

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)

Walkathon
Friday 9 November
(Week 4)
Commencing at
9:00am

ES1 Excursion to
Calmsley Hill
City Farm
Wednesday
14 November
(Week 5)



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week the Catholic Church is celebrating two significant days that are very closely linked. Tomorrow is the Feast of All Saints and on Friday we celebrate All Souls Day. Over these two special days we celebrate the mystery of the communion of Saints, that is, the 'Holy' people whom our Church has recognised.

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day as we believe that saints encourage and inspire us by the quality and courage that they have lived their own grace-filled lives. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured.

Saints, of course, are all around us. There are men and women whose generous spirit reflect the Gospel's call to love and serve God and others. Then there are the hidden saints of our daily lives, those who, unknowingly, have inspired us. Some of these people do it by making the ordinary through a spirit of simplicity and humility. Some do it by demonstrating extraordinary courage in sickness and adversity. Then there are others that rally against injustice and working tirelessly to bring about equality and dignity to others. Everyone, I'm sure, knows a quiet saint who will never be canonised but has shown us something of how to live as a follower of Christ. These are the people whose faith leads them to be generous, kind, patient and full of hope.

All Souls Day on Friday 2 November has its roots in the sixth century Benedictine tradition of praying to the dead. It was a way of recognising the human bonds which go beyond death. By the tenth century this feast was all about praying for the dead, that they might know the merciful love of God. We remember in prayer, family members or friends who have died this year. During the month of November we pray for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there already, the Feast of all Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and to continue to pray for those souls that may not have been received into Heaven (yet!)

*Merciful Father,
hear our prayer and console us
as we renew our faith in Your Son
whom you raised from the dead.
Strengthen our hope that all our departed
brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

2019 Term 1 Dates

Staff return —

Tuesday 29 January 2019

*Tuesday 29 January and Wednesday 30 January are **Staff Development Days**
(MAI Testing for Years 1-6 will be held on these two days)*

Stages 1-3 (Years 1-6) return Thursday 31 January 2019 (8:50am-3:00pm)

Friday 1 February—Swimming Carnival (Wentworthville Pool)

ESI (Kindergarten) commence

Monday 4 February 2019 (9:00am-2:30pm)

Early finish time is so that new families can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.

Term 1 ends

Friday 12 April 2019

2019 Swimming Carnival (Wentworthville Swimming Centre)

2019 Swimming Carnival notes will be sent home this week with your child (Year 1-5 students only). Please fill out the second page indicating how your child will travel to Wentworthville, the events they will be participating in and if you are able to assist on the day of the carnival. Please return the note to your child's teacher.



The 2019 Swimming Carnival will be held on the second day back at school, Friday 1 February.

Walkathon

A reminder that our Walkathon will be held on **Friday 9 November 2018 (Week 4)**

TIME: 9:00am
AIM: To raise money for our learning community
GOAL: \$5000

Plan for the walk

All students will: commence the walkathon walking around the perimeter of the school (1 lap)
 walk up to Lake Parramatta via Daking, Church and Bourke Streets (1 lap each way)

Complete laps of the oval	K-1	will complete 2 laps	– 5 laps in total
	Year 2	will complete 3 laps	– 6 laps in total
	Stage 2	will complete 4 laps	– 7 laps in total
	Stage 3	will complete 5 laps	– 8 laps in total

The students of course will be able to walk more if they wish. Parents are welcome to walk with their children.

Assistance required

On the day we will require parents to help with many aspects of the Walkathon.

Some things are:

- Assist walking classes to and from Lake Parramatta
- Assist with classes crossing the roads
- Recording the number of laps students complete

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Tiff Cooper on 0409 205 721

Extra sponsorship cards may be downloaded from the school website under School Notes—whole school.

Thank you. PIC – Parent Involvement Committee

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 4 Week 2 was 90.5%

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.



