ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 1 Wednesday 26 April 2017

DIARY DATES

TERM 2 Week 1

Wednesday 26 April

• 9am ANZAC Day Liturgy

Friday 28 April

- School Athletics Carnival at Barton Park (whole school)
- 2pm Church Cleaning

Week 2 Monday 1 May

• 9am-10:30am Pow Wow

Tuesday 2 May

Cross Country Eastern Creek

Thursday 4 May

S2 Entry Event Excursion

Friday 5 May

- Back up day Athletics Carnival
- Dance Fever

Saturday 6 May

Trivia Night

Week 3 Monday 8 May

 All students must be wearing full Winter School Uniform

Tuesday 9 May

NAPLAN breakfast—Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN—Language Conventions

Wednesday 10 May

NAPLAN breakfast—Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN—Reading

Thursday 11 May

NAPLAN breakfast Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN—Numeracy

Friday 12 May

- Mother's Day Mass 9:15am
- Dance Fever

Sunday 14 May

Mother's Day

School timetable

8:20am Morning supervision

8:50am Morning bell

10:40am—11:10am Recess

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12:50pm-1:30pm Lunch

3:00pm Dismissal

3:00pm—3:30pm Afternoon

supervision



Monica's Matters

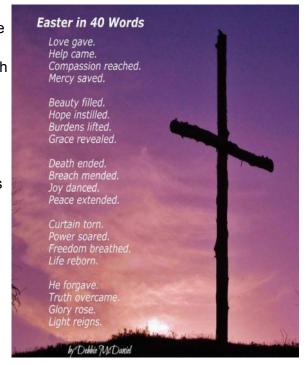
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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Happy Easter to everyone.

I hope that everyone had a chance to reflect on and celebrate this most important event in our Church calendar over the school holidays. The events of Holy Week and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday provide us with the opportunity to continually renew our faith. Thank you to Miss Rosewell and all the teachers and students who organised our Holy Week liturgy and our Resurrection liturgy on Monday.

A special thank you to Mr Lukasik for making the beautiful cross that we used for our liturgy last term.



During prayer, we remembered all those who have died in defence of our country. This day always comes within what the Church calls Eastertide - the seventy days between Easter and Pentecost. These days are given to us so we can make time each year to grow in appreciation of the mysteries of

-life

-death

-resurrection

ANZAC Day and its accompanying ceremonies enrich our reflection at this time. As we hear the stories of the ANZACS we are inspired by the courage and selflessness of the 'battler' the ordinary person.

Our faith in the resurrection 'opens our eyes' so that we can identify the spirit of courage and selflessness alive in our nation today.

Let us, as a faith community, call the spirit forth from each other; identify it in people and their actions beginning in our families, our local Parish Community and the wider community. There the spirit of the ANZACS will live on. We can truly say Jesus is alive in the spirit of remembrance and hope.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell Principal



School Athletics Carnival - reminder

The School Athletics Carnival will be held this **Friday 28 April 2017** at Barton Park, (Gladstone Street, North Parramatta). Please note the *back-up date* for the Carnival is *Friday 5 May* 2017. Parent helpers are required to complete the Child Protection requirements (see page 11).

Punctuality

We ask families to appreciate that the morning learning session, particularly between 8:50am and 10:40am, is important in the context of the school day. This period is prime instructional time for teachers and is often where important learning takes place. Please be mindful of student punctuality and its effect on learning.

Morning Playground Supervision

Parents are reminded that supervision on the playground commences at **8:20am daily**. Some children have been arriving at school well before this time. Students <u>should not</u> be arriving at school before this time unless they are enrolled at the Catholic Out of School Hours Care facility. After school supervision ceases at **3:30pm**.

Dance Fever Challenge—Homebush (Years 3-6)

Parents are being given advanced notice that the **Dance Fever Challenge** will be held on **Thursday 29 June 2017** at Homebush. The challenge will commence at 5:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm. More details to follow.

NAPLAN breakfast

Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May (Week 3)

Once again we will be supplying breakfast each morning for the **Year 3** and **Year 5** children who are completing NAPLAN. The breakfast will be held in the Hall **commencing at 8:00am**. Cereal, toast and fruit will be served. If any parent can assist serving breakfast please contact the school office.

Tennis Lessons—commencing Week 2

Parents are advised that tennis lessons for Term 2 will commence next Tuesday 2 May (Week 2) A reminder that the tennis lessons cost **\$40 per student**, **per term**.

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.

