



TERM 1, WEEK 10
Wednesday 3 April 2019

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

Term 2
Friday 5 July

Term 4
Friday 22 November
Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

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

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- **Tuesday 14 May**
(Language Conventions—
Spelling, Punctuation and
Grammar)
- **Wednesday 15 May**
(Reading)
- **Thursday 16 May**
(Numeracy)

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the three days of
NAPLAN testing.**

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Over the past two weeks Miss Boidin, Father Ephraim and I have been interviewing families for next year's Kindergarten. Interviewing is a very enjoyable time for me as often the children say funny, honest comments at the interview much to the horror of their parents.

During the interview parents share their hopes and dreams that they have for their children as they commence their education journey. This year the parents have been very clear about why they want Catholic Education. Some of the reasons have included

- *To support the values that their family has and be able to join in the Sacraments together*
- *Parents remember their Catholic education as a happy time when they learnt about Christ's teachings*
- *To be able to join with a school community to celebrate our faith together*
- *Wanting their child to draw on their faith in difficult times*
- *To gain a better understanding of Catholic teachings through their child's learning at school.*

It has also been wonderful to hear from new families the reason for choosing our school. Overwhelmingly parents have heard that the children are challenged and excited by their learning and they receive a quality education. Existing families at our school have told them that there is a strong sense of community and that new families are always welcomed.

I have found St Monica's to be all of these things which is a result of the strong partnership between staff and parents. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school later in the year when they commence transition.

Last Sunday we reached the midpoint of our Lenten journey. The Gospel reading of the Parable of the Lost Son, I'm sure that you have listened to countless times, is the story of the father whose loving reception of his wayward son gave him a new life. The parable invites us to see the life of the wayward son as being changed forever: as he comes, for the first time, to know the love that is in his father's heart, and begins to share in all that this love inspires.

My parish bulletin had the following reflection that I thought really captures the message of the parable for us today.

Focus on your fingerprint. It's unique. You share it with no one that lives or has ever lived. Let it remind you that God wanted you, specifically you to come into this world. Let it remind you that our loving God grieves for you when you hurt and misses you, specifically you, when you turn away.

Lent is a time to come home. We all stray. We are living in a world that often calls us away from God. But God knows each one of us by our fingerprint, knows when we turn away, and still always stands waiting, scanning the horizon, maybe weeping, hoping to see us turn back, looking for a chance to run toward us and embrace us once again.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



2020 Kindergarten Enrolments - NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications have now commenced. Enrolment application forms may be downloaded from our school website or you may collect a package from the school office. Please provide **original supporting documentation** (together with photocopies) when lodging your enrolment application.

ENROL NOW!

**** Current families who have a child starting school in 2020 are reminded to submit their enrolment application immediately to the school office.**

School Fees—now overdue

A reminder that unless you have an arrangement with the school, the **first school fee instalment was due on Friday 29 March 2019**. Families who have not received their statement are requested to contact the school office immediately on 8832 4100.

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Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

**Term 1 Week 9 was
93.7%**

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

**Congratulations to those
classes meeting the Diocesan**



Week 8—91.3%		Week 9— 93.7%	
ES1	88.5%	ES1	93.1%
Year 1	90.3%	Year 1	90.0%
Year 2	100%	Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.8%	Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	88.0%	Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	87.5%	Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	91.4%	Year 6	94.3%

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy) Years 3 and 5 (Term 2, Week 3)

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NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between Tuesday 14 May—Thursday 16 May our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format.

To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

[How to support your child during NAPLAN information for parents and carers](#)

[Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

[Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

Mrs Denelle Gardoni

**Parents are invited to view their child's
Dance Fever lessons this Friday 5 April (Week 10)**

Timetable is below:

11:50am—12:20pm	Early Stage One
12:20pm—12:50pm	Stage One
1:30pm—2:15pm	Stage Three (NEW TIME)
2:15pm—3:00pm	Stage Two (NEW TIME)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



Parish Bingo Night

Friday 3 May 2019 (NEW DATE) Parish Hall—7:00pm

Sausage Sizzle commencing at 6:00pm
Bingo commencing at 7:00pm



Tickets are available at the Parish Office or after all the masses on the weekend. If you would like to purchase tickets through the school, please send the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your details and we will forward it to the Parish Office.

