



TERM 3, WEEK 1  
Wednesday 25 July 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 (PIC) Meeting

Wednesday 1 August 2018  
7:00pm in the Staff Room

All welcome to attend.

Please park in Daking Street  
and enter via school office.

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that the holiday break has been an opportunity to renew your child/ children's energy for the new semester. Term 3 promises to engage the children in a range of vibrant learning experiences. There will be highlights such as Grandparent's Day and St Monica's feast day and there will also be challenges and opportunities for us to live our mission "to create an environment based on Gospel values in the Mercy tradition by which our community can grow and fulfil its highest potential through quality teaching and learning."

Please remember that the first point of contact for your child's learning and wellbeing is always your child's teacher. You are then most welcome to speak with either Mrs Mason or myself.

As the students begin to work on their Term 3 goals it is important that both parents and teachers encourage them to put every effort into really focussing on the areas that were highlighted in your child's recent Parent/Teacher Interview and Semester One report.

Encouragement is one of the most important parenting and teaching skills, for the simple reason that if you can be a real encourager then everything else tends to fall into place. Children that are encouraged are more likely to take risks as learners and seize opportunities that are open to them. They are also less susceptible to peer pressure as parents who understand how encouragement works are less likely to make their children reliant on them for approval.

The following article is taken from Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose.

Encouragement derives from the French term meaning 'to give heart', which describes what true encouragement is all about!

All parents want their children to develop a strong sense of self-confidence. Many parents use praise as their primary confidence-building technique, but encouragement is a much better strategy to boost children's confidence. Encouragement is a more powerful confidence-building tool than praise and it doesn't have the adverse side effects of demotivating children or promoting sibling rivalry.

The differences between the two are slim but important. Encouragement focuses on the processes of what a child does whereas praise focuses on the end result of his or her activities. Here are five ways to encourage your child.

1. Focus on improvement in any skill: "I am pleased to see that you are rereading over your writing and editing". You can always point out improvement no matter how small.
2. Highlight their efforts: "I can see that you are really trying hard to get it right." Make sure that you highlight real effort, and don't elevate lack of effort to anything more than what it is.
3. Comment on their contribution: "I really appreciate your assistance in tidying up your bedroom. It makes my job easier." Children like to know when they are appreciated.
4. Focus on the enjoyment they get from an activity: "It's great to see you enjoying your soccer/dancing". Highlighting fun and enjoyment is great when you want to move the focus from the scoreboard.
5. Show your confidence: "I know you can do this. You have attempted hard things like this in the past, and you can do it again." Communicate your confidence through your words, as well as your actions.

How many of these encouragement statements do you regularly use? If you aren't a natural encourager then choose one of these statement types and challenge yourself to use it at least five times a day for a week. If you do this encouragement will become automatic in no time.

## Staffing News

Our new Stage 3 teacher Mrs Ann Maree Bamford was due to commence working at St Monica's on Monday. Unfortunately her husband had a mild heart attack and had quadruple bypass surgery yesterday.

The surgery went well and he is now recovering from the operation.

Mrs Paley has been employed to teach in Stage 3 until further notice.

We have advertised for our Year One position to replace Mrs Werner. Applications close on Monday 30 July. Mrs Werner will leave St Monica's on Wednesday 15 August.

## Parent Involvement Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to the next Parent Involvement Meeting on **Wednesday 1 August at 7:00pm** in the school staff room. **Please enter the venue via 10 Daking Street main office entrance.**

At the meeting we will discuss the upcoming events for this term including Grandparent's Day, theme lunches and Father's Day activities. Every parent is most welcome.

## Pow Wow

Pow Wow will recommence on Monday 30th July. More information is available on page 3 for parents who are interested in attending.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal

## School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 10 was 94.6%.**

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 9— 93.7%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	90.7%

Week 10—94.6%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	90.4%

## CENSUS - Friday 3rd August 2018

The annual School Census will take place on **Friday 3rd August**. It is imperative that the school has received an **Application for Extended Leave (in the case of leave between 5 and 100 days)** or a **letter of explanation** in the case of sickness, an appointment or shorter leave.



**If you know in advance that your child will be away on Friday 3rd August** or if your child is absent on the day could you please **send an email to the school office -**

**[stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)** or contact the office on **8832 4100**.

Written documentation for all absences on Census Day is required for the Census audit.

## 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 2018** between **7:00pm – 8:00pm**. **Children do not attend this meeting.**

## Parish Hall Painting

The Parish Hall was painted 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.

## Pow Wow

Pow Wow is an informal playgroup for St Monica's parents with non-school aged children. Parents with children starting Kindergarten in 2019 are also welcome.

We have puzzles, games, books, craft, role-play toys etc for the kids to enjoy as well as the outside playground facilities. It is a good opportunity for the children to get to know each other and become familiar with the school and it's surroundings as well as an opportunity for parents to have a 'cuppa and a chat'!

**When:** Mondays 9:00am - 10:00am  
**Where:** St Monica's Community Room (COSHC)  
**Starting:** Monday 30th July 2018 (Term 3 Week 2)  
**Contact:** Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075



# 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**

## 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.



### STOP LOST PROPERTY

WITH OUR PERSONALISED RANGE OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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)**

## Bee Awards

Congratulations to all the students who received Bee Awards at the end of Term 2. Awards were presented at the morning assembly on Wednesday 4 July.





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



Alessia La Macchia	Jessica Stoker	Sage Abiodun
Kristian Romic	Jaein Moon	Sienna Acosta
Joel Heesen	Abbi Meale	Samuel Nassif
Vinayak Sharma	Madeline Smith	Parmida Foroutan
Giselle Mondinelli	Kobe Puyat	★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!
<b>Staff</b> - Mrs Davino, Mrs Ungsuprasert, Mrs Dawinan and Mrs Abood		



Congratulations to Riana and Tiara Arredondo who competed in the USA Open—Martial Arts Championships in Orlando USA.

### **Term 3 School Fees**

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will send out school fees next week (Week 2). Please note that fees are due and payable on **Wednesday 29 August 2018**.

Please contact Mrs Dawinan in the school office if you do not receive your school fees.

*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.*

## ***Term 3 Important Dates***

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

### **Week 1**

Thursday 26 July                      Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons

### **Week 2**

Monday 30 July                      Pow Wow 9:00am-10:00am Community Room (COSHC)

Tuesday 31 July                      Tennis lessons  
Stage One Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Wednesday 1 August                      ES1 Parish Mass  
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

### **Friday 3 August**

#### **SCHOOL CENSUS DAY**

**Any child who is away on this day, whether due to illness or other circumstance, must have a note of explanation regarding their absence.**



### **Week 3**

Monday 6 August                      9:00am-10:00am Pow Wow (Community Room)

Tuesday 7 August                      Cumberland Zone Athletics  
Tennis lessons

Wednesday 8 August                      9:15am St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass  
Aria Music lessons

Thursday 9 August                      Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons

Friday 10 August                      Book Fair walk through and wish list

### **Week 4**

Monday 13 August                      9:00am—10:00am Pow Wow (Community Room)

Tuesday 14 August                      Tennis lessons

Wednesday 15 August                      Feast of the Assumption (Primary—Mass 9:15am , Infants—Liturgy)  
Book Fair / Grandparent's Day / Concert  
Aria Music Lessons

Thursday 16 August                      Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons

Friday 17 August                      Year 4 Reconciliation

## 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.**