



Week 7

Wednesday 30 August

- 1pm Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

- 8am Father's Day Breakfast
- 9:15am Father's Day Mass
- Activities after Mass

Friday 1 September

- Mufti Day**—Books and Toys for the Fete

Sunday 3 September

- Father's Day

Week 8

Tuesday 5 September

- 9:15am Mass—ES1
- S3 Excursion—State Parliament

Wednesday 6 September

- 9:30am Australian Girls Choir—Assessment workshop

Thursday 7 September

- 9:15am Mass—S2
- Pizza Day lunch

Week 9

Tuesday 12 September

- 9:15am Mass-S3 (new date)

Wednesday 13 September

- 7pm-8pm ES1 2018 Parent evening

Thursday 14 September

- 9:15am Mass-S1 (new date)

Week 10

Tuesday 19 September

- 2:30-3:30pm PBL Launch for S2/S3

Friday 22 September

- Mufti Day**—Lucky Dip / Lollies for the Fete
- 2pm Church Cleaning
- Term 3 ends

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,

Next week is '**National Child Protection Week**', a campaign that is held annually across Australia to raise awareness of child abuse prevention.

Protecting children from sexual exploitation is a whole community responsibility. It is a timely reminder for parents and teachers that we need to have age appropriate conversations with our children about personal safety and what to do if they find themselves in a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable. Children need to be made aware that unwanted touching by anyone (family, friends or strangers) is not OK and they have a right to say NO.

At school the Personal Development syllabus outlines for the teachers the knowledge and understanding outcomes for the students in the strand '*Safe Living*'. This strand focuses on developing in students a commitment and an ability to act in ways that will keep themselves and others safe from harm. Students are given opportunities in their lessons to analyse various situations and investigate ways of behaving safely in these situations. They learn how to deal with emergencies and how to minimise risks to themselves and others. Above all, the students learn that each one of them has a right to be safe and to feel safe always.

The following outlines some of the themes that are covered in the strand '*Safe Living*' in each of our stages:

Early Stage One - identify people who keep them safe, talk about feeling safe/unsafe, explore actions for safety eg No-Go-Tell and they describe safe places to play.

Stage One - compare the characteristics of places where they feel safe/unsafe, role play emergency situations, demonstrate actions they can take when they feel unsafe and they identify people that can help them.

Stage Two - identify people from whom they can seek advice and support in emergency situations, compare the characteristics of people and situations that cause students to feel safe and unsafe.

Stage Three - demonstrate ways to improve unsafe environments, practise emergency response procedures, devise strategies to respond to risky and dangerous situations and they identify individuals and services in the community that help protect their wellbeing.

The NAPCAN 'Preventing Child Abuse' website has lots of helpful brochures that can assist parents to engage in Child Protection conversations www.napcan.org.au with their children.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



Grandparents Day at St Monica's



More photos available on the website



Welcome Mrs Tracy Hoey

St Monica's welcomes Mrs Hoey who is replacing Mrs Mason while she is on Long Service Leave.



New Phone Number for St Monica's

St Monica's Primary has been allocated a new phone number **02 8832 4100**.

Naplan Results

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will now have received their child's NAPLAN results.

Year 5 parents are advised to **KEEP THE NAPLAN REPORT** as it will be needed to complete your child's Year 7 High School enrolment application.



Sympathy

St Monica's community extends its deepest sympathy to the Albayeh family (Jayden S2) on the recent passing of their grandfather (Mrs Albayeh's father).

Sympathy is also extended to Miss Clough on the passing of her grandmother.

Please keep the Albayeh family and Miss Clough and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

Change of Mass Dates

Please note the change of Mass dates below:

- **Stage Three** will attend Mass on **Tuesday 12 September**
- **Stage One** will attend Mass on **Thursday 14 September**

PARENT WEBINAR ISDCN- www.isdcn.edu.au

Parents face a myriad of challenges in raising happy and healthy children. Some of these issues have not changed over time, such as dealing with moody adolescents during puberty or helping kids be the best they can be. Others, like keeping children safe online, are new.

Through the ISDCN Parent Webinar Program, parents can access a wealth of information to help them understand and respond to the complex range of issues associated with raising children, as well as experts ready to help arm them with well-researched strategies and considered advice.

HOW ISDCN PARENT WEBINARS WORK?

Live sessions are scheduled to start at 7:45pm AESDT for the convenience of busy households. Webinars are free and no registration is required. Parents simply click on a provided link at the advertised time. Participants will see the computer screen and video of the presenter, hear their audio and can interact by asking formal questions with the Q&A tool or have informal discussion on a chat channel. These interactions can be the most valuable part of the session.

Parents can also access recordings of previous webinars for eg:

- **INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS – YOUR CHILDREN AND THE WEB**
Brett Lee (INESS) Child Safety and Disability Services
- **PREVENTING BULLYING TO ENHANCE CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' BRAIN DEVELOPMENT** Prof. Donna Cross
- **HELPING YOUR CHILD THRIVE – AT SCHOOL AND IN LIFE** Dr Justin Coulsen
- **HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO PARENTS REALLY HAVE?** Paul Dillon (DARTA)
- **BUILDING BODY CONFIDENT KIDS** Sarah McMahon
- **DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN YOUR CHILD – HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BOUNCE BACK!** Dr Toni Noble

Congratulations to all our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of Eucharist at Mass last Saturday and Sunday.