Week 1—%		Week 2—90.5%	
ES1	90.3%	ES1	90.3%
Year 1	96.1%	Year 1	100%
Year 2	92.6%	Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	93.3%	Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	87.5%	Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	88.2%	Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	83.9%	Year 6	83.9%

My name is Manraj and last week I participated in the state championships in Barooga, near Albury, for Cricket. I was playing for Mackillop. We had four games and we lost three and won one. I had a good time even though I didn't get selected. I wasn't disappointed as the whole team had lots of fun and I made new friends. That's the main part!

Manraj S3

Year 2

Thelma came to visit Year 2 and helped us make some kiwi cake. We had lots of fun with her!

After we made the kiwi cake we got to lick our fingers before we washed them.

In the afternoon we got to eat the kiwi cake with popcorn and burger rings.

Thanks Thelma for coming to visit us, we had the best time.

By Onur and Oskar



Staffing News

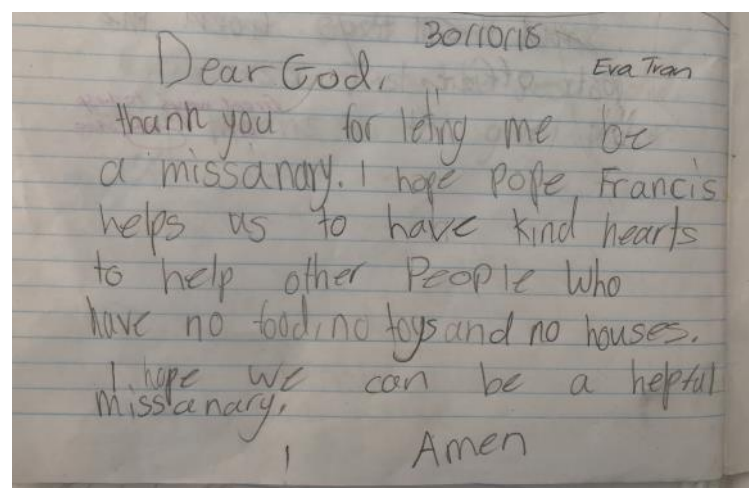
I am pleased to announce that we have employed Mrs Laura Collin as the new Kindergarten teacher with Miss Catherine Shaw in 2019.

World Teachers Day—Thank You

Thank you to our parent community for their warm wishes on World Teacher's Day on Friday 26 October and for the lovely morning tea that was provided for the staff.



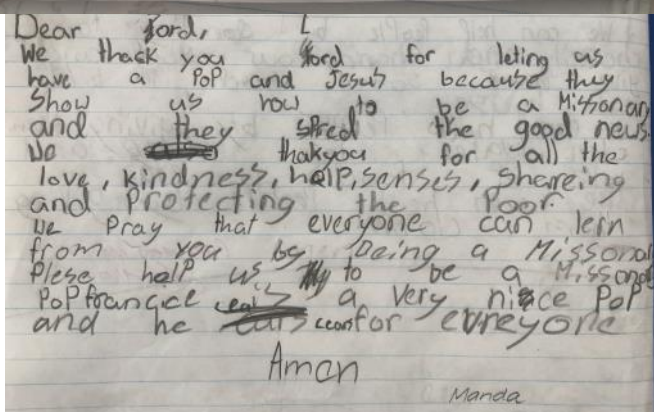
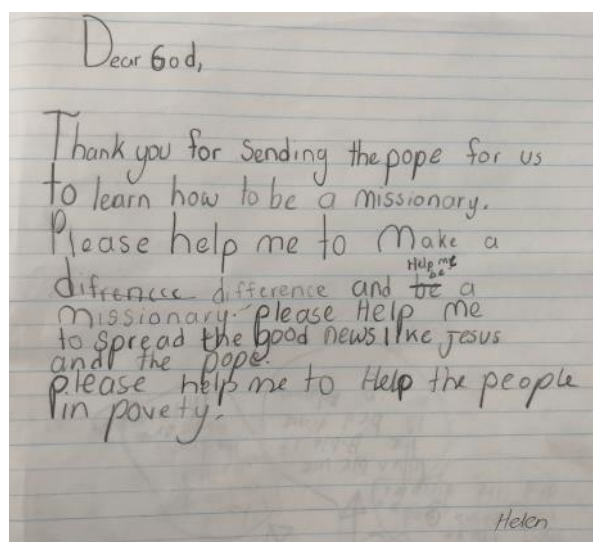
Thank you also to Charles and Joy Lukasik for spoiling all the teachers with flowers.



