacca - Participation

### ***ICAS Spelling***

**Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Spelling competition.**

Year 3:	Sanoy Bhattachan – Credit, Menuk Gunawardena – Participation, Manson Lu – Participation,	Bernardo Enciso Llamas– Participation, Maureen Haddad – Participation, Sophie Stoker – Participation
Year 4:	Samira Hekeik – Participation, Aidan Pospischil – Distinction, Daci Scurtu – Distinction,	Aidan Muttoo – Participation, Neave Sciacca – Participation, Charles Sentas – Participation
Year 5:	Jonah Assaf – Participation, Jordan Basha – Participation, Trinity Bird – Participation, Ryan Clark – Credit, Henry Corcoran – Distinction, Ana Maria Costea – Participation, Jessica Crowle – Distinction, Kayla Grzelak- Participation, Emma Halamkova – Participation, Laetitia Hossack – Participation, Manraj Kahlon – Merit, Kael Sciacca – Participation, Vinayak Sharma – Credit, Jessica Stoker – Participation	
Year 6:	Riwaz Bhattachan – Distinction, Alexis Chang- Distinction, Jessica Chapman – Credit, Maurice Haddad – Participation, Charlotte Newey – Credit, Garbhan Sciaccaa – Credit, Mateo Soriano - Credit	

### **2017 Full Attendance - Term 2**

Congratulations to Jordan Basha whose name was omitted from the list for Term 2 Full Attendance.  
Well done Jordan!



Congratulations to Sr Pauline on her 60th anniversary of her Perpetual Profession as a Sister of St Paul de Chartres.

### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day



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



Jessica Stoker	Philip Hilario	Kristian Romic	Charlie Gomez
Sienna Acosta	Ahmad El Merhabi	Ainsley Mitchell	Abbi Meale
Vinayak Sharma	Samuel Nassif	Madeline Smith	Giselle Mondinelli
Kobe Puyat	<i>Staff: Mrs Davino, Mrs Ungsuprasert and Mrs Abood</i>		

### 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
24	126

### St Monica's Feast Day Celebrations

9:15am Mass

Grandparent's Day

Talent Quest

Thursday 24 August 2017

Parents and Grandparents are invited to attend



### **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.

## **ARIA MUSIC**

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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

### ***Keyboard Classes!***

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

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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](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au))  
Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

***We thank all volunteers for their continued support.***

# News from St Monica's Parish

**Reconciliation:** the child has received the Sacrament of Baptism and is in Year 3 or above he/she is eligible

EVENT	WHERE	DATE	TIME
Bulletin Announcement week 1	School news letter/ Parish Bulletin/ State school flyer	5/6 August	Na
Bulletin Announcement week 2	School news letter/ Parish Bulletin	12/13 August	Na
Registration	St Monica's Church	19 / 20 August	Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9am
Parents Lesson (no children)	St Monica's Community Room	29 August	Tuesday 7.00pm
Commitment Mass	St Monica's Church	2 / 3 September	Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9am
Lesson 1/6	tba	9/ 10 September	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Lesson 2/6	tba	16 /17 September	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Lesson 3/6	tba	14 / 15 October	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Lesson 4/6	tba	21 /22 October	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Lesson 5/6	tba	4 / 5 November	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Lesson 6/6	tba	11 /12 November	Sat 4pm or Sun 8am
Reconciliation	St Monica's Church	23 November	Thursday 6:45pm for 7pm start