



TERM 1, WEEK 9  
Wednesday 28 March 2018

## SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:20am  
Morning supervision

8:30am-8:45am  
Bag Unpacking

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)

## NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 (Term 2, Week 3)

The dates for NAPLAN  
testing are:

- **Tuesday 15 May**  
(Language Conventions—  
Spelling, Punctuation and  
Grammar)
- **Wednesday 16 May**  
(Reading)
- **Thursday 17 May**  
(Numeracy)

It is important that all students  
in Years 3 and 5 attend school  
during the three days of  
NAPLAN testing.

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week we are in Holy Week, the special time in our Church's year when we try to take the time to focus on what Easter really means to us, but often the frantic pace of life doesn't make this easy. As many of us are painfully aware, one of the toughest things in life is to walk the painful journey of suffering of someone who is dear to us. On Good Friday we recall how Mary, the mother of Jesus, experienced such suffering when she encountered the tattered and bloodied image of her child, Jesus, on the road to his death. This is a haunting image and one which can be very challenging but the Easter story is also one of great hope.

Tomorrow our students will re-enact the events marking the Passion and death of Jesus. At the heart of our faith story are the events of Christ's ministry – His life, death, and resurrection. As a community of faith we will walk with Christ and one another through the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to His agony on the cross.

During the week the teachers have been taking photographs of the students during their rehearsals. Please follow this link to access the photographs on our school website: <http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au/galleries>

Tomorrow we would like our liturgy to be very prayerful so we are requesting that parents **do not take any photographs**. At the conclusion of the liturgy the students will be leaving the Church in silence.

Thank you to the students for their sense of the sacred that has been displayed during the rehearsals this week and to the teachers for their outstanding dedication in preparing the liturgy. Thank you to Miss Rosewell for her coordination of the liturgy.

**Holy Week Liturgy**  
**Thursday 29 March 9:30 am**  
**St Monica's Church**  
**All welcome**

I wish all of our school community a holy, safe and blessed Easter.

*If the space within us feels as desolate as the tomb  
If the light has not yet dawned in the garden of shadows,  
We are in good company  
In such a place Mary walked bewildered, and there she  
met the Risen Christ.  
We who weep seek Him too  
Tenderly he touches eyes blinded by tears.*

*Kathy Coffey, Dancing in the Margins*

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



## Thank You

Thank you to our Social Justice Team who have promoted our school's Caritas Project Compassion Appeal for the past 5 weeks. Our wonderful community has contributed **\$1000** which is absolutely fantastic.

The money will be able to provide funding for the Children and Youth Empowerment Program in Nepal.



## School Attendance

Attendance - our current school attendance rate for **Week 9** is **92.3%**. Every day counts! We all know that consistent attendance is vital for student success in their learning.

**Congratulations to Year 1 on their great attendance rates to date!**

Below is the current breakdown of attendance for each grade

### Week 9 (92.3%)

Kindergarten	87.1%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	82.4%

### Week 8 (91.9%)

Kindergarten	87.1%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	82.4%

## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day



## Parish Bingo Night

**Friday 13 April 2018 Parish Hall—7:00pm**

Tickets are available at the Parish Office or after all the masses on the weekend. If you would like to purchase through the school please send the money in a clearly marked envelope with your details and we will pass it to the Parish Office for your tickets. **\$20 a family ticket or \$5 per person.**



## International Family Day

Tuesday 15 May, 2018 has been designated by the United Nations as International Family Day. Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta has declared this day as a day of awareness and fundraising for Catholic Care, the organisation in our diocese which offers many services in support of families; individual and family counselling; specialist financial counselling; problem gambling; services for disabled people under the NDIS, accommodation and assistance for young pregnant women at risk of homelessness.

**We will hold a fundraiser Mufti Day on Friday 18 May** with all proceeds going to Catholic Care (as 15 May is a NAPLAN day for Year 3 and Year 5). I know that our community will fully support the initiative.

## Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow Thursday 29 March at 11:10am. Thank you to the families who supported the raffle. We have raised **\$989:50**.

**ENROL  
NOW!**

## 2019 Kindergarten Enrolments - Siblings

Current families who have a child starting school in 2019 are reminded to submit their enrolment application prior to Monday 9 April.

Enrolment applications **close on Monday 9 April 2018** (1st round). Please provide **original supporting documentation** (together with photocopies) when lodging your enrolment application.

## Sympathy

St Monica's extends sympathy to the Talampas family (Peter S2, Sarah ES1) on the recent passing of their aunty (Mrs Talampas' sister). Please keep the Talampas family in your prayers at this sad time.

