



TERM 2, WEEK 3  
Wednesday 16 May 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

**Friday 23 November**  
(Term 4, Week 6)

**Thursday 20 December**  
(Term 4, Week 10)

**Friday 21 December**  
(Term 4, Week 10)

## Library Opening Times

*Before School*  
*Monday—Thursday*  
*8.30am–8.50am*

*Recess*  
*Monday & Tuesday*

*Lunchtime*  
*Wednesday & Thursday*

Important dates on  
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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

All the teachers attended a Staff Development Day on the first day of this term on Geometric Reasoning. The day was facilitated by Dr Ann Downton and Dr Sharyn Livy from Monash University. The teachers explored key ideas related to geometric reasoning and spatial awareness.

Last Thursday, Dr Ann Downton and Lead Mathematics Teachers in the Diocese spent the whole day at St Monica's and worked side by side with the teachers and students in the learning space exploring geometric concepts.

The NSW Mathematics Syllabus K-6 clearly outlines the learning that is expected in each stage. Below is a brief outline of what is taught in each stage:

**Early Stage 1:** the students have lots of experiences in handling, describing, sorting and representing Three Dimensional objects (3D) and Two Dimensional shapes (2D) around them. They also have opportunities to manipulate a variety of real objects (for eg packaging) and shapes. This is crucial to the development of imagery, language and representation. It is important that the students also experience shapes that are presented in a variety of different ways and orientations for eg tall, skinny triangles, short fat triangles, right angle triangles.

**Stage 1** explore 3D and 2D in greater detail. The students are encouraged to describe the objects and shapes using their own language first and then the teachers gradually introduce the correct terminology. Developing and retaining mental images of objects and shapes is an important skill for Stage 1 and it is crucial to the development of appropriate levels of individual language and representation. The students also develop an understanding that changing the orientation of an object or shape does not change its features or its name.

**Stage 2** describe key features of 3D and 2D. They investigate, make and identify the variety of nets that can be used to create a particular prism. They communicate with correct language such as cone, cube, cylinder, prism, quadrilateral, parallelogram, rhombus, trapezium, vertices, curved and flat surfaces, faces and edges. The students are expected to be able to distinguish between regular and irregular shapes.

**Stage 3** continue to develop their skills of visual imagery, including the ability to perceive and hold an appropriate mental image of an object and to predict the orientation or shape of an object that has been moved or altered. In Stage 3, the formal names for particular prisms and pyramids are introduced while the students are engaged in their construction and representation.

On the last page of the newsletter today I have included a sample of the tasks that the students have been completing over the past two weeks in each of the stages. Parents are at any time able to view the learning in each of the spaces as the teachers are displaying all the student's work. A good time may be as the children are unpacking their bag at 8:30 am each day as they can explain the task.

## POSMS Meeting (Parents of St Monica's Students)

Next week we have our POSMs Meeting where the teachers will share with all the parents our learning so far.

Date: Wednesday 23 May 2018 (Week 4)  
Agenda: Geometric Reasoning  
Time: 7:00pm—8:00pm  
Where: Learning Space

### Peer Review

St Monica's will be participating in Peer Review, which is a key component of the School Compliance Audit process. Every year, every school in our Diocese is notified one month in advance that the school will undergo the Peer Review. Then two weeks before the review the school is contacted and informed of the Stage learning group to be audited and the two key learning areas. This year Stage One (Mrs Werner and Miss Bagnall) have been selected to provide documentation (timetables, teaching program, student work samples, assessment and differentiated learning activities) for English and Science.

Mrs Mason and I have also been requested to present documentation for the following areas that will also be audited: Attendance, Working With Children Checks, Child Protection documentation, Teacher Accreditation, Complaints and Grievances Management.

### Pentecost

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter. The Disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, who inspired the Disciples to spread the Gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church. For the weeks following the death of Jesus, the Disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit had breathed upon them urging them to action, they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise His message in the world.

### Confirmation

It is very fitting that we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred on our students this Friday night at 7:00pm.

