ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 1, WEEK 11 Wednesday 11 April 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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Monica's Matters

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Happy Easter to all our families!

In this Easter season, we are invited to see things 'anew' to see the world with a sense of hope, with charity for others and faith above all in God. As Easter people we rise again in our commitment to bring the love of Jesus to others through our words and actions.

Over the past few weeks the Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers and Mrs Werner, our Literacy Coordinator, have spent



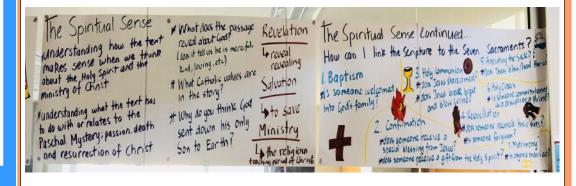
time with a 'Literacy Teacher Educator' from the Catholic Education Office. They have been closely examining our writing practices in response to our school's Literacy Goal: *All students will increase their knowledge of ideas, structure and cohesion when composing a range of texts*

The teachers have analysed their student's Term 1 writing samples and they have set individual learning goals for them. During the writing time in their literacy blocks the teachers have spent time with their students discussing aspects of planning prior to the student's independently writing. This has included building the student's knowledge of the topic, generating specific vocabulary and language features. It is important that the students are able to use this learning to organise their ideas and information clearly for the audience/reader.

This year we want all our students to be able to improve and extend their writing by successfully reviewing, using feedback from their teachers and peers. We also want to build their skills so that students re-read and edit their text by adding, deleting or moving words or word groups to improve their content and structure. Throughout the year we will keep parents informed on our progress with our literacy goal.

During the term we have also had a major focus on our Formation goal: To develop a deeper understanding of Scripture and its application to Catholic life. All the teachers have identified a particular scripture passage within their Religious Education unit to assist their students in understanding, interpreting and responding to it at a spiritual level. In order for students to do this the teachers have to have a clear understanding of the background and context of their chosen scripture passage.

Below is an example of applying The Spiritual Sense to the 'The Calling of Matthew' Mt9:9-13 in Stage 2.



Our Staff Development Day on Monday 30 April will be focused on Geometric Reasoning. Two Teaching Educators from the Catholic Education Office will support us with this learning in Term 2 and Term 3. This learning will support our Numeracy Goal: **To improve student capabilities and NAPLAN results for Measurement and Geometry through a focus on visualisation.** We are very fortunate to be part of this pilot research program with two other primary schools in the Diocese. Dr Ann Downton and Dr Sharon Livy from Monash University will be facilitating the program. We look forward to sharing our learning next term in the newsletter and at our POSM meeting.

Thank you to our staff for all their hard work in providing quality teaching and learning opportunities for our children. Tomorrow Stage 2 and Stage 3 will have their project launches and all parents are warmly invited to attend. After parents have attended the launches, please feel free to walk through all the learning spaces and view all the student work on display and also the charts with examples of the explicit teaching that has taken place in every learning space.

I thank Mrs Abood and Mrs Dawinan for all their hard work in the office this term. At times it has been very hectic especially during the enrolment period. We are so fortunate to have these ladies warmly welcoming the new families. Their efficiency and dedication to the staff, students and parents is appreciated.

It has been a very busy term with many highlights for the community to celebrate, share and support. Thank you for the continuing support of the school. I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. I pray that every family has some quality family time in the next two weeks.

We look forward to seeing everyone back when school resumes on **Tuesday 1 May** for all students for another term of learning and growing together.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell Principal



School Attendance

Our current school attendance rate for Week 10 is 93.3%. Every day counts!

We all know that consistent attendance is vital for student success in their learning.

Congratulations to those classes meeting the diocesan 90% target for attendance.

Below is the current breakdown of attendance for each grade

Week 10 (93.3%)

Vindorgorton	83.9%
Kindergarten	00.070
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	85.2%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	91.2%



Parish Bingo Night

Friday 13 April 2018 Parish Hall—7:00pm

A reminder that the Parish Bingo Night will be held this Friday night.

Tickets are available at the Parish Office. **\$20 a family ticket or \$5 per person**. A sausage sizzle has been included in the price. Tickets **can not** be purchased on the night.

