

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



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

I am very pleased to be back at St Monica's after my long service leave.. It was lovely to see all the children happy in their learning environment. I have certainly been given a full detailed report on what has happened during my absence (from a child's perspective!).

I would sincerely like to thank Mrs Leanne Nettleton for her strong leadership leading the school in my absence.

During my leave I went on a pilgrimage with my parish to Israel. I was very fortunate to visit Nazareth, Jericho, Tiberias, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Beyond the architecture or the interiors of these places, it was their significance that overwhelmed me. To follow the path where Jesus walked, to see where he spent the final days of his life, to touch the spot where He was crucified – all of it was moving and memorable. How quickly everything changes in Israel. from city to desert, from one religion to another, from intense culture to untouched nature... this is a land of extremes all packed into a very small space.

The Holy city of Jerusalem alone could easily fill your entire itinerary as the energy it exudes is unforgettable. You can easily step back in time as much of Jerusalem still retains the classic architecture, art, and culture from biblical times.



Witnessing the faith of pilgrims from all over the world is an experience in itself. But perhaps what made the most impact on me was that being there made everything that I have learned growing up come to life.

You enter Jerusalem and head over to the walled Old City. In just one small area, 0.9 square kilometres to be exact, you will wander around four very different quarters – Muslim, Jewish, Christian and Armenian.

Within the walls of the city our group made the Stations of the Cross walking close to the area where Jesus made his final steps to where He was finally crucified. In the Christian quarter is the location of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we joined the hundreds of people from all over the world who have made a pilgrimage to witness the location where Jesus was crucified and thought to be buried. It's also where Jesus is believed to have been resurrected.

I look forward to sharing my experience with you all as we progress through the Liturgical Year.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell, Principal



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 2
Friday 5 July

Term 4
Friday 22 November
Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey Now Open

Details on Page 2

**St Monica's families are
all invited to participate in
this important survey.**

Child Protection

Just a reminder to all parents and carers regarding child safety- please do not approach children that are not your own. If you have a problem or concern please speak to your child's class teacher or the teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have a school related issue, rather please bring it to the attention of your child's teacher or the principal and we will deal with any issues that may arise.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Please note that at any time that you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, a form is available at the office or on our school website. All matters brought to our attention will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Student Supervision

As every parent and carer would be aware it is a priority at St Monica's Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in the learning space and on the playground. **This supervision commences at 8:20am each day and no child should be dropped off at school prior to this time.**



Similarly, afternoon supervision of children **concludes at 3:30pm.** **All children must be collected by this time.**

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) is available for parents who are unable to have their child minded prior to 8:20 am and after 3:30pm Please contact COSHC directly on 0429 990 179.

Citizenship

If parents or students become Australian citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so that we can update your child's enrolment file. Thank you.

Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey

Dear Parents,



The "Tell Them From Me" Survey that all schools in the CEDP are taking part in has now commenced and **will remain open until Friday 14 June 2019.**

Students from Years 4-6 at St Monica's Primary School will be participating in the survey which will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with the school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

As we value the role of all parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback as well. The information 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 **parent survey** is open to **ALL** parents of students at St Monica's Primary School.

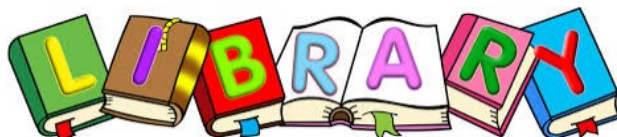
The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmnp19>

You may complete the survey anytime until Friday 14 June. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

Miss Rebecca Boidin



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)



ADVANCED NOTICE!!

2019 Book Week: Term 3
August 19th - 23rd

The Theme is:
"Reading is My Secret Power!"

Students will be asked to dress up for a
 Book Character Parade in **Week 5** (date TBC)

There will be many books on display prior to the date to assist
 parents and students in choosing a book character
(no superheroes).

More details of this event will be available in coming
 school newsletters.



On May 22nd the students at St Monica's participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime - a vibrant, colourful and fun event held annually to promote the value of reading & literacy

Each year an Australian picture book is read simultaneously throughout schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops, libraries and many other places around the country

This year over 1 million participants shared in the reading of the wonderful "Alpacas with Maracas" by Matt Cosgrove

ES1, Year 1 & Year 2 gathered together at 11am for this special event.