### Congratulations to:

***Ryan Clark, Jake Chapman, Matilda Cooper, Madeleine David, Laura Emphield,  
Galia Evangelista, Neelesh Govender, Zachariah Kassis, Jacob Kandalaft, Leonardo Macorig,  
Jesse Maffina, Zac Michael, Giselle Mondinelli, Aidan Muttoo, Emma O'Rourke, Gabrielle Nassif,  
Aidan Pospischil, Ashley Roberts, Neave Sciacca, Poppy Sloane and Isabella Smith.***

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



## Winter Uniform Changeover

**All students must now be wearing their full winter school uniform.**

Please refer to the Parent Handbook or the school website for the winter school uniform requirements. All uniform items are available for purchase through Oz Fashions. [www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

## Term 2 School Fees

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be sending out Term 2 School fees shortly. **Fees are due and payable on Wednesday 6 June (Week 6).** Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school, please ensure payment of fees by this date. **Families who are yet to finalise their Term 1 fees are requested to do so immediately.**

**Families who are experiencing financial difficulty are requested to contact the school office immediately so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Dawinan.**

## Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester One reports will be sent home on **Thursday 21 June** (Week 8) and interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday 25 June (Week 9). Parents will again be able to arrange their interview times online. Booking details will be published closer to the date.

## Point of Contact – Who Can Help?

For general matters and information Mrs Abood and Mrs Dawinan in the school office can usually help. If they cannot assist you they will direct you to the most appropriate staff member.

For classroom based matters relating to your child's wellbeing and learning **please contact your child's teacher** as they are in the best position to help you and your child.

***The following key personnel will also be able to assist you:***

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2	Mrs Werner
Stage 2	Miss Rosewell
Stage 3	Mrs Mason
Religious Education Co-ordinator	Miss Rosewell
Literacy Co-ordinator	Mrs Werner
Numeracy Co-ordinator	Mrs Harrison
Learning Support	Ms Hope
Library	Mrs Davino
PDHPE Co-ordinator	Mrs Werner

## 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.

## Tell Them From Me Survey

Next week we will be inviting students, parents and staff to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. The information that you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. Login details will be provided next week. A consent form will be sent home for students on Monday 21 May.



## 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.

**Please do not dispose of unsold tickets as the school is to account for every book of raffle tickets.**

**Please return all the ticket stubs / money by Friday 14 September 2018.**

Thank you in advance for supporting this raffle.

**Louise O'Donnell, Principal**

## Annual Seminar - Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services hosts a Information Seminar to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested. **Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (on site parking via Victoria Rd).

**Date:** Wednesday 16th May **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Registration Essential:** PH: 8843 2575 or

Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 2 is 95.6%.**

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 1—94.6%		Week 2—95.6%	
ES1	93.6%	ES1	93.6%
Year 1	100%	Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%	Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	90.0%	Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	88.0%	Year 4	88.0%
Year 5	96.9%	Year 5	100%
Year 6	96.9%	Year 6	96.9%





## School Athletics Carnival



On Friday 4th May, St Monica's held the annual Athletics Carnival. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a range of track and field events at Barton Park. Our students showcased their athletic abilities and outstanding sportsmanship.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our students to enjoy participating in the athletics activities. The Dance Fever Company provided us with a range of equipment for the activities and assisted with making sure the day ran smoothly.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and parents for assisting with the running of the day and packing up. The day was a huge success with your ongoing dedication to school sport. A copy of the results are available on the School Noticeboard outside the office for your information.

The Zone Athletics will be held on Tuesday 7th August at Blacktown Athletics Track and the team notifications will be distributed in the coming few weeks as the details are finalised for the Zone Carnival. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Regards, **Mrs Erin Werner, Sport Co-ordinator**

Thank you Mrs Werner for all your preparation for our successful Athletics Carnival.

Thank you also to Mrs Ankica Romic (Kristian, S2) for the photos taken at the Carnival. They will be uploaded shortly to our new school website.





## Artist Vanessa Perske visits Stage 1

On Friday, an artist came to our school named Vanessa. She taught Year 1 and Year 2 how to paint emus. She told us to sketch it first and then we painted it. We got to paint the emus with lots of bright colours. Vanessa's art was very colourful and had lots of texture.

