



TERM 2, WEEK 1  
Wednesday 2 May 2018

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## 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)

## NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 (Term 2, Week 3)

The dates for NAPLAN testing are:

- **Tuesday 15 May**  
(Language Conventions—Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- **Wednesday 16 May**  
(Reading)
- **Thursday 17 May**  
(Numeracy)

It is important that all students in Years 3 and 5 attend school during the three days of NAPLAN testing.

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back! We were all excited to see each other after the two week break. I hope that the holiday break has been an opportunity to renew the children's energy for the busy term ahead.

Term 2 looks set to be an action packed and an exciting one, with plenty to keep us on our toes. Below are a few important dates that you may need to put onto your calendar:

Friday 4 May	Athletics Carnival, Barton Park, Nth Parramatta
Wednesday 9 May	Mother's Day Stall—1:30pm
Friday 11 May	9:15am Mother's Day Mass
Friday 11 May	Theme Lunch—Butter Chicken
Friday 11 May	Dance Fever commences
Tues 15-Thurs 17 May	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
Friday 18 May	Mufti Fundraiser for International Family Day
Friday 18 May	7:00pm Confirmation
May	Stage 2 Excursion (date to be confirmed)
Wednesday 23 May	POSMS Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 24 May	CARES—Year 4
Tuesday 5 June	Parent Meeting for Holy Communion
Thursday 21 June	Semester 1 Reports sent home
Monday 25 –Thurs 28 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 6 July	Term 2 ends

## Welcome

Congratulations to our new Parish Administrator Father Ephraim.

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2019

Father Ephraim and I will commence interviewing the new families that have applied for a place in Kindergarten in 2019 starting in Week 3. We currently have 52 applicants for Kindergarten. It is always an immense privilege to listen to the aspirations and dreams that parents have for their children and their motivation in seeking to join our Catholic community.

Mrs Mason will be interviewing all existing families who have applied for enrolment. An appointment will be shortly arranged.

## Tell Them From Me— A survey for students, parents and staff

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, parents and staff to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. The information that you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Monica's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. Login details will be provided in the next few weeks.

## NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 will undertake their NAPLAN assessments in Week 3. As indicated in a letter sent home previously to parents of these students, the data provided by the assessments assists both the school and you as parents, in determining needs and highlighting strengths for each individual.

Once again we will be supplying breakfast each morning for the Year 3 and Year 5 children who will be completing NAPLAN.

The breakfast will be in the Parish Hall each morning from 8:15 am - 8:45 am. Cereal, toast, milk and fruit will be served. If any parent can assist serving the breakfast, please notify the office.

	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018
<b>Year 3</b>	Language conventions 40 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
<b>Year 5</b>	Language conventions 40 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

**Parents are reminded to keep your child's NAPLAN results in a safe place as the results are required when making an enrolment application for secondary school.**

## POSMS Meeting (Parents of St Monica's Students)

Date: Wednesday 23 May 2018 (Week 4)  
 Agenda: Geometric Reasoning  
 Time: 7:00pm—8:00pm  
 Where: Learning Space

## Keeping the children safe!

All families will be very aware of the many safety practices that we have in place to ensure the safety of the students and staff. Each term we conduct evacuation and lockdown drills. The external gates are locked after the morning assembly so that all visitors report to the school office before entering the school.

We are now taking a further step to increase the safety for the site and installing an intercom system at the school office entrance on Daking Street. This intercom will have an internal station in the office area for staff to answer the intercom and release the gate.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mrs Erin Werner**  
Master of Arts - Theological Studies



## School Athletics Carnival

The **School Athletics Carnival** will be held on **Friday 4 May 2018 (Term 2, Week 1)** at Barton Park, (Gladstone Street, North Parramatta). All students from ES1 to Stage 3 will be attending.

**This is a compulsory school event and every student must attend.**

Please note the *back-up date* for the Carnival is *Friday 11 May 2018*.

Parent helpers are required to complete the Child Protection requirements—

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then click on “**Volunteers and Contractors –click here**”

### We need your help!!

Work is currently being carried out at Barton Park and as a result there is no car access on to the oval.

**Parental assistance is being requested from 7:45am on Friday to help carry the equipment for the carnival from the cars to the oval.** If you are able to assist could you please contact the school office on 8832 4100.