## School Fees

**Term 1 School Fees are now overdue.** Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. If you have not yet paid your fees we ask you to do so as soon as possible otherwise you might receive a reminder letter from Head Office. If you have paid your fees and receive a reminder letter, please inform Mrs Dawinan in the school office.

Any families who are experiencing financial difficulty are asked to please contact the school immediately so that a confidential meeting can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Dawinan.

## COSHC

Vacation Care for the school holidays must be booked in **by Thursday 29 March**. Please contact COSHC directly for an enrolment form. A copy of the schedule can be found in our school display case outside the office.

## Japanese Students

This week we are hosting students from Japan.

The students have English lessons in the morning and then in the afternoon, spend time in our learning spaces.

Thank you to Kiyoka Kubo (our Japanese teacher) for organising the tour.

Special thanks to the families in the school who were able to host the students.



*Japanese students and host family children*



*Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate birthdays in April.*



Sophie Stoker	Amelia Bavell	Soraya Mondinelli	Charlotte Sprincis
Ezekiel Logo	Jessica Ishak	Liam Sciacca	Eva Sentas
Isabella Younes	Charles Sentas	Allegra Jammo	Kael Sciacca
Sakina Kunambi	Annabelle Boasiako	Nika Naeme	Jacob Kandalaft
Gabriela Andrade	Lucas Dacian Scurtu	<i>Staff: Ms Hope and Miss O'Donnell</i>	

### Merit Awards

***Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.***



- ES1:** Amelia Bavell, Abigail Corera
- Year One:** Braxton Cooper, Cadence Metierre, Martin Salib
- Year Two:** Anna Maria Anish, Lucia Biasin, Nina Talty
- Stage 2:** Noah Day, Matthew Johnson, Aimee Loof, Ruby Graham, Kenzh Munda Cruz, Ashleigh North
- Stage 3:** Merna El Merhabi, Laeticia Hossack, Jacob Kandalaft, Maria Nour, Matilda Cooper, Henry Corcoran, Lachlan Dardagos, Skye Meale



## COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS *Update*

A huge thank you to all of the families who have brought in Coles vouchers so that we can earn some sporting equipment for our school. We would greatly appreciate it if you could **cut and staple bundles of ten vouchers** to assist with the counting process.

***Let's keep collecting!***

**The Coles Sports for Schools box is located in the Student Entrance Foyer in the School Office.**

*Mrs Erin Werner  
Sports Co-ordinator*

## Bragging rights .....

**Ruby Knight (S2A)** was selected in the Parramatta Touch Football representative team to compete at the Junior State Cup in Port Macquarie, in February this year. The Parramatta team was very competitive, but missed out on the finals. The team took pride in wearing the Blue & Gold to represent Parramatta and tried their best in every game. They were good sports and most importantly, had a great time. The coaches were happy that the team got better in every game that they played. Well done Ruby!!



Congratulations to **Manraj Kahlon (S3A)** on being selected to represent our diocese at the MacKillop Boys Cricket trial. This year NSW PSSA have advised that MacKillop as the host region have been given the opportunity to enter an invitational team into the NSW PSSA Cricket Boys Championships for 2018. Manraj will now attend the trials in Wagga Wagga in September. Good luck Manraj!!

### Ex-Students

Congratulations to **Jack Talty and Patrick Crowle** who have been voted in by their peers and teachers to be Year 8 leaders at Oakhill College. Well done!



Students participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 16 March.

### Staff Development Day

**Monday 30 April 2018**

(Term 2 Week 1)

Students do not attend school  
on this day



### Change of Details

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

**Have you let the school office know?**

Change of address needs to be advised in writing.

**School Office—8832 4100**

# MindQuest 2018

**Glenwood HS Cnr Forman Ave / Glenwood Park Drive,  
Saturday & Sunday 2 & 3 June 2018 9:30am-3:30pm**

The 87th MindQuest Program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics and much more.

Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. It is 20 mins Beecroft, 35mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30mins from Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Closing Date: Monday 4 May 2018. Bookings: Shelagh 02 4959 7148

**Mrs Mary-Jo Mason**

## Car Seat Checks

As many families will be travelling these school holidays, now is a good time to ensure car seats are fitted correctly.

Blacktown Council is going to be at The Ponds Shopping Centre on Tuesday 10th April from 8:30am - 1:30pm offering Car Seat Checks.

No booking required.