We had a great time. It was really fun sketching and painting emus with Vanessa.

By Olivia N and Oskar (Year 2)

Vanessa's work can be seen on her Facebook page Vanessa Perske or her website [www.vanessaperske.com.au](http://www.vanessaperske.com.au)







*Stage 3 Excursion to the State Library*

### ***Lachlan Anderson visits St Monica's***

On Thursday 10th of May, Stage 2 had an opportunity to meet Lachlan Anderson who played in the Rugby 7's at the Commonwealth Games representing Australia. We were so privileged to listen to Lachlan speaking about his once in a lifetime experience.

Lachlan is also part of the current Australian 7's Rugby team where he tours the world playing at different venues representing Australia. We listened to Lachlan speaking about his experiences. Lachlan visited us because of our PBL unit where we are looking at Built Environments with a focus on sporting facilities.

We are also looking at how both athletes and spectators interact with these environments. He explained what he did and how the stadiums have their own unique touch that suits the environment surrounding it.

Lachlan also answered other questions such as, 'What stadium supplied the best food?' and 'What is your favourite stadium to play at?'

We thank Lachlan for visiting Stage 2 and sharing with us interesting information about his awesome adventures.





### **THE LIBRARY IS OPEN:**

**Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-8.50am**

**Monday & Tuesday : Recess**

**Wednesday & Thursday: Lunch**

**Please encourage your children to come & visit the library.**

**Our library monitors & Mrs Davino are in the library during these times to help any students.**

**We have a great selection of new books coming into the library all the time!**

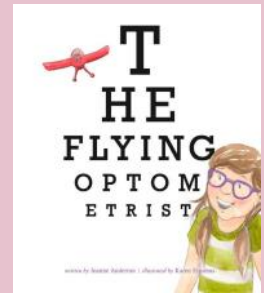
**This month's new books are on display now - all students are sure to find something they'll love!**





# BOOK REVIEW

By: Ashleigh &  
Elizabeth  
Stage 2



**Name of the Book:** *The Flying Optometrist*

**Author:** Joanne Anderton

**What is it about?:** Stephanie lives in a very small town in the Australian Outback - but really needs an optometrist to fix her broken glasses. Who will come to help her??

**Who are the characters?:** The 2 main characters are Stephanie and the Flying Optometrist. Other characters in the book are Reg, Bill and Aunty Pat

**Who would you recommend this book to?:** We would personally recommend this book to 5-10 year olds.

The facts about the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the end of the book will be interesting for older children as well.

**Which words describe this book?:**

exciting

informative

realistic

uplifting

interesting

**RATING:**



# Mother's Day Mass



## Merit Awards

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



- ES1:** Pranvee Basu, Mariah Boutros, Elyssa Ekert, Liam Forsyth, Joel Heesen, Micaela Hernandez, Grace Lim, Chloe Luo
- Year 1:** Lucas Alvarez, Yuna Shin
- Year 2:** Manda Lu, Manuela Salib
- Stage 2:** Roger Corcoran, Jose Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Matthew Johnson, Zi Han Lin, Samuel Nassif, Lola Sloane, Shubbh Chugh, Sara Younes, Alicia Youssef
- Stage 3:** Ana Maria Costea, Tia El Kazzi, Jacob Kandalaft, Joshua North, Trinity Bird, Jessica Crowle, Jesse Maffina, Christian Bouassi, Madeleine David, Zachariah Kassiss

## Catherine McAuley Westmead

## School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Enrolments for Year 7 2020**



Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

## OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018.**



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open Morning Tour**  
**Wednesday May 23, 2018**

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2020.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



## NAPLAN BREAKFAST

Thank you to the parent helpers who assisted with the Naplan breakfast for our Year 3 and Year 5 students this week.

Thank you to Victoria Elias, Dalia Sadek, Sonia Sentas, Evina Govender, Layse Andrade, Kathy Sciacca, Nikki Whelan and Nesreen Khalil. Special thanks to Sherwin and Victoria Elias for sponsoring the breakfast the year.