Single ticket \$5 Family Ticket \$20

Cross Country Update

Thankfully the rain held off and the ground was dry enough for the students to compete in the school's cross country trials last Wednesday. Days like cross country are only possible due to the generous support of our parent volunteers. We were lucky to have a number of parents assist with walking the students up to the park as well as manning the course. There were many parents who volunteered on the day and I thank you all for giving up your time. There is one parent who I would like to personally acknowledge, Kathy Sciacca met with the organising teachers in the lead up to the day and was an integral part of the morning. Thank you Kathy for sharing your expertise and assisting before the day as well as on the morning.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the course in the time allocated. They will now represent our school at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held on Tuesday 7th May. A note for this carnival will go home via the students in the coming days.

Rebecca Boidin

U 8/9's	U 10's	U 11's	U 12's
Liam Sciacca Wyatt Heesen William Stewart Lukas Lozancic Babic	Roger Corcoran	Simon Forsyth Jacob Kandalajt Manson Lu	Aiden Pospischil Filippo Prevetera Ashley Roberts
Sara Younis Pare Nader Calista Soriano		Neave Sciacca	Laura Emphield

Thank you to the wonderful parents who assisted at the
Mother's Day Wrapping this morning.



Staffing News

Next term I will be taking 3 weeks Long Service Leave from 6 May to 24 May. In my absence Mrs Leanne Nettleton, Principal from St Bernadette's Castle Hill will be at St Monica's. I know that you will warmly welcome Leanne to our community.

Miss Michelle Rosewell will also be taking Long Service Leave as she prepares for her wedding to her fiancé, Jo at the end of May. Michelle will be absent from 29 April until 14 June and Mrs Wendy Paley will replace her in Stage 3.

I know that you will join me in wishing Michelle and Jo every happiness for their wedding and as they begin their married life.



Mrs Mary-Jo Mason will be extending her Long Service Leave in Term 2 2019. Miss Rebecca Boidin will continue as the Acting Assistant Principal for Term 2.

Important Safety Message—Kiss and Drop



Mornings in our drive through Kiss and Drop off area can be very congested and patience is required of all parents so that our children can remain safe.

I have had reports this week that parents are trying to overtake cars while other parents are reversing out of a car space.

Please model to our students courteous behaviour when driving by waiting for the car in front of you to reverse before proceeding.

Thank you for keeping the children's safety as our number one priority.

A Message from the Parish

Parking in the Parish Car Park

Please be aware that there are a number of elderly parishioners who park in the Parish Car Park each day to attend the 9:15am Mass and need to park in the Disabled Car Spaces.

Please do not park in those designated car spaces as they are required each day for these parishioners. Thank you.

Winter Uniform Changeover

Students return after the holidays on **Monday 29 April 2019**. There will be a 2 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 until Friday 10 May.



All children must be wearing the Winter School Uniform by Monday 13 May 2019 (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.

<http://www.ozfashions.com.au>

MERIT AWARDS



*Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Merit Awards.
(Week 9—Monday 25 March)*

ES1:	Kyra Adlakha, Naina Anandh, Caleb Caga-Anan, Jonathan Cong, Marcus Llanto, Amaira Mehta, Koey Mwangi, Daniel Nolan
Year 1:	Tiffany Do, Mia Fernandes, Lana Salic, Atticus Sloane
Year 2	Zachary Dy, Markus Nabua
Stage 2:	Riana Arredondo, Georgia Fernandes, Manuela Salib, Abbi Meale, Amelia Wong,
Stage 3:	Ruby Graham, Jacob Kandalaft, Emma Sadek, Alexander Azar, Tia El-Kazzi, Kenzh Munda Cruz



Last Chance To Enter

The 2019 Student Writing Competition

Enter your poem or story here...

[ENTER HERE](#)

*Closes 5pm Sunday 7th April 2019
Over \$3000 in CASH and PRIZES to be won!*

ENTRY IS FREE!

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



Sophie Stoker	Ivo Bangalan	Amelia Bavell	Vriya Love
Charlotte Sprincis	Soraya Mondinelli	Eva Sentas	Liam Sciacca
Charles Sentas	Isabella Younes	Kai Mwanza	Marcus Llanto
Allegra Jammo	Jacob Abi-Daher	Sakina Kunambi	Annabelle Boasiako
Nika Naeme	Jacob Kandalaft	Gabriela Andrade	Gabrielle David

Staff: Mrs Hope, Miss Boidin, Miss O'Donnell

Can you help?

