

TERM 3, WEEK 3
Wednesday 8 August 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



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Today we celebrate the feast day of our Australian saint Blessed Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop, an Australian by birth, stands out as one of our Australian heroes. Her life story embodies characteristics which are integral to the Australian identity: a sense of a fair go for everyone, her willingness to stand on the side of people who were venerable, her pioneering spirit and her ability to respect people from across all beliefs and cultures.

Mary would look for the good in people and she assisted children and people to feel good about themselves. She avoided being judgemental and cynical, no matter what situation arose and she always tried to be 'kind hearted' and be 'with' the people in their struggles.

Mary's innate goodness and her down to earth approach to life, her freedom to bring hope and purpose in the midst of suffering, has given Australians a freedom to be spiritual.

Mary is not a saint to be admired from afar. She was truly a person who understood the everyday life of people, their struggles and their joys. She stands as a person who reflects the compassionate heart of God. Amongst her great qualities are her sense of integrity and kindness, being loyal to her friends and her forgiveness of enemies, her pragmatism in all areas as well as her genuine holiness."

Our Prayer to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

*Here we stand on holy ground
The ground you lightly stepped on in earlier times.
Your footprints have left an imprint
on thousands of hearts all over the world.
You cared for our first land-dwellers,
The poor, the sick, those in need
It made no difference their place in society
Your hands held their own little miracles
Your feet trod our barren land
and walked on into our hearts
with the Sacred Heart of Jesus
And St Joseph as your guide.
And so, filled with this great love
We ask you to guide us
as we come together to continue
to recognise your presence in every person we meet.
We ask this though Jesus the Lord. Amen*

Bombala Josephite Associates

This morning at our Mass this short video was used for reflection after Mass had concluded. You may like to view it again with your children.

[Mary MacKillop Short Film](#)

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

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

POSMS Meeting
ThinkUKnow Presentation

Wednesday 22 August 2018

7:00pm—8:30pm

Stage 3 Learning Space

**All parents and carers are
strongly encouraged to attend
this meeting.**

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Staffing News

Ms Montana Daniel will be replacing Mrs Werner in Stage One commencing on Thursday 16 August. I know that you will welcome Montana to our school community.

Congratulations to Ms Kellee Bagnall on her appointment as Co-ordinator 2 for PDHPE until the end of the year.

POSMS MEETING

‘ThinkUKnow’ Cybersafety program

An invitation was sent home last week advertising an important presentation for our next POSMs meeting by the Australian Federal Police on the cybersafety program ‘ThinkUKnow’.

The ThinkUKnow presentation is on **Wednesday 22 August from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Stage 3 Learning Space** and all parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend. At this stage only 20 parents have responded out of a possible 300 parents.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cybersafety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

The presentation covers issues relating to children and young people's' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a very important opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

There will be a chance for parents to ask questions at the end of the session.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by Dane Stephen from the Australian Federal Police and Isabel Boniface from Microsoft.

Next term the Australian Federal Police will speak to all our students from Kindergarten - Year 6.



ThinkUKnow POSMS Meeting

Wednesday 22 August 2018

Name/s: _____

I / We will be attending the ThinkUKnow POSMs Meeting on Wednesday 22 August 2018.

Child Minding (only for parents who are genuinely unable to find alternative arrangements)

☐ I will require child minding Number of children _____
Ages of children _____

Bishop Vincent Long

Bishop Vincent Long will be celebrating Mass at St Monica's Church on Saturday 11 August at 5:00pm. All invited to attend.

Voice of Youth

Congratulations to **Trinity Bird, Raymond Khadi** and **Kael Sciacca** who will represent St Monica's at Voice Of Youth which will be held at St Mary's Rydalmere School on Tuesday 28 August.

Administration of Medication During School Hours

Parents are reminded of the procedures regarding administering medication as per our Parent Handbook guidelines.

Important
Message

Medication

Staff are under no legal obligation to administer medication or supervise the administration of medication.

The taking of medication at school should be absolutely avoided unless essential. If medication is required to be administered an "***Administration of Medication During School Hours Form***" **must be completed.** This form can be downloaded from the school website (under School Notes).

All medication brought to the office for administration must have a pharmacy label with the student's name and dosage details.

