ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 7 Wednesday 12 June 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

Tell Them From Me

Parent Survey Closes this Friday 14 June

See Page 2 for more details

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



Monica's Matters

Web: www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au Email: stmonicasparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 8832 4100 Fax: 8832 4199

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last weekend we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they all were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue of fire rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability." Acts 2:1-11

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed everything as the disciples were filled with spiritual attributes or gifts that transformed them from scared and lost individuals to disciples who were filled with courage and wisdom. The Spirit united them in love to actively proclaim the Good News to the world.

This same Holy Spirit is given to us all through Pentecost and Sacramentally through the Sacrament of Confirmation, so that we too, like the disciples can be courageous, compassionate, loving and faithful. Just like on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit often works within our everyday life in ways that sometimes can be hard to comprehend.

The challenge for all of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires us to use the Gifts of the Spirit and to discern what is true, good and important.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, has a seven point guide to assist us in discerning what God is calling us to do in the big and small decisions of our lives.

- 1. **Openness:** We must approach the decision in question with an open mind and an open heart. We cannot find God's will for us if we enter into the decision-making process with a pre-conceived outcome based on our self-will, biases
- 2. **Generosity:** To enter into a decision-making process with such openness requires a generous spirit with which we, with a largeness of heart, put no conditions on what God might call us to.
- 3. **Courage:** Such openness and generosity require courage, for God might be asking something difficult, challenging, and risky of us. It takes courage to give up control and trustingly put the decision in God's hands while seeking God's will over our own. There's no telling where God might be calling us,
- **4.** Interior freedom: To make such a prayerful, generous, courageous decision requires interior freedom- to do whatever God's will is for us with no conditions attached. This is the attitude necessary to authentically find and follow God's will for us.
- 5. A habit of prayerful reflection on one's experience: How can we hear God's call if we're not listening? How can we listen, if we're not praying? To make a prayerful decision, we must first pray, putting aside time on a daily basis to quiet ourselves, put ourselves in God's presence, and listen to what God is saying to us in the interior of our hearts.
- 6. **Having one's priorities straight:** If serving God is the ultimate goal of our lives, then everything else in our lives must be kept in perspective. Opportunities, experiences, and relationships are to be valued and chosen if they align with our goals. In coming to a decision, only one thing is really important to seek and to find how God is calling me at this time of my life.

7. Not confusing ends with means: St Ignatius comments: "It becomes obvious how easy it is for me to forget such a simple truth as the end and goal of my whole existence when I consider the manner in which choices are often made. For example, if a person first chooses to make a lot of money or to be successful, and only afterwards look at how they may serve God with this (such as by making charitable donations or volunteering). A person like this in effect puts God into second place, only wanting God to come into their lives after first choosing what they want. They mix up the order of an "end" and a "means to that end," not putting first things first."

Reference: Faith at Marquette

I think that Pentecost is about those 'aha!" moments in our lives when we accept a challenge, respond to change, or are filled with great joy. These are moments when our faith comes more alive. These are the times when we experience something like the powerful coming of the Spirit. We are gifted by the Spirit not just for ourselves but for others, for the common good.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday night:

Simon Forsyth, Andrew Kim, Manson Lu, Kenzh Munda Cruz, Samuel Nassif, Ashleigh North, Kobe Puyat, Madeline Smith and Peter Talampas.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell, Principal



Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey





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 Acting Assistant Principal

Staffing News

It is with very mixed feelings that I announce that Mrs Mary-Jo Mason has formally resigned from her position as Assistant Principal at St Monica's. Parents would be aware that Mary-Jo has been on Long Service Leave since February this year.

I am very pleased to announce that Miss Rebecca Boidin will stay at St Monica's for the remainder of 2019 as the Acting Assistant Principal.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will advertise the permanent Assistant Principal position later in the year.

As a community we will all celebrate Mary-Jo's 26 years of dedicated service to our community next term. When firm decisions have been made, the details will be advertised in the newsletter.

Semester One Reports / Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday, 27 June all parents will be receiving their child's/children's Semester One Report. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's/children's teacher/s for up to 15 minutes to discuss how they are progressing in their learning. All students are required at the interview so that they are part of the discussion on their learning. During the interview goals will be set for next semester.