Students made their own maracas and then had a great time shaking them along with the story.

Stage 2 & 3 also got to read the story during the day.

What a great event for our students to be a part of!

Mrs Rita Davino



2019 Diocesan Cross Country

On the 7th May 15 students from St Monica's competed in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek

A big Congratulations to : Liam Sciacca, Wyatt Heesen, William Stewart, Lukas Lozancic Babic, Pare Nader, Calista Soriano, Roger Corcoran, Simon Forsyth, Jacob Kandalaft, Manson Lu, Neave Sciacca, Aidan Pospischil, Filippo Prevetera, Ashley Roberts and Laura Emphield.

The Students showed great school spirit cheering each other on throughout the 2 km and 3 km races which have many competitors. Our students had a great day competing and all did extremely well.

A special mention to Neave Sciacca who came a very impressive 9th in her race and Liam Sciacca who came 11th in his race!

We done to all students!

Mrs Rita Davino



On Tuesday the 28th of May, St Monica's School hosted The Biggest Morning Tea 2019, raising much needed funds for Cancer research!

A big thank you to the following sponsors for making the day a success.

Auspresso, Parties Plus at your Place, Boutros Lawyers and the Sadek Family.

A big thank you to Rebecca Essey and Victoria Elias for their hard work organising the event and their efforts before, during and after the event. Also, a big thank you to all that helped especially Miss O'Donnell, Sonia Sentas, Jin Joo Jimenez, Nesreen Rofaeil, Dalia Sadek, Rebecca Hekeik, Laurie Hekeik, Joshua Essey, Sherwin Elias and Arthur Haddad.

In addition to the sponsors donations, we were also very fortunate to have numerous prizes donated and we would like to thank St Paul the Apostle Parish Winston Hills, Enzo's Cucina Northmead, Coulter Swimming Northmead, Northmead Growers Market, Elias Family, Essey Family, Sentas Family, Assaf Family, Romanos Family and Haddad Family. Thank you also to all the families who generously donated food on the day.

Every donation is greatly appreciated and through the enormous generosity of our local community, we are proud to announce that **\$3,523.50** was raised from both donations before and during the event.

A very special thank you to Michelle Saad of Westpac who has organised for Westpac to match the St Monica's Primary donation, dollar for dollar, via the Westpac matching gifts program.

With Westpac's generosity and matching donation, the total amount raised on the day is **\$7,047.**

Thank you Michelle, Westpac and our wonderful St Monica's Primary community. Thank you and God Bless.

Mrs Bernadette Haddad



Thank You!

Thank you to Mrs Bernadette Haddad for your amazing leadership in preparing for the day. You worked tirelessly for months to make this very important day a phenomenal success.

Well done from the Staff at St Monica's

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 2 Week 4 was 93.7%

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 3 — 87.4%		Week 4 — 93.7 %	
ES1	86.4%	ES1	93.2%
Year 1	83.9%	Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	91.7%	Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%	Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	72%	Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	87.5%	Year 5	87.5%
Year 6	91.4%	Year 6	91.4%



Congratulations to all the students who received Bronze Bee Awards in Week 3 .Well done everyone!



2020 Kindergarten Enrolments - NOW OPEN

ENROL NOW!

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.

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

**** First round offers have been sent out to applicants.**

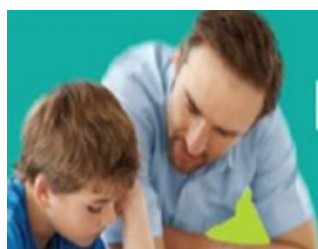
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Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologists

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



Monday, 3rd June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au



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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



Dance Fever Interschool Challenge for students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 Wednesday 26 June 2019

Dance Fever have advised that there was an error in the letter that was sent home. Please note that the cost of entry is **\$9** and not \$8 as previously advised. Please complete the permission slip and return to your child's homeroom teacher if they will be attending. Thank you.



This Term our children have had the opportunity of experiencing the Dancefever program. The children are thoroughly enjoying the program and have learnt wonderful new dance skills as well as social skills. Dancefever will host an Interschool Dance event which will involve other schools that have also participated in the program this term. This will be a very exciting event for the children as they have the opportunity of representing their school and perhaps win trophies and prizes. Parents and families are strongly encouraged to attend this event to support their children and our school. This is also the perfect opportunity for parents to witness the skills their children have acquired – you will be impressed.