# FAMILY DAY

- AT ST MONICA'S -



The 15 May 2018 has been designated by the United Nations as International Family Day. Bishop Vincent 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.

Our St Monica's Family will be raising money to donate to Catholic Care.

- When:** Friday 18 May
- Time:** 9:00 – 10:00am
- What to bring:** Donation for Catholic Care
- What to wear:** Mufti Day (appropriate footwear and clothing for sport)

The morning will begin with a liturgy to celebrate Pentecost and Family Day. We will then be hosting a range of activities for you to join in with our students including ball games, soccer, handball, craft and board games.

We hope you can join us for the morning!

**Michelle Rosewell**

Religious Education Coordinator





## Social Justice Team

# The Heat is On

**You can show support of St Vincent de Paul by assisting them in their work with the homeless in Parramatta this year and donating to the Winter Appeal.**

This term for our Winter Appeal we will be collecting 'warm items' to donate to the homeless. This is a need we have recognised through the work of our Social Justice Team.

Each class has something specific to donate:

**Kindergarten:** new socks

**Year 1:** new gloves

**Year 2:** new beanies

**Stage 2:** new or used scarves

**Stage 3:** new slippers or ugg boots

**Everyone:** new or used blankets, duvets or quilts

*(Please note we cannot accept clothing or other household items. If you have other items you would like to donate please visit St Vincent de Paul on Church Street)*

All donations will be sent to St Vincent de Paul, and they will distribute to homeless people in need within our local community. We will be raising an awareness about homelessness and collecting up until Week 7 of this term.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion for families in need this winter.

Thanking you,

**Miss Michelle Rosewell**  
*Religious Education Coordinator*

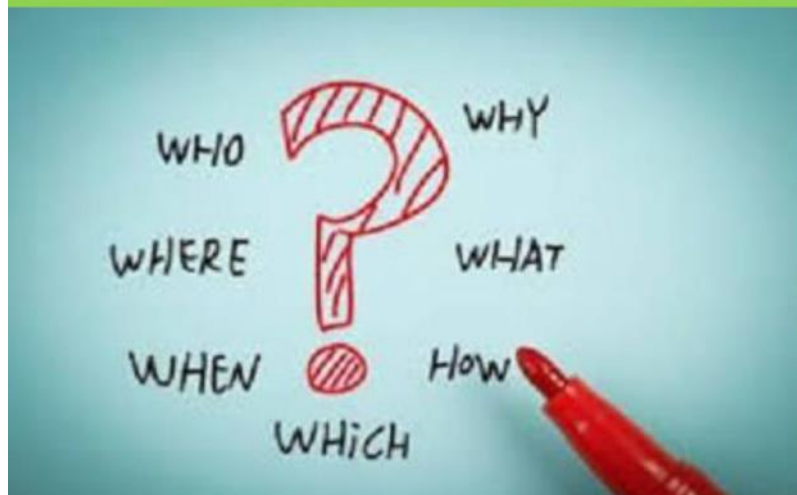
**Gabrielle Nassif, Ezekiel Logo, Joshua North, Alex Azar, Jayden Albayeh, Jordan Basha, Laura Emphield, Galia Evangelista, Neave Sciacca and Ana Maria Costea**  
*Social Justice Team*



Parents Representative Council  
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## Early Career Planning & Transition to Work



The WHY to, the HOW to and the WHAT to do when transitioning out of school and into your future. How to choose the correct electives and all the other questions you have in between.

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 8-12!**

**Our guest speaker for the evening is:**

**Dianne Mills**

Partnership Manager/Career Coach.

