ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 1, WEEK 4 Wednesday 20 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

PIC Meeting (Parent Involvement Committee) Tonight Wednesday 20 /2/19 7:00pm in the Learning Space

POSMS Meeting Wednesday 20/3/19 7:00pm in the Learning Space



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

For the past three years the teachers have been sending home student workbooks regularly throughout the year to allow parents to view their child's learning. This Friday every student will be taking home their Literacy books. In the few short weeks that the students have been back at school they have been engaged in a variety of learning experiences to assist their knowledge and confidence to listen, speak, read, view and write for a purpose.

From Kindergarten to Stage 3 there will be a variety of learning activities within their books. These may include guided reading and readers' circle responses, character analysis, comparing settings and emotions within texts, matching words in sentences, sounds, blends, sequencing sentences in order, written responses, detailed unpacking of elements in narrative writing, creative narrative starters to hook the reader, recounts, descriptive writing, adjectives, wow words, figurative and sophisticated language and responses to multi modal experiences.

Over the weekend please take some time to sit and discuss with your child their work. Focus on how they are transferring their knowledge across into their written work. Please focus on the quality of your child's work not just the handwriting. Remember that most of what you will be viewing is in draft form, not published form.

These questions may assist your conversation :

- What were you learning (with this particular activity)?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?

For every Literacy lesson the teachers have a learning intention and a success criteria. At the commencement of each lesson they share the learning intention with their students. They don't just state the intent, they discuss what the learning will be about and what success will look like when they complete the related task. The learning intention is then constantly referred to as the lesson unfolds.

The success criteria on the other hand, is co-constructed with the students actively involved in devising the criteria. The more that the student is aware of the criteria of success, then the more the student can see the specific actions that are needed to attain these criteria: to self assess and to direct their own learning.

Within your child's Literacy workbook you will find a coloured sheet that will state your child's initial goal for Literacy followed by how they plan to achieve this goal. I would encourage all parents to write a comment to your child in the space provided. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows teachers to work in collaboration with you so that their goal will be achieved.

Examples of the parent response sheet can be found on page 2.

Please assist the teachers by ensuring that your child's book is returned on Monday so that your child can continue their written work.

Example of the Parent Response Sheet for Years 1-6

My Goal for Literacy is: _____

I can achieve this by: _____

Parent Comment : (Suggestions I like....., I wonder, I can support you by)

Example of the Parent Response Sheet for Early Stage One (Kindergarten)

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/ly Goal for English is:
Parent Comment : (Suggestions - I like, I wonder, I can support you by)

Welcome Barbecue

Our first Welcome Barbeque was held last Friday night and it was a fabulous night. Special thanks to our wonderful cooks- Michael Ekert, James Maffina, Callum Clark and Rodel Talampas. Thank you also to Kimberly Graham for preparing all the onions, a much appreciated addition to our barbeque and to Amira and Warda Makko for stepping in where help was needed.

Members from our Parent Involvement Committee were on hand ensuring the new families were welcomed and Trish Forsyth and Tiff Cooper worked tirelessly behind the scenes all night ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Thank you to staff members Rebecca Boidin and Laura Collin for supporting the night.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell Principal



Meet our Year 6 Ambassadors

Laura Emphield- Ambassador

My hobbies- I love to dance and have been learning Ballroom and Latin dancing for the past 4 years. Dancing has helped me grow as a person and gain self confidence. Another one of my hobbies would definitely be cooking because you can create little or big masterpieces in just minutes. I am really interested in interior designing and love trying out new decorating ideas in my bedroom.

My favourite subject- I can't choose just one, I really enjoy both English and Mathematics, because in Mathematics we are challenged to solve different problems, whereas in English, we can escape to different worlds in different texts and expand on our vocabulary.

What I like about St Monica's- The teachers and students are very supportive, welcoming and approachable. We are taught in a range of ways, such as,

working collaboratively in PBL (project based learning). There are a wide variety of resources we can use to complete tasks. We have a selection of ways that we can be more involved in our community and school, such as, the Social Justice Team and PBS4L. St Monica's is a small school and provides a very supportive and encouraging environment for everyone.

My goal for 2019- I aim to set a good example and be someone who is approachable to both students and teachers. I hope to be respectful, responsible and an inspirational leader.

Zachariah Kassis - Ambassador

Welcome to the new school year - I hope 2019 will be our best school year to date. Let me tell you a bit about myself and why I am looking forward to being a School Ambassador. I believe a good leader is easy to talk to and inspires people to try their hardest.

