



Week 5

Wednesday 16 August

- POSMS MEETING POSTPONED

Thursday 17 August

- 8:30am-9am / 2:30pm-3pm
2nd Hand Clothing Sale
\$5 per item / Cash only
- Backyard League
(Sport Uniform)

Friday 18 August

- 9:30am Voice of Youth
Cluster Final (Hall)

Sat 19/ Sun 20

See RE Newsletter for details re
Holy Communion / reconciliation

Week 6

Monday 21 August

- Staff Development Day
(students do not attend school
today)

Tuesday 22 August

- Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 23 August

- 7pm POSMS Meeting (new
date)

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

Tuesday 29 August

- Backyard League
(Sport Uniform)

Wednesday 30 August

- 1pm Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

- 8am Father's Day Breakfast
- 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

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As we reach the middle of Term 3 with only weeks to the end of our school year, we have so much to celebrate at St Monica's. Our school is a wonderful place where the presence of God is so easy to see, hear and feel in the everyday happenings and events, relationships, challenges and triumphs.

Across our school students are working on some fantastic learning. Here is a snapshot of the happenings in our classes.



Early Stage One have been exploring descriptive texts. We have been focusing on identifying adjectives and using descriptive language to enhance our writing. We have written about our giant sunflower (making connections to our science unit on living things) as well as our family members and special features of the church.

Year 1 are learning about forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students have been making a book about a time when they have not shown forgiveness and what they would do now after their learning in their Religious Education lessons.



Year 2 have been exploring the parable of 'The Lost Sheep' and interpreting it at three different levels - Literal, Spiritual and Application.

Stage 2 In small group guided reading sessions, we model good reading strategies. A current focus is on identifying sophisticated language and a variety of sentence types. The reading strategies of prior knowledge and predicting are explicitly taught and improved with the engagement with Multi-modal texts to improve reading comprehension skills. During explicit model writing lessons, students are applying new strategies to further develop their writing, so it is more detailed and focused.



Stage 3 have currently taken on the role of civil engineers to design and construct various structures. The students are required to accurately plan, measure lengths and measure angles and manipulate varying prisms and pyramids. Once this is completed they will create three dimensional representations of their designs to create a unique city.

Staffing News

Mrs Erin Turner will return from maternity leave to her position in Early Stage One at the commencement of Term 4. We will have the opportunity later in the term to formally thank Miss Catherine Shaw for her wonderful contribution to our school and to the students in Early Stage One. We will see Miss Shaw at our school in a relieving capacity in all classes in Term 4.

Mrs Mary-Jo Mason will be on her well-deserved Long Service Leave from August 28 until September 21.

St Monica's Day/Grandparents Day

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

9:15am	Whole School Mass followed by open classrooms where parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to participate in some learning activities with the students.
11:00am	Morning Tea (Parents and Grandparents invited to the Hall) Students—playground
11:45am-1:15pm	Talent Quest (Hall) Celebrations conclude
1:15pm-2:00pm	Students return to classroom for lunch
2:00pm– 3:00pm	Classes resume

10 weeks to go until the St Monica's Parish Fete

Preparations for our Parish Fete on Saturday 28 October are well underway. All parents are required to assist on the fete day so that it is a successful event.

The school is responsible for a number of stalls - Book, BBQ, Chocolate Wheel, Country Kitchen, Face Painting, Floral Expressions (Charles and Joy Lukasik), Kebabs (+ other items generously donated by Laurie & Rebecca Hekeik), Lucky Dip/Lollies and Show Bags, Toy and Advertising (kindly organised by Brett & Donna Bird). The Parish is also responsible for a number of stalls too.

Country Kitchen

The Country Kitchen has been a very popular stall at our previous fetes as everything is home made. Clare Pospischil is after lots of small jars with lids for her jams, pickles and chutneys. The jars can be left either in the foyer in the school office or a box located in the Community Room if your child attends COSHC.

Shortly, Vanessa Talty and Cathryn Crowle will be asking for volunteer parents who are able to bake slices and cup cakes. The ladies are very happy to provide recipes if needed and they are very easy to follow. Look out for the note that will be sent home soon.

