

TERM 1, WEEK 3
Wednesday 14 February 2018

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

Staff Development Days (amended)

Monday 30 April
(Term 2, Week 1)

Friday 23 November
(Term 4, Week 6)

Thursday 20 December
(Term 4, Week 10)

Friday 21 December
(Term 4, Week 10)

OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY
7 March 2018

Principal talk followed by
School Tours for new
families.

9:30am and 10:00 am

Please register your
attendance by calling the
school office on
8832 4100

Important Dates on
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Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Today we commenced the Church season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a preparation time for Easter, the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. During this time of Lent we are reminded of the love that God has shown in sending Jesus to us. Lent is a time of thanksgiving for what God has done for us and during the 40 days of Lent we try and focus in a special way on turning our hearts towards God.

Today, all the students had ashes placed on their foreheads in the sign of the cross to remind them of Christ's death, and the need to repent and turn toward God. The words that Father Regie and Father Ephriam Lam used, '*Repent and follow the Gospel*' may be a good motto for us all to follow throughout the 40 days of Lent as well as further through the year.

During Lent there are two days of penance Ash Wednesday and Good Friday where, we as Catholics, abstain from meat and also fast.

During Lent we are all encouraged to perform any of the following:

Prayer- for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to the church; reading the Bible; praying the rosary; attending Stations of the Cross (every Friday night during Lent starting from Friday 16th February 7pm English / 8pm Chinese).

Fasting - adults may choose to not eat meat, sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food or drink and donating the money to Project Compassion. For children this may mean reducing their time using the ipad/technology games and limiting television.

Almsgiving - this does not mean necessarily in the monetary sense but could extend to acts of kindness, doing jobs around the house without being asked, giving special attention to someone who is alone on the playground or saying hello to someone with a smile.



A season where we are called to:

Fast from judging others.....feast on the unity of life
Fast from seeking differences.....feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from words that pollute.....feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from complaining.....feast on appreciation.
Fast from unrelenting pressuresfeast on prayer.
Fast from hostility.....feast on non-resistance.
Fast from lethargy.....feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from gossip.....feast on the truth.

May this Lenten season allow each of us time to reflect upon the fasting and feasting of our lives. We pray that in looking at our lives anew, we will be ready for the coming of the risen Jesus at Easter.

Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers Miss Catherine Shaw and her family after the sudden death of her father yesterday morning.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your field
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand*



Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Open Morning—Wednesday 7 March

An 'Open Morning' for prospective 2019 St Monica's families will take place on Wednesday 7 March. We will have two sessions commencing at **9:30 am** and then another one at **10.00 am**.

The sessions will commence with a welcome in the Community Room and an overview of our school, followed by children from Year 6 who will show our visitors our learning spaces and focus on our day to day school life.

There will be time for questions after the students finish the school tours.

We have been advertising the event through the Parish Bulletin our school website and Mrs Mason and I will be visiting local preschools.

Please let family, friends and neighbours know about our open morning if they have a child due to start school in 2019.

If any of our families have a child starting school in 2019 please let Mrs Abood know in the office so that we have some idea of the number of places we will have in Kindergarten next year.

2018 School Goals

Each year the Leadership team and all the teachers identify areas of learning need that focus on the areas of Formation, Literacy and Numeracy.

- **Formation:** In 2018 the students and teachers will continue to deepen their understanding of scripture and be able to interpret and respond to scripture passages at three different levels: Literal, Spiritual and Application.
The learning spaces will continue to have word walls, biblical timelines and images displayed. Teachers will continue to have the Learning Intentions on their whiteboards and the teachers and students will jointly construct the Success Criteria for all their learning activities.
- **Literacy:** Our goal this year will focus on Writing and in particular generating ideas with the students, focusing on the structure for persuasive, imaginative and informative writing. All students will be encouraged to plan and draft their writing for a specific purpose. The teachers will be modelling daily writing strategies and behaviours and integrate grammar within the modelling to assist students with their understanding and composition of texts.
- **Numeracy:** For the past few years we have had a focus on number operations, counting and place value. This year we are focusing on the Measurement and Geometry strands. Teachers have noticed that some students experience difficulty when applying skills and knowledge of concepts in other Key Learning Areas.