My hobbies: My hobbies include solving mind boggling riddles, tricky Mathematics equations, Youtube and video games. I like challenges and games where my friends and I work collaboratively to achieve goals. Outside school I play for a local soccer club with other friends from school and people that are new to the club. Sport is a great way to meet new people and make new bonds.

My Favourite Subjects: I love Mathematics - solving mysteries and trying different strategies and discovering something new. English narratives have hooked me in and I love perfecting the type of writing that readers call fiction. I, as a writer, see it as my imagination coming to life.

Why I love St Monica's: St Monica's is not just a place - school is a home away from home. We are there for a big part of our day. Students are encouraged to care for peers, inside and outside the classroom. Be a person who makes a difference because your opinion matters just as much as everyone else's. St Monica's has kind, caring and nurturing teachers that always make sure that you do as well as possible no matter what subject you are doing. Think of them as your mentors that try to help you so that you are as successful as possible. YOU can be a teacher to people who need your help, maybe more than you might think.

My Goal for 2019: To make everyone feel like they belong at St Monica's more than they ever would have thought. I want to assist the school by being the best role model I can be for new students and the rest of the school.

Your Leaders: The two school SRCs, Galia Evangelista and Alexander Azar, together with the two School Ambassadors, Laura Emphield and I, have planned our first assembly and will make sure this year is as organised as it can be and involve you in what matters to you. This is a fresh year with new chances and opportunities. How will you make an impact?





Meet our Student Representative Council Leaders

Galia Evangelista- SRC Leader

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My Hobbies: I have a wide interest in sports includes like soccer, running, tennis and also some other sports. Drawing and piano are my favourite quiet activities. These help me to relax, express my ideas and have fun. I like these hobbies because they make me the unique person that I am.

My favourite subject: My favourite subject is art because you can use creativity and imagination to make an art piece. I enjoy this subject because the artwork can incorporate different types of mediums.

What I like about St Monica's: In St Monica's everyone is caring and kind to each other they also respect everyone. The community encourages all the students in the school, The teachers and staff are patient and compassionate towards each other and the students. I love the fact that when there is someone new in school, everyone greets and welcomes the new person to our school.

My goal for 2019: I aim to be a positive role model to all younger students. I want to be resilient on everything and support everyone. To be successful I must follow our school's three bee rules to be safe, be respectful and be a learner. I will strive hard to be a good leader. I want to do the best I can in all my learning.

Alexander Azar- SRC Leader

Hobbies: I have many interests that include nintendo switch,fortnite and youtube. I love reading as it helps me to relax. I am an excellent swimmer and I train 3 days a week. I have achieved success both at school level and for my swimming school - Coulter Swimming at Westmead. I also enjoy playing soccer and drawing.

My favourite subject: I have two favourite subjects - Mathematics and Project Based Learning. I like Mathematics as I love challenging myself with fractions and decimals and all problem solving activities. In PBL I like Geography as it connects me with the world.

Why I love this school: I love St Monica's because everyone is kind, fair and trustworthy. I like how everyone respects each other when they are playing outside.

My goal for 2019: My goal for 2019 is to be a great SRC leader for the students at St Monica's. Also I want to lead this generation of students and teachers at St Monica's North Parramatta to be the best that they can be.

Are you able to help?

A donation of Eucalyptus Mulch has been delivered to our school. Anyone who is available to assist Mr Dennis in placing the mulch on the garden beds is requested to contact the office on 8832 4100. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help. **Please** Please meet on the playground at 9:15am tomorrow (Thursday 21 February).



Need

Help



Open Morníng—Monday 4 March 2019

Our 'Open Morning' for prospective 2020 St Monica's families will take place on Monday 4 March 2019 (Week 6).

There will be two morning sessions commencing at 9:15am and 9:45am.

An additional session will be held at 7:00pm.

The sessions will commence with a welcome in the Community Room and an overview of our school, followed by students from Year 6 who will show our visitors our Learning Spaces and focus on our day to day school life. There will be time for questions following the school tours.

Please register your attendance by calling 8832 4100.

Siblings

If any of our families have a child starting school in 2020, please advise Mrs Abood in the office, so that we have some idea of the number of places we will have in Kindergarten next year.

We will commence accepting enrolment applications from Monday 4 March 2019.

When submitting your enrolment application you will need to **provide original supporting documentation**, as per the enrolment form checklist, (**together with photocopies**).

Medical Action Plans (including Anaphylaxis and Asthma)

Thank you to those families who have returned their child's updated Medical Action Plans.

Asthma Forms have been sent home to students who were listed as having asthma in 2018. If you have received a form and your child still has asthma, could you please complete the form and return it to school immediately so that we can update your child's record.

