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TERM 2, WEEK 9  
Wednesday 27 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



Term 4 (Week 2)  
Wednesday  
24 October 2018

Parent Involvement  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday  
1 August 2018  
7pm (Staffroom)

Important dates on  
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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Next Friday brings to a conclusion the first semester of the 2018 school year. Term 2 has been a particularly busy and eventful term with many events, celebrations and accomplishments. These have included: Stage 3 State Library and Art Gallery excursion, Stage 2 excursion to Olympic Park, Stage 1 artists visits, Stage 2 rugby visitor, school tours, Kindergarten 2019 interviews, Mother's Day Stall, Mother's Day Mass, NAPLAN, NAPLAN breakfast, extended opening of the library during recess and lunch, Stage 1 Compliance Audit, Catholic Education Office Leaders 'Instructional Walk', Dance Fever, Year 4 CARES bike safety, Our Lady Help of Christians and Pentecost Liturgies, attendance at Parish Masses, Sacrament of Confirmation, International Family Day, Social Justice St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, National Reconciliation Week, Refugee Week, POSMs meeting on geometric reasoning, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country and Stage 2 soccer gala day, butter chicken and sausage sizzle theme lunches.

I am pleased to inform parents that Mrs Ann-Maree Bamford will be replacing Mrs Emily Harrison when she goes on Maternity Leave at the end of this term. Mrs Bamford is an experienced teacher and has had extensive experience within the Diocese of Parramatta schools. We will welcome Mrs Bamford when she commences at St Monica's on Monday 23 July.

I know that you will join with me in wishing Mrs Harrison well as she awaits the birth of her first child. We look forward to hearing her happy news in late August.

I would like to thank all our families for their ongoing dedication, positive feedback and support throughout the term. The children, parents and staff are what make St Monica's such a wonderful school and such a strong community.

Special thanks to all the staff at St Monica's for their dedication to the wellbeing and learning needs of all our students. It has been a very hectic term for Mrs Abood and Mrs Dawinan in the office with the Kindergarten enrolment interviews for 2019. Thank you to both of these ladies for their patience, efficiency and for warmly welcoming all our new families.

May the holiday break provide everyone with some downtime to rest, reflect and renew. We wish you all the best for a restful holiday period and look forward to seeing our wonderful students return on Monday 23 July.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell  
Principal



## School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 8 is 95.2%.**

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 7— 95.7%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	96.9%

Week 8— 95.2%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	93.8%

## 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.*

## New ARIA Music Teacher — Mrs Patmore

ARIA Music has a new guitar teacher, Mrs Patmore, who recently started guitar lessons at St Monica's. Mrs Patmore has a B.A in Music from Sydney University and a Masters in teaching from the Conservatorium of Music. Mrs Patmore is a guitarist, pianist, singer and she also plays the clarinet.

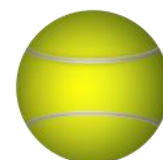
To join Mrs Patmore's guitar lessons please call ARIA Music: **0402 780 130** or email: **ariamusicschool@gmail.com**

## Tennis Lessons

Mr Davidson advises that **tennis lessons are on regardless of the weather.**

Students are also requested to be on time for their lessons each week.

Group 1 lesson 8:00am-8:30am and Group 2 lesson 8:30am -9:00am.



Term 2 tennis lesson fees have been sent home with your child. Kindly arrange payment directly to Mr Davidson as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

The next Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1 August 2018 commencing at 7:00pm in the Staff Room**. All welcome to attend.



### Early Stage One 2019 Parent Meeting

Parents of students commencing Early Stage One in 2019 are requested to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 19 September** between **7:00pm – 8:00pm**.

Children do not attend this meeting.

### PBL—Stage 2 & Stage3 Product Launch

**Wednesday 4 July (Week 10)** Commencing at 8:00am

Early Stage One and Stage One will not be showcasing their learning on this day.

### PBS4L Bee Awards

Awards will be presented at morning assembly on **Wednesday 4 July (Week 10)** commencing at 8:50am.

### Dance Fever Showcase (Week 10)

Parents/Carers are invited to attend their child's Dance Fever lesson on **Friday 6 July (Week 10)**. Lesson times are listed below:



<b>Early Stage One</b>	<b>11:50am-12:20pm</b>
<b>Year 1 / Year 2</b>	<b>12:20pm—12:50pm</b>
<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>1:30pm—2:15pm</b>
<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>2:15pm—3:00pm</b>

### **Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3—6)** **Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush**

The Dance Fever Showcase will be held this **Friday 29th June (Week 9)** at Homebush.