We are very excited that we have been invited to be in a diocesan pilot program with two other primary schools. We will be supported by academic partners, Dr Ann Downton and Dr Sharon Livy from the Monash University. The teachers will have an opportunity to develop geometric reasoning to assist them in teaching their students. They will explore tasks and investigations using the Mathematics syllabus and have the opportunity to work with other educators to develop resources.

This project will commence on Monday 30 April (1st day of Term 2) with a Staff Development Day with the other two schools.

Please note Monday 23 July (Term 3 Week 1) is now a School Day and not a Staff Development Day as previously advertised.

Staff Development Days (amended)

- **Monday 30 April** (Term 2, Week 1)
- **Friday 23 November** (Term 4, Week 6)
- **Thursday 20 December** (Term 4, Week 10)
- **Friday 21 December** (Term 4, Week 10)

Communication Framework

In today's newsletter, I want to detail for you the communication framework St Monica's has in place in order to promote the flow of information that is required for discernment, decision making and daily activities. As will see from our table below, it just doesn't happen! We have structures that enable effective communication at St Monica's

Whom to speak with	When it is about.....
Administration Officer Jacqueline Abood	General enquiries, school communication, enrolments, appointments, children's banking, medication, first aid, late arrivals
Finance Officer Irma Dawinan	School Fees, purchasing and payments Assets, First aid
Classroom Teachers	Any issue relating to classroom and teaching and learning (including outside of school that may affect your child whilst at school) and home learning Friendship issues or playground matters
Diversity Leader Tracie Hope	Reading Recovery Any concerns about your child's learning development including medical issues (after speaking with class teacher) . Copies of reports from outside agencies ie learning/behaviour/medical
Library Rita Davino	Any issue pertaining to the library including borrowing Book covering
Leadership Team Louise O'Donnell (Principal) Mary Jo Mason (Assistant Principal) Michelle Rosewell (Religious Education Coordinator) Erin Werner (Coordinator 2) Emily Harrison (Coordinator 1)	Support for any social, emotional and /or behavioural concerns ES1 and Stage 1 Michelle Rosewell Stage 2 Erin Werner Stage 3 Mary Jo Mason Policies and Procedures or when you are unsure of whom to speak with or when you feel you may not have been heard by someone else Complaints/Concerns Child Protection Issues relating to curriculum and transport Pressing matters in Louise O'Donnell's absence. Seasons for Growth Coordinator Supports any issue relating to Religious Education (programs, Sacramental programs) Social Justice Literacy K-6 Physical Education Mathematics K-6

Early Stage One—Parent Information Evening (new date)

The Early Stage One Parent Information Evening has been postponed from Wednesday 21 February until **Wednesday 28 February** commencing at 6:00pm. Please note this change of date. On Monday 12 February a letter was sent home to Early Stage One parents advising of this change.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

The first meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday 21 February 2018** commencing at **7:00pm** in the Staffroom. Please park in Daking Street and enter via the school office.

School Fees

Families should receive their first School Fee Instalment Invoice by early next week. Flexible Payment Plan (Direct Debit) is offered with your first instalment. For those families that do not accept Flexible Payment Plan, your **first instalment is due on 21st March 2018 (Week 8)**.

Any families that do not receive their first Invoice by Friday 23 February is requested to contact Mrs Irma Dawinan in the school office on 8832 4100.

Mobile Phones

Each year parents who request permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school are asked to do so **in writing** to the Principal. **Students who brought phones to school last year are therefore required to provide a letter this year explaining the need for the phone at school.**

Permission is only granted to those students who travel home on a bus or who walk home. On arrival at school the switched off phone is to be handed in at the School Office where the student is to sign in the phone. In the afternoon the phone will be sent to the classroom via the office bags. Students are to switch the phone on and place the phone in their school bag before leaving school.