Medication

A reminder that all medication brought to the office for administration <u>must</u> have a <u>pharmacy label with the student's name and dosage details</u>.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

A reminder that the first meeting for the year will be held **tonight 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.

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. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their note.

Students who brought phones to school last year are 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.

MERIT AWARDS

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

ES1:	Ivo Bangalan, Ayanah D'Souza, Olive Duffy, Maxine Icao, Vriya Love
Year 1:	Elijah Essey, Joel Heesen, Nitya Mallela, Soraya Mondinelli
Year 2	Mathew Dretvic, Allegra Jammo, Ananya Renjith Nair, Olivia Szymanski
Stage 2:	L'Lysse Puyat, Dominic Scurtu, Eva Sentas, Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang, Elijah Corera,
	Michael Maffina, Lola Sloane, Eva Tran
Stage 3:	Anthony Carslake, Filippo Prevetera, Pranav Sathyan, Jayden Albayeh, Evan Michael,
	Rumeth Wijeratne

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrated birthdays in January and February.

Siria Mondinelli

Tia El-Kazzi

William Stewart

Laila Kula



Jake Chapman	Philopateer Toma	Giselle Heathcote	Poppy Sloane		
Sarah Vasanth	Aaliyah Assaf	Ananya Renjith Nair	Mathew Dretvic		
Maureen Haddad	Annria Jeenson	Tiffany Do	Jonathan Cong		
Keiralee Cosmai-Galvin	Noah Abi-Daher	Cody Wylie	HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Staff: Mrs Zammit, Mrs Mason					

Early Stage One Parent Evening

Matilda Cooper

Caleb Caga-Anan

Mason Nader

Noah Day

Tonight

Wednesday 20 February

Commencing at 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Learning Space

Children do not attend this meeting.

Bragging rights (ex students).....

Congratulations to Brandon Lukic who was awarded Lasallian of the Year for Year 8, 2018. He was very happy to receive the plaque during the awards night.

Archie Levins

Iryssa Alley

Deihl Peter Talampas

Elizabeth Toman

Alicia Youssef

Margarita San Juan

Joshua Chandra

Anna Maria Anish

School Attendance Rates

The School Attendance Rates are being calculated at the CEDP as there has been a new way of taking the attendance in all schools.

The rates should be available for our next newsletter.

Congratulations in advance to those classes meeting the Diocesan 90% target for attendance.

ARIA MUSIC-2019 Fees

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.

SRC Representatives for Semester 1

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the SRC . Students were presented with their badges last week.

ES1 Jonathan Payne and Gabrielle David

Stage One Alessia La Macchia and Ruby Elias

> **Stage 2** Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang and Alicia Youssef

Stage 3 Menuk Gunawardena and Tia El-Kazzi



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SRC Representatives Galia and Alex will support these students during Semester 1.

Thank you from St Vincent De Paul

VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

On behalf of the SVDP Society we take this opportunity to thank both the School Community and the Parish Communities for their generosity in providing cash, gift tree gifts and under tree presents and food donations. Cash/Cards amounted to **\$2,428**, we were able to make **30 plus hampers** and the recipients were most appreciative and also put a smile on the children's faces.

On this occasion we were able to gift some personal items to both the Mother's and Father's which were accepted with gratitude. In many instances they are the forgotten ones so we give thanks to the contributor. We also thank our helpers who collated the said hampers.

Wednesday 20 March 2019 Two important meetings

Parents of St Monica's Meeting (POSMs)

All parents are warmly invited to our first Parents of St Monica's Meeting (POSMs) for 2019.

This first meeting is especially for parents of children in the K-2 cohort, so that parents of children in Stage 3 can attend the Parenting Purity to Teens Meeting. (advertisement below)

Wednesday 20 March 2019

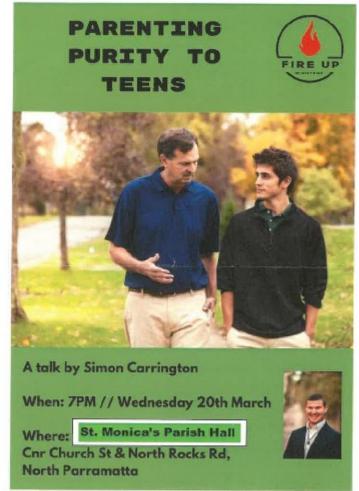
7:00pm to 8:00 pm

Learning Space

Agenda Parramatta City Council Traffic Communication

Assisting your child with Reading and Writing (Liz Ryan—Reading Recovery Tutor Catholic Education Office)

School Goals 2019



Free of charge, all adults and parents are welcomed. For enquiry please email to: tobstmonics@gmail.com



LIBRARY TIMES: Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-8.50am Monday & Wednesday : recess 10:50am-11:10am Tuesday: lunch 1:00pm - 1:30pm Thursday: lunch (storytime)

> Please encourage 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!

