



TERM 4, WEEK 9
Wednesday 12 December 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

STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

(Term 4)

Thursday 20 December
(Term 4, Week 10)

Friday 21 December
(Term 4, Week 10)

Tuesday

18 December

9:00am

*Awards Ceremony fol-
lowed by Morning Tea*

*11:15am End of Year
Mass / Graduation*

*followed by luncheon
(Year 6 students / family only)*

1:30pm

*Guard of Honour for all
students leaving St Monica's*



Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This is our final newsletter for 2018. As we come to the end of the year, we have much to be thankful for at St Monica's.

Our Christmas Concert last night was certainly a memorable and happy event. Thank you again to Paul and Danielle Kneipp for coordinating the event for us and also to Charles and Joy Lukasik for providing the Christmas lighting backdrop.

Thank you to the large number of families who attended. I'm sure that you were very proud of your children up on the stage. They looked simply wonderful and sang beautifully. I especially would like to thank Year 6 for attending your last Christmas Concert with us. Thank you also to the school staff for their preparation of the children.

Thank you to our wonderful students who bring joy to one another and to their teachers. It is a privilege to work with children who are enthusiastic about their learning, who step up and meet the high expectations set by their teachers, well done!

Thank you to all the staff at St Monica's. We are so blessed to have a committed team of teachers, assistants and support staff. They go beyond their duty and your children are very lucky to be in the care of this special team. I would like to acknowledge Miss Montana Daniel who will be leaving us this year and heading to Cobar to teach. Thank you for your contribution to our school and for the care and dedication to Year One for the past four and a half months.

Best wishes also to Miss Bagnall as she awaits the birth of her first child. I don't want to jinx her as I had my doubts that she would make it to the end of the year. Kellee and her husband Mick will welcome their baby in January.

Thank you to all our families. We are very privileged to join with you in partnership in the education of your child. Thank you for entrusting your child's educational care to us, in a special way, I acknowledge the families who are leaving us this year and thank you for the support you have given us.

Reading Recovery Graduate

Congratulations to Ms Tracie Hope who graduated as a two year trained Reading Recovery specialist in the Parramatta Diocese (Tracie had previously trained outside the Diocese and it was a requirement to retrain for our Diocese). We are so very proud of her and very lucky to have Ms Hope at St Monica's.

Preparing for 2019

Please remember the following as you prepare for the new school year: All students are expected to wear the St Monica's uniform with pride throughout the year. This includes wearing the correct hat, socks and shoes. This helps to keep students focused on their learning whilst also maintaining a consistent atmosphere across the school.

- School shoes are black leather lace ups/Velcro/buckle.
- Sport shoes are **predominately white** for sport with white laces.
- No slip on "Raben" type shoes or coloured joggers, runners or basketball boots are to be worn.

I know that once Term 4 commences that some children genuinely grow out of their shoes and parents are reluctant to buy new shoes for the remaining weeks of the year. Letters generally are addressed to teachers explaining the change but we have been finding that some children think that the uniform does not apply to them.

Hairstyles are to follow the guidelines too. Some boys hairstyles have been of particular concern this year. Please keep extreme styles to the school holidays so that all children return in 2019 with styles adhering with the school policy. Please see the guidelines on Page 3 (as per our Parent Handbook).

Teaching Staff 2019

Our teachers and diversity support staff for 2019 include:

Kindergarten	Miss Catherine Shaw & Mrs Laura Collin
Year 1	Mrs Ann-Maree Bamford
Year 2	Mrs Denelle Gardoni
Stage 2	Mrs Tania Starczewski & Mr Greg Tyszkiewicz
Stage 3	Miss Michelle Rosewell & Mrs Angela Wedesweiler
Diversity Team	Ms Tracie Hope, Mrs Loretta Farrelly, Mrs Patrice Hanna & Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert (on LSL Term 1)
Teacher's Aides	Mrs Rita Davino & Mr Dale Lucas

Acting Assistant Principal Term 1, 2019

Miss Rebecca Boudin, currently the Religious Education Coordinator, from St Mary's School Rydalmere has been appointed as the Acting Assistant Principal while Mrs Mary-Jo Mason is on Long Service Leave in Term 1, 2019. I know that you will join me in welcoming Rebecca to our community next year.

Ambassadors and Student Representative Council 2019

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Laura Emphield and Zachariah Kassis, (**Ambassadors**)
- ◆ Alexander Azar and Galia Evangelista (**SRC**)

Thank you to Emma Halamkova and Raymond Khadi (Ambassadors) and Trinity Bird and Gabriel Bucur (SRC) for all their wonderful leadership in carrying out their roles throughout 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



End of Year Celebrations

Awards Ceremony / End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

On **Tuesday 18 December 2018** we will hold our End of Year Awards Ceremony, End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation. Following the Mass, Year 6 students and their families only, are invited to attend a luncheon in the Hall. We will farewell all students who are leaving St Monica's with a Guard of Honour.

The schedule for the day is below.