Easter Raffle Winners

Our Easter Raffle was drawn on Thursday 29 March.

Congratulations to all the winners!

If you have **blue ticket E082** or **red ticket B009** please bring your ticket to the school office to claim your prize.

If these tickets have not been claimed by tomorrow morning (Thursday 12/4/18) we will redraw the raffle at our Friday morning assembly.

1st Prize	Bev Driver		
2nd Prize	Kristian Romic		
3rd Prize	Ezekiel Logo		
4th Prize	Laura Emphield		
5th Prize	Salic Family		
6th Prize	Blue ticket E082 (unclaimed)		
7th Prize	Jericho Crame		
8th Prize	Red ticket BOO9 (unclaimed)		
9th Prize	Aidan Muttoo		
10th Prize	Bo Lam		
11th Prize	Jessica Crowle		
12th Prize	Yuna Shin		

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mrs Emily Harrison** and her husband Mitch, who will become first time parents later in the year. The students and staff are all very excited for Mrs Harrison at this exciting time.



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.

Caritas (Project Compassion)

Recently at St Monica's we raised money for Caritas Australia, Project Compassion. All St Monica's students donated money, which added up to a total of \$1292.90. Project Compassion is a great cause that helps many people around the world who are less fortunate than us. Caritas Australia helps them by sourcing different materials and loans to help create a job making a just future for others. Project Compassion are giving all the donations to Nepal. Our school has raised enough to provide a skills building workshop for artists, with elders passing on traditional cultural knowledge to the younger generation in Australia. One of the people Caritas has helped over the years is Janaki. They have provided her a loan to buy one sewing machine, which she then used to earn money to buy more. She then trained 6 people and provided them each with their own sewing machines. That is a great example of how Caritas helped someone in their lives. Thank you to everyone who sacrificed an ice block or did an extra job at home to earn money and donate to this worthy cause. By Ray Khadi and Laeticia Hossack

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments



First round enrolment applications <u>closed on Monday 9 April 2018.</u> If you have not yet lodged your application for Kindergarten 2019 please contact the school office immediately.

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.

School Athletics Carnival

The **School Athletics Carnival** will be held on **Friday 4 May 2018 (Term 2, Week 1)** at Barton Park, (Gladstone Street, North Parramatta). All students from ES1 to Stage 3 will be attending.

This is a compulsory school event and all students must attend.

Please note the *back-up date* for the Carnival is *Friday 11 May* 2018. Parent helpers are required to complete the Child Protection requirements—http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au then click on "Volunteers and Contractors –click here"

World Youth Day 2019 Raffle

The Parramatta Diocese has launched a raffle in support of World Youth Day Mexico, Panama and USA 2019. The WYD Raffle has been a signature means towards subsidising costs for the pilgrim experience for which all funds will again be used. Each raffle book contains 10 tickets and cost \$2:00 each (\$20 per book).

Raffle Books have been registered to each family who have consented to receiving raffle tickets. More raffle tickets are available in the office for any families who are able to sell more tickets.

The raffle will be drawn on 27 October 2018 at Lifted Live event held in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.

<u>Please do not dispose of unsold tickets as the school is to account for every book of raffle tickets</u>. Please return all the ticket stubs/money by Friday 14 September 2018.

Thank you in advance for supporting this raffle. Louise O'Donnell, Principal

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

Bragging rights

Ex-Students

Congratulations to **Rhiannon Cooper** who has been selected to participate in the National Tour of the Australian Girls Choir. Well done Rhiannon!

ANZAC Education Resource for Schools

Last week we were invited to visit the Parramatta RSL for the launch of the ANZAC Education Resource for Schools. We had the opportunity to meet current service men and women and also veterans and listen to many inspiring speeches. One was presented by an Ambassador of the Invictus Games- Gwen. Her challenge to us was to make our mark and make a difference in our community. Gwen also encouraged us to say five specific words whenever we see a serviceman or woman, "Thank you for your service". By saying these words we will be making our mark and showing our appreciation for those who serve our country.

Another inspirational speech was made by Mr Doug Mackay, who had been a medic in World War II. He told us that the ANZACs faced challenges together and overcame them. They put the community before themselves and they were courageous, determined, self reliant and strong. This passage from the bible captures the spirit of our ANZACs and our service men and women today, "A man has no greater love than this, that he lays down his life for his friends".