## CUB SCOUTS IS FUN!

Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm for boys and girls  
7yrs - 10.5 yrs

Cnr Belmore St East and Webb St, Oatlands

Ph: 9639 2488, Email: [parramattascoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:parramattascoutgroup@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://1stparramattascoutgroup.onefireplace.org/>

**BE PREPARED.....**

Get your Active Kids Rebate through Scouts

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**SATURDAY 7 APRIL &  
SUNDAY 8 APRIL**

*jenniferjurkovski*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

## MOTHER'S DAY

**PHOTO SHOOT  
MINI SESSION**

### To Book:

Contact Jennifer

0404 401 446

Email:

[enquiries@jenniferjurkovski.com.au](mailto:enquiries@jenniferjurkovski.com.au)

BEFORE: THURSDAY 29 MARCH

**\$250**

**30 MINUTES  
5 DIGITAL PHOTOS  
(COLOUR & BLACK AND WHITE)  
LAKE PARRAMATTA  
RESERVE**

**15% OF ALL PROFITS DONATED TO ST MONICA'S  
[WWW.JENNIFERJURKOVSKIPHOTOGRAPHY.COM.AU](http://WWW.JENNIFERJURKOVSKIPHOTOGRAPHY.COM.AU)**

# 2018 EASTER CELEBRATIONS

## **CHRISM MASS**

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

Wednesday, 28th March— 7.30pm

## **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**St Monica's Parish**

Thursday, 29th March—7.30pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**St Monica's Parish**

Friday, 30th March— **Stations of the Cross**—10am

**Chinese Stations of the Cross**— 11.30am

**Passion of the Lord**—3pm (English)

**Passion of the Lord**— 6pm (Chinese)

## **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Easter Vigil**

**St Monica's Parish**

Saturday, 31st March—6.30pm

Chinese Mass —9.00pm

**Easter Sunday**

**St Monica's Parish**

Sunday, 1st April —9am

Chinese Mass—11.30am

**No evening Mass**



He is not here:  
for he is risen,  
Matthew 28:6





A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS  
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

LAUGH  
PRAY  
REFLECT

TAKE TIME  
OUT FOR  
YOURSELF

# FREE DAY SPA FOR THE SOUL

Bring a friend !

**BOOK NOW!**  
**LIMITED SPACES**  
**AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 3rd May**  
**9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND**  
**LUNCH INCLUDED**

Enquire and register  
by 12 April with Tania  
Melki via email:  
[tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph:0429375226

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# LIVE IT UP

## YOUTH WEEK

**13—22 April, 2018**

**FREE** Catch a movie or a short film

Screening of Rampage: 13 April | Events Cinema  
Emoji Video Series: 15, 16, 18 & 22 April | CMRC

**FREE** Enjoy the Family Fun Day including Skate comp & demo

Family Fun Day: 17 April | Balcombe Heights Estate

**FREE** Discover mindfulness

Mindful Coco: 17 April | Vinegar Hill Memorial Library

**Become a coding nerd**

Code4Fun: 19 & 20 April | Vinegar Hill Memorial Library | \$20

**FREE** Get fit

Week of events at Bernie Mullane Sports Centre  
Commit to be fit: 21 April | Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre

**FREE** Get job skills

You're Hired—job skills workshop: 16 April | Castle Hill Library

**FREE** Immerse yourself in art

Art Expo: 18 April | Studio Space, At The Corner, Baulkham Hills

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

[www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)



## ***Term 1 Important Dates***

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

### **Week 9**

Thursday 29 March

Holy Thursday— 9.30am Liturgy at St Monica's Church  
Easter Raffle drawn at 11:10am

Friday 30 March

Good Friday—Public Holiday

Sunday 1 April

Easter Sunday

### **Week 10**

Monday 2 April

Easter Monday—Public Holiday

Tuesday 3 April

Resurrection Liturgy

Friday 6 April

Dance Fever

Sat 7 and Sun 8

Mother's Day Family Photographs—Lake Parramatta Reserve

### **Week 11**

Monday 9 April

Kindergarten 2019 enrolments close (1st round)

Thursday 12 April

8:15am Whole School PBL Launch

Friday 13 April

Dance Fever  
Term 1 concludes  
7pm Parish Bingo Night—Hall

### **School Holidays**

## **Term 2**

### **Week 1**

Monday 30 April

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
***Students do not attend school today***

Tuesday 1 May

Students return for Term 2

Friday 4 May

Athletics Carnival

### **Week 2**

Tuesday 8 May

Cross Country—Eastern Creek

Friday 11 May

Back up date for Athletics Carnival

Saturday 12 May

Feast of the Ascension

Sunday 13 May

Mother's Day

### **Week 3**

Tuesday 15 May

Naplan (Years 3 & 5) Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar  
International Family Day

Wednesday 16 May

Naplan (Years 3 & 5) Reading

Thursday 17 May

Naplan (Years 3 & 5) (Numeracy)

Friday 18 May

Mufti Fundraiser for International Family Day  
(proceeds to Catholic Care)

### Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8am–8:30am

2nd Group 8:30am–9am

*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au))  
Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

***We thank all volunteers for their continued support.***