Mufti Days for Donations

Days have been organised to collect donations for the book, toy, lucky dip and lolly stalls:

Friday 1 September - Books and Toys (Week 7)

Last call for books (both adult and children's books), DVDs and magazines.

Toys - This is always a popular stall especially for the children who love to make their own purchases at the fete. We would be very grateful for games, puzzles, dolls, cars, baby/pre-schooler toys, soft toys, sporting goods, bikes etc. ***Students may wear mufti on this collection day***

Friday 22 September- Lucky Dip & Lollies (Week 10)

For this donation day, any new items that could be wrapped for boys/girls for lucky dips would be gratefully accepted. Some ideas include hair accessories, pencils, cards, small games, action figures.

Lolly bags are always something that children like to buy so a donations of a bag of lollies (any kind) will be accepted on this day. ***The students may wear sporting colours for their favourite team.***

Raffle Tickets

Our raffle tickets are a big money spinner for our fete and I know you would agree that the prizes are worthwhile and the tickets are affordable at just \$1:00 each. Thank you to the families that have returned the sold tickets and to the parents who have taken more than one booklet. We still have more booklets available at the office.

So far we have sold:

NUMBER OF BOOKS Sold and returned	NUMBER OF BOOKS To be returned
30	120

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.

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 2017.

In the lead up to the fete I have secured dates for raffle tickets to be sold at Winston Hills Shopping Centre and at Northmead Shopping Centre on Saturday 14 October & Saturday 21 October. In previous years the families that have been able to assist with this activity have been very successful selling lots of books at the same time promoting our fete day. If any family is able to assist for a few hours at either of the shopping centres on a Saturday, please contact the Office or complete the form below.

Extra Stalls

If any parent knows of anyone that would like a stall at the fete to sell their product, we would be happy for them to join us. A \$50:00 donation is required to secure a site. Please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

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Raffle Ticket Selling Volunteers

Northmead Shopping Centre (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Saturday 14 October	Time Available:	Family Name:
Saturday 21 October	Time Available:	Family Name:

Winston Hills Shopping Centre (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Saturday 14 October	Time Available:	Family Name:
Saturday 21 October	Time Available:	Family Name:

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 8832 4100** will show on the recipient's phone. This should be the only change noticeable at this stage of the process.

POSMS Meeting—Postponed until Wednesday 23 August

Parents are advised that the **POSMS Meeting** scheduled for this Wednesday has been postponed until **Wednesday 23 August (Week 6)** as staff have to attend a meeting. More details to follow.



Second Hand Clothing Sale—Thursday 17 August

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**.

Staff Development Day—Monday 21 August (Week 6)

Parents are reminded of the Staff Development Day which will be held next **Monday 21 August**. Students do not attend school on this day.

St Monica's Feast Day Grandparent's Day Talent Quest

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 followed by the Infants Talent Quest and then the Primary Talent Quest. A program of exact times has been sent home and is also available on the school website.

Term 3 School Fees —due Monday 21 August

Term 3 School Fees have 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**.

As Monday 21 August is a Staff Development Day, we would appreciate fees paid prior to this date.

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

Woolworths Earn and Learn

St Monica's Primary School is **NOT** participating in this year's Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Australian Girls Choir

The Australian Girls Choir is inviting all interested girls to attend a **short assessment workshop** which will be held at school on **Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 9:30am**. Parental permission is required and parents are asked to return the permission slip to school if they are interested in their daughter's participation. A flyer has been sent home today with every girl and a copy is also available on the school website.

Backyard League (Term 3)

Students will participate in **Backyard League** on **Thursday 17 August** and **Tuesday 29 August**. Students may wear their sport uniform on these days.

Congratulations

To the **Gomez** family on the birth of their son Alistair. A brother for Charlie (ES1)

To the **Evangelista** family on the birth of their daughter Grace. A sister for Galia (S2A)

To the **Nguyen** family on the birth of their daughter Victoria. A sister for Olivia (Year 1)

Thank you—Dumpling Day

Thank you to Sushila Pun for making the dumplings and to Kimberley Graham for preparing the salad and for their organisation of the Dumpling Day held on Friday 11 August. Thank you also to Tiffany Cooper, Gulshan Muttou, Bernadette Haddad and Genevieve Smith for assisting with serving on the day.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Early Stage One: Maka Collins, Allegra Jammo, Cadence Metierre, Pare Nader,
Martin Salib, Lydia Sun, Olivia Szymanski, Cody Wylie