In the case of Schedule 5 medication (Ritalin and Dexamphetamine) children will be supervised self-administering this medication.

Office Staff will keep a register of the administration of these regular medications.

Parents of children on this medication should provide the office with:

1. A direction written by the prescribing Doctor and parents, of the dosages and time for the giving of the medication by the Office Staff.
2. One weekly supply of the medication which will be held in the office in a secure place.
3. Notice of any variation of time or dosage should be followed by a new direction written by the prescribing Doctor and parents.
4. The school must be kept informed of any other medication your child is taking including 'over the counter' preparations.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents are invited to St Monica's on Wednesday 15th August to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Schedule of Events (10:00am—12:15pm approximately)

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| 10:00am | Grandparents are invited to tour their grandchild's learning space. There will also be time to look through our fabulous Book Week display and purchase books. |
| 10:40am - 11:10am | Morning Tea for all grandparents in the Hall—kindly provided by Stage 3 parents. (Parents are requested to please take food directly to the Hall). |
| 11:20am | Concert in the Hall. Each grade will be presenting a short item to entertain the grandparents. |



Grandparents Day

please RSVP for catering purposes by Tuesday 14 August 2018

Students Name:

Stage/ Class:

Number of Adults Attending:

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 3 Week 2 was 93.2%.**

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 1— 94.1%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	87.2%

Week 2 - 93.2%	
ES1	93.6%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	87.2%

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.***

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)
Contact: Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075



Plastic Spoons / Forks

Parents are reminded to **include a plastic spoon or fork if your child requires one to eat their recess or lunch** as many children are still attending the office each day requesting utensils to eat their food. Thank you.



Term 3 School Fees

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has now sent out Term 3 school fees. A reminder that fees are due and payable on **Wednesday 29 August 2018** (Week 6).

Unless you have a previous arrangement with the school, please ensure payment of fees by this date.

Please contact Mrs Dawinan in the school office if you have not received 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.



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.

Our Library Monitors for Semester 2 are: Jacob Kandalft, Jesse Maffina, Aidan Muttou, Jessica Crowle, Laetitia Hossack, Ashleigh North, Elizabeth Stolk, Ruby Graham, Emma O'Rourke, Ruby Graham and Emma Sadek

Students are given Bee Stings on their PBS4L cards for each book borrowed and another when the book is returned on time.

BOOK FAIR 2018: (Week 4) August 13th - 16th

Student walk-through & wish list of books to take home: Fri August 10th

The theme is **"To The Book Fair & Beyond"**

There will be a great selection of books to buy – every purchase will directly benefit the school.

A note with additional information will be sent out separately this week.

BOOK WEEK: (Week 5) August 20th – 24th

The Childrens's Book Council of Australia has announced its shortlist for 2018 Book of the Year. The theme for this year is "Find Your Treasure"

These books are now on display in the library.

On Thursday 23rd August we will have a special author visit from Boori Monty Pryor.



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

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

SHOP ONLINE AT WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU



NO GLASS WATER BOTTLES!

Parents are requested NOT TO SEND GLASS WATER BOTTLES TO SCHOOL.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday 16 August 2018.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness.

Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother Steve Hogan. Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 9634 0802 for further information.

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

*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	
Staff - Mrs Davino, Mrs Ungsuprasert, Mr Dale Lucas, Mrs Dawinan and Mrs Abood		

MERIT AWARDS

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



Early Stage One:	Pranvee Basu, Mariah Boutros, Joshua Chandra, Tiffany Do, Liam Forsyth, Joel Heesen, Laila Kula,
Year One:	Ruby Elias, Pare Nader
Year Two:	Helen Elias, Wyatt Heesen, Manuela Salib, Mia Siemsen, Barry Zhang
Stage 2:	Siria Mondinelli, Charlotte Sprincis, Ashleigh North
Stage 3:	Laura Emphield, Charles Sentas, Nancy Graham Hadfeild, Galia Evangelista, George Keranis, Vinayak Sharma, Jericho Crame, Madeleine David, Skye Meale

SRC Representatives for Semester 2

*Congratulations to the following students who
have been elected to the SRC for Semester 2.*

*Students will be presented with their badges
on Monday 13 August at morning
assembly at 8:50am.*

ES1

Ivy Tran and Aiden Forsyth

Year One

Sienna Acosta

Year Two

Lucia Biasin

Stage 2

Parmida Foroutan and Aimee Loof

Stage 3

Laeticia Hossack and Kael Sciacca

Congratulations!



