ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 4, WEEK 5 Wednesday 8 November 2017

DIARY DATES

Term 4

Week 5

Wednesday 8 November

POSMS Meeting 7pm

Thursday 9 November

S2 Mountains to the Sea Excursion

Friday 10 November

- Dance Fever—skipping
 Theme lunch—Butter Chicken (pre-order only)

Saturday 11 November

Remembrance Day

Week 6

Monday 13 November

- 9am-10:30am ES1 2018 Transition / Parent Meeting
- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am
- Term 4 PRC Meeting— 6:30pm Diocesan Assembly Centre Blacktown

Tuesday 14 November

- 8:50am PBS4L Bee Award Presentation at assembly.
- Just Like You Cerebral Palsy Workshop

Friday 17 November

Staff Development Day Students do not attend school

Week 7 **Monday 20 November**

Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 21 November

Just Like You Workshop

Wednesday 22 November

• 9:15am Farewell Mass for Mrs Boulous & Mrs Cattermole followed by morning tea

Friday 24 November

- Dance Fever—skipping
- Theme Lunch—sausage sizzle

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,

Learning to manage feelings and emotions is a very important part of children's development. Emotions affect children's ability to learn and interact with their peers and other children as well as their overall wellbeing.

Having a strong cultural identity enhances children's self-concept and promotes a sense of connectedness and belonging. Children's cultural identity is nurtured when they learn about their cultural traditions and when those around them show respect for their cultural values. Teaching children to respect and appreciate variations and differences between cultures is therefore very important for all children's social development.

A child's ability to understand others and take their needs and views into account develop over time. Young children are naturally self-focused. They often play beside. rather than with, other children and tend to think that everyone sees things the same way that they do. As they progress through primary school they learn that others may see things differently from them. Then, as their thinking skills develop, children are more able to understand another person's point of view and, finally, to appreciate multiple ways of looking at the same event or situation. Research shows that children who have learned to value others are more likely to include and appreciate children who are different from them or who are viewed negatively by others.

Research into moral development has highlighted how social behaviour reflects the attitudes people hold about social conventions and about themselves. Learning to take account of others' feelings, perspectives and expectations contributes to children's understanding of social values, and to the values and ethics they choose for themselves.

Children's earliest and most extensive learning about social relationships occurs in the family. Parents and carers can support positive social development when they model respect and consideration and encourage children to be similarly respectful in all their relationships. Parents and carers can:

- Provide care and support by tuning into children's needs; being willing to listen and take children's feelings into consideration
- Help children to develop social skills by being prepared to discuss and think through and solve the day to day social difficulties that they encounter.
- Be present in your child's social activities without taking over.
- Ask questions that encourage children to put themselves in someone else's shoes. Asking questions like, "How would you feel if.....?" Help children learn skills for perspective-taking. Asking questions in a supportive way helps children to think through situations and encourages them to take others' feelings and perspectives into account.

Reference Kids Matter

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell Principal

POSMS Meeting tonight 7pm in the Learning Space Agenda

- Data eg NAPLAN, Early Years Assessment
- Fete evaluation
- Staffing
- Sun Smart Presentation by Tracie Hope

All welcome to attend.

Farewell Mass for Mrs Boulous and Mrs Cattermole

A Farewell Mass will be held on Wednesday 22 November commencing at 9:15am at St Monica's Church.

Following the Mass all parents are invited to Morning Tea in the Hall.



St Monica's News

Tennis Lessons - Reminder

Tennis lessons **will not be held on Thursday 9 November**. Mr Davidson will hold a **make-up lesson** for this group on Wednesday 15 November.

Sympathy

St Monica's Community extends sympathy to the Stoker family (Sophie S2 and Jessica S3) on the passing of their great grandmother (Ms Stewart-Sykes' grandmother). Please keep the Stoker family in your prayers at this sad time.

Staff Development Days (students do not attend school)

Please note the following Staff Development Days in Term 4:

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

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. There are still some families who have outstanding school fees for 2017. Families who are not on approved arrangements are requested to contact Mrs Maryanne Grewcock **immediately** to arrange an interview—**8832 4100**.

Birthdays at School

Due to the high number of children who have **allergies and anaphylaxis**, we are requesting that parents **do not send cakes to school** to celebrate your child's birthday.

If you wish to send in something you may donate a book to the school library. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that we provide for all the different needs of our students.

Thank You

A big thank you to *Julie Owens, Federal Member for Parramatta*, for organising a new Australian flag for our school.