9:00am	End of Years Awards Ceremony (Hall) followed by Morning Tea (9:45am-10:45am)
11:15am	End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation Followed by luncheon for Year 6 students and their families only (Hall)
1:30pm	Guard of Honour for all students leaving St Monica's

Hairstyles— Guidelines as per our Parent Handbook.

Please read the following guidelines for students.

Hair is to be clean and neatly cut.

Girls

- Shoulder length or longer hair **must be tied back**.
- Ribbons or scrunchies in **school colours only** must be worn.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.
- Decorative headbands are **not permitted**.

Boys

- Neat and simple haircuts.
- No undercuts, shaved heads, number ones, rat tails or pony tails.
- Hair colouring is **not permitted**. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.

World Youth Day Pilgrimage

Miss Catherine Shaw

Mexico and Panama

Best wishes to Miss Catherine Shaw who will be attending World Youth Day in January 2019 in Mexico and Panama.

This celebration was initiated by Pope John Paul 11 as a way to inspire young people to learn more about, and deepen, their faith and relationship with Jesus.

We wish Catherine a very safe pilgrimage and we look forward to her sharing her experience with the community on her return to St Monica's.

Catherine is pictured with all the representatives from the Parramatta Diocese who will be attending the Pilgrimage. The photo was taken outside Parramatta Cathedral last Sunday.



Outstanding School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. There are still some families who have outstanding school fees for 2018. Families who are not on approved arrangements are requested to contact Mrs Irma Dawinan **immediately** to arrange an interview—**8832 4100**.

Library News

Please return all library books and home readers by this Friday 14 December.



Thank you to all these Year 4 students who made bead strings and kebab sticks over a number of weeks during their recess and lunch time to support the Mathematics learning in Kindergarten.

Miss Shaw says a big thank you!

Platinum Bee Awards— Morning Tea

Congratulations to our recent Platinum Bee Award Recipients who were treated to a special morning tea!



2019 Term 1 Dates

Staff return —

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Tuesday 29 January and Wednesday 30 January are Staff Development Days (MAI 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 for new families only so that they can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.

Term 1 ends

Friday 12 April 2019

2019 Swimming Carnival (Wentworthville Swimming Centre)

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

2019 Swimming Carnival permission notes should now have been returned to your child's Homeroom Teacher. **The note is on the school website — Community—School Notes—Sports**

Student Banking

There will be **NO STUDENT BANKING** in Week 10.

Student Banking will resume on *Wednesday 13 February 2019 (Term 1 Week 3)*.

2019 MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interviews)

An instruction sheet was sent home to each family (also available on the website). All students in 2018 K-5 are required to book an appointment for their assessment on Tuesday 29 or Wednesday 30 January 2019. For your convenience the instruction sheet is on page 8 of this newsletter.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code: **yh2t3** when making your booking. Bookings will close on Monday 17 December 2018 at 9:00am.

Mr Greg Whitby visiting our school for Stage 2/3 PBL Product Launch on Tuesday 4 December.



Ms Tracie Hope at her Reading Recovery Graduation.



St Monica's Christmas Carols
Thank you to Mr and Mrs Kneipp for their assistance in preparing the students for the Carols.
Thank to Mr & Mrs Lukasik for providing the stage backdrop.







THE EASY WAY TO BOOK

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents,

Thursday 6 December 2018

2019 Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI) will be held on Tuesday 29 January and Wednesday 30 January 2019. (Term 1, Week 1)

Bookings will open on Monday 10 December 2018 at 9:00am and close on Monday 17 December 2018 at 9:00am

For parents who do not have internet access, an iPad will be available in the School Office for you to make interview bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require or phone the school on 8832 4100.

Interview duration for each child is **30 minutes** and spaces are limited.

Parents with more than one child may select one of the Assistant Teachers available if they are unable to co-ordinate times with the stage teachers.

Parents are reminded to book their children in to the Stage/Class that they will be going into in 2019.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the **bookings close on Monday 17 December 2018 at 9:00am**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents who need to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: **8832 4100**

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

SkoolBag



All parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you have the **latest Skoolbag app** on your devices. The app should appear on your device as per the image to the left and **not the school logo**. If you still have the app displaying the school logo—*please remove it from your device and download the latest Skoolbag app*. (Instructions are below)

Please also remember to check for any updates via the app store so that you do not miss receiving notifications.

The SkoolBag - Single App Instructions for Parents

The SkoolBag "Single App" enables users to add multiple schools to one app and is frequently updated with bug fixes and improvements. It's the most reliable way to keep your community informed with SkoolBag.

