

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

POSMS
Meeting
Wednesday
20/3/19

7:00pm -8:00pm
in the
Learning Space



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent will continue for the next six weeks until we celebrate the Season of Easter. While Lent can be seen as a time of hardship, penance and self-denial, it should also be approached in a positive manner as a time of renewal. Lent is a time of self-examination. It is that time of the year when we are invited by the Church to reflect upon those aspects of our life in which we could do better and to take action to address them through self-discipline and prayer –particularly if we do it for the love of Jesus rather than because we have to. Lent can be that time when we deepen our faith through prayer, fasting and giving to others.

What we do does not have to be dramatic. It might involve additional patience with those we find difficult, going without and giving the value of what we have foregone to Project Compassion, or it might mean setting aside some time each day for quiet prayer and reflection. During Lent Mrs Wedesweiler and the Christ-centred Leaders will be helping us to reflect on how we can *Be More* to others especially those most in need.

This week is Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools- students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community - by showcasing what happens in our learning spaces every day.

On Monday we hosted new families at our Open Day. These families experienced first hand the learning that takes place each day at St Monica's. They were welcomed by some of our Year 6 students and they were taken on special tours conducted also by our students.

St Monica's has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, our parish administrator, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on providing our students with a high quality Catholic education that encourages success. We promote quality learning and teaching ensuring that the individual needs of each child are met and their gifts are developed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support of St Monica's Catholic Primary School.

Today we have had the great joy of hosting our annual Grandparents' Day. What a fantastic day it was! What was evident was the deep respect and reverence that the children have for their grandparents and the reciprocal pride and love that grandparents have for their children's children. The role grandparents play in the lives of grandchildren may be different, but they all share an important part in helping to influence in a lasting way, their grandchildren's growth and formation.

For grandparents, one of the greatest joys is being able to nurture a special relationship with a grandchild. This relationship assists grandchildren to better understand who they are by transmitting faith, family values, family traditions and by telling stories about their parent's childhood. As a child, I never grew tired of listening to my grandparents tell stories of living in the country and lessons for living.

Grandparents also play an invaluable role in imparting wisdom and common sense. They are equipped to do this because they have lived longer, have had greater experience, and have noticed the patterns of life. In this way grandparents can offer a greater perspective on life. The relationship is reciprocal- grandchildren love and admire their grandparents. They love them simply for who they are. We give thanks for the treasures that are our grandparents- for their gift of presence, love, wisdom and life.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 1 Week 5 was 92.3%

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

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



Week 4—89.3%

ES1	90.6%
Year 1	87.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	87.5%
Year 4	88.5%
Year 5	70.8%
Year 6	97.2%

Week 5— 92.3%

ES1	90.6%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	88.5%
Year 5	83.3%
Year 6	97.2%

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. Enrolments will remain open, however, first round applications will close on **Friday 29 March 2019**, to enable interviews to commence.



Please provide **original supporting documentation** (together with photocopies) when lodging your enrolment application.

Sympathy

St Monica's community extends sympathy to the Elias family (Sophia, Helen and Ruby) on the recent passing of their great grandmother (Mr Elias' grandmother). Please keep the Elias family in your thoughts and prayers.

COSCH—2019 Autumn Vacation Care

The COSHC Autumn Vacation Care 2019 Program is now open. Booking forms are due at COSHC by Friday 29 March. Payment must be received by 5th April. For more information please contact COSHC on 0429 990 179.

Tennis Lessons

A reminder that tennis lessons have been postponed for Term 1. Mr Davidson advises that tennis lessons will resume in Term 2.



MERIT AWARDS



*Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Merit Awards.
(Week 5– Monday 25 February 2019)*

ES1:	Noah Abi-Daher, Alexandra Corin, Athulya Renjith Nair, Isla Siemsen, Sarah Triantis
Year 1:	Amelia Corera, Angus Graham
Year 2:	Ruby Elias, Joanna Huynh
Stage 2:	Theresa Huynh, Ryan Malatag, Sophie Phan, Liam Sciacca, Roger Corcoran, Mia Henderson, Monica Salic, Charlotte Sprincis
Stage 3:	Sanoy Bhattachan, Jack Chapman, Madeleine David, Aidan Pospischil, Ashley Roberts, Madeline Smith