Application for Extended Leave 5 or more days (Important changes)

Parents are advised that the guidelines for Applying for Extended Leave have now changed. Parents must now complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form (A1) if their child/children will be away for <u>5 or more days</u>. Applying for Leave must be done <u>prior</u> to commencing leave.

Previously this form was only necessary for student absences for 10 or more days. If approved, the Principal will issue a Certificate of Extended Leave (C1). If the Principal declines this application (ie it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

Dealing With Playground Issues

Please go through the correct channels when an issue arises concerning your child and another student. Let matters relating to children be dealt with at school by our staff. **Do not approach children or other parents when an issue occurs**. Approaching someone else's child translates into a **Child Protection issue** that can be avoided if the issue is brought to the attention of the child's teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of who to contact regarding a playground matter.

2017 Full Attendance - Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day in Term 1.

- **ES1**: Lucas Alvarez, Jared David, Mathew Dretvic, Zachary Dy, Charlie Gomez, Dominick Macorig, Cadence Metierre, Christopher Sadek, Lydia Sun, Isabella Younes
- **Year 1:** Lucia Biasin, Annabelle Boasiako, Wyatt Heesen, Olivia Hekeik, Lucas Lozancic Babic, Manda Lu, Tia Nour, Alexa Romero, Eva Sentas, Mia Siemsen, Nina Talty, Barry Zhang
- Year 2: Andrew Clark, Roger Corcoran, Ashton Dardagos, Matthew Johnson, Michael Maffina, Abbi Meale, Siria Mondinelli, Sophie Phan, Pranaya Prasath, L'Lysse Puyat, Liam Sciacca, Dominic Scurtu, Sara Younes
- Stage 2: Aaliyah Assaf, Madeleine David, Galia Evangelista, Simon Forsyth, Samira Hekeik, Zachariah Kassis, Aidan Muttoo, Nika Naeme, Maria Nour, Emma O'Rourke, Aidan Pospischil, Kobe Puyat, Charbel Sadek, Emma Sadek, Charles Sentas, Madeline Smith Jayden Albayeh, Matilda Cooper, Ahmad El Merhabi, Tia El-Kazzi, Philip Hilario, Sakina Kunambi, Manson Lu, Evan Michael, John Sadek, Neave Sciacca, Lucas Dacian Scurtu
- Stage 3: Gabriel Bucur, Alexis Chang, Ryan Clark, Ana Maria Costea, Christian Dib, Merna El Merhabi, Manraj Kahlon, Gene Kneipp, Zac Michael, Garbhan Sciacca, Pinar Helena Unver, Trinity Bird, Jessica Chapman, Rhiannon Cooper, Henry Corcoran, Lachlan Dardagos, Amelia Furjanic, Hayden Herder-Beke, Kurt Hilario, Christian Kandalaft, Chelsea Lewis, Ezekiel Logo, Ainsley Mitchell, Marley Puyat, Veronica Sadek Kael Sciacca

Term 2 Sport Day - FRIDAY

All students (ES1-S3) are required to wear their sport uniform / joggers on Fridays as they will again be participating in the Dance Fever program this term.



Ice blocks

Tomorrow, Thursday 27 April will be the last day that ice blocks will be sold this term. We will resume selling ice blocks when the warmer weather returns.



Trivia Night

Saturday 6 May 2017

Tickets are on sale for St Monica's Annual Trivia Night! \$15 per person BYO Drinks and Nibbles Lots of great prizes and games.

Theme: Black & White Prizes for Best Dressed.

Tickets available by contacting

- Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075
- Vanessa Talty 0423 845 885
- Cathryn Crowle 0401 295 173
- Genevieve Smith 0414 901 968

or you may send correct money in an envelope with your name and contact details to the school office.

Mother's Day—Gift Wrapping

When: Thursday 4 May 2017 (Week 2)
Where: Community Room (COSHC)

Time: 9:00am

Parent volunteers are needed for wrapping of Mother's Day gifts for the stall on Thursday 4 May commencing at 9:00am.

Please contact Kathy Sciacca on 0414 534 785 if you are able to assist.

Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 11 May 2017 (Week 3)

Where: Parish Hall

Time: Siblings - 1:-00pm (lunchtime)

All Students - 1:30pm

This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 11 May**. This is a chance for school students to shop at school for something special for Mum. The children can purchase some wonderful gifts to suit all mums, which will range from \$1to \$10. Children need to bring their money to shop on the day. The most secure way would be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and the amount enclosed.