Year One: Nina Talty and Eva Sentas

Year Two: Roger Corcoran, Aimee Loof, Max Lukasik, Michael Maffina, Siria Mondinelli,
William Paterson, Sophie Phan

Stage 2: Madeline Smith, Aidan Pospischil, Jacob Kandalraft
Jayden Albayeh, Jake Chapman, Evan Michael

Stage 3: Gabriel Bucur, Rachel French, Maurice Haddad, Madeline Lewis, Raymond Khadi
Jonah Assaf, Trinity Bird, Joshua North, Hayden Herder-Beke, Chelsea Lewis and
Ezekiel Logo



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the competitors who participated at the
Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 8th August.

Many thanks to Mrs Sharma (Vinayak S3) and Mrs Sandhu (Manraj S3)
for assisting on the day along with Miss Bagnall and Mrs Davino.

Congratulations and good luck to the athletes who will now
move onto the Diocesan Carnival on Friday, 25th August.

Mrs Mary-Jo Mason

Madeline Lewis - Shot Put

Chelsea Lewis – 800 metres

Ainsley Mitchell – 800 metres

Simon Forsyth — Discus

Ana Maria Costea –

100 metres and Shot Put



Student Representative Council—Semester 2

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected
as Semester Two representatives for the SRC.

ES1 - Cody Wylie and Yuna Shin

Stage 1 - Calista Soriano and Max Lukasik

Stage 2 - Simon Forsyth and Zac Kassis

Stage 3 - Rhiannon Cooper and Gabriel Bucur



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.

Bragging rights

Congratulations to the following girls from St Monica's who competed in an interclub competition for Winston Hills Physical Culture.

The girls competed in different ages and divisions. Well done!

- Jessica Crowle 2nd
- Laetitia Hossack 2nd
- Isabella Smith (Yr 6) 4th
- Trinity Bird 1st - her first ever Physie Interclub
- Metropolitan West Regional Gymnastics Competition was attended by Charlize Cooper. She came 10th on Beam and overall her Team came 4th. Great job for her first regional competition.

Father's Day Wrapping

**Monday 28 August
(Week 7)**

9:00am

All welcome to help.

Father's Day Stall

**Wednesday 30 August
(Week 7)**

1:00pm

More details to follow

Father's Day Breakfast

**Thursday 31 August
from 8:00am**

followed by

**Father's Day Mass
9:15am**

All fathers, grandfathers and significant males are invited.

Book Club

An order/payment for Book Club was received but no name was written on the order form.

If you placed an order and did not receive delivery please contact the school office.

Write Here, Write Now

The School Writing Competition for 2017 is NOW OPEN!

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school) !

There are also prizes to be won. Entry is **FREE**. Entries close **31 August 2017**.

Enter online: www.write4fun.net

Campion College Australia Book Fair: 26 August

The Library at Campion College will be holding a book fair with a large number of second hand books for sale. Subjects include theology, literature, history and philosophy. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Date: Saturday 26th August, 2017, Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm, Venue: Campion College Australia,

Address: 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie, NSW 2146, Inquiries: 02 9896 9307 Email: k.doughty@campion.edu.au

Migrant and Refugee Sunday Launch: 27 August

"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection" The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia. The launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week on Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham St Seven Hills. Our special guests will be Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ, Jesuit Refugee Services International Director. RSVP by phoning the Social Justice Office 02 8838 3461 or letting us know online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

Gospel of the Family - Joy for the World: 27 August

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World is a free family event that offers a program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

To be held on Sunday 27 August from 1pm -3.15pm. Mass available at 11am and BYO Picnic Lunch.

Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. To register: 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au



CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Christmas Closure

The **last day of operation** of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

2. January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.



TEA TOWELS & APRONS

This year marks 125 years for the community of St Monica's. In recognition of this momentous occasion tea towels and aprons have been personally designed and signed by each of the students. This unique souvenir features drawings from all the students and staff from our school. The pictures will be arranged into one commemorative design and will be printed onto high quality white tea towels and navy blue aprons, with a sky blue print on each.