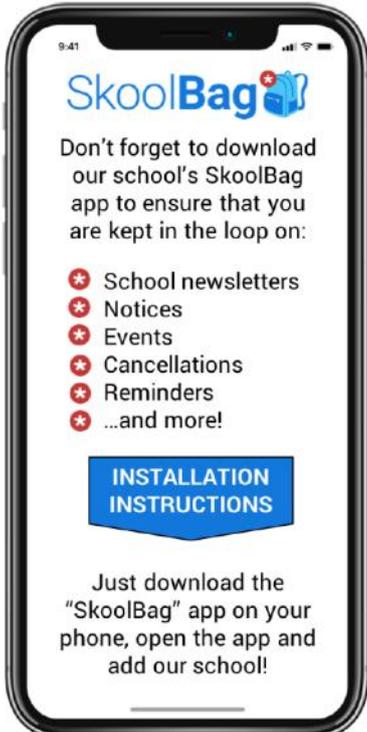
Download Instructions

For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag" or follow this [link](#)
- Download the free SkoolBag app
- Open the app, and add your school and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

- From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
- Open the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag" or follow this [link](#)
- Download the free SkoolBag app
- Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

-  School newsletters
-  Notices
-  Events
-  Cancellations
-  Reminders
-  ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups




SkoolBag 

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

2019 Win an
**IPAD
MINI**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win. Enter online www.parra.catholic.edu.au

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Entries close at 5pm on 4 February 2019
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**SUMMER 2018
HOLIDAY**

TAEKWONDO FUNTIVITIES

It's all about fun games and activities in new facilities that kids love to visit! Taekwondo, Taekwon Dance, Music Pattern, Mini Olympic, Nurf Gun Challenge, Soccer, Dodgeball, Baseball and More and More fun activities for kids.

What to Bring :
wear casual comfy clothes
pack lunch, a snack and a drink

**7th - 25th
JANUARY**

**Mon-Fri
9:30am-2pm**

AGES 5+
\$32 per child

Early Booking Required
0420 330 450
Email: admin@ltma.com.au

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**GET MOTIVATED DURING THE
JANUARY 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AT OUR 2-DAY SUMMER CAMP.**

Join us for our 2-day SUMMER CAMP and give your son/daughter one of the best experiences available. Let us bring the beach to you with our WILD WATER Sports. Although we still get through our usual series of trademark sports, each afternoon is jam packed with wet & wild sports sure to cool campers down during summer.

At all Motiv8sports Camps we design our sports events for all abilities and focus on the energy and effort rather than a child's sporting ability. Children who attend Motiv8sports Camps learn about sport, teamwork & sportsmanship in an environment fuelled by great leadership and constant motivation.

Children attending Motiv8sports camps are treated like superstars and our safety /supervision is second to none. We take sport and maximum participation to new levels with our innovative array of trademark sports.

Children who attend SUMMER CAMP will experience over 12 non-contact team sports sessions as well as 4 out of this world entertainment / SPLASH CITY sessions.

It's our favourite camp of the year.



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Barclay Road, North Rocks
21 & 22 January 2018


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DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK TODAY!

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 4 Week 8 was 89.6%

We all know that consistent attendance is vital for student success in their learning.

Congratulations to those classes meeting the Diocesan 90% target



Week 7—92.5%		Week 8— 89.6%	
ES1	87.1%	ES1	83.9%
Year 1	100%	Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	100%	Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	93.1%	Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	91.7%	Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	94.1%	Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	83.9%	Year 6	83.9%

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.



MERIT AWARDS

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

ES1:	Rayansh Agrawal, Micaela Hernandez, Grace Lim, Soraya Mondinelli, Ivy Tran, Sarah Vasanth,
Year 1:	Sage Abiodun, Sienna Acosta, Braxton Cooper, Markus Nabua,
Year 2	Annabelle Boasiako, Alexis Crame, Olivia Hekeik,
Stage 2:	Matthew Johnson, Zi Han Lin, Aimee Loof, Kristian Romic, Liam Sciacca, Sara Younes, Alicia Youssef
Stage 3:	Emma Halamkova, Laeticia Hossack, Raymond Khadi, Yi Lin, Gene Kneipp, Andrew Kim

Term 4 Important Dates

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

Week 9

Saturday 15 December

WORKING BEE 7:00am-11:00am

Can you spare an hour or two to come and support the school?

A great opportunity to become involved in St Monica's Community, especially if your work commitments during the week prevent you from visiting our school.

Improve the physical environment of the school. Meet new parents. All welcome.

Week 10

Monday 17 December

Scrub Day—students wear mufti

Whole School Mass rehearsal

Tuesday 18 December

9:00am End of School Awards Ceremony

followed by Morning Tea (9:45am-10:45)

11:15am End of Year Mass / Graduation followed by Year 6 luncheon
(Luncheon for Year 6 students and family only)

1:30pm Guard of Honour for all students who are leaving St Monica's

Wednesday 19 December

Last day for students

Thursday 20 December

Staff Development Day (*students do not attend school today*)

Friday 21 December

Staff Development Day (*students do not attend school today*)

2019

Week 1

Tuesday 29 January

Staff Development Day - MAI for Years 1—6

Wednesday 30 January

Staff Development Day - MAI for Years 1—6

Thursday 31 January

School resumes for Years 1—6

Friday 1 February

Swimming Carnival—Wentworthville Pool (Years 3 –6)

Week 2

Monday 4 February

Early Stage One (Kindergarten) commence school

9:00am—2:30pm (***Early finish time is for new families only*** so that they can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure).

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.

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

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

Relocating in 2019?

Any families who will not be returning to St Monica's North Parramatta in 2019 are requested to please inform the school immediately.

Thank you

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.