Siblings may shop together during lunchtime (1:00pm)

Mother's Day Mass

When: Friday 12 May 2017 (Week 3)

Where: St Monica's Church

Time: 9:15am

The school would like to show how much St Monica's mums are appreciated, and so all mums and grandmothers and significant women in children's lives are invited to attend a special Mass at St Monica's Church at **9:15am on Friday 12 May**. Always a beautiful Mass which brings tears to your eyes!

Morning Tea will follow in the Hall.

How can you help?

We need parents who can assist us with the Stall on the day. If you are available for even a short time your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please advise Kathy Sciacca on 0414 534 785 if you can assist.

Thank you for your support.



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Happy birthday to the following Staff and students who celebrate birthdays in May



Markus Nabua	Lydia Sun	Zachary Dy	Amelia Wong
Madeleine David	Theresa Wong	Christian Bouassi	Bai Rui Zhang
Calista Soriano	Galia Evangelista	Pragna Guruprasad	Jessica Chapman
Chelsea Lewis	Madeline Lewis	Rachel French	Charlize Cooper
Monica Salic	Staff: Mrs Wedesweiler, Mr Tyszkiewicz, Mr Dennis Cheung (Maintenance) and Mr Jonah Deller (I.T)		

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.

ES1: Ruby Elias, Jared David

Year One: Annabelle Boasiako, Olivia Hekeik

Year Two: Ashton Dardagos, Kristian Romic, L'lysse Puyat

Stage 2: Laura Emphield, Leonardo Macorig, Tia El-Kazzi, Gabrielle Nassif

Stage 3: Zoe Bird, Kael Sciacca



Winter Uniform Changeover

Students return after the holidays on **Monday 24 April**. There will be a 2 week changeover into the Winter School Uniform.

If you feel the weather is still too warm, your child may continue to wear their Summer Uniform.

All children must be wearing the Winter School Uniform by Monday 8 May (Term 2, Week 3)

Please refer to the Parent Handbook or the school website for the school winter uniform requirements.

All uniform items are available for purchase through **Oz Fashions**.

http://www.ozfashions.com.au

Spare Clothing

It is advised that parents provide a spare pair of underwear / socks in their child's schoolbag in case of an accident at school.

Please be advised that we only keep a **small supply** of **infants underwear** in the office.

It is recommended that <u>every student</u> has a spare set of underwear in their bag.

If your child is loaned underwear or clothing, could you please ensure that your launder these items and return them to the school office as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

Bragging rights

Congratulations to Rhiannon Cooper who has raised **\$10,411.25** for Variety—Hair with Heart. The money raised will go towards the cost of a wig which parents can pay up to \$6000 for children who have lost their hair due to disease or treatment.

Well done Rhiannon! We love your new hairstyle.

Collecting students early

Parents collecting their students from school prior to the normal dismissal time are requested to please write a note so that teachers are aware. If you are intending to collect your child at recess or lunchtime this will make it easier for the teacher to have the child ready to leave when they come down to the playground. It is very difficult to try and locate a student during recess and lunchtimes and then supervise them to get their bags, especially when teachers are on duty. Thank you for your co-operation.



Book Collection for St Monica's Fete

Would you like to make room for some new books?

St Monica's Book Collection Drive for the Fete will be held on

Monday 15 May (Week 4)

We will be collecting:

books, magazines, console and computer games, unused puzzles, DVD's & CD's

** We will not be collecting:

encyclopaedias, VHS video tapes or any academic/study related text books

Donated items will be collected in the Hall from 8:30am on 15 May.

Parent helpers are welcome to assist on the day.



Athletics Carnival - Friday 28th April 2017

St Monica's Athletics Carnival will be held this **this Friday** 28th April at Barton Park (Gladstone St, North Parramatta). The buses will depart school at 9:00am.

Please note the requirements below. The original note is on the school website under School Notes –Sport

All children will need to wear their sports uniform and bring the following items in a clearly marked bag:

- Recess
- Lunch
- Disposable water bottle
- Hat
- Jacket/Tracksuit
- Sunscreen
- Something to sit on as the ground may be damp/wet eg towel, plastic bag
- Asthma inhalers and medication if required

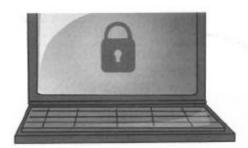
As there is limited shade at the park, students will need to ensure that they have sunscreen applied and they must wear their hat.

Students may need to reapply sunscreen throughout the day.