Congratulations to their families, Father Reggie, the Sacramental Co-Ordinator - Jenny Coorey and our Religious Education Co-ordinator Michelle Rosewell.

Thank you to Miss Bagnall and Miss O'Donnell who attended the First Communion Mass.



Netball Gala Day

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of taking four teams to Penrith for the Netball Gala Day. The teams played well and showed fantastic sportsmanship both on and off the courts. The students were a credit to our school. All teams won a few games throughout the day and all left as winners of St Monica's. I would like to thank the parents who helped make the day a success—ensuring teams were at the right courts on time, scoring and keeping the spirit alive on the day. **Miss Emily Farrelly**



Fathers Day Celebrations Thursday 31 August

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

All fathers, grandfathers and significant males are invited to attend.

8:00 am Father's Day Breakfast
(for those who have sent in RSVP)

9:15 am Father's Day Mass

After Mass, dads can participate in activities with their children until recess time.

Voice of Youth Cluster Final

Congratulations to Christian Kandalaft, Marley Puyat and Mateo Soriano who participated in the Voice of Youth Final held at St Monica's on Friday 18th August. They did a great job and we were very proud of them.

A special mention to Jessica Chapman who was an outstanding MC on the day.

Special thanks to Miss Bagnall & Mr Tyskiewicz for preparing the students.



Congratulations

Our very best wishes to Miss Emily Clough & Mr Mitch Harrison as they prepare for their upcoming wedding in a few weeks. Miss Clough's last day at school before her wedding will be on Monday 11 September.



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 affordable at **just \$1:00 each**. Thank you to the families that have returned their 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 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:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students will celebrate birthdays in September.

Helen Elias	Olivia Hekeik	Lydia Clancy	Maurice Haddad
Marley Puyat	Ashleigh North	Sanoy Bhattachan	Manraj Kahlon
Olivia Cardomatis	Jared David	Henry Corcoran	Bianca Zhu
Pare Nader	Neave Sciacca	Lukas Lozancic Babic	

Reminder Mufti Days for Donations

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



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

Lucky Dips — 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 donations of a bag of lollies (any kind) will be accepted on this day.

Students may wear sporting colours for their favourite team.



Bragging rights

Congratulations to **Lachlan Dardagos** who plays for the Winston Hills Hawks U10s Parramatta District Convents Rugby League Association. Lachlan's team won the Grand Final against the Baulkham Hills Brumbies - winning by golden point 22-18. Well done Lachlan!!



Diocesan Athletics Carnival News

Congratulations to **Chelsea Lewis** who came 1st in the 11year girls 800m and to **Ainsley Mitchell** who came 4th in the Senior Girls 800m.

Chelsea and Ainsley will now represent the Diocese at the NSWCPs MacKillop Track and Field Championship at Homebush on Monday 18th September. Good luck girls!

Congratulations to **Madeline Lewis**, **Simon Forsyth** and **Ana Maria Costea** who also competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival and achieved Personal Bests.



Congratulations!

Talent Quest

Our St Monica's Talent Quest was once again a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Tracie Hope for organising her first Talent Quest at St Monica's. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole community.

Congratulations to our winners ...

1st place	Max Lukasik, Ryan Malatag, Liam Sciacca and Noah Day
2nd place	Charlotte Newey and Rhiannon Cooper
3rd place	Peter Talampas and Samuel Nassif / Galia Evangelista



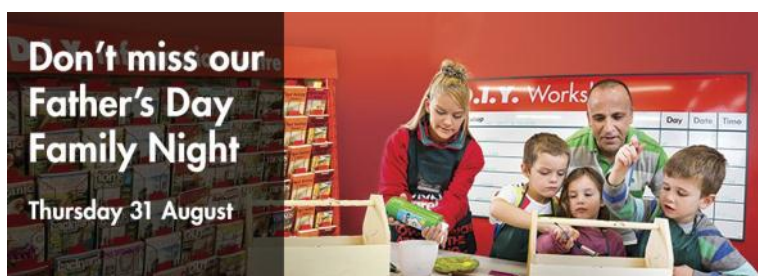
Bunnings – North Parramatta

Father's Day Family Night

Thursday 31st August

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun! We have a Puppet show, Reptile hands on show, Jumping castle, balloon twisting, face painting, games, craft, sausage sizzle and much more all for free. Booking essential. <https://www.bunnings.com.au/stores/nsw/north-parramatta>
Phone: 02 9873 8000





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



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OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our **Open Morning Tour** on **Wednesday 6 September 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.

Staff Development Days

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

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8am-8:30am 2nd Group 8:30am-9am
Mr Davidson advises that there are **available spaces**.
If your child is interested in tennis lessons, please see
Mr Davidson on the playground on Tuesday/Thursday
mornings. Thankyou.

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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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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.

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.

St Patrick's Quarter

The Diocese of Parramatta is to begin major planning on a new multi-stage project known as St Patrick's Quarter around the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta. The project will consist of a new Parramatta CBD school, new Diocesan building and a new residential/commercial complex. For further information, please visit www.stpatricksquarter.org or email comms@parra.catholic.org.au.

Child Protection Sunday: 10 September

The Australian Catholic Church lists Child Protection Sunday for 10 September 2017. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across Australia. As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta. More information about this topic can be found here: <http://www.safeguarding.org.au/>

First Communion at St Monica's