The Dance Fever teachers have requested that the following outfit would be preferable for the Dance Fever Challenge Showcase:

**Black pants/tights, a black top, a small backpack and school shoes.**  
**The Theme is 'School's Out'.**

Please ensure you have purchased your tickets as per the original note as  
**no tickets will be issued at the door.**



Thank you to Tiff Cooper, Trish Forsyth and Charles Lukasik for providing the students with a sausage sizzle lunch last Friday.

### Parish Hall Painting

The Parish Hall will be painted inside and out during the school holidays. The Parish Finance Committee have invited all families to contribute to the cost of the painting.

Please send your donation in a clearly marked enveloped 'Parish Finance Committee Painting Donation'.

Thank you.

## LOST PROPERTY

**Each day we are still collecting jackets, hats etc that are unlabelled.**

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.

Please remember to use our Fundraiser Name—**St Monicas Primary North Parramatta** when placing your order.



**BRIGHT STAR Kids**

### STOP LOST PROPERTY

WITH OUR PERSONALISED RANGE OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The advertisement displays a variety of personalized school supplies, including:

- Unicorn-themed pencil cases for 'Mila'.
- Truck-themed pencil cases for 'JACOB' and 'JACOB SMITH'.
- Personalized name tags and labels.
- Personalized water bottles.
- Personalized spiral notebooks.
- Personalized pens and pencils.

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)**



Congratulations to Riana and Tiara Arredondo who will be competing in the USA Open—Martial Arts Championships in Orlando USA. We were very fortunate to see a demonstration at school last Monday. Good luck girls!!



## Merit Awards



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

- ES1:** Rayansh Agrawal, Amelia Corera, Elijah Essey, Mia Fernandes, Abigail Corera, Alessia La Macchia, Lana Salic, Victoria Youssef,
- Year 1:** Braxton Cooper, Mathew Dretvic, Joanna Huynh, Enzo Inigo, Cadence Metierre, Lydia Sun, Cody Wylie, Sienna Acosta, Isabella Younes
- Year 2:** Helen Elias, Amelia Wong
- Stage 2:** Andrew Clark, Matthew Johnson, Ruby Knight, Monica Salic, Simon Forsyth, Evan Michael, Jessica Ishak, Manson Lu, Max Lukasik, Kristian Romic,
- Stage 3:** Jayden Albayeh, Elim Lee, Leonardo Macorig, Gabriel Bucur, Hayden Herder-Beke, Summer Ierfino, Sakina Kunambi, Aidan Pospischil, Lucas Dacien Scurtu, Vinayak Sharma, Poppy Sloane, Jake Chapman, Gene Kneipp, Aidan Mutton

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



Laura Emphield	Chloe Luo	Zachariah Kassis
Enzo Inigo	Anthony Carslake	Atticus Sloane
Georgia Fernandes	Aimee Loof	Tia Nour
Ryan Malatag	Max Lukasik	Ashley Roberts
Liam Forsyth	Aiden Forsyth	Trinity Bird
<b>Staff - Miss Shaw</b>		

## 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**

## Stage 2 Boys—Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to our Stage 2 boys who represented St Monica's School at the Soccer Gala Day at Penrith on Tuesday 26 June. They didn't lose a match all day! They won 4 games, drew 3 games and came 2nd in their group which is an amazing achievement for our school.

Thank you to Mr Sciacca who did a great job coaching the team, to Mr Forsyth who was the referee for the day and to the boys for representing our school so beautifully. Lastly, thank you to Mrs Wedesweiler for supervising the students on the day.

*Congratulations*







### LIBRARY OPENING TIMES :

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

**Monday & Tuesday : Recess**

**Wednesday: Lunch (storytime)**

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

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

<https://goo.gl/73uQ1L>

**Student eBook Of The Week** ~ Primary Schools  
June 25 2018

<https://goo.gl/73uQ1L>

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

**CBCA Children's Book of the Year**

**Suitable for years K - 4**

Bill is having a bad day.  
Mr Huff is following him around and making everything seem difficult.  
Bill tries to get rid of him, but Mr Huff just gets bigger and bigger!  
Then they both stop, and a surprising thing happens . . .