2nd Hand Uniforms - sorting

Are you available to help sort our 2nd hand clothing items into sizes in preparation for our Clothing Sale?
Any parent who is available to assist is requested to contact the office 8832 4100.

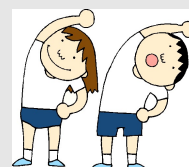
2nd Hand Uniforms - Clothing Sale

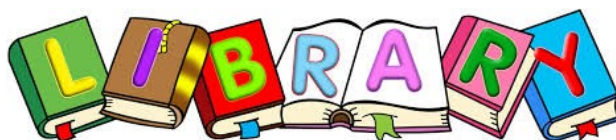
Our 2nd Hand Clothing Sale will be held on **Thursday 2 May (Term 2 Week 1)** **\$5 per item.**

Please contact the school office if you are available to assist.
Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Term 2 Sport Day

**All students will wear
their sport uniform on
Fridays**





LIBRARY TIMES:

Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-8.50am
(open to all classes)

Extra borrowing times:

Monday: YEAR 2 Recess

Tuesday: YEAR 1 Lunch

Wednesday: STAGE 2 & YEAR 5 Recess

Thursday: ES1 & YEAR 6 Lunch (storytime)

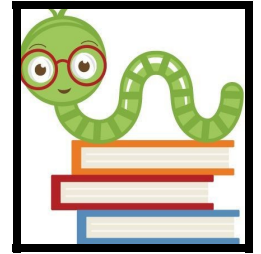
Our library monitors & Mrs Davino are in the library during these times to help any students.

The St Monica's message bag or a material/cloth bag can be used to protect borrowed books.

Please keep encouraging your children to come & visit the library
- We have a great range of books to borrow and a "bee sting" is given for each book borrowed and then returned!



BOOKWORM OF THE TERM COMPETITION



This term we looked for the student in each class who borrowed & read the most books from the library.

Our **"Bookworms of the Term"** for Term 1 are:

ES1: Marco Jimenez

Year 1: Abigail Corera

Year 2: Zachary Dy

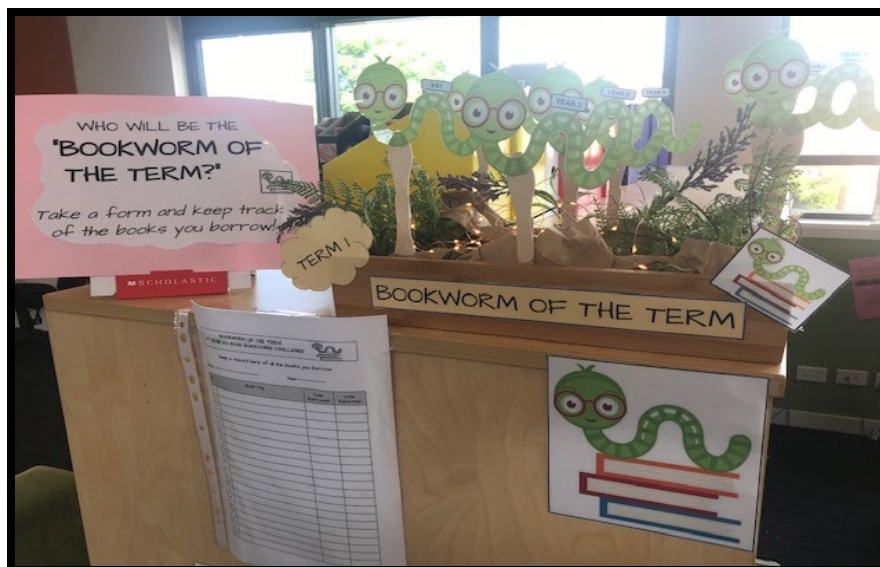
Year 3: Eva Sentas

Year 4: Charlotte Sprincis

Year 5: Sophie Stoker

Year 6: Summer Ierfino

Congratulations to these students who will win a prize and have their name & face displayed on our Bookworm Farm in the Library!