Lachlan Dardagos, Galia Evangelista, Emma Halamkova, Laeticia Hossack, Raymond Khadi and Kael Sciacca



St Monica's students with Mr Doug Mackay (Deputy President City of Parramatta RSL Sub Branch)

State Transit Authority Bus Routes and Timetable changes



Dear Parents.

From Sunday 6 May, there will be changes to a number of bus routes and timetables to reflect customer demand and improve the reliability of services. These changes impact both school special and regular route services in this area.

To ensure all students who are affected by service alterations are aware of any change to their travel patterns, it would be appreciated if you could check the website **transportnsw.info** to check timetables and plan their trip.

New timetable information will be available from Monday 23 April 2018.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1: Joshua Chandra, Tiffany Do, Aiden Forsyth, Angus Graham,

Alessia La Macchia, Czermielle Sarah Talampas

Year One: Joanna Huynh, Pare Nader, Olivia Szymanski

Year Two: Oskar Grzelak, Lukas Lozancic Babic, Theresa Wong

Stage 2: Menuk Gunawardena, Siria Mondinelli, William Paterson, Sophie Stoker,

Charlize Cooper, Theresa Huynh, Madeline Smith

Stage 3: Gabrielle Nassif, Rafael Noonan, Trinity Bird, Ezekiel Logo, Jericho Crame,

Samira Hekeik

Sport Day for Term 2 FRIDAY

All Stages (ES1—Stage 3) to wear Sport Uniform on Fridays.



Winter Uniform Changeover

Students return after the holidays on **Tuesday 1 May 2018**. 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 14 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.

Details on page 9 of this newsletter or visit http://www.ozfashions.com.au

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.

The fundraiser has now ended. We will still be accepting vouchers up until Friday 13 April 2018.

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

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 students who have counted the vouchers:

Jessica Crowle, Kayla Grzelak, Laeticia Hossack, Emma Halamkova and Trinity Bird.

Mrs Erin Werner Sports Co-ordinator



2018 Full Attendance - Term 1

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

ES1	Year 1	Year 2	S2A
Pranvee Basu Abigail Corera Amelia Corera Elyssa Ekert Elijah Essey Mia Fernandes Joel Heesen Micaela Hernandez Alessia La Macchia Grace Lim Chloe Luo Angelica Menjivar Soraya Mondinelli Jaein Moon Lana Salic	Sage Abiodun Sienna Acosta Lucas Alvarez Jared David Mathew Dretvic Zachary Dy Joanna Huynh Enzo Inigo Dominick Macorig Cadence Metierre Markus Nabua Joseph Joe Robin Christopher Sadek Yuna Shin	Lucia Biasin Annabelle Boasiako Elijah Corera Georgia Fernandes Wyatt Heesen Olivia Hekeik Lukas Lozancic Babic Manda Lu Olivia Nguyen Tia Nour Eva Sentas Mia Siemsen Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang	Chloe Abiodun Sanoy Bhattachan Roger Corcoran Aimee Loof Samuel Nassif William Paterson John Sadek Monica Salic
Sarah Vasanth S2B	S3A	S ₃ B	S ₃ C
Ashton Dardagos Theresa (Thao) Huynh Jessica Ishak Manson Lu Max Lukasik Ryan Malatag Kenzh Munda Cruz Ashleigh North Sophie Phan Kobe Puyat L'Lysse Puyat Kristian Romic Charbel Sadek Liam Sciacca Dominic Scurtu Madeline Smith Elizabeth Stolk	Jayden Albayeh Laeticia Hossack Manraj Kahlon Jacob Kandalaft Leonardo Macorig Gabrielle Nassif Joshua North Maria Nour Kael Sciacca Charles Sentas Jessica Stoker	Alexander Azar Jordan Basha Trinity Bird Anthony Carslake Galia Evangelista Hayden Herder-Beke Summer Ierfino Emma O'Rourke Aidan Pospischil Lucas Dacian Scurtu	Christian Bouassi Lachlan Dardagos Madeleine David Samira Hekeik Zachariah Kassis Gene Kneipp Aidan Muttoo Emma Sadek Neave Sciacca







Bee-Haviour Card Achievement Awards 2018 (Term 1) Bronze Awards



Congratulations to the following students who have received their Bronze Awards.