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



Filippo Prevetera (February)	Kyra Adlakha	Ashton Dardagos	Yi Lin
Sophia Elias	Czermielle Sarah Talampas	L'Lysse Puyat	John Sadek
Victoria Youssef	Charbel Sadek	Olivia Szymanski	Ruby Elias
Mia Siemsen	Mariah Boutros	Martin Salib	Sara Younes
Samira Hekeik	Jessica Chandra	Alexandra Corin	Christopher Sadek
Rumeth Wijeratne	Sophia Cerda	Staff: Mrs Starczewski	

TUCKSHOP2U

Important
Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Term 2 this year, Tuckshop2U will cease providing the recess and lunch service to schools. This is due to a change in the business direction.

It has been a pleasure servicing your school and we sincerely thank everyone for their support over the years.

Tuckshop2U Team.

(Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is in the process of finding another service provider)

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

The dates for NAPLAN testing are:

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

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

Cumberland Zone Swimming Zone Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival which was held on 12 February 2019.

Noah, Liam, Charlize, Pare, Sanoy, Lucas, Roger, Summer, William, Aaliyah, Maureen, Samira, Ava, Simon, Aidan, Georgia, Barry, Alex, Matilda, Filippo and Andrew.



Congratulations to Maureen who was awarded the Runner Up, Junior Girl Champion at the Cumberland Zone Carnival.

Well done Maureen!



Congratulations to Pare who will now participate at the NSWCPSS Swimming Championship on 27 March!

Well done Pare!



St Monica's Book Fair



Thank You!

A big thank you Mrs Davino for her excellent preparation for the Book Fair. We appreciated all the extra touches that you added to making it a special event this year.

The Book Fair was held on the playground and required setting up and packing up each day.

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Makko and Mr Dale Lucas who assisted Mrs Davino with the Book Fair.

Grandparent's Day





Pancake Day



Thank you to our parent helpers who made pancakes for the students on Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 5 March).



Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to our
parent helpers who
assisted at the
Sausage Sizzle
on
Friday 1 March 2019.



PARENTS OF ST MONICA'S MEETING (POSMs)

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH, 2019
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
IN THE STAGE 3 LEARNING SPACE

AGENDA:

Literacy learning in the early years

Liz Ryan (Reading Recovery Tutor CEDP)

- Shared Reading and Lap Reading
- Home Readers from School
- Talk and Language
- English Second Language
- Writing

School Goals in 2019

PARENTING PURITY TO TEENS

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH, 2019
7:00 pm- 8:00 pm
ST MONICA'S PARISH HALL

Guest speaker **Simon Carrington**

This is a special invitation to parents of children in Stage 3 or older.

Free of Charge. Adults only

For any enquiry please email: tobstmonica@gmail.com



catholic out of school hours care

Autumn Vacation Care 2019 Program

WEEK 1 — St Monica's

Monday 15th April COME AS YOUR HERO	Tuesday 16th April BOLLYWOOD DANCE INCURSION	Wednesday 17th April OZ FUN LAND EXCURSION	Thursday 18th April MASTERCHEF DAY COSHCH RUN INCURSION	Friday 19th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY
It is a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's all your favourite Superheroes coming at your with a day of saving citizens and taking on the villains.	Are you ready to get your Bollywood Dance on? Come for a day to immerse yourself in the Indian culture with some Indian outfits, dancing, cooking and Henna Art.	Follow Dorothy and Toto into the Land of Oz in this fun. Put Put Golf, Play maze, jumping Castle and more! EXCURSION — Additional Authority Form Required.	Get your aprons and let's start cooking! Get ready for a day full of fun, food and messy cooking. It's sure to be a treat. There will be take-homes from today.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE CLOSED
Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, closed-in shoes. Cost: \$50	Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, closed-in shoes. Cost: \$55	Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, closed-in shoes. Cost: \$70	Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, closed-in shoes. Cost: \$55	

Children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, enclosed sports shoes & socks & a sun-safe hat (legionnaire or bucket hat with wide brim) for all outdoor play and excursions.

COSHCH will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. COSHC is an allergy aware space—please do not bring nuts or eggs. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site.