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.

Our library monitors this semester are:

Siria Mondinelli, Charlotte Sprincis, Lola Sloane, Jessica Chandra, Sophie Stoker, Ashleigh North, Ruby Graham Maureen Haddad, Amy Makko, Yashni Chowdhary

> Our Year 6 library technicians & support team are: Emma Sadek, Emma O'Rourke, Jacob Kandalaft & Aidan Muttoo

Assistance with Book covering:

Any new books that need covering will be left near the doors of the student entrance foyer in the office & all contact/plastic is supplied. A big thank you to the parents who have already taken books to cover - your help is greatly appreciated!

If any parents would like a 'book covering lesson' please contact Mrs Davino.



Some exciting things to look forward to this year:

Book Fair: Term 1 March 4th-6th "Catch the Reading Wave"

There will be a great selection of books to buy and every purchase will directly benefit the school. More details to follow.

Book Week: Term 3 August 19th-23rd ADVANCED NOTICE!! *The Theme is "Reading is My Secret Power!"*

Students will be asked to dress up for this event. There will be many books on display for parents to assist their child in choosing a book character (no superheroes).

More details of this event will be available in our next school newsletter..



BOOKWORM OF THE TERM

Each term we will be looking for the student in each class who borrows & reads the most books from the library.

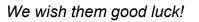
That student will be crowned "Bookworm of the Term" and they will win a prize and have their name & face displayed on our Bookworm Farm in the Library



Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 22 February at Blacktown Swimming Pool.

Noah Day, Maureen Haddad, Aidan Muttoo, Charlize Cooper, Aaliyah Assaf, Pare Nader, Alexander Azar, Filippo Prevetera and Lucas Alvarez



GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

The students have all been enjoying the gymnastics program for the past three weeks. Next week will be the last week for the program.

These photos show the variety of activities that Stage 2 enjoyed yesterday.





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HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY



Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety and positive behavior practices What can you do? How is the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP) helping?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Anoushka Houseman

Clinical Psychologist

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Register FREE now: WWW.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th March 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours) (PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker) St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown Light supper and refreshments will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 4

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Wednesday 20 February	Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons ES1 (Kindy) Parent Information Night Parent Involvement Committee Meeting	6:00pm (Learning Space) 7:00pm (Learning Space)	
Thursday 21 February	Aria Music—Guitar Lessons		
Friday 22 February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown Dance Fever		
Week 5			
Tuesday 26 February	Gymnastics (last lesson) Tennis lessons commence		
Wednesday 27 February	Aria—Keyboard Lessons		
Thursday 28 February	Tennis lessons Aria—Guitar Lessons		
Friday 1 March	Dance Fever Book Fair—Walk-through and Wish List		
Week 6			
Monday 4 March	 9:15am and 9:45am Open Morning (Principal Talk / Tours for new families) Book Fair 7:00pm Principal Talk / Tour (New Families) PRC (Parents Representative Council) 6:30pm for 7pm start—Anoushka Houseman—Helping your child manage anxiety—St Pats Blacktown 		
Tuesday 5 March	CARES—Year 4 excursion Book Fair		
	Tennis Lessons		
Wednesday 6 March	ASH WEDNESDAY Grandparent's Day (<i>please see the invitatio</i> Book Fair Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons	on on the back page)	
Thursday 7 March	Tennis Lessons Aria Music—Guitar Lessons		
Friday 8 March	Dance Fever		

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

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Keyboard Classes!

Day:WednesdayTime:12:30pm-1:30pmLocation:The Community Room

Guitar Classes!

Day: **Thursday** Time: 12:20pm—12:50pm 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!!

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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.

St Monica's Primary School Invites you to Grandparent's & significant adult's Day

Wednesday, March 6th 2019

Please join us for mass, morning tea, special activities and open classrooms. 9.15-10am

You are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Parish mass with Stage 2 and 3.

10.00- 10.30 am

Hall will be open after mass. Concert in the Parish hall. ESI, Year 1, Year 2, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be performing for you. 10.40- 11.10am

> Morning tea will be provided in the Parish Hall. 11.10-12.00pm

Grandparents are welcomed into our learning spaces to participate in a number of fun activities.

There will also be a book fair upstairs.

This will provide you with a great opportunity to share the love of reading with your grandchild and support our school.