



TERM 1, WEEK 2
Wednesday 6 February 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

*St Monica's
Welcome BBQ*

*Friday
15 February*

*5:30pm—7:00pm
All welcome*

*RSVP by Wednesday
13 February*

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome back! The first week began very smoothly with all our current and new students settling well into their learning environment.

What a wonderful welcoming school mass we celebrated today to herald in the new school year. Thank you to Mrs Angela Wedesweiler, our new acting Religious Education Coordinator, for all her preparation for our mass. The children were very reverent and participated well throughout the mass. Thank you to all the parents and extended family members who were able to attend the mass. At the conclusion of mass our ambassadors, student representative council and Year 6 school leaders received their badges.

Welcome to our new students and their families:

Noah Abi-Daher, Kyra Adlakha, Dariuz Alley, Naina Anandh, Isabella Andrade, Ivo Bangalan, Caleb Caga-Anan, Christos Cardomatis, Sophia Cerda, Jonathan Cong, Alexandra Corin, Keiralee Cosmai-Galvin, Ayanah D'Souza, Gabrielle David, Olive Duffy, Aryana Erskine, Jace Fares, Hugh Gholab, Evangeline Hbeiche, Giselle Heathcote, Maxine Icao, Annria Jeensen, Marco Jimenez, Archie Levins, Angela Li, Marcus Llanto, Vriya Love, Manton Lu, Dominik Lukacevic, Amaira Mehta, Caesar Metierre, Koey Mwangi, Kai Mwanza, Mason Nader, Daniel Nolan, Elyse Paterson, Jonathan Payne, Athulya Renjith Nair, Margarita San Juan, Isla Siemsen, Sarah Triantis, Evelyn Wong, Bella Zhang, Nitya Mallella, Skylar Noronha, Ananya Renjith Nair, Imeth Wijeratne, Filippo Prevetera, Pranav Sathyan, Jacob Abi-Daher and Rumeth Wijeratne

As we begin our new school year may all of us, staff, students and parents all work together to build a community of faith, love and learning. Let us all strive to be a welcoming community that is inclusive; that values diversity so that everyone who comes to St Monica's is welcomed here and belongs.

We know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. It is for this reason that we conduct information nights at the beginning of the school year. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best.

Parent Information Nights

Tuesday 12 February Stage One 5:40 pm
Stage Two 6:05 pm
Stage Three 6:30 pm

Wednesday 20 February Kindergarten 6:00 pm

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

Welcome to all our new staff

- Ms Rebecca Boidin acting Assistant Principal (Term 1)
- Mrs Laura Collin - Early Stage One
- Mrs Tania Starczewski - Stage Two (Monday- Thursday)
- Mrs Linda Zammit - Stage Two (Friday)
- Mrs Loretta Farrelly - Literacy Support, RFF and Stage 3 (Thursday)
replacing Miss Michelle Rosewell
- Mrs Patrice Hanna - Diversity support (Thursday) and Stage 3 (Friday)
replacing Mrs Angela Wedesweiler
- Mrs Louise Bright - office (Friday)

Communication Framework

Whom to speak with	When it is about.....
Administration Officer Jacqueline Abood	General enquiries, school communication, enrolments, appointments, children's banking, medication, First Aid, late arrivals
Finance Officer (To be advised)	School Fees, purchasing and payments, Assets, First Aid
Classroom Teachers	Any issue relating to classroom and teaching and learning (including outside of school that may affect your child whilst at school) Friendship issues or playground matters
Diversity Leader Tracie Hope	Reading Recovery Any concerns about your child's learning development including medical issues (after speaking with class teacher) . Copies of reports from outside agencies ie learning/behaviour/medical. Personalised Plans.
Library Rita Davino	Any issue pertaining to the library including borrowing and book covering.
Leadership Team	Support for any social, emotional and /or behavioural concerns ES1 and Stage 1 Angela Wedesweiler Stage 2 Michelle Rosewell Stage 3 Rebecca Boidin (Term 1) / Mary Jo Mason
Louise O'Donnell (Principal)	Policies and Procedures or when you are unsure of whom to speak with or when you feel you may not have been heard by someone else Complaints/Concerns Child Protection
Rebecca Boidin (Term 1) & Mary Jo Mason (Assistant Principal)	Issues relating to curriculum and transport Pressing matters in Louise O'Donnell's absence. Seasons for Growth Coordinator
Angela Wedesweiler (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)	Supports any issue relating to Religious Education (programs, Sacramental programs) Social Justice
Michelle Rosewell (Coordinator 2)	Literacy K-6 Work Health & Safety (WHS)
Gregory Tyszkiewicz (Coordinator 1)	Science/History/Geography & PDHPE syllabus integration.