10 Daking Street, North Parramatta | Open: 6:45am—6:30pm | 0429 990 179 | coshchstmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au



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Autumn Vacation Care 2019 Program

WEEK 2 — St Monica's

Monday 22nd April PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 23rd April EASTER CELEBRATIONS	Wednesday 24th April JU JITSU EXCURSION	Thursday 25th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Friday 26th April HORT4KIDS
PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE CLOSED	Today we celebrate the importance of Easter—Jesus Christ! We will participate in a hat parade, egg hunt, egg and spoon race and other Easter.	Lots of fun and laughter in this high-energy circuit, game Venue and Ju Jitsu Ninja Warrior Workshop. Hi-Ya! EXCURSION — Additional Authority Form Required.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE CLOSED	Find out why some plants are traditionally worn on ANZAC Day. Why they are significant and more. You will get to take home your own ANZAC plants and pots!
	Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, enclosed shoes. Cost: \$55	Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, enclosed shoes. Cost: \$70		Bring: morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, hat, enclosed shoes. Cost: \$55

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Please contact COSHC to book your position.
PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!



NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Campbell Street NORTHMEAD 2152

OPEN DAY TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019

For students in Year 5 entering Year 7 in 2021 and
Year 6 students entering Year 7 2020

Morning Session: 9.15am/10.15am - Hall presentation for Parents & students
10.15am/12.30 PM - Hands on activities for students
10.15 AM - 30 min short school tour for parents.
12.30/1.00 PM - BBQ lunch for students.
1.00 PM - Parents to pick up students.

Evening Session: 5.00pm/ 7.00pm - Open school tour for parents and students.
7.00pm /8.00pm - Formal presentation in the Hall

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

- ◆ **Central Location**
 - Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
 - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
 - Experienced and Committed Teachers
- ◆ **Creative and Performing Arts**
 - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
 - Elective classes in CAPA (Year 9-12)
 - Band, Vocal Ensembles, Company
 - Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music Ensembles, Companies
 - Vocal & Instrumental Tutorial Programs
- ◆ **Focus on Academic Excellence**
 - Gifted and Talented Programs
 - Accelerated Courses
 - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
 - Support and Remediation Programs
- ◆ **Comprehensive Education**
 - Special Performing Arts Programs
 - Broad Curriculum
 - Excellent Sporting Opportunities
 - Chrome Book Program
- ◆ **Caring School**
 - Support for Year 7 Students
 - Orientation Program, Year 6 to Year 7
 - Peer Support
 - Student Ambassadors
 - Year 7 Camp
 - Project Based Learning
 - Proactive Learning Support Team
 - Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
 - Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
 - Special Programs: Social Justice, Student Representative Council & Multicultural Committee
- ◆ **Extra Curricula Activities**
 - Sport
 - Debating & Public Speaking
 - Mock Trials
 - MUNA
 - Wakakimi
 - Sister Exchange Visits:
 - Kawaguchi Japan
 - Lots More

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
- Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore 'living' music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC



OPEN DAY 2019

Sunday 10 March

10am - 2pm

You are invited to join us for **Open Day** at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in 2019, our 130th anniversary year.

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 years: Honouring the past. Serving the future

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019

11.00AM – 3.00PM

Principal's
Address
at 11.30am,
12.30pm
and 1.30pm

Register at www.trybooking.com/XWGW

Feet on the ground. *Aiming for the stars.*

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www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 6

Thursday 7 March Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 8 March Dance Fever

Week 7

Wednesday 13 March Aria Music—Keyboard lessons

Thursday 14 March Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 15 March Dance Fever

Week 8

Wednesday 20 March Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons
7:00pm– 8:00pm POSMS Meeting (Stage 3 Learning Space)
7:00pm– 8:00pm Parenting Purity to Teens (Parish Hall)

Thursday 21 March Harmony Day
Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 22 March Dance Fever

Week 9

Wednesday 27 March Cross Country
Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 28 March Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 29 March Dance Fever

Week 10

Wednesday 3 April Mother's Day Wrapping
Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 4 April Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 5 April Dance Fever

Week 11

Wednesday 10 April Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 11 Aria Music—Guitar Lessons

Friday 12 April Dance Fever
School ends for Term 1
Parish Bingo Night

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.

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>

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 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

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.