Fete Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of St Monica's Fete Major Raffle

1st Prize	127cmFHD Smart Wi-Fi Led TV	Mari Crame
2nd Prize	DJI Phantom 3 Standard 2.8K HD Drone	D& T Kwok
3rd Prize	Opal Necklace & Matching Bracelet	D Francis
4th Prize	1 night for 2 adults with breakfast at Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific	Jo Collins
5th Prize	Ipad Mini 32GB Wi-Fi	Mildred A Villapando
6th Prize	Dyson AM06 300 mm Desk Fan	Kenneth Hills (ticket sold by Lydia Sun)
7th Prize	Delongi Nespresso Inissia Coffee Machine	Sylvie Cheng
8th Prize	\$200 JB Hi-Fi Gift Card	Mildred D Talampas



Neil the eel

Neil the eel came from Parramatta Council to St Monica's. Neil the eel is actually a net with plastic bags on it and he has eyes made out of two CDs.

He has milk cartons tied on him where we wrote promises on not littering. We also learnt that littering is bad because everything you throw on the ground goes out into the ocean.

Neil the eel came proudly to our school so we took him around the school to all the classes. Each class wrote a promise about not littering and we tied the promises on Neil the eel.

By Ashleigh North, Stage 2

2018 Term | Dates

Staff return — Monday 29 January 2018

Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January are Staff Development Days (MAI Testing)

Stages 1-3 (Years 1-6) return — Wednesday 31 January 2018 (8:50am-3:00pm)

ESI (Kindergarten) commence —Thursday I February 2018 (9:00am-2:30pm)

Early finish time is so that new families can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.

Term I ends — Friday 13 April 2018



The following students and staff will celebrate birthdays in November.

Emma Sadek	Alexander Azar	Gabriel Bucur	Gene Kneipp		
Yiannis Keranis	Zoe Bird	Summer lerfino	Neelesh Govender		
Chloe Pearson	Dominic Scurtu	Jericho Crame	Laeticia Hossack		
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Olivia Nguyen	Kenzh Munda Cruz	Rhiannon Cooper	Evan Michael		
Ryan Clark	Manson Lu	Mia Henderson	Isabella Flora Smith		
Staff - Ms Kellee Bagnall					

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Merit Awards.

Early Stage One: Cody Wylie, Pare Nader, Yuna Shin, Iryssa Alley, Lydia Sun,

Martin Salib

Year One: Helen Elias, Amelia Wong, Nina Talty, Georgia Fernandes

Year Two: Kristian Romic, Charlize Cooper, Gabriela Andrade, Charlotte Sprincis,

Shubbh Chugh, Aston Dardagos, Max Lukasik, Monica Salic, Ryan Malatag

Stage 2: Charles Sentas, Kobe Puyat, Laura Emphield, Madeleine David, Galia Evangelista,

Gabrielle Nassif, Giselle Mondinelli, Jayden Albayeh, Sophia Elias, Dacien Scurtu,

Neave Sciacca

Stage 3: Isabella Flora Smith, George Keranis, Ana Maria Costea, Chloe Pearson,

Raymond Khadi, Mateo Soriano, Kayla Grzelak, Ainsley Mitchell

Bragging rights

Congratulations to **Liam Sciacca** (Year 2) who will represent Blacktown City Soccer in the Under 9s. Well done Liam.

Congratulations to **Will Sampson (ex-student)** who has been elected as School Captain of Hills Grammar for 2018 and also to **Trinity Dona (ex-student)** who is the Vice Head Girl at OLMC for 2018.





OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday November 15, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be

Term 4 Important Dates

Please make a note of the important upcoming dates and events for this term.

Friday 10 November Theme Lunch—Butter Chicken

(pre-order only—no late orders)

Monday 13 November 9-10:30am ES1 2018 Transition morning and

Parent meeting.

6:30pm Term 4 PRC Meeting—Diocesan

Assembly Centre Blacktown

Tuesday 14 November 8:50am PBS4L Bee Awards will be presented at the

morning assembly.

Friday 17 November Staff Development Day

(students do not attend school)

Wednesday 22 November **9:15am** Farewell Mass for Mrs Boulous & Mrs Cattermole

followed by Morning Tea in the Hall

Friday 24 November Theme Lunch—Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 28 November 7:00pm Christmas Celebration with Michael Mangan

Saturday 9 December **7am-11am** Working Bee

Monday 11 December Year 6 Fun Day (Vision Valley)

Wednesday 13 December Scrub Day

Thursday 14 December 9:15am Awards Assembly

followed by Morning Tea in the Hall

11:15am End of Year Mass & Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15 December Last day for students

Monday 18 December & Staff Development Days

Tuesday 19 December (Students do not attend school)



FUTURE SCHOOLS! FUTURE READY! WHERE TO NEXT?



Monday, 13 November 2017

The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta welcomes

Mr Mark Holyoake

DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE - CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA

Term 4 PRC Meeting

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at https://goo.gl/forms/m7vK9Tv210A0ogLf2



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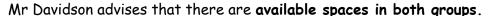




www.floralexpressions.com.au

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8am-8:30am 2nd Group 8:30am—9am



If your child is interested in tennis lessons, please see Mr Davidson on the playground on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. Thankyou.



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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.