

TERM 2, WEEK 7  
Wednesday 13 June 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)

*School  
Photographs*

*Mark your diaries*

*Term 4 (Week 2)  
Wednesday  
24 October 2018*



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# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Next week is the 20th anniversary of Refugee Week. In celebration, the organising committee, has created 20 Simple Acts that everyone is invited to do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our community. Together we will be helping to change the conversation about refugees. Families are invited to view the list below and perhaps do one or two of the simple acts.



Australia has had a long history of providing opportunities to those who have come from other countries and our National Anthem even promises 'for those who've come across the seas, we've boundless plains to share.'

From all countries people have come to Australia seeking to fulfil their hopes of a better future for themselves and their family. We have been enriched by these people many of whom have come from countries torn by war, famine and sheer poverty. Migrants and refugees do not come to our shores empty-handed. On the contrary they come filled with faith and hope and make contributions to the local and wider community

The spirit of welcome and hospitality of St Monica's Community is the gift that we extend to each other and this enriches our wonderful multi-cultural community.

Throughout next week the teachers and students will be using the resources on the Refugee Website <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>

The 20 simple acts and the explanation for each can be found on this website. The committee are inviting some of the responses to be posted on instagram: #SimpleAct

1 Share a 20 second message	2 Write a 20 word poem	3 Share one of 20 refugee stories	4 Sing a song	5 Find 20 objects that tell a refugee story
6 Play with 20	7 Send a card	8 Bake a cake	9 Read a book about exile	10 Watch a film
11 Invite someone new	12 Share your refugees welcome banner	13 Make a gift	14 Get together	15 Spread the word
16 Define the word 'refugee'	17 Learn a few words in another language	18 Have a kickabout	19 Find five facts about refugees	20 Look to the future

## **Semester One Assessment and Reporting**

Over the past few weeks the teachers have been using their knowledge and assessment data to write a report on each of their students. All bookwork assessment tasks and student observations has been aligned with the syllabus outcomes, scope and sequences and expected targets.

Teachers collaborate daily with their grade partners to reflect, analyse and compare their student's work samples against the syllabus outcomes. At the same time the teachers are evaluating the success of their teaching strategies as well as forward planning. This forward planning then is transferred into each teacher's new lesson learning intention and success criteria in the particular Key Learning Area.

The teachers have high expectations for our students' learning. As each family receives their child's Semester One Report, please remember to focus on the descriptors for each of the grades E-A. These descriptors have been included at the top of page 2 on your child's report. Please also pay particular attention to your child's effort in each of the Key Learning Areas and also their application in work habits.

### **As you are reading your child's report please consider the following:**

- Look at the strengths first as these may not necessarily be in English and Mathematics.
- Take into account your child's effort and their attitude towards their learning- If the report indicates that more effort is required, your child will then have their goal for Semester Two. If your child is putting in the required effort, affirm your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.
- Form a picture of your child's progress as a member within a social setting- How is your child interacting with his/her peers ? This interaction will influence their happiness and well-being at school.
- Share the report with your child and ask their opinion about how they have performed over the semester and discuss their concerns. Remember your child will attend the Parent/Teacher Interview with you and will have the opportunity to contribute to the conversation.

Please ensure you have booked an interview with your child's teacher. Instructions on how to book an interview have been sent home and can also be found on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Semester One Reports will be sent home next Thursday, 21 June in preparation for Parent/ Teacher interviews that will be conducted during Week 9 (25 June - 29 June).

Stage 2A parents were notified last week that their child's Semester One Reports will be sent home tomorrow in preparation for interviews next week as Mr Tyszkiewicz will be taking long service leave in the last two weeks of this term.

### **Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Learning Team Visit to St Monica's.**

Each term a school is approached to host an Instructional Walk for the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Learning team. Our school has been selected this term and we will host 14 leaders on Thursday, 21 June from 8:30am - 11:00am.

To start the day the team will receive input regarding our school goals, our data wall information on every student, information about project based learning and our implementation of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning and the impact that this framework has had on student learning. The team will then visit all the learning spaces and ask individual children five questions:

- What are you learning?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?
- Where do you go for help?

The team's learning walk is part of their ongoing training to maintain shared understandings and alignment of the Learning Leaders work with schools.

## Lost property- A helpful solution!

I know that children losing articles of clothing can be a frustration for parents. Mrs Abood, as you would be aware, has placed numerous messages on Skoolbags and items in the newsletter alerting parents to unclaimed school uniform items (jackets, hats, track pants). Quite often the name has been on the found item of clothing and it has been washed off over time. We know also that trying to write a name on dark clothing can be quite tricky. We may have a helpful solution!

We have approached a company called Bright Star Kids that sell iron on name labels and this may assist in solving the problem. They are custom made and offer a wide variety of styles that parents can choose from. The labels are very easy to iron onto clothing.

For your convenience payment is by credit card and you have the option of delivery to school or your home address.

A flyer has been sent home today with every student and can also be found below. Please remember to use our Fundraiser Name—St Monicas Primary North Parramatta.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal



# STOP LOST PROPERTY

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WE RECEIVE **20%** OF YOUR ORDER, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOMINATE US IN THE CHECKOUT

**SHOP ONLINE AT [WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU)**

### Intercom System—Office entrance on Daking Street

As you were informed earlier in the term, a video camera/intercom system has been installed on the Daking Street gate outside the school office.