By Ann Walker

ACEN OverDrive  
Audio & eBooks

# BOOK REVIEW

By: Samira &  
Matilda  
Stage 3



**Name of the Book:**

**Sorry Day**

**Author:** Coral Vass

**Illustrator:** Dub Leffler

**What is it about?:** Maggie & her mother are in a crowd watching the original "Sorry Day" speech given by the Australian Prime Minister. He is apologizing for the time when Aboriginal children were stolen from their parents.

She is only separated for a few minutes from her Mum - but she gets to experience in a small way how terrible it would feel to be taken from your family by force.

**Who are the characters?:** Maggie & her mum

**Who would you recommend this book to?:** We would personally recommend this book for 6 year olds and above because it is quite a sad but very important book to read.

**Which words describe this book?:**

*informative*

*realistic*

*sad*

*interesting*

**RATING:**





## BOOK REVIEW

By: Emma.S &  
Emma.O  
Stage 3



**Name of the Book:**

**THIMBLE**

**Author:** Rebecca Young

**Illustrator:** Tull Suwannakit

**What is it about?:** When Mabel's Grandmother dies she is sad but soon finds a thimble that once belonged to her. She slips it on her finger & it makes her happy to remember all the things Grandma use to do. At the end of the book she has finished making a blanket that her Grandma had started.

**Who are the characters?:** The main characters are Mabel, Mum, Grandpa & Grandma

**Who would you recommend this book to?:** We would personally recommend this book to Stage 2 & younger.

**Rating:**



### Important dates for Term 3:

- Book Fair:** Week 4 - Monday August 13th - Thursday August 16th  
Fri August 10th—Student walk-through & wish list of books to take home:
- Grandparents Day:** Wednesday 15th August  
Details to follow
- Book Week/St Monica's Day Celebration:**  
Week 5— Thursday 23rd August at 2pm  
Guest Speaker - Boori Monty Pryor



19 June 2018

St Monica's Primary  
10 Daking Street  
Parramatta NSW 2151

Dear Students, Principal and Staff of St Monica's Primary,

I write to thank you for your support of CatholicCare at the Family Day last month. Your generous gift will make a real difference in the lives of many children and families in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

I know that many organisations appeal to you at various times in the year and that you respond very generously to disasters in Australia and overseas but the money you have given to CatholicCare helps our local families some of whom may live in your street, school or suburb.

So thank you again and may God bless you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivienne'.

Sr Vivienne Keely  
Acting Executive Director  
CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains



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

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

### **Week 9**

Friday 29 June

Dance Fever

**Dance Fever Interschool Challenge at Homebush**  
for Year 3 - Year 6 students.

### **Week 10**

Tuesday 3 July

Tennis Lessons

Wednesday 4 July

8:00am S2 & S3 PBL Product Launch

8:50am Assembly—Presentation of Bee Awards

Aria Music Lessons

Thursday 5 July

Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons

Friday 6 July

Dance Fever—Parents welcome to watch lessons

Term 2 ends

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## **Term 3**

### **Week 1**

Monday 23 July

**School resumes for Term 3 - students return today**  
**(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SCHOOL DAY FOR STUDENTS)**

Tuesday 24 July

Tennis lessons

Wednesday 25 July

Aria Music Lessons

Thursday 26 July

Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons

### **Week 2**

Tuesday 31 July

Tennis lessons

Wednesday 1 August

7:00pm Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting will be held in the Staffroom. ***Please park in Daking Street and enter via the office.***

Aria Music Lessons

Thursday 2 August

Tennis lessons / Aria Music Lessons



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## Winterlight Opening Night Schools Session

Friday, 6 July from 3pm

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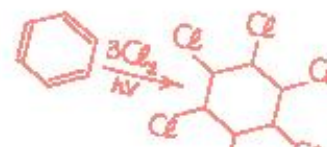
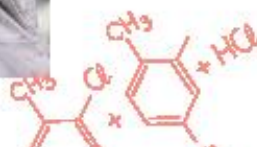
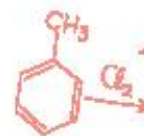
**Junior**  
SCIENCE ACADEMY

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – [mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$122



## 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**  
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.**