College Open Morning Tour Monday May 8, 2017 In each newsletter we will be publishing Top Tips for Kids from the Cyber Safety Lady—Leonie Smith (copyright Leonie Smith 2011)

Top Tips for Kids



Online Security

- Set different passwords for every account. Use eight digits or more, mix upper and lower case, numerals and symbols. For example - Fine*9SillyPaper - Don't use any related words.
- Set a screen/login password on all computer/mobile devices to prevent unauthorised use.
- Make sure all antivirus software is up to date and still valid. Set to update automatically.
- Windows and Apple software updates often help to block new viruses and malware, update regularly.
- Check firewalls on computers and routers are set to "On" Mac "System Preferences" "Security & Privacy" "Firewall" turn on. Windows "Control Panel" "System & Security" "Windows Firewall" "Check Firewall status".
- Some free public Wi Fi access is insecure. Use only reputable Wi Fi sources & a VPN.
- Use Paypal, pre-paid credit cards or software gift cards (available from gaming/electronic stores and supermarkets) rather than credit cards when paying online.
- Set up two-step verification & secret pins or passwords on your accounts to prevent your
 accounts being hacked. When logging in from a different browser or devices you will then
 receive an SMS or app notification on your mobile device to verify your account.

Facebook - Go to - Account - Settings - Security - Login Approvals

Apple - https://appleid.apple.com - Manage ID

Google - www.google.com.au/landing/2step

Twitter - https://twitter.com/settings/security security and privacy

Microsoft/Skype - https://account.live.com/proofs/Manage



- Apple I.D Link
- Set security and privacy for Google accounts here: https://myaccount.google.com
- Don't open email attachments or click links in emails unless expecting them. Don't click links in emails where you are asked to "Update your account details" Always go to your account via the official website address, or ring your provider using usual phone number.
- Watch out for Fake emails, SMS & phone calls from reputable institutions. Go to the website
 via search or the web address rather than click a link from an email to update account
 details.
- Report any Cybercrime including scams, identity theft, hacking or child abuse material to The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network acom.gov.au or eSafety.gov.au

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Phone Privacy & Safety

- Set a secret screen password or thumbprint to prevent unauthorised use of mobile or P.C.
- Set up "Find My Phone" on iPhone settings, or go to https://findmymobile.samsung.com to help locate lost or stolen Samsung phone. Android also now has Find My Phone & there are several "Find My Phone" apps on Google Play, or use Android Device Manager App.
- For Android security settings navigate to "Settings" "More" "Security" and enable "Verify Apps" Un-tick "Unknown sources" Or "Settings" "Personal" "Security" "Device Admin" Tap "Unknown Sources"
- Use message/call blocking if harassed (Instructions in this manual)
- · Keep your phone number private, share your phone number carefully, keep offline.
- Protect your location. Turn off location services on apps that don't require it (see below).
- Tell a responsible adult if you have an upsetting episode on your phone.

Don't:

- Give your phone to another person to use, unless very trustworthy.
- Download dodgy apps from obscure app stores or websites.
- Use your phone for spammy texting or bullying.
- Take photos/video without permission or of embarrassing or sensitive behaviour.
- Upload photos/video or send without permission of all the people in the photo/video.
- Take embarrassing selfies and post or send via message. Underage sexting is illegal in many states.

To Disable Location Services On Apple Mobile



On Android devices, tap the "Location" option from the "Settings" menu.



LEONIE SMITH

The Cyber Safety Lady
SPEAKER • AUTHOR

The Catherine McAuley Parents & Friends Committee is proud to sponsor a special cyber safety presentation for parents. All parents are invited to attend this free event which has been funded by the P&F Committee. Please note: This event is NOT for children.

www.thecybersafetylady.com.au



RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS:

A Practical and positive approach to safety on digital technology.

Leonie Smith gets results where others often fail. Parents, teachers & students say they leave her talks feeling empowered, determined to succeed with online safety. They actually make changes!

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Leonie's heartfelt, sometimes humorous stories, help to illustrate why it is so important for everyone to understand how the digital world works, and how to use it safely. She's done the hard yards.

She Covers:

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An online multi media pioneer Leonie Smith, "The Cyber Safety Lady" has been passionate about digital technology & building internet communities since 1995. Helping everyone stay safer online is her passion.

Leonie has spoken to thousands of parents, students, teachers, business and community groups all over Australia. She works closely with the Australian Northern Beaches Area Police Command giving talks on Sydney's Northern Beaches. She is a highly sought after media spokesperson on Cyber Safety.

Leonie is the Author of the very popular "Keeping Kids Safe Online", the parent step-by-step cyber safety manual, and "Keeping You Safe Online", the Teen "do it yourself" Cyber Safety manual.