Important  
Message

With the new intercom system in operation **parents must ensure that they accompany their child to the office if they are late and sign them in to school as per the school policy.**

Any parent / visitor accessing the office via the Daking Street entrance will need to use the intercom system. This is all part of keeping our school safe for students, staff and parents.

### School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 6 is 96.1%.**

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 5—96.1%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	93.8%

Week 6—96.1%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	96.9%

## Bronze Bee Award Recipients





## School Fees—Term 2

Term 2 school fees were due and payable on Wednesday 6 June. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. Any families who have not paid their fees and do not have a current arrangement with the school, are requested to make an appointment with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Dawinan.

*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.*

## Kiss and Drop— Morning

A reminder to parents who are using the Kiss and Drop Zone to **not get out of your car** in the morning when dropping off your children. If you want to get out of your car to say goodbye to your child please park in the carpark. Children are to exit the car via the driver's side and should have their bags with them ready to exit the car.

This process is to be a very efficient way of dropping your child off at school and by getting out of your car you are delaying the process for all cars waiting behind you. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Zone Athletics Carnival

The permission notes will be sent out this week in regards to the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held on **Tuesday 7th August**. If your child would like to participate in the Discus event (held at the Zone Carnival) or High Jump event (held at the Diocesan Carnival) for their age group, please provide Mrs Werner with documentation from Little Athletics to state their achievements. There are qualifying distances for each of these events and Mrs Werner will notify you if you are successful. Thank you. **Mrs Erin Werner, Sport Co-ordinator**



### THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

**Compulsory** Parent / Teacher interviews will be held in **Week 9 of Term 2** commencing on Monday 25 June 2018

#### **Bookings are open**

Booking will **CLOSE** on **Thursday 14 June 2018 for S2A**  
**and Thursday 21 June for all other classes.**

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 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.

**Please refer to the flyer that has been sent home with your child for details.  
The note can also be found on the school website.**

**Please use the correct code when making your bookings.**

**[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)**

**Enter code: j88tj for Mr Tyskiewicz**

**Enter code: t3mxr for all other teachers**

## Merit Awards

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



- ES1:** Amelia Bavell, Aiden Forsyth, Philopateer Toma, Sarah Vasanth
- Year 1:** Jared David, Markus Nabua, Christopher Sadek
- Year 2:** Olivia Hekeik, Tia Nour, Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang
- Stage 2:** Aaliyah Assaf, Ryan Malatag, Liam Sciacca, Dominic Scurtu, Abbi Meale, Gabriela Andrade, Roger Corcoran, Nika Naeme
- Stage 3:** Manraj Kahlon, Kael Sciacca, Galia Evangelista, Emma O'Rourke, Reema Santos, Veronica Sadek

## World Youth Day Raffle 2019

Thank you to those 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***



**Congratulations to the students who made their Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18 May.**



### LIBRARY OPENING TIMES :

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!

### eLibrary

Please visit the ebook library as well - There are so many titles available to  
 'borrow' online  
 Login to Classm8 using the student login details and click on the 'eLibrary' link.  
 All login instructions are located on the ebook homepage.



The link for our eLibrary is:

[https://ceop.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en\\_GB/1894/?](https://ceop.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/1894/?)

Our newest student ebook of the week can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/zeoqd5>

**Student eBook Of The Week** ~ Primary Schools  
Jun 06 2018

<https://goo.gl/zeoqd5>

Suitable for years 3-6

After being warped back to ancient China, Joe, Fred, and Anna are faced with some big tasks. They must rescue General Li Shimin from prison so he can defeat the awful ruler, Wang. Then they must figure out how to free Sam, who is trapped in . . . The Book. Join the Time Warp Trio as they learn kung fu, scale the Great Wall of China, and learn to stop time itself!

CCDP Winners eBooks





# OAKHILL COLLEGE

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA DAY

**Saturday 16 June 2018**  
**9.00am - 4.00pm**

Come along and join in the fun.  
There is something for everyone

- Sports Home games of Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Netball.
- Stalls Food, Books, Basket, Jewellery, Clothing and Accessories and more.
- Fun & Rides Giant Jumping Castle, Obstacle Course, Horizontal Bungy, 9D Movies, Bucking Bull, Chocolate Wheel, Farm animals and Raffle Prizes.

You are all welcome and  
we look forward to seeing you there!

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## OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

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.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open  
Morning Tour**  
**Wednesday June 20, 2018**

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*



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

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

### **Week 7**

Thursday 14 June	Online bookings CLOSE for <b>S2A</b> Parent /Teacher interviews S2A Semester 1 reports sent home
Friday 15 June	Dance Fever
Saturday 16 June	5pm Mass—Communion Commitment Mass
Sunday 17 June	9am Mass—Communion Commitment Mass

### **Week 8**

#### **S2A Parent / Teacher Interviews this week**

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	<b>Parent /Teacher Interviews this week</b>
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
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## **Term 3**

### **Week 1**

Monday 23 July	School resumes for Term 3
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## 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](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.

### Keyboard Classes!

Days: **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!!

### Guitar Classes!

Day: **Thursday**  
Time: 12:20pm—12:50pm  
Location: The Community Room

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

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