Mrs Dawinan

Congratulations to Mrs Dawinan on her appointment to St John Vianney Primary School , Doonside. We have advertised for a new financial officer.

Welcome back to Mrs Maryanne Grewcock who will be in the office for the next few weeks.

Every learner, every day

Attendance at school has direct impact on a student's academic success. Families play a key role in ensuring that their child/children come to school every day.

Some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. However, when students miss too many days from school it can cause them to fall behind academically. Absences can add up very quickly and if a student is away one day a fortnight they would in fact miss one month of school (20 days).

If your child is absent from school a letter addressed to your child's teacher is required on the day that they return to school.

We want every student at St Monica's to be successful at school and we know you do too. If parents have a problem with their child attending school regularly, please let us know. We will support you and work together for a solution.

Keeping the students safe

Every day our external school gates are locked to keep all our students and staff safe. This ensures that all visitors to our school report to the school office before entering the school grounds. Last year a camera was installed at the office gate as extra security.

The external gates are locked after all parents leave the school after morning assembly and a chat with other parents. The gates and the car park double gates are reopened at 2:45 pm. Parents arriving at this time are able to leave their car on the line and interact with other parents until dismissal time at 3:00 pm.

Dealing with playground issues

Please go through the correct channels when an issue arises concerning your child and another student. Let matters relating to children be dealt with at school by our staff. Please do not approach children or parents when an issue occurs. Approaching someone else's child translates into a Child Protection issue that can be avoided if the issue is brought to the attention of the child's teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team.

Afternoon Car Line

To assist the teachers on duty each afternoon please display your family name card clearly under the driver's sun visor. This assists teachers in locating the students quickly.

Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI)

Thank you to all the parents who were able bring their child/children along to the MAI last week. As many more families made appointments this year the teachers have now completed all the assessments and we are currently analysing every student's results.

At our staff meeting this afternoon the teachers will be using the data to plan their focus for the warm up component of their mathematics lesson over the next few weeks. This information will be shared with parents at the Stage information nights next week.

2019 School Term dates

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January—Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April—Thursday 4 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July—Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

Staff Development Days

Every school receives six days for professional learning during the year.

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January and Wednesday 30 January
Term 2	Friday 5 July
Term 4	Friday 22 November, Thursday 19 December, Friday 20 December

Newsletter dates for Term 1

The school newsletter will be published fortnightly on the following Wednesdays in Term 1:

6 February (Week 2)
 20 February (Week 4)
 6 March (Week 6)
 20 March (Week 8)
 3 April (Week 10)

Sport Uniform Days—Term 1

Students are to wear their Sport Uniform every **Friday** in Term 1.

Students are also to wear their Sport Uniform (for the Gymnastics Program) on the following **Tuesdays— 12 February (Week 3), 19 February (Week 4) and 26 February (Week 5).**

Ice Blocks

Ice blocks will be sold at lunchtime during Term 1. **50 cents each.**



New late arrivals procedure

Any student who arrives after the morning bell (8:50 am) must attend the office to be signed in by their parent. Students who attend the office, without a parent, will be given a red LATE ARRIVAL slip which is to be given to the teacher. Parents will receive a note (in an envelope) to be signed and returned to the office the next day. Late arrivals / absences are recorded as Unexplained until we receive written notification from parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dance Fever

Our Dance Fever programme will commence this Friday 8 February. Students are to wear their sport uniform.

Medical Action Plans (including Anaphylaxis and Asthma)

Medical Action Plans are required to be updated by your child's doctor **each year** and a **copy is to be given to the School Office**. Yearly updates are required so that we are kept informed of any changes in your child's requirements. Epipens and Asthma puffers are kept in the Sick Bay.

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.



Holiday Maintenance

Thank you Mr Dennis!

The walkway and ramps outside received a much needed facelift during the holidays and he also built the fence near the flagpole.

Also during the holidays the following scope of work was completed:

- Pest spraying in the learning space and on the playground.
- Carpets and lounges steam cleaned
- Maintenance of the air conditioners
- Non-slip strips placed on all the stairs
- All fire extinguishers and the lift have been serviced

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who contributed to the success of our carnival last Friday. Thank you **Tiff Cooper, Joelle Day, Trish Forsyth, Bernadette Haddad, Kathy Sciacca, Genevieve Smith, Vanessa Talty, Waimaru Moran and Ivana Prevetera.**

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting All welcome!!

The first meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday 20 February 2018 in the Learning Space** commencing at **7:00 pm**. All parents are very welcome to attend as we plan together events for the year ahead.