The Cyber Safety Lady

Appearing at: McAuley Forum, Catherine McAuley Westmead Darcy Road, Westmead, (entrance and parking via Gate 3 off Darcy Road)

Date: Tuesday, 9th May 2017 Time: 7.30pm - 9.15pm

As Seen On









"Keeping Kids Safe Online"
Parent/Teacher Manual
A Step By Step Manual For
Safety Online. Parental
controls, manage screen time,
cyber bullying & privacy. Adult
content filters.

"Keeping You Safe Online"
Teen Manual
Safety & privacy settings and
security tips, without all the
"Secret Parent Business"

I recently attended your Cyber Safety seminar at Manly Village Public School. I just wanted to write to you to say thank you. I found the evening incredibly informative, practical and so valuable in terms of safeguarding and educating my children about staying safe in this fast moving and ever changing cyber world.'

Karen Wooldridge Parent

Term 2—Upcoming Events

Week 1

Wednesday 26 April * 9am ANZAC Day Liturgy—Playground

Friday 28 April * Athletics Carnival, Barton Park, Gladstone Street,

North Parramatta 9:30am-2pm

* 2pm Church cleaning (School rostered)

Saturday 29 April * Oz Fashions closed today

Week 2

Tuesday 2 May * Diocesan Cross Country—Eastern Creek

Thursday 4 May * Stage 2 Entry Event—Excursion

Friday 5 May * Dance Fever—Sport Uniform (ES1-S3)

Saturday 6 May * Trivia Night—Parish Hall

Week 3

Monday 8 May * All students to be wearing their WINTER uniform

Tues 9 — Thurs 11 * 8am NAPLAN breakfast for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Tuesday 9 May * NAPLAN (Spelling, Writing, Grammar) Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 10 May * NAPLAN (Reading) Years 3 & 5

Thursday 11 May * NAPLAN (Numeracy) Years 3 & 5

* Mother's Day Stall (Siblings-lunchtime) then from 1:30pm

Friday 12 May * Dance Fever—Sport Uniform (ES1-S3)

* Mother's Day Mass—9:15am

Sunday 14 May * Mother's Day

Week 4

Monday 15 May * Book Collection for Fete (from 8:30am—hall)

Please note we will not be collecting.

encyclopaedias, VHS tapes or any academic/study text books

Friday 19 May * Dance Fever -Sport Uniform (ES1-S3)

* 2pm Church cleaning (School rostered)

Week 5

Wednesday 24 May * 7pm POSMS Meeting—Literacy

Sat 27 / Sun 28 May * Registration for Communion

Week 6

Monday 29 * PRC General Meeting— Keynote speaker: Dr Justin Coulson

Topic: 'Raising Resilient Children' - St John XXIII Stanhope

Gardens

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Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

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Keyboard Classes!

Days: Tuesday lunchtime <u>Music Lessons have the Power!</u>
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm Develops musical talent
Location: The Community Room Develops self discipline

Develops self discipline Encourages self esteem

Guitar Classes!

Enhances co-ordination & concentration

Is lots of fun!!

Day: Wednesday lunchtime Is lots

Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm Location: The Community Room

www.ariamusic.com.au



A reminder that the Uniform Shop is no longer located on the school grounds.

Parents are required to purchase all school clothing items through Oz Fashions.

No uniform items including school bags or hats are available at the school office.

Oz Fashions is located at:

115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville

Phone: 9897 3121

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

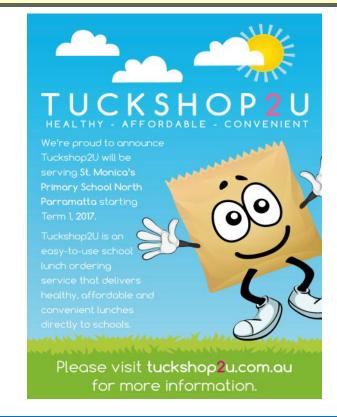
Parking is available on site.

http://www.ozfashions.com.au

As previously advised:

Oz Fashions will be $\underline{\text{closed}}$ on

Saturday 29 April 2017



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.

From: The Director of Life, Marriage & Family Office, Diocese of Parramatta

Break Free Seminar. Exploring the natural alternatives to the Pill. Saturday 20 May 2017 2:00pm—3:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. If you are interested, please register your attendance via one of the following:

Phone: (02) 8838 3460 Email: nfs@parra.catholic.org.au www.parralmf.org.au/nfs