Anaphylaxis / Allergies—Food Awareness

A number of students at school suffer from anaphylaxis and allergies. During the last week several students have brought food to school which has contained nuts and nut products. In order for us to provide for the needs of all our students we ask that you **only send food to school that is nut free**. Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

Pow Wow

For a number of years Pow Wow (playgroup for pre-schoolers-babies - 5 years) has been very active within our community. Most of the children from the Pow Wow group in 2018 started Kindergarten this year and were part of this group for a number of years. We are now looking to start with a new group of parents and children.

Pow Wow is held in the Community Room each Monday during the school term from 9:00am - 10:30 am. Parents or grandparents have an opportunity to meet new friends over morning tea while the children play. Over the years toy and craft resources have been purchased and will be available to use. If you and your child/children would be interested in Pow Wow please come along next Monday 19 February.

Spare Underwear / Socks

All students (K-6) are requested to have a **spare pair of underwear** and socks (K-2) in their school bag. The school office has a very limited supply of underwear / clothing and sizes are mainly 4-6. If your child does borrow clothing from the school office, kindly launder it and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.



Acceptable Use of Information Technologies—Student Policy

Each year, every student is required to sign the **Student Policy for the Acceptable Use of Information Technologies**. The last sheet of the policy is to be **signed by both student and parents** and then returned to your child's homeroom teacher. *(A copy was sent home with each child last week).*

Upon receipt of the signed sheet at school your child will be granted access to the school's technology.

If you have misplaced your copy please go to <http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au/notes-forms>

Kiss and Drop

Parents are able to “**Kiss and Drop**” children to school in the mornings.

The following guidelines apply for safety reasons:

- Cars must enter the school grounds **via Daking Street only**.
- Students must **always exit** the car **via the driver's side only**.
- Farewell parents **before** getting out of the car.
- **Parents are not to get out of the car** to get bags out of the boot or to farewell children. Bags should be with the children ready to exit the car.
- Children walk into the school grounds via the gate.
- Parents are always welcome to park their car and walk their child/children into the school grounds if they are not able to comply with the safety requests in the “Kiss and Drop” zone.

Afternoon Pick –Up Arrangements

At St Monica's we have the provision for a drive through pick up service for our parents and students which is convenient and easy to use.

Please display your family name label in your window.

For the safety of all our students and staff, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Only **one** line of traffic enters the playground (from Daking Street)
- Students are to **enter** the car from the **driver's side only**.
- Parents parked in the Parish carpark must exit from the gate nearest to the Hall. Please note that the gate near the hall must be kept closed until 5:30pm each afternoon.
- Please **use the pedestrian crossing** to enter the carpark. Parents are **not** to walk with their child through the traffic to exit into the Parish carpark.
- The school gates open at 2:45pm each afternoon for parents to sit in the waiting area and for cars to start moving into the grounds. Please ensure that you do not block the Presbytery driveway in the afternoon during the pick up time.



COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

It is Coles Voucher time again! We hope to earn some much needed sporting equipment for our students to use during sport lessons and on the playground to promote active play.

Last time, we collected over 35 000 vouchers. So we hope to be as successful this time around.

As you send in your vouchers, it would be greatly appreciated if they can be cut and stapled into bundles of 10 to make the counting process easier and more efficient.

If you are interested in counting some vouchers please contact Mrs Erin Werner.

Thank you!

Cumberland Zone Swimming

On Tuesday 13th February St Monica's participated in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool. We were blessed with beautiful weather for an exciting day ahead.

An astonishing 26 students represented our school in a wide range of events. We certainly had a successful carnival with a number of students receiving places in their events which qualifies them to continue onto the Diocesan Carnival to be held on Friday 23rd February at Blacktown Swimming Pool (Boyd Street, Blacktown).

St. Monica's were very proud to have our own Jonah Assaf who was awarded runner up 11 Years Boys Champion. Congratulations Jonah!