Year 2 are learning about Mission.

Here are some of their prayers.

Miss Bagnall



Parramatta Diocesan Mission Mass

Ezekiel Logo, Ana-Maria Costea and Jordan Basha represented St Monica's Primary at the Parramatta Diocesan Mission Mass which was held at St Patrick's Cathedral last Thursday 25 October.

Thank you to Miss O'Donnell and Miss Rosewell who accompanied the students to the Mass.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Elijah Corera	Emma Sadek	Alexander Azar	Gabriel Bucur	Gene Kneipp
Yiannis Keranis	Summer Ierfino	Neelesh Govender	Yashni Chowdhary	Dominic Scurtu
Jericho Crame	Laetitia Hossack	Olivia Nguyen	Kenzh Munda Cruz	Evan Michael
Ryan Clark	Manson Lu	Grace Lim	Mia Henderson	Isabella Smith
<i>Staff: Miss Bagnall</i>				

MERIT AWARDS

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



- ES1: Pranvee Basu, Elyssa Ekert, Chloe Luo, Angelica Menjivar, Atticus Sloane
- Year One: Enzo Inigo, Cadence Metierre, Lydia Sun, Isabella Younes
- Year Two: Manda Lu, Eva Sentas, Amelia Wong
- Stage 2: Roger Corcoran, Nika Naeme, Deihl Peter Talampas, Evan Michael, Sophie Phan, Kobe Puyat
- Stage 3: Laura Emphield, Zac Michael, Joshua North, Jordan Basha, Sakina Kunambi, Isabella Smith, Jake Chapman, Zachariah Kassis, Emma Sadek

Reminders ...

- Please send a plastic spoon/fork with your child if they require one to eat their recess or lunch. The office does not keep supplies of these items.
- Please do not send any food containing nuts to school.
- Ensure all clothing is labelled to avoid lost property.
- School Banking—students are reminded to bring their bank deposit books to school on Tuesdays. **Banking is done on Tuesday mornings.**



Krispy Kreme Donuts (Year 6 Fundraiser)

A Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser has been organised for **Friday 9 November** at recess time when we return from the Walkathon.

Order forms have been sent home this week with students. Forms and payment need to be returned to school by this Friday 2 November. Please remember to include your family name on the form.

All money raised will be going towards the Year 6 Fun Day and Graduation .

Thank you for your support. Stage 3 teachers





Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 22nd March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applicants, but open to any year group.

Monday 26th November and Thursday 6th December 2018 9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from **4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019.**

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 Applicants

School student applications for 2019 opened on Monday 15 October.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to reapply.

If you need to update your child's details or reapply, please go to:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Term 4 Important Dates

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

Week 3

Thursday 1 November	All Souls Day Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)
Friday 2 November	All Saints Day Theme Lunch—Sausage Sizzle

Week 4

Monday 5 November	Pow Wow 9am-10am
Tuesday 6 November	Tennis Lessons Melbourne Cup
Wednesday 7 November	Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
Thursday 8 November	Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)
Friday 9 November	Walkathon—Lake Parramatta 9:00am Reconciliation 6:45pm for 7pm

Week 5

Monday 12 November	Pow Wow 9am-10am
Tuesday 13 November	Tennis Lessons
Wednesday 14 November	ES1 Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
Thursday 15 November	Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)

Week 6

Monday 19 November	Pow Wow 9am-10am
Tuesday 20 November	Tennis Lessons
Wednesday 21 November	Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
Thursday 22 November	Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)
Friday 23 November	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>Students do not attend school today</i>

Week 7

Monday 26 November	Pow Wow 9am-10am
Tuesday 27 November	Tennis Lessons
Wednesday 28 November	Aria Music Lessons (Keyboard)
Thursday 29 November	Tennis Lessons / Aria Music Lessons (Guitar)
Friday 30 November	Theme Lunch—Subway

