



# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

## 2017 End of Year Awards

Yesterday we acknowledged the many students in our school who this year have distinguished themselves in various areas of learning and life. Some have excelled in their academic achievement, some in their persistent effort with learning, some in their outstanding achievement in areas such as sport while others have been recognised for their leadership qualities, for giving of themselves to serving others and in helping to make this community a better place through active citizenship. We congratulate all students who were presented with school awards for outstanding effort and perseverance.

Special thanks to Mrs Mary-Jo Mason for leading this event and to all the Staff for their support in assisting Mary-Jo.

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal

## *Congratulations to the following students*

**Year 6 Mercy Award** - Charlotte Newey

**City of Parramatta Active Citizenship Award** - Mateo Soriano

## Full Attendance for the 2017 School Year

Henry Corcoran, Galia Evangelista, Amelia Furjanic, Zachariah Kassis, Manda Lu, Manson Lu, Aidan Mutto, Maria Nour, Sophie Phan, Aidan Pospischil, Christopher Sadek, Emma Sadek, John Sadek, Veronica Sadek and Isabella Rose Smith,

## Reading Encouragement Awards

ES1— Martin Salib  
Year 1— Mia Siemsen  
Year 2— Noah Day and Monica Salic  
Year 3— Nika Naeme  
Year 4— Jake Chapman  
Year 5— Zac Michael  
Year 6— Jason Grey

## Servant Leadership (Buddy Reading)

Laura Emphield, Maria Nour, Summer Ierfino, Emma Sadek, Madeleine David, Poppy Sloane, Christian Dib, Marley Puyat, Raymond Khadi, Maurice Haddad, Jessica Stoker, Joshua North, Ana Maria Costea, Skye Meale, Merna El Merhabi, Riwarz Bhattachan, Reema Santos, Matilda-Rose Hall, Amelia Furjanic, Czyandexcel Panopio, Rafael Noonan, Henry Corcoran, Jordan Basha, Ruby Knight and Trinity Bird.

## Recognition in Sport

Maureen Haddad, Chelsea Lewis, Madeline Lewis, Ezekiel Logo and Ainsley Mitchell.

Award	ES1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
CHRISTIAN LIVING	Cody Wylie	Helen Elias	Sophie Phan	Menuk Gunawardena	Gabrielle Nassif	Ana Maria Costea	Rachel French
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	Yuna Shin Markus Nabua	Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang	Liam Sciacca	Manson Lu	Lucas Dacian Scurtu	Gabriel Bucur	Mateo Soriano
CONSISTENT EFFORT	Pare Nader	Calista Soriano	Siria Mondinelli	Ruby Knight	Neave Sciacca	Trinity Bird	Amelia Furjanic
MOST IMPROVED	Allegra Jammo	Lucia Biasin	Alicia Youssef	Evan Michael	Laura Emphield	Laetitia Hossack	Rhiannon Cooper
SCHOOL SPIRIT	Zachary Dy	Eva Tran	L'lysse Puyat	Maureen Haddad	Galia Evangelista	Raymond Khadi	Maurice Haddad

## Welcoming Mass 2018 - Thursday 8 February 2018

The **Whole School Welcoming Mass** and **presentation of school leader's badges** will be held on **Thursday 8 February** commencing at **9:15am**.

### Staffing News

#### **Congratulations to ...**

Mrs Rita Davino who will be our Teacher's Aide and Library Assistant next year.

Mrs Emily Harrison who will lead in Mathematics as Co-ordinator 1 in 2018.



### Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Maryanne Grewcock who has been acting as the Financial Secretary for the past two terms. We have appreciated her efficiency and dedication to the position and her good humour. Thank you and best wishes and we look forward to seeing you in the future.



***Thank you to our Year Six students for their wonderful gift to the school.***

### Sport Shoes

Just a reminder when you are purchasing sport shoes for next year that they are **predominantly white**.

### Working Bee Thank you.

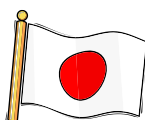
Thank you to the following families who assisted at the Working Bee last Saturday 9 December:

***North, Puyat, Elias, Bhattachan, Kandalaft, Knight, Talty, Haddad, Lukasik, Talampas, Basha, Lewis, Hossack, Halamkova, Crame, Crowle, Muttou, Smith (Yr 6) and Costea.***

### Japanese Host Families needed from St Monica's

Japanese students will be attending St Monica's school from Monday 26th—Friday 30th March.

Would any families be able to host a student for this week?



*VS Oceania Pty Ltd*

**Wanted:**

#### **Families to host a Japanese student 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Students are aged 13-15 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide:

- a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
- 3 meals a day
- daily transport to/from St Monica's Primary

Families are paid \$50 per night per student for hosting. Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366

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## Bragging Rights Ex-students .....

### Congratulations to

**Natasha Muttoo, Hayley Herder-Beke, Martha Kassis and Alisha Merchant** who received Awards at the Catherine McAuley Awards Ceremony.

**Joshua Albayeh, Nash Hawkins, Jacob Khadi, Bernard Kneipp, Daniel Cappello and Andrai Voskanian** who received awards at the Parramatta Marist Awards Ceremony.

**Kyah Day** who received 1st Place in Music, - Outstanding Academic Achievement - Geography and PDHPE, - Outstanding Effort in Learning - English, Science, Maths, History and Religious Education at the OLMC Awards Ceremony. Kyah was also 1 of only 3 students in the school to receive the OLMC 2017 Catherine McAuley Award.

**Patrick Crowle**—1st -English and Technology (food, wood & coding), 2nd place Dux, Principal's Award

**Jack Talty**—Recognition Award, Music & Drama, 1st Geography, Principal's Award

**Philip Joseph**—Principal's Award

**Ed Joseph**—1st Music/Visual Arts, 2nd place Dux

*Well done to all of our ex-students!!*

**Congratulations!**

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS THANK YOU

On behalf of St Monica's Staff we would like to say a big thank you to all the students and families who have so kindly passed on their Christmas wishes and generous gifts to us.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2017

**St Monica's Parish**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday 24th December 6:00 pm (English)

Sunday 24th December 9:00 pm (中文)

**MIDNIGHT MASS—12:00am**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday 25th December 9:00am (English)

Monday 25th December 11:30am (Chinese)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Sunday 31st December 6:00 pm Vigil

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Monday 1st January 9:00am





This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7.

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.



The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

## Arrupe Place Christmas Toy Donation

On Monday 11 December, representatives from the Social Justice Team delivered all the presents that have been donated by the community of St Monica's. This year, we had overwhelming support and generosity. There were over 100 children's gifts donated. We met Sister Margaret at Arrupe Place, where Jericho, Henry and Trinity helped sort out all the gifts by age and gender. The volunteers at Arrupe Place were very grateful for all the donations, and I would like to pass on their thanks and appreciation to everyone in our community. At this special time of the year there are so many refugees who find it difficult to provide for their families. You have all helped make it possible for them to do that this year. On behalf of the SJT, thank you so much. We value your support.

An additional thank you to Mr Crame, Mrs Wedesweiler and Miss O'Donnell for helping us transport the gifts and students to and from Arrupe Place.



**Michelle Rosewell**  
Religious Education Coordinator



# Congratulations Year Six