Thank you to Ms Hope for marshalling on the day and to Mrs Wedesweiler for coordinating the St Monica's team. St Monica's parents are truly a testament to the values of St Monica's with many parents assisting on the day.

Congratulations to our relay teams and in particular our Junior Girls team who have progressed to the Diocesan carnival. Well done!

Congratulations to the following student who had qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival:

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Liam Sciacca | • Sara Younes | • Lola Sloane | • John Sadek |
| • Maureen Haddad | • Aaliyah Assaf | • Noah Day | • William Paterson |
| • Ruby Knight | • Aimee Loof | • Simon Forsyth | • Laura Emphield |
| • Charlize Cooper | • Jonah Assaf | • Alexander Azar | • Manraj Kahlon |
| • Jessica Crowle | • Laetitia Hossack | • Matilda Cooper | • Lachlan Dardagos |
| • Aidan Muttoo | • Summer Ierfino | • Gabrielle Nassif | • Zac Michael |
| • Trinity Bird | • Jessica Stoker | | |

Congratulations to the following students who will compete in the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 23rd February:

- Alexander Azar
- Noah Day
- Jonah Assaf
- Manraj Kahlon
- Sara Younes



Good luck at Diocesan!

Mrs Erin Werner
Sport Coordinator



The School Writing Competition for 2018 is NOW OPEN!

Calling all Australian school students... prep to grade 12...

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school)! As well as one of the AWESOME prizes below.

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! We can't wait to read yours!

Entry is FREE! Entries close Saturday 31st March, 2018.

To enter the competition visit www.write4fun.net

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every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY
2 DAYS
A MONTH


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NOVEMBER
4 WEEKS
A YEAR


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MISSING MORE THAN
1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN **12** YEARS

DID YOU KNOW


1 IN 6
PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!


WHAT PARENTS CAN DO


☒ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
☒ Develop good sleep and morning routines
☒ Schedule appointments after school
☒ Avoid taking holidays during term time


EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY


Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP


If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

**every learner
every day** ✓



Important Notice

Change of Details

Have you recently changed your address, your mobile phone number, work phone number?

Have you let the school office know?

Change of address needs to be advised in writing.

School Office—8832 4100

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 February 2018

7:00pm in the Staffroom

Please park in Daking Street and enter via the school office.

All welcome to attend



2018 SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

The Seasons for Growth school program is based on the belief that grief is normal and can be a valuable part of life and that children need to be provided with the opportunity to examine how grief, as a result of death, separation or divorce has impacted on their lives.

The program is based on research, which highlights the importance of social support in dealing with grief.

Seasons for Growth

- Assists students in understanding that the emotions associated with their losses are normal.
- Encourages the expressions of thoughts and emotions.
- Helps restores self- confidence and self-esteem.
- Develops a peer support network.

The program caters for different age levels where groups are limited to 4-6 children. The children are withdrawn from class once a week for 40 minutes. Each session is facilitated by the same Companion, and children participate in eight formal sessions, one celebration session and two 'reconnector' sessions.

Mrs Mary-Jo Mason is the trained Companion at St Monica's this year.

The children must have parental permission to attend the program.

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest from parents who believe such a program would benefit their child/children.

Please fill in the form below and return to school by Friday 23 February 2018.

If you have any queries about the program please feel free to contact me.

Mary-Jo Mason
Assistant Principal

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2018 SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

(Return to Mrs Mason by Friday 23 February 2018)

I _____ (Parent) am interested in my
(Print Name)

child _____ in _____
(Print Name) (Homeroom)

attending the ***Seasons For Growth Program*** this year.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meet our School Leaders

Emma Halamkova - Ambassador

My hobbies: I love to dance. I do many styles of dancing such as: Irish dancing, ballet, tap and more. Dancing is very fun and doing it with friends is even better. It will increase your fitness, strengthen bones and muscles.

My favourite subject: I love mathematics as you can solve many different problems. Our brain is challenged when solving tougher questions. I also enjoy maths because the answer can only be wrong or right.