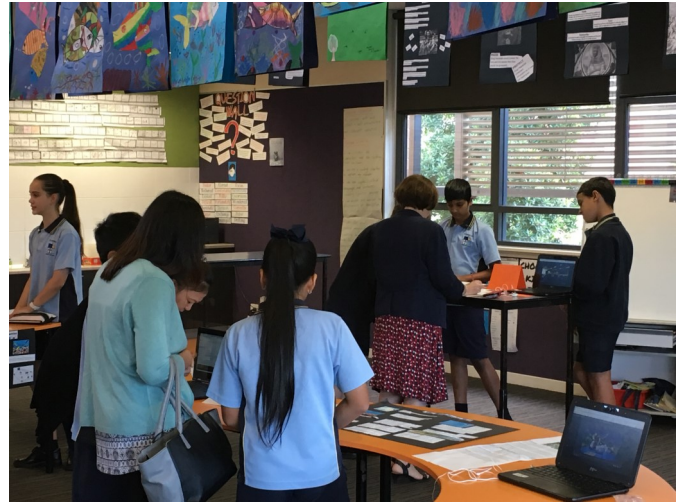


PBL Launch - Tuesday 2 April

Our PBL launch yesterday was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and extended family who were able to attend our showcase on the learning in Term 1.

Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work in preparing the children for the Project Launch.

Kindergarten's video will be available shortly on the website.



2019 EASTER CELEBRATIONS

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Monica's Parish

Thursday, 18th April 2019—7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

St Monica's Parish

Friday, 19th April 2019

Stations of the Cross (English) —10:00am

Chinese Stations of the Cross— 11:30am

Passion of the Lord—3:00pm (English)

Passion of the Lord— 7:00pm (Chinese)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Vigil

St Monica's Parish

Saturday, 20th April 2019—6:00pm

Chinese Mass —9:00pm

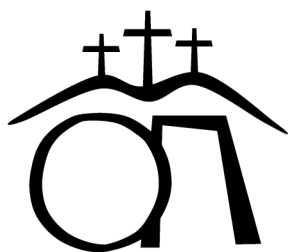
Easter Sunday

St Monica's Parish

Sunday, 21st April 2019 —9:00am

Chinese Mass—11:30am

No evening Mass



He is not here:
for he is risen,
Matthew 28:6



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION , MASS & WYD EVENT

Primary and secondary students and teachers are invited to walk in the procession down Church Street with their school flags. Families are encouraged to join them. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent in the Cathedral at 6pm followed by an event that shares the stories of our returned World Youth Day pilgrims from Panama. Dinner will be provided. Groups and individuals can be registered at the link below. **Sunday 14 April 5:20pm—8:00pm Parramatta Town Hall & St Patrick's Cathedral.**
<https://parracatholic.org/palmsunday/>

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 10

Thursday 4 April

Aria Music—Guitar Lessons
11:15 am Stage 3 Reconciliation

Friday 5 April

8:50am Bee Awards presented at Morning Assembly

11:15 am Stage 2 Reconciliation

Dance Fever (Parents invited to view lessons—timetable on page 3)

Sushi Theme Lunch—**pre-ordered lunch** (Parent Involvement Committee)

Literacy Books sent home



Week 11

Wednesday 10 April

Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 11 April

Aria Music—Guitar Lessons
Holy Week Liturgy

Friday 12 April

Dance Fever

School ends for Term 1

School Holidays

Thursday 18 April

Holy Thursday

Friday 19 April

Good Friday

Sunday 21 April

Easter Sunday

Monday 22 April

Easter Monday

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 29 April

Students return for Term 2

Wednesday 1 May

Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 2 May

Aria Music—Guitar Lessons
2nd Hand Clothing Sale

Friday 3 May

Athletics Carnival—Barton Park North Parramatta
Parish Bingo (**new date**)

Week 2

Tuesday 7 May

Diocesan Cross Country—Eastern Creek

Wednesday 8 May

1pm Mother's Day Stall (Hall)

Thursday 9 May

Mother's Day Mass 9:15 am

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Lessons will resume in Term 2 2019

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.

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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 tuition at school **\$24:50** (incl GST) per lesson.

Private Tuition at school **\$39 (incl GST)** and

Private Home Tuition **\$42 (incl GST)**

Individual tuition is also available.

Keyboard Classes!

Day: **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>

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.