School students across Australia will battle it out
for the great cash and prizes on offer.

Including a \$1000 CASH first prize with \$500
awarded to their school and \$500 to the winning
student.

The quickest and easiest way to enter is online
at www.write4fun.net

There is **NO THEME!**

Entries can be on any topic and in any style.

Entry is **FREE** and the **closing date is
Friday 31 August 2018.**

Happy writing!

Mary-Jo Mason
Assistant Principal

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Talent Quest 2018

Thursday 20 September (Week 9)

2018 Auditions have been held for the Talent quest

Students from Year 1-6 have been invited to audition for the school Talent Quest being held in Week 9 of this term on 20th September. (*Students from Years 1 and 2 will audition on Friday 10th August*).

Students may audition for one solo act and/or one group act. To audition, the students will need to have written their name down on the sign-up sheet that was supplied to the class teacher.

Auditions only require a 30 second - 1 minute example of the performance. Any music that the students require need to be supplied on a USB for use during the auditions.

No outfits are required.

The successful acts will be notified in Week 4 by Friday 17th August. This will allow time to rehearse.

There are a limited number of spots for the talent quest due to time considerations so it is important for students to understand that not every act can be selected.

More information about Talent Quest 2018 will be supplied closer to the date.

Ms Tracie Hope
Diversity Leader



New mobile phone camera detection laws

From July 1, the new mobile phone camera detection laws came into effect. This means that mobile detection cameras are now in use in NSW and with new technology, the specialised cameras can see into your vehicle and also track you continuously for 50m. Look at the tables attached to see when you can and cannot use a mobile phone (Learner, P1 and P2 licence holders are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding). Fines start at \$330 and 4 demerit points. This fine is also double demerit applicable. Be alert and drive safely.



While driving or riding you CAN use your mobile phone:	
<div>✓ To make or answer a call</div>	ONLY if the phone is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a cradle fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure your view of the road can be operated without touching any part of the phone, such as via Bluetooth or voice activation
<div>✓ To use the audio playing function (e.g. music)</div>	
<div>✓ As a driver's aid (e.g. navigation, Speed Adviser app)</div>	ONLY if the phone is in a cradle fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure your view of the road
While driving or riding you CANNOT use your mobile phone for anything else, including:	
<div>✗ Texting or audio texting</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you want to use your phone for any of these functions, your vehicle must be parked out of the line of traffic These functions are not permitted when your vehicle is stopped, including when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic
<div>✗ Emailing</div>	
<div>✗ Using social media</div>	
<div>✗ Taking photos</div>	
<div>✗ Video messaging</div>	
<div>✗ Holding your phone in any way (in hand, on lap, between shoulder and ear). Drivers are only allowed to hold a phone to pass it to a passenger.</div>	

Term 3 Important Dates

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

Week 3

Thursday 9 August	Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons
Friday 10 August	Book Fair walk through and wish list Dumpling Day Fundraiser (Pre-ordered lunch—no late orders)

Week 4

Monday 13 August	Book Fair 8:50am Presentation of SRC Badges at assembly 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

Week 5

Monday 20 August	9:00am-10:00am Pow Wow (Community Room)
Tuesday 21 August	Tennis lessons
Wednesday 22 August	Aria Music Lessons POSMS Meeting—7:00pm-8:30pm—'ThinkUKnow' Presentation
Thursday 23 August	St Monica's Day—Whole School Mass Incursion—Guest Speaker Boori Monty Pryor Diocesan Athletics Carnival (Please note: date changed from 24 August) Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons

Week 6

Monday 27 August	9:00am-10:00am Pow Wow (Community Room)
Tuesday 28 August	Voice of Youth at St Mary's Rydalmere Tennis Lessons
Wednesday 29 August	Father's Day Stall 1:00pm (parent helpers required) Aria Music Lessons
Thursday 30 August	Father's Day Mass Tennis lessons / Aria Music lessons
Friday 31 August	Year 6 Fundraiser—Sushi Theme Lunch Safety Day—Mufti Day

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 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

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.