What I like about St Monica's: The teachers and students are very welcoming. St Monica's provides innovative learning such as PBL (project based learning) where students interact with one another and work cooperatively to complete the tasks to the best of their ability.

My goal for 2018: I aim to be an influential ambassador especially to all the Kindergartens and all the new students at our school. I want people to look at me as a great role model and I will try my hardest to solve any problems that the students may encounter.



Raymond Khadi- Ambassador

Hobbies: Rc cars, Stikbots, soccer, rugby league reading, (tom gates) and YouTube.

My favourite subject: Art

What I love about St Monica's: The great hospitality and how everyone is nice and fair to each other. Also, the great kindness the teachers show to teach others.

My goal for 2018: To be the best St Monica's school ambassador by helping and supporting others.



Trinity Bird-SRC Leader

My Hobbies- My personal hobbies include swimming, dancing, reading, and netball. I enjoy the adrenaline during netball and swimming as you race down the lane of a pool and combine skills of fitness and cooperation as you play on court. As of that, reading, dancing and swimming allow me to keep a calming mentality as I can be deeply involved in the activity.

My Favourite Subject- Out of the ranging subjects the school offers, my personal favourite would most definitely be English. English is the way the world documents our surroundings and is the literature of imagination. It brings new life to books and is a way I can connect to the world around me. I enjoy it most because I am able to be engaged and indulged into a different perspective of life as we know it in each lesson.

What I like about St Monica's- St Monica's is an extraordinary school that has taught me many things that has helped me to grow as a person. The community offers wide education and exceptional staff, from their dedication, to their patience and compassion. I love the optimistic environment and the stewardship the community of St Monica's brings to all students.

My Goals For 2018- As of this year, I have set many positive goals to achieve. Relating to my contributions to the school community, I will abide to consistently provide quality and effort during my role as an SRC Leader. I will constantly strive to diligently be best example for my fellow younger students and peers.



Gabriel Bucur-SRC Leader

Hobbies: Electronics (ipad, computer, Nintendo Switch), solving Rubik's cubes, Math

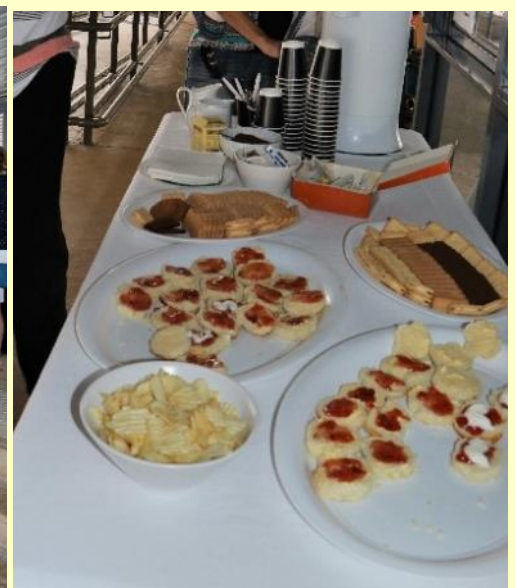
Favourite subjects: Math, PBL

What I love about St Monica's: I love the people and teachers and all that they have to offer to us. I love all of the learning that we can do and all that they do to push us to achieve more. I especially love the kindergartens and the way that we can pass on what we know to them.

My goal for 2018: To achieve more in every subject and to prevail in mathematics. I want to become a more positive and helpful person by the end of the year.



Tea & Tissues Morning Tea



A Tea & Tissues morning tea was held for all new parents to St Monica's School on Thursday 1 February.



Good luck to our St Monica's students who commenced Year 7 this year.

Bragging rights



Congratulations to ex-student **Jackson Basha** who received the following awards:

Four medals and Certificate of Academic Excellence for achieving a minimum of 5 Achievement Level A and no more than 1 Achievement Level C from his courses in his final Semester Academic Report for 2017.

First place in Religious Education and equal first in Mandarin for 2017.

