

TERM 2, WEEK 5
Wednesday 30 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

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Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week is National Reconciliation Week. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia. National Reconciliation Week originally started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 and was supported by Australia's major religious groups.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2018 is **Don't Keep History a Mystery**. During this week, Reconciliation Australia is inviting all Australians to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories in order to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation.

During the week the teachers will be using the resources on the Reconciliation Australia's website to explore themes such as Farmers, The 1967 Referendum, Families, Land Rights, Heroes and Inventors. At Friday morning's assembly our student leaders will lead our school community in prayer.

For further information, I encourage all parents to have a look at Reconciliation Australia's website: www.reconciliation.org.au/

Congratulations to all of the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 18 May. Thank you to the Parish Sacramental team, facilitators and parents for all of the work in preparing the children.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the POSMs Meeting last Wednesday on Geometric Reasoning last Wednesday night. We were very impressed in how you engaged in the new learning and participated in all the learning activities.

Thank you to Mrs Emily Harrison for coordinating the night and to the following teachers for leading in an activity; Kellee Bagnall, Denelle Gardoni, Tracie Hope, Mary-Jo Mason, Catherine Shaw, Greg Tyszkiewicz, Angela Wedesweiler and Erin Werner.



Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to all the parents that have already completed the **Tell Them From Me Survey**. These 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 will remain open until Friday 1 June.

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmnp>

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.

Important
Message

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 4 is 96.6%.**

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 3—95.6%		Week 4—96.6%	
ES1	93.6%	ES1	93.6%
Year 1	100%	Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%	Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	93.3%	Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	88.0%	Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	100%	Year 5	100%
Year 6	96.9%	Year 6	96.9%

Lost Property

Has your child lost clothing in the past 4 weeks? There are a number of articles of clothing, including hats and jackets which remain unclaimed. It is easy to return items that are clearly marked with a child's name but we have many items where the name is not very clear and some which do not have any name on them at all.

Please check that all your children's belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to your child.

Maintenance

You may have noticed that the trees have been trimmed on Daking Street in front of the Teacher's Workroom. This work is part of our ongoing maintenance program at school.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



School Fees—Term 2

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has now sent out school fees for Term 2.

The due date for Term 2 School Fees is Wednesday 6 June. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school please ensure payment of fees by this date.

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

Presentation of Bee Awards

Students will be presented with Bee Awards at our morning Assembly on Friday 1 June commencing at 8:50am. Parents welcome.

Family Day at St Monica's

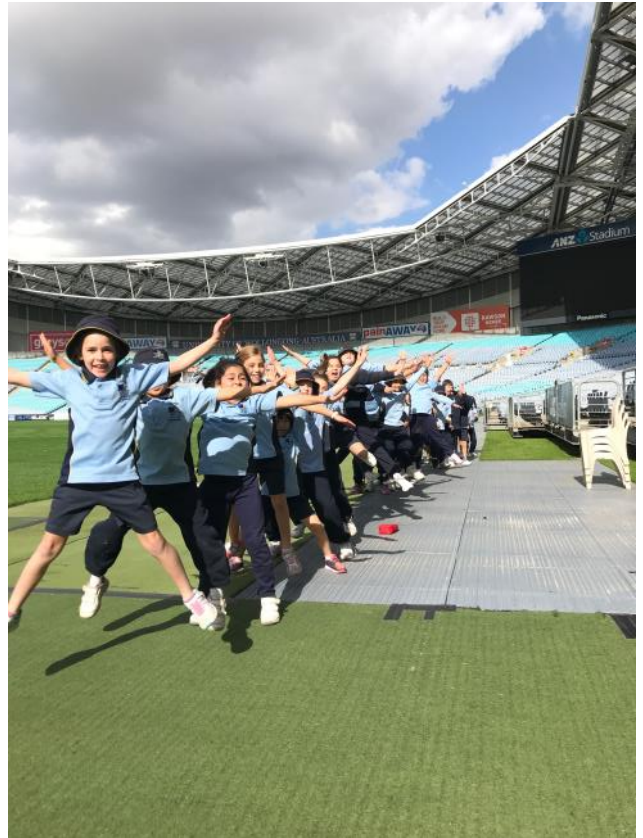


Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park

On Friday 25th of May, Stage 2 had the opportunity to have a tour of the Sydney Olympic Park stadium and its facilities as part of our study on built environments. We were able to explore the area and it was fascinating. Our tour guides told us many interesting facts about the history of the popular sporting facility.

We concluded the day with a sketch of the front of the stadium. We would like to thank all the parents who assisted us on the day and the teachers who organised this learning experience.

By Sanoy Bhattachan (Stage 2)



C.A.R.E.S - Year 4 Excursion

On Thursday 24th of May, Year 4 students went to C.A.R.E.S (Community and Road Education Scheme) program at Prospect.

This program is organised by the police officers from Blacktown.

We learned about road and bike safety and we also got to ride a bike and follow all the rules so we know how to be safe on the road.

Special thanks to Mr Forsyth and Mrs Haddad for transporting us and helping out on the day.