School Fees

Families should receive their first School Fee Instalment Invoice shortly. Flexible Payment Plan (Direct Debit) is offered with your first instalment. For those families that do not accept Flexible Payment Plan, your **first instalment is due on 20 March 2019**.

Families who do not receive their first Invoice by Friday 22 February are requested to contact the School Office on 8832 4100.

Mobile Phones

Each year parents who request permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school are asked to do so **in writing** to the Principal.

Students who brought phones to school last year are therefore required to provide a letter this year explaining the need for the phone at school.

Permission is only granted to those students who travel home on a bus or who walk home. On arrival at school the switched off phone is to be handed in at the School Office where the student is to sign in the phone. In the afternoon the phone will be sent to the classroom via the office bags. Students are to switch the phone on and place the phone in their school bag before leaving school.

Anaphylaxis / Allergies—Food Awareness

A number of students at school suffer from anaphylaxis and allergies. In order for us to provide for the needs of all our students we ask that you **only send food to school** that is **nut free**. Thank you for your co-operation.

Pow Wow

For a number of years Pow Wow (playgroup for pre-schoolers-babies - 5 years) has been very active within our community. Most of the children from the Pow Wow group in 2018 started Kindergarten this year and were part of this group for a number of years. We are now looking to start with a new group of parents and children.

Pow Wow is held in the Community Room each Monday during school terms between 9:00am - 10:30 am. Parents or grandparents have an opportunity to meet new friends over morning tea while the children play. Over the years toy and craft resources have been purchased and will be available to use. If you and your child/children would be interested in Pow Wow please inform the school office. All parents / carers who attend Pow Wow are required to sign in at the school office.

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 and sizes are mainly 4-6. If your child does borrow clothing from the school office, kindly launder it and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Lunches —Plastic Forks / Spoons

If your child requires a plastic fork/spoon to eat their lunch, please ensure that you pack one in their school lunchbox. *Please note that we do not keep supplies in the school office.*



Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held next Tuesday 12 February at Mount Druitt.

Alexander Azar	Filippo Prevetera	Simon Forsyth	Aidan Mutton	Noah Day
Roger Corcoran	Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang	Liam Sciacca	Lucas Alvarez	William Stewart
Pare Nader	Georgia Fernandes	Ava Cong	Aaliyah Assaf	Maureen Haddad
Matilda Cooper	Ruby Knight	Giselle Mondinelli	Summer Ierfino	Sanoy Bhattachan
Emma Sadek	Charlize Cooper	Samira Hekeik	Andrew Kim	



Welcome to our Early Stage One Students!!



Our first day back at St Monica's for the school year!



Good luck to our St Monica's students who commenced Year 7 last week.



Bragging Rights (ex-students)

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Congratulations to ex-students Patrick, Jack and Philip. Their film made the cut for Tropfest Junior this year! Good luck!

Congratulations also to Jack Talty who was awarded Dux of Year 8 last year.



Congratulations to Jackson for receiving awards (for Year 8) which were presented this year. 1st place (equal) in English and Music, 1st place in Mandarin, Academic Excellence Award and consistent Academic Application Award. Well done Jackson!

Congratulations



Filmmakers Patrick, Jack and Philip will experience their first Tropfest event this year after their film made the cut for Trop Jr. Picture: Jordan Shields

PARRAMATTA

Tropfest finalists announced

Stacey Pestrin, Lifestyle, Parramatta Advertiser

January 24, 2019 5:01pm

Subscriber only



Congratulations to Miss Bagnall and her husband Mick on the birth of their baby daughter Ella Ruby on 14 January!

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 2

Friday 8 February Dance Fever (Sport Uniform)

Week 3

Tuesday 12 February Gymnastics (Sport Uniform)
Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival—Mount Druitt

Parent Information Night	Stage One	5:40pm	Learning Space
	Stage Two	6:05 pm	
	Stage Three	6:30—7:30 pm	

Wednesday 13 February Student Banking recommences

Friday 15 February Dance Fever (Sport Uniform)
Welcome BBQ (5:30pm-7:00pm)

Week 4

Monday 18 February School Census

Tuesday 19 February Gymnastics (Sport Uniform)

Wednesday 20 February	ES1 Parent Information Night	6:00pm (Learning Space)
	Parent Involvement Committee Meeting	7:00pm (Learning Space)

Welcome BBQ

Our Welcome BBQ will be held on **Friday 15 February** commencing at **5:30pm and concluding at 7pm**. For catering purposes we request that you return the RSVP by Wednesday 13 February. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Welcome BBQ

RSVP by Wednesday 13 February 2019

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____

Please tick: ☐ **Vegetarian option is required** ☐ **Gluten Free is required**

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.

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.