Certificate of Consistent Academic Application for achieving an Academic Application Award in each Term of 2017.

Congratulations Jackson!

Swimming Carnival



Under 10s Freestyle place holders from the Swimming Carnival.

Well done girls!!



2 February 2018

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Gilroy Catholic College—Enrolment Open Evening

Gilroy Catholic College is holding it's annual Open Evening for Enrolments on **Wednesday 21st February 2018**. There will be tours of the College at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and our Principal Cheryl Merryweather will give a talk in the school hall at 6:15pm.

To make a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages will be available on the night. **Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.**

Oakhill
COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Sunday, 11 March 2018

11.00am – 3.00pm

Inspiring students to aspire to greatness

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether or not you are a parent. First Gathering for the Year will be held on Tuesday 20th February. **Please note new venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta.

Time: 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Call Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND

This Support run by CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is held on the last Tuesday of each month for men and women who are separated or divorce. At the February meeting we will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them."

Date: 27th February **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration**

Essential: Call Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 3

Friday 16 February		Dance Fever Book Club due back at school
Saturday 17 February	5:00pm	Registration for Confirmation—St Monica's Church
Sunday 18 February	9:00am	

Week 4

Wednesday 21 February		ES1 Parent Information Night- POSTPONED
	7:00pm	Parent Involvement Committee Meeting (Staffroom) Please park in Daking Street and enter via the School Office
Friday 23 February		Diocesan Swimming Carnival (Blacktown) for students who qualify Dance Fever

Week 5

Tuesday 27 February	7:00pm	Parents only lesson for students making Confirmation
Wednesday 28 February	6:00pm	ES1 Parent Information Evening— new date
Saturday 3 March	5:00pm	Commitment Masses for Confirmation—St Monica's Church
Sunday 4 March	9:00am	

Week 6

Wednesday 7 March		Open Morning for 2019 Early Stage One enrolments 9:30am and 10:00am School Tours (new families to register at the school office)
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Friday 9 March		Dance Fever
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Week 7

Friday 16 March		Dance Fever
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Week 8

Friday 23 March		Dance Fever
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Week 9 /10

Thursday 29 March		Holy Thursday
Friday 30 March		Good Friday
Sunday 1 April		Easter Sunday

Friday 6 April		Dance Fever
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Week 11

Friday 13 April		Dance Fever Term 1 concludes
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School Holidays

Term 2

Monday 30 April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>Students do not attend school today</i>
Tuesday 1 May	Students return for Term 2
Friday 4 May	Athletics Carnival



PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.



ChiFUNese awarded
Best Language Program – Australia



Facts: Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken language in the world (1 in every 5 people in the world speak it) and Australia's second most spoken language after English; Chinese is the most commonly taught language in NSW primary schools; China is Australia's largest trading partner and the world's second largest economy; learning Chinese also enhances cognitive abilities by using both sides of the brain! *Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese?*

ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative and popular Chinese language programs held at 40+ schools and centres around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

If you are interested for your child to attend a weekly 1-hour before/after-school Mandarin Chinese class at your school, please complete the Expression of Interest form at www.chifunese.com/eoi by 28th February 2018. Lesson fee depends on student numbers. Get **FREE** access to online learning for a year simply by expressing interest!

The ChiFUNese difference:

- **Multi-sensory learning** through games, crafts, and fun activities;
- **Small sized classes** for maximum engagement and participation;
- **Cultural enrichment** through Chinese festival celebrations;
- **Multimedia online learning** for additional practice at home;
- **Feedback and support to parents** including student reports;
- **Team of professional teachers** who are experienced and passionate.



Fun games



Arts and crafts



Cultural activities

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 a few vacancies in the 8:00am groups.

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



ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: ariamusicschool@gmail.com Phone: **0402 780 130**

Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a fun learning environment.
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

Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent

Develops self discipline

Encourages self esteem

Enhances co-ordination & concentration

Is lots of fun!!

www.ariamusic.com.au

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.