CELEBRATE PARRAMATTA'S BIRTHDAY

PARRAMATTA FOUNDATION DAY

— Sunday 4 November 2018 —

11am to 5pm

Heritage Precinct
Fleet St, North Parramatta



FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Live Music + Parravision Talent Contest Auditions – Food Stalls
– Kids Workshops – Heritage Crafts – Historic Tours – Classic Cars –



CITY OF
PARRAMATTA

CELEBRATE PARRAMATTA'S BIRTHDAY

PARRAMATTA FOUNDATION DAY

Sunday 4 November 2018 | 11am to 5pm
Heritage Precinct, Fleet Street, North Parramatta

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Horse and cart rides, games, hands-on art and crafts, weaving, pottery, peg-doll making, story-telling.

LIVE MUSIC

Andy Golledge band (alt-country), The Vegetable Plot (music for children) and the Parravision talent contest auditions.

HISTORY, SKILLS, STORIES & DISPLAYS

Parramatta Men's Shed Open Day, audio tour of the Female Factory grounds, classic cars display, Lancer's Museum military vehicles, stonemasonry, pickling, beekeepers' display, solar telescope viewing, natural dye and embroidery workshops.

GREAT FOOD!

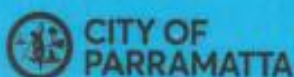
Gatehouse Tea Rooms' Devonshire Tea, Waroo Lamb, Bar Coco's Gelato and coffee, Koshari Korner's Egyptian vegetarian street food.



More info:

www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/events/foundation-day

City of Parramatta - under Events



GETTING THERE

Public Transport

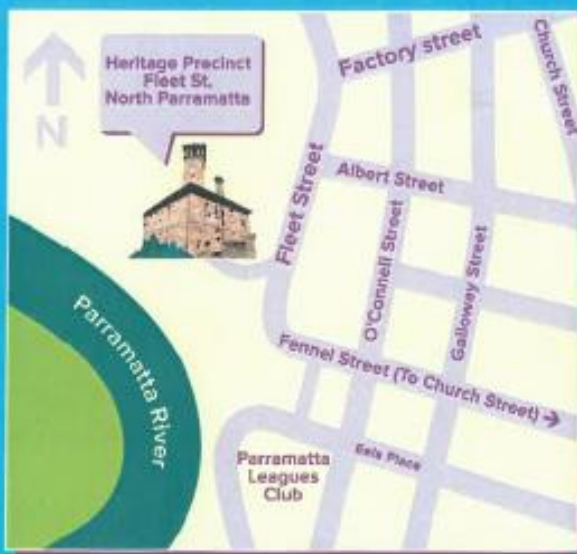
Free Parramatta Shuttle (aka The Loop) every 10 minutes from 10 stops including Parramatta Wharf, Centenary Square and Prince Alfred Square. Alight at the Parramatta Leagues Club and take a 10 minute stroll through the Heritage Precinct to the Foundation Day event site.

Drive or Cycle

From Fleet Street, North Parramatta turn into the little road heading North West for 100 metres to the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct. Bicycle valets will look after your bike and do free bike check-ups.

Parking

Limited parking is available within the precinct.





Mega Garage Sale

Saturday November 3, 2018

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| ⇒ BOOKS | ⇒ CLOTHES / SHOES |
| ⇒ TOYS | ⇒ HOMEWARES |
| ⇒ GAMES | ⇒ SMALL FURNITURE |
| ⇒ CDS / DVDS | ⇒ SMALL APPLIANCES |
| ⇒ SPORTING GOODS | ⇒ BRIC-A-BRAC |
| ⇒ CROCKERY | ⇒ CAKE STALL |

Food including breakfast (bacon & egg rolls), Devonshire Teas, sausage sizzle, Korean food.

Donations of good quality, saleable items would be gratefully received. Items can be dropped off at the church on Thursday and Friday November 1 and 2.

North Rocks Community Church
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks
7am-2pm

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.

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.