Details for making the online bookings for parent/teacher interviews can be found on Page 5 of this newsletter. Bookings are now open!

Sympathy

St Monica's Community extends deepest sympathy to the Unver Family (Onur James, Stage 2) on the recent passing of Mrs Unver's father. Please keep the Unver family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Thank You

A big thank you to Mrs Gulshan Muttoo who has been our volunteer School Book Club Co-ordinator for many years. Mrs Muttoo will be stepping down from this role as her son Aidan is in Year 6. Mrs Kimberly Graham will be taking over this role for the next Book Club. Thank you Gulshan for the many hours you have spent organising brochures, ordering, packing and distributing the books for the students of St Monica's.



School Fees Now Overdue

Term 2 School Fees were due and payable on **Wednesday 5 June**. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. Families who do not have an arrangement with the school and are yet to pay their fees, are requested to settle their account as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact our school office so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Rebello. Phone 8832 4100.

Child Protection Requirements

A reminder that <u>all Parent/Carer Volunteers</u> are required to <u>complete both</u> of the following CEDP Child Protection requirements <u>prior</u> 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 (this module must be completed every two years)

School Attendance Data

Data is not available for the last two weeks as Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is updating the site where all schools are able to obtain the attendance data.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Michelle Rosewell and her husband Jo who were recently married.

We congratulate them both on this happy occasion and wish them well for the future.





Chatterbox live

About this Event

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person?

This event will also be live-streamed via our Facebook page. Make sure to click 'GOING' on the event page by visiting https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/and clicking 'GOING'.

Questions/Concerns?

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

Free tickets can be secured by visiting <u>chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au</u> and RSVP is essential for parents attending on the night.

PBL Product Launch - Wednesday 19 June 2019



1:30pm — 3:00pm in the Learning Space All classes (Kindergarten - Stage 3) Parents are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Wednesday 12 June 2019

Dear Parents.

Parent / Teacher / Student interviews for all students in ES1-Stage 3 will be held in Week 10 Term 2 2019 commencing on Monday 1 July 2019.

Interviews are **strictly 15 minutes** and spaces are limited. **Your child is required to attend the interview**.

If you require more time with a teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 8832 4100.

Bookings are now open.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code 5zp9h



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - <u>reminders will not be sent home</u>.

Bookings must be finalised by Thursday 27 June 2019 at 9:00am

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings

OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Thanks to our Friendly Team, Bunnings Northmead

This term, the learning has been fascinating at St Monica's. In Stage 2 science unit, we have been learning about living and nonliving organisms. We have also been learning about how ecosystems sustain themselves. All of this learning has prepared the Stage 2 students to plan and build a closed terrarium.

While we are focusing on organisms, we have also been studying the life cycles of different things, living and nonliving - such as water, rocks, worms and different types of plants like sunflowers and bean plants. We have learned about these objects characteristics, their purpose and how they sustain themselves. It has been really interesting.

Then, we began our investigations on terrariums. We have had to inquire about the materials necessary and how they are purposeful, the water cycle and how it begins and continues, suitable plants and care instructions. We will be constructing terrariums in our teams for our learning presentation in Week 8 and all terrariums will be sold for \$25. All of the money that we receive will be donated to a charity chosen by our buyers and attendees.

Thanks to the best shop in the world, 'BUNNINGS NORTHMEAD.' They have generously donated money, so we can buy enough materials / items for constructing our final product, a terrarium. We really appreciate Bunnings for helping Stage 2 at St Monica's. It means a lot to us!

Written by Liam and Barry (Stage 2)



2020 Kindergarten Enrolments - NOW OPEN



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 <u>immediately</u> to the school office.