Date **Wednesday, 26th June 2019**
Time **Doors open 4.30 p.m. for a 5.30 p.m. start – finish 8.45 - 9.00 p.m.**
Venue **Quaycentre, Corner of Olympic Blvd & Sarah Durack Ave, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW**
Drop Off for Students @ Hall of Champions Level 3
Cost **\$9.00 per person - (including children competing)**

The Challenge is open to ALL students from **Yr. 3 to Yr. 6**. The atmosphere will be fantastic, and it will be a wonderful occasion for our whole school community. Entry fee has been kept to the lowest price possible.

TICKETING – Tickets will now be pre-sold and allocated seats are bought on line through trybooking.com

Participating students – Tickets can be purchased through Try Booking and the children will be seated within their school area.

Parents and Spectators – can also purchase tickets through Try Booking. These tickets are **ALLOCATED** seats and a certain number of seats are available directly behind your children. This method will give you a full block of supporters. Once these tickets are sold, there are additional **ALLOCATED** seats available in the blocks which are located at either end of the Arena.

STEP 1 – trybooking.com **STEP 2 – enter Dancefever into Search event** **STEP 3 – Click on the Day of the Challenge**
STEP 4 – Click on Book Now **STEP 5 – Select the school your children go** **STEP 6 – Enter the Number of Students Participating**
STEP 7 – Next **STEP 8 – Buy More Tickets** **STEP 9 – Scroll down to your schools Spectator seating Block**
STEP 10 – Enter the Number of Spectator Seats **STEP 11 – Next** **STEP 12 – Finalise Payment**

DRESS CODE - It is preferred that girls wear dresses or skirts and boys in long trousers and collared shirt. Many boys like to borrow a tie or bow tie from dad for the occasion. Shoes for girls need to be a sandal style shoe with or without a small heel and for boys, school leather shoes are good, deck or jogger style shoes are acceptable.

CATERING – Please note that if the children require food or drinks, they will need to bring it with them, as they will not be able to leave their school area to go to parents at any time. Security guards will also not allow any commercially prepared food to be brought into the venue. **Adults are NOT permitted to bring any alcohol inside the venue.**

SECURITY - Once children are in the Arena, they are not allowed outside or upstairs and must remain in their allocated school area. All children must be collected from the Main Arena area by a parent or authorised person. Children will not be allowed to leave the Arena to meet parents outside the venue.

DAMAGES - We ask that all people attending this event take the upmost care of all furniture, equipment and property within your school's reserved area at the venue and at all times. Any damage of any nature will be the responsibility of the school to cover all associated costs.

We very much look forward to your company on the night and guarantee a wonderful time for all.

Kind regards

Maria Russo & Chris Milburn
Dancefever Directors

Principal



I give permission for my child/children to attend the Dancefever Interschool Challenge.

_____(Student/s name) _____(Parent signature)

Please sign and return the permission slip only to the school office.

Term 2 Important Dates

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

Week 5

Thursday 30 May Tennis Lesson 8:00am

Week 6

Tuesday 4 June School Financial Audit
Responsible Pet Education Program ES1 and Stage 1
8:30am Tennis Lesson

Wednesday 5 June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Aria Music Lesson

Thursday 6 June 8am Tennis Lesson
9am-10:30am Pow Wow
Aria Music Lesson

Friday 7 June Pizza Day
Confirmation

Week 7

Monday 10 June **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
Students do not attend school today

Tuesday 11 June 8:30am Tennis Lesson

Wednesday 12 June Aria Music Lesson

Thursday 13 June 8am Tennis Lesson
9am-10:30am Pow Wow
Aria Music Lesson

Week 8

Tuesday 18 June 8:30am Tennis Lesson

Wednesday 19 June Aria Music Lesson

Thursday 20 June 8am Tennis Lesson
9am-10:30am Pow Wow
Aria Music Lesson

Week 9

Thursday 27 June Reports sent home

Week 10

Parent/ Teacher Interviews this week

Friday 5 July **Staff Development Day—Students do not attend school**

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings



Tuesday 8:00am–8:30am

Thursday 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. Thank you.

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Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Location: The Community Room

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Day: **Thursday**

Time: 12:20pm—12:50pm

Location: The Community Room

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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.