**Parking is still available on Gladstone and Webb Streets. Pedestrian access to Barton Park is via a small gate on Webb Street as Parramatta City Council have erected a fence around the usual entrance.**

## International Family Day

Tuesday 15 May, 2018 has been designated by the United Nations as International Family Day. Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta has declared this day as a day of awareness and fundraising for Catholic Care, the organisation in our diocese which offers many services in support of families; individual and family counselling; specialist financial counselling; problem gambling; services for disabled people under the NDIS, accommodation and assistance for young pregnant women at risk of homelessness.

**We will hold a fundraiser Mufti Day on Friday 18 May** with all proceeds going to Catholic Care. I know that our community will fully support the initiative.

## Winter Uniform Changeover

There will be a two week changeover into the Winter School Uniform. If you feel the weather is still too warm, your child may continue to wear their Summer Uniform.

**All students must be wearing the Winter School Uniform by Monday 14 May (Term 2, Week 3)**

Please refer to the Parent Handbook or the school website for the school winter uniform requirements. All uniform items are available for purchase through Oz Fashions. **[www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the **Dretvic family** on the recent birth of their son Robert. A baby brother for Mathew (Year 1).



## Mother's Day Stall

**When: Wednesday 9 May 2018 (Week 2)**  
**Where: Parish Hall**  
**Time: 1:30pm**



**All gifts will be priced either \$5 or \$10.** Students are requested to please bring their money in an envelope or zip lock bag with their name and the amount clearly labelled on it.

Helpers needed from 1pm. Please contact Kathy Sciacca if you are available to assist on 0414 534 785.

## Mother's Day Mass

**When: Friday 11 May 2018 (Week 2)**  
**Where: St Monica's Church**  
**Time: 9:15am**

The school would like to show how much St Monica's mums are appreciated, and so all mums and grandmothers and significant women in children's lives are invited to attend a special Mass at St Monica's Church at **9:15am on Friday 11 May**. Morning tea will follow in the Hall.

## Registration for Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on 25th/26th August. If your child is in Year 4 or above and they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Communion then registration will take place after Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am Mass on the weekend of 26th/27th May. The **Parents only meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 5th June at 7pm** in the **Community Room**.

## Important Reminders



- **Spare Underwear / Socks**

All students (K-6) are requested to have a **spare pair of underwear** and socks (K-2) in their school bag. The school office has a very limited supply of underwear / clothing (sizes mainly 4-6.) If your child does borrow clothing from the school office it would be appreciated if it could be laundered and returned as soon as possible.

- **Recess / Lunch (spoons/forks)**

It would be appreciated if parents could please remember to pack plastic spoons/ forks with their child's recess/lunch should they need one to eat their food as the school office does not keep a supply of these utensils.

Thank you for your co-operation

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



Christian Bouassi	Madeleine David	Lydia Sun	Zachary Dy
Monica Salic	Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang	Amelia Corera	Abigail Corera
Theresa Wong	Calista Soriano	Galia Evangelista	Markus Nabua
Andrew Kim	Amelia Wong	Charlize Cooper	

*Staff: Mr Dennis Cheung, Mrs Wedesweiler, Mr Tyszkiewicz and Fr Ephraim*

## World Youth Day 2019 Raffle

The Parramatta Diocese has launched a raffle in support of World Youth Day Mexico, Panama and USA 2019. The WYD Raffle has been a signature means towards subsidising costs for the pilgrim experience for which all funds will again be used.

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 the ticket stubs / money by Friday 14 September 2018.**

Thank you in advance for supporting this raffle.  
*Louise O'Donnell, Principal*

## HAIRCUTS

**Its has been noticed that some students have returned to school with haircuts that do not comply with the school guidelines.**

**As stated in the Parent Handbook:**

### 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.

**Please ensure your child's haircut is in accordance with these guidelines.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**





### 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.

Term 2 lessons will resume on Tuesday 8 May 2018 (Week 2).

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](mailto: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.

#### Guitar Classes!

Days: **Tuesday** lunchtime  
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!!

#### Keyboard Classes!

Day: **Wednesday** lunchtime  
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Location: The Community Room

[www.ariamusic.com.au](http://www.ariamusic.com.au)

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.**