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

Merit Awards

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



ES1: Alexandra Corin, Keiralee Cosmai-Galvin, Olive Duffy, Aryana Erskine, Archie Levins,

Marcus Hugo Llanto, Dominik Lukacevic, Bai He (Bella) Zhang, Amaira Mehta, Isabella Andrade, Ivo Bangalan, Ayanah D'Souza, Hugh Gholab, Giselle Heathcote,

Maxine Icao, Caesar Metierre, Mason Nader, Athulya Renjith Nair

Year 1: Pranvee Basu, Joshua Chandra, Aiden Forsyth, Joel Heesen, Laila Kula, Grace Lim,

Skylar Noronha, Philopateer Toma, Sarah Vasanth, Victoria Youssef

Year 2: Lucas Alvarez, Jared David, Enzo Inigo, Cadence Metierre

Stage 2: Charlize Cooper, Helen Elias, L'Lysse Puyat, Liam Sciacca, Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang,

Gabriela Andrade, Ava Cong, Noah Day, Lukas Lozancic Babic, William Paterson,

Monica Salic, Calista Soriano

Stage 3: Madeleine David, Sophia Elias, Gabrielle Nassif, Charbel Sadek, Sophie Stoker,

Parmida Foroutan, Manson Lu, Charles Sentas, Laura Emphield, Jessica Chandra,

Sakina Kunambi, Yi Lin, Kobe Puyat, John Sadek,

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



	Koey Mwangi	Michael Maffina	Joanna Huynh	Alexis Crame
	Aidan Muttoo	Braxton Cooper	Jesse Maffina	Ziyang Lin
1	Sophie Phan	Eva Tran	Angus Graham	Gabrielle Nassif
	Emma O'Rourke	Aidan Pospischil	Ruby Knight	William Paterson
4	Wyatt Heesen	Staff: Miss Rosewell		



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Wednesday 1 May—Tuesday 25 June 2019

Thank you to all those families who have sent in their completed sheets and stickers. It is simple to participate. From Wednesday 1 May until Tuesday 25 June 2019 or while stocks last, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, via team members at the self service counter or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box. Sticker sheets are available from the school office & near the Collection Box.

Collection Boxes can be located outside the Teachers Workroom, COSHC, St Monica's Church and Winston Hills Shopping Centre.





BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays With more than 50 classes available in July 2019, you're bound to find a class you will love! Now includes Robocamps (Years 1-4): Legobots, Space Robots and Medieval Mayhem.

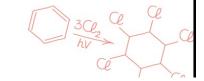
- Class topics include learning about dinosaurs, volcanic eruptions, DNA, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating!
- Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- · New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.

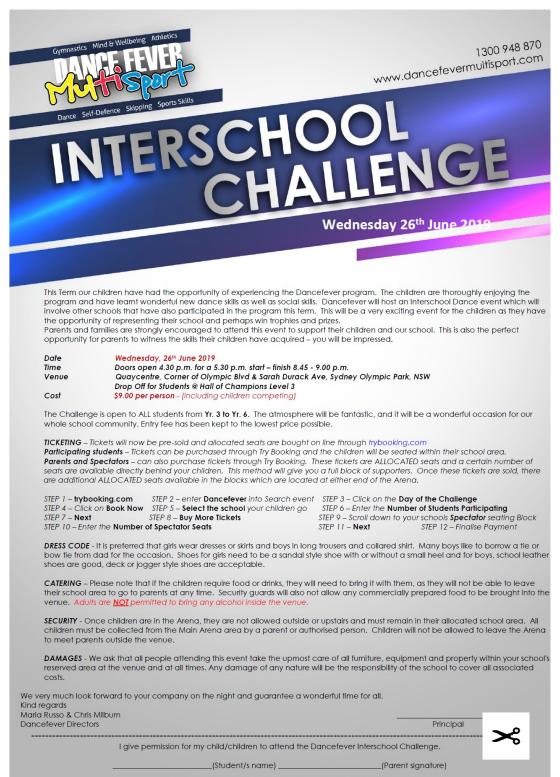


Creative Kids vouchers (value is s100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

	Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
	Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
	Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
	Cost	\$126.50

Want more information? Visit our website: mq.edu.au/about/holidays





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

Dress Requirements for the **Team Dance**

For all the competitors from St Monica's as per the Dance Teacher's request.

All students are required to wear **BLACK** clothing.

This can be:

Boys—black trousers and change into a black t-shirt

Girls—black tights (preferable) and a black t-shirt.