Building Industry, Community, Education partnerships to assist in career transitions

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)**

Term 2 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC), Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

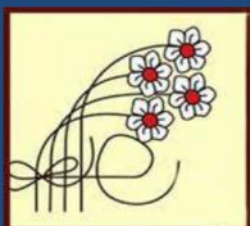
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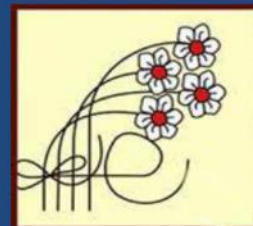


THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 SPONSOR

**Floral Expressions**

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





## ***Term 2 Important Dates***

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

### **Week 3**

Thursday 17 May

**Naplan (Years 3 & 5)** (Numeracy)

Friday 18 May

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

Dance Fever

7pm Sacrament of Confirmation

### **Week 4**

Wednesday 23 May

7pm POSMS Meeting—Learning Space

Thursday 24 May

CARES—Year 4

Friday 25 May

Dance Fever

Saturday 26 May

5pm Mass / Registration for First Communion

Sunday 27 May

9am Mass / Registration for First Communion

### **Week 5**

Friday 1 June

Dance Fever

### **Week 6**

Tuesday 5 June

7pm Parents only lesson—Communion

Friday 8 June

Dance Fever

### **Week 7**

Monday 11 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 12 June

School Financial Audit

Friday 15 June

Dance Fever

Saturday 16 June

5pm Mass—Communion Commitment Mass

Sunday 17 June

9am Mass—Communion Commitment Mass

### **Week 8**

Thursday 21 June

Semester 1 Reports sent home

Friday 22 June

Dance Fever

### **Week 9**

Monday 25 June

Parent Teacher interviews this week

Friday 29 June

Dance Fever +

**Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush** for Year 3-Year 6 students. More information to follow when we receive it from Dance Fever.

### **Week 10**

Friday 6 July

Dance Fever

Term 2 Ends

## Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

1st Group 8:00am–8:30am

2nd Group 8:30am–9:00am

Please ensure your child is on time for their lesson.

Tennis lessons \$40 per student, per term. Payments directly to Mr Davidson.

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: [ariamusicsschool@gmail.com](mailto:ariamusicsschool@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

### Music Lessons have the Power!

Develops musical talent  
Develops self discipline  
Encourages self esteem  
Enhances co-ordination & concentration  
Is lots of fun!!

### Keyboard Classes!

Day: Wednesday lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

[www.ariamusic.com.au](http://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'**

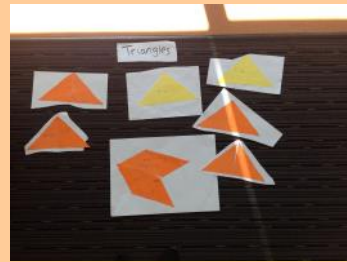
- **Volunteer Form**
- **Online Training Module (every two years)**

(Links are also available on the homepage of our school website [www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au))  
Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

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



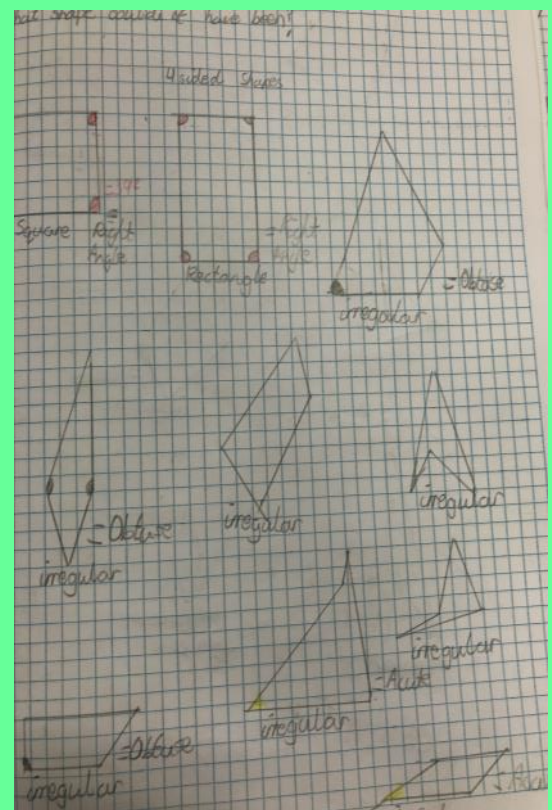
## Kindergarten learning about 2D shapes and halves.



## Stage 1



## Stage 2



## Stage 3