This means that children have received 10 cards (100 stings). Well done!!

ES1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elijah Essey Micaela Hernandez Liam Forsyth Ivy Tran Amelia Bavell Lana Salic	Helen Elias Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang Mia Siemsen Georgia Fernandes	Sara Younes William Paterson Siria Mondinelli	Sanoy Bhattachan Ruby Knight Elizabeth Stolk Manson Lu Ashleigh North Charbel Sadek Bernardo Enciso Llamas	Samira Hekeik Emma Sadek Yashni Chowdhary Alex Azar	Gene Kneipp Jordan Basha Kael Sciacca Jonah Assaf Jericho Crame

Thank you to the Chandra family (Joshua ES1 & Jessica Stage 2) for their generosity in printing our Bronze Awards.

Thank You

Dear Ms O'Donnell, Ms Kubo,

It is a heartfelt pleasure to write to you all and thank you for making the Schooling experiences of our Japanese students such a success. Reports and responses from the Japanese School and students have testified to the success of the visit and express gratitude to all who have worked and adapted to make the visit happy, secure, memorable as well as educational.

It is a wonderful opportunity for Japanese students to step outside of their indigenous culture and into the friendly embrace of St Monica's Primary School and a privilege for them to make friends with Australian students of their similar ages and so discover new ways of looking at the thoughts and experiences we all share. For many of the Japanese students this year's Australian visit will be a landmark in their lives which they will remember and think about for years to come.

Of course our host families are also of the utmost importance to the visits and we say a big thank you to them also.

For us adults who engage in the organisation and planning of the visits and the care of the students it is also an experience which bridges differences in languages and cultures and brings us all closer in appreciation and understanding: for that I, on behalf of VS Oceania, am very grateful and hope that you think the same. Your contributions and adaptability are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all the Japanese visitors, schools and VS Oceania, I thank you all for your help and humour which made the visit successful and look forward, with your help, to uniting more Australian and Japanese schools in the coming year.

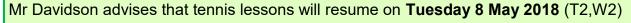
Yours sincerely, Takashi

Takashi USHINOHAMA

VS Oceania Pty Ltd



Tennis Lessons





Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 11

Thursday 12 April 8:15am S2 & S3 PBL Launch

Friday 13 April Dance Fever

Term 1 concludes

7pm Parish Bingo Night—Hall

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 30 April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Students do not attend school today

Tuesday 1 May Students return for Term 2

No tennis lessons this week

Friday 4 May Athletics Carnival—Barton Park, Gladstone St,

North Parramatta

Week 2

Tuesday 8 May Cross Country—Eastern Creek

Tennis lessons resume for Term 2

Wednesday 9 May Mother's Day Stall (1:00pm siblings / 1:30pm all students)

Friday 11 May Back up date for Athletics Carnival

9:15am Mother's Day Mass—Church

Theme Lunch 'Butter Chicken'

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 Day Fundraiser for International Family Day

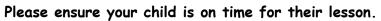
(proceeds to Catholic Care)

7:00pm Sacrament of Confirmation

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8:00am-8:30am

2nd Group 8:30am-9:00am



Term 2 lessons will resume on Tuesday 8 May 2018 (Week 2).

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



Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard? Phone: 0402 780 130 Please email: ariamusicschool@gmail.com

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!

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

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

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

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.





HOLIDAY CLINIC

The PlayNRL Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 5-16 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation.

Costs \$40 per child which includes NRL Holiday Pack.

Go to www.playnrl.com/programs/ to register. Clinic Commences at 10:00am and Finish's at 1:00pm.

Contact Name: Ross Antoniolli Phone Number: 0487 772 263 Email: rantoniolli@nrl.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM



Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains) and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Time: 7pm -9pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parich Hall

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Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment? How does an annulment differ from a

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.

PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Contact Rita Solo Parent Services

Ph. 8843 2575

entservices@ccss



Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- · Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan -Nov)

TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

Younger Widowed Support Group



- · Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- · Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- . Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- · Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- · Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00