(By Ruby Knight, Year 4)





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!



World Youth Day Raffle 2019

Thank you to the families who have already returned their World Youth Day Raffle tickets. 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 ticket stubs / money to the school office by Friday 14 September 2018.

Thank you in advance for supporting this raffle.

Louise O'Donnell, Principal

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.



ES1:	Angelica Menjivar, Soraya Mondinelli, Jaein Moon, Rafaella Santos, Atticus Sloane
Year 1:	Zachary Dy, Ruby Elias, Allegra Jammo, Dominick Macorig
Year 2:	Ava Cong, Alexis Crame, Eva Sentas
Stage 2:	Maureen Haddad, Michael Maffina, Charlotte Sprincis, Peter Talampas, John Sadek, Jessica Chandra, Sophie Phan, Charbel Sadek
Stage 3:	Emma Halamkova, Yi Lin, Zac Michael, Charles Sentas, Alexander Azar, Ryan Clark, Sophia Elias, Yashni Chowdhary, Emma Sadek

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



Michael Maffina	Joanna Huynh	Alexis Crame	Aidan Muttoo
Braxton Cooper	Jesse Maffina	Sophie Phan	Jessica Dib
Eva Tran	Leonardo Macorig	Raymond Khadi	Gabrielle Nassif
Aidan Pospischil	Emma O'Rourke	Ziyang Lin	Angus Graham
Ruby Knight	William Paterson	Kayla Grzelak	Wyatt Heesen
Staff - Miss Rosewell, Mrs Werner and Mr Jacob Abboud (I.T)			



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Compulsory Parent / Teacher interviews will be held in
Week 9 of Term 2.

Bookings will **OPEN** on **Friday 8 June 2018 at 9:00am**

Booking will **CLOSE** on **Thursday 21 June at 9:00am**

Please ensure you have made your bookings prior to this date.

For parents who do not have internet access, an iPad will be available at the School Office from Tuesday 12 June 2018 for you to make bookings.

Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 8832 4100.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited.

A flyer with instructions and a new event code will be sent home to each family on Wednesday 6 June 2018.

(Please do not use the last event code)

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Closes this Friday 1 June

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated items to our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

If you would like to donate to this special appeal please send in your items by this Friday 1 June, so that our donations may be sent to St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution.

Thank you for supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.



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

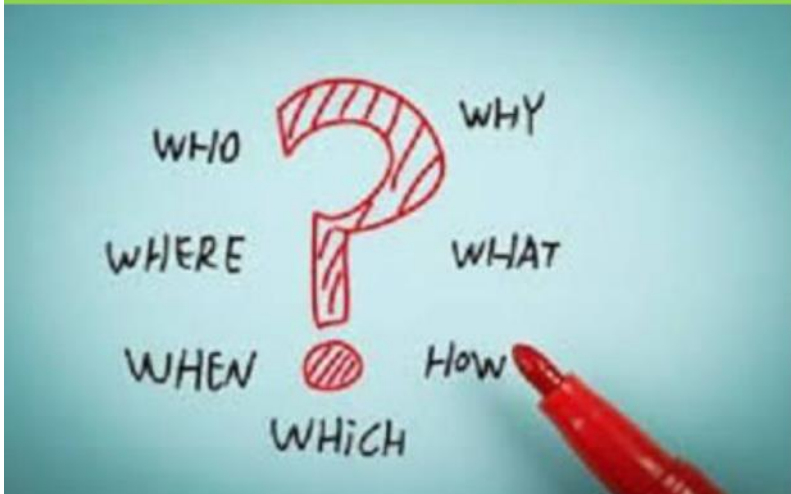
Gabrielle Nassif, Ezekiel Logo, Joshua North, Alex Azar, Jayden Albayeh, Jordan Basha, Laura Emphield, Galia Evangelista, Neave Sciacca and Ana Maria Costea
Social Justice Team



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

Monday, 4th 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

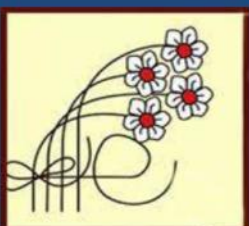
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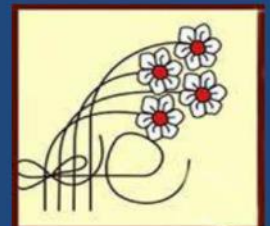
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Floral Expressions
For details on the School fundraising program
Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



Term 2 Important Dates

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

Week 5

National Reconciliation Week (27 May—3 June 2018)

Friday 1 June

Tell Them From Me—Parent Survey closes

Last day for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal donations

Morning Assembly * Presentation of Bee Awards

* Prayer—National Reconciliation Week

Dance Fever

Week 6

Tuesday 5 June

7pm Parents only lesson—Communion

Friday 8 June

Dance Fever

Online bookings OPEN at 9:00am for Parent /Teacher Interviews.

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

Online bookings CLOSE for Parent / Teacher Interviews.

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.

Week 10

Friday 6 July

Dance Fever

Term 2 Ends

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 23 July

School resumes for Term 3

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: 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

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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.