This project was specifically chosen because it involves the children, produces a wonderful memento and meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. The tea towels and aprons look amazing and will make a fabulous reminder of your child's primary school years.

As an Early Bird Special **ONLY** the price is \$12 for a tea towel and \$18 for an apron. In addition there is a special bundle price of \$28 for both. Please note, this special price is for **pre-purchase only**. (Please include payment with order.) Additional items will be available for purchase at this year's fete but not at this special price. Please support this fundraiser and place your orders now.

Everyone from the St Monica's Primary School will have a picture and their name included, so make sure you don't miss out on this unique opportunity to preserve your child's artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

Orders are due by **FRIDAY 18th August 2017.** Delivery of the tea towels and aprons will be late term 3.

If you have any queries please contact Tiff Cooper by email tiff@bdcbuild.com.au

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TEA TOWEL & APRON ORDER FORM

Child's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent's name: _____ Mobile: _____

Please circle or indicate numbers for order

Number of Tea Towels Ordered (\$12ea): 1 2 3 or more _____ \$ _____

Number of Aprons Ordered (\$18): 1 2 3 or more _____ \$ _____

Number of Bundles (\$28): 1 2 3 or more _____ \$ _____

Please enclose correct amount in a sealed envelope if paying by cash

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Alternatively you can pay by VISA or MasterCard please fill in details below

Name on card: _____

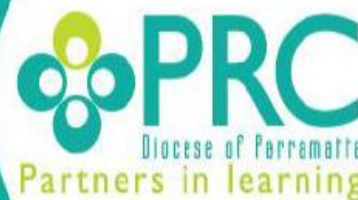
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Signature: _____ TOTAL charge: \$ _____



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UNDERSTANDING NAPLAN AND THE NEW CHANGES

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has made changes to year nine NAPLAN and eligibility for sitting the HSC in year 12. Paul will shed light and answer any questions you may have on these changes and how they affect your child's learning.

- NAPLAN results enable parents and teachers to see how students are progressing, not just within their class but also against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments.
- Over 13,500 students from the Diocese of Parramatta sit NAPLAN, which has six measures of assessment for each student: reading, writing, spelling,

grammar/punctuation, overall literacy and numeracy.

- NAPLAN results are released in September and these results are a valuable tool that tells teachers about their students' performance on a given day and identifies areas for improvement and future growth. It allows teachers, students and parents to ask what can we learn and what can we do better, where we need to refine our focus.


**NAPLAN
KEEP
CALM
AND
KEEP
LEARNING**



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mr Paul Easton

Director of Performance
Catholic Education Diocese of
Parramatta (CEDP)

PAUL WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS ON NAPLAN

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events



Monday, 21 August 2017

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 3 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Villiers St, Parramatta
Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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2017 SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Spring Strings Monday September 25, 2017 - 9.30am-3.30pm

Join leading instrumental practitioners in this 1-day workshop for student musicians who play Orchestral String instruments at the following approximate levels:

Violin – AMEB Grade 1-5
Cello – AEMB Grade 1-4

Viola – AMEB Grade 1-3
Double Bass – AMEB Grade 1-3

The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique, small ensembles and performance technique, culminating in a short concert showcasing the pieces that have been developed throughout the day. **Bookings are essential.**

The Big Sing Thursday October 5, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention all singers! If you love singing, would like to try singing or would like to improve your singing, then this is the workshop for you. The 1-day workshop will explore vocal skills and refresh singing techniques through a range of exercises and songs which are designed to explore and develop vocal production, breathing, pitch and tone. **Bookings are essential.**

The Big Bash Friday October 6, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention drummers and percussionists! If you're a young and inspired drummer/percussionist, then this workshop is not to be missed. Students will learn about origins of drumming, technique, reading, hand drumming, the drum kit, orchestral percussion and even create their very own original piece of music. The 1-day workshop caters for the beginner to intermediate skill levels so, if you're interested, please get in contact to book your place! **Bookings are essential.**

Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Ross St, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)

Ages: Open to boys and girls aged 8 - 18 years

Cost: \$75 per workshop (current OLMC students) or \$75 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now

Enquiries: music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or 02 8838 1288



W www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy **P** 02 8838 1288

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.

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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.