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)



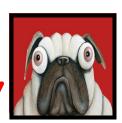
Many students have overdue books at the moment - please check at home or in your tubs for any books you have borrowed that are now due back.

Books can be left on the top shelf of the library trolley throughout the day or returned to the library monitors/Mrs Davino in the morning before the 8.50am bell.

Thank you!



This Month's Author Spotlight in the library is on: Aaron Blabey



Come and discover some of his wonderful books on display in the infant Picture Book library near Year 1.









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 on Monday 19th August (Week 5)**

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.

Mrs Rita Davino

Bragging Rights (Ex Students)

Manraj Kahlon

Congratulations to Manraj who has been selected for the Cricket NSW Metro Academy Squad in the Metro Thunder team. He trialled along with 32 boys and now will be representing NSW Metro in U13 at Dubbo in January. Well done Manraj!!

Andy Haddad

Congratulations to Andy who has been selected to play in the Balmain Rugby League Under 15's Development Squad. Well done Andy!!

Theme Lunch—Momo (Nepalese Dumpling) Day Friday 28 June 2019 (Week 9)

Order forms will be sent home next week (Week 8).

Orders and payment must be received by 9:00am Wednesday 26 June.

This is a pre-order lunch so no late orders will be accepted.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you to those families who have generously donated items to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

Donated items can be sent to the Stage 3 Learning Space.

Please send in your donations by **Friday 28 June**. (Term 2 Week 9)

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St Monica's North Parramatta

10 Daking Street North Parramatta

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Biscuits
Noodles
Muesli bars
Tea and Coffee
Chips
Fruit cups
Cup a soup
Crackers
Milk (UHT)
Canned Veggies
Spaghetti
Canned beans
Sleeping Bags

Blankets

Gloves

Beanies



NSWPSSA Athletics Selection Trials Thursday 8 August 2019

Nomination applications for this event close 5pm Wednesday 26 June 2019.

In 2019 the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships will be held in Darwin NT from 18-23 September 2019

How to enter:

To apply for the NSWPSSA Athletics Selection Trials you must complete the nomination form and scan and email the form to the Executive Officer - jason.wilesmith@det.nsw.edu.au by the closing date.

Further information is available at the NSW Schools Sport website https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/

Applications close

5pm - Wednesday 26 June 2019

Links:

NSWPSSA Selection Trial nomination form

Visit the NSW school sport website event page for further information

https:// app.education.nsw.gov. au/sport/

NSWPSSA
School Spert Unit
Locked Bay 1530
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200
Phone: 02 9707 6920
Email: nswpssa@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 2 Important Dates

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

Week 7

Thursday 13 June 8:00am Tennis Lesson

9:00am-10:30am Pow Wow

Aria Music Lesson

Week 8

Tuesday 18 June 8:30am Tennis Lesson

Wednesday 19 June Aria Music Lesson

PBL Launch 1:30pm—3:00pm

(Learning Space - All classes - Parents welcome)

Thursday 20 June 8:00am Tennis Lesson

9:00am-10:30am Pow Wow

Aria Music Lesson

Week 9

Wednesday 26 June Orders and payment due by 9:00am this morning for Momo (Nepalese

Dumpling) Day on Friday 28 June

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge, Homebush (Years 3-6)

Thursday 27 June 9:00am Online bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews CLOSE

9:00am-10:30am Reports sent home

Friday 28 June THEME LUNCH—Momo (Nepalese Dumplings)

Week 10

Monday 1 July Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 2 July Parent Teacher Interviews

8:00 Tennis Lesson

Wednesday 3 July Parent Teacher Interviews

Aria Music Lesson

Thursday 4 July 8:00am Tennis Lesson

9:00am-10:30am Pow Wow

Aria Music Lesson

Friday 5 July Staff Development Day

Students do not attend school today

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Week 1

Monday 22 July Students return for Term 3

Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Tuesday 8:00am-8:30am Thurs

Thursday 8:30am-9:00am



<u>Please ensure your</u> 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.

Notice of Intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's School

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states:

"A term's notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term."

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

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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

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!!

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

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(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.