ST MONICA'S PRIMARY NORTH PARRAMATTA

TERM 2, WEEK 9
Wednesday 26 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

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3-6)

Tonight

Staff Development Day Friday 5 July

(Term 2, Week 10) Students do not attend school

Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast is aboutremembering with gratitude and celebrating with joy Jesus' gift to us of His Body and Blood. For us to give our body is to give our work, our commitment our energy. To give our blood is to give our life, to give our heart. When we give our body for someone, we can work for them, but it is only when we give our hearts as well, that our gift is truly personal. To give our body and blood for someone, is another way of saying that we love them with '*our heart, mind, soul and strength' (Mark 12:30).*

Jesus gave his body for us and He poured out his life for us. Jesus gave himself, to us to teach and to heal, to comfort and to challenge, to forgive and to love. In a thousand practical ways, He gave himself to us, showing us what it means for God to hold us in existence by making the ultimate sacrifice of His life.

Let us remember that in receiving Jesus' Body and drinking his Blood, we are making a commitment to do what Jesus did. We are saying 'Yes' to His request that we love one another, just as He loved us. Jesus wants to live His life in us.

Staffing News

Farewell to Mrs Vuli (née Miss Rosewell) as she leaves St Monica's after 5 and a half years, firstly as our Religious Education Coordinator and more recently as our Literacy Coordinator.

We thank Mrs Vuli for all her hard work, passion, dedication and commitment to the learning at St Monica's. Mrs Vuli has nurtured, motivated and inspired the learners in her classes over her time here and we are very thankful for the many contributions that she has made to the life of our school community.

May God bless you! May God's Spirit continue to guide you as you continue in your teaching ministry.

Yesterday letters were sent out to all the Stage 2 and Stage 3 families informing them of changes as a result of Mrs Vuli's resignation.

Welcome back to Mrs Harrison. She was originally going to teach Stage 2 on her return to teaching after her maternity leave, but she will now teach in Stage 3 replacing Mrs Vuli.

Mrs Starczewski and Mrs Zammit will continue teaching in Stage 2 for the remainder of this year.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home with your child tomorrow, Thursday 27 June. We regret to inform you that the attendance information on your child's Semester 1 Student Learning Report may be incorrect.

We will be reissuing the Semester 1 Student Learning Report once we are confident that the attendance information is correct.

Thank you for your patience.

Over the past week I have been reading the Semester One Reports for every student at St Monica's. The reports are a true celebration of the learning and achievements of the children! They acknowledge the tremendous effort the children have put into their learning during the first semester. The reports celebrate the passion and expertise of the teachers as they guide and support the children through their learning journey. In addition the report gives direction and some key learning goals and areas for improvement for the children for the second semester. I encourage all parents to take this Semester Report as an opportunity to praise, encourage and challenge your child.

Unacceptable Language

It is not a regular occurrence when students or a Stage is spoken to about the inappropriate language that is being used with one another here at school. This inappropriate language invariably takes place out of our earshot, we usually find out about it when a student brings it to their teacher's attention or a parent wisely passes on the information which allows us to address the matter. Such a situation provides a learning opportunity not to be missed- even for those who may not be directly involved at the time.

The purpose of discussions with students is not to 'name and shame the guilty'. Rather, it is about raising student awareness of issues they face in order to support them in making conscious and wise decisions about the direction in which they want their lives to go. It is never too early to sow the seeds of care, personal and communal responsibility and self- worth.

As parents and teachers we look for teachable moments to draw attention to the important things in life and the course of wise decision making. Often these teachable moments coincide with the times when things seem to be going pear-shaped and at such times, we adults need to make wise choices of our own.

As students get older, they need to grow in self knowledge and awareness; they need to grow in their understanding of what motivates them when faced with a life choice. When their peer group uses explicit or derogatory language a child can either join in using the language due to fear of exclusion or make the decision not to take part because it will cause hurt and distress.

Parents and teachers have an important role in leading children to take ownership of their actions and leading them to self reflection, thinking over the things that have happened in order to find ways to make things work better next time. Knowing more about how a child comes across to others gives them a better sense of how to face and work around their challenges. It helps them ultimately to learn from their mis-takes and begin to speak up when assistance is required.

Car park safety

For the safety of all our children, please do not allow children to exit the car on the left hand of the car anywhere within the internal drive through. Drivers please drive into the car bay and have your child/children exit only from the driver's side.

In a school zone, parents/carers are not permitted to double park (even if you remain in the vehicle). The fine is $337 and a loss of 2 demerit points.

If you do a U-turn in a school zone, you will incur a fine of $337 and 3 demerit points.

This is brought to parents attention as we have had reports of parents committing these offences in the last week.

Kiss and Drop Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for safety reasons:

- Cars must enter the school grounds via Daking Street only.
- Students must always exit the car **via the driver's side only**.
- Farewell parents before getting out of the car.
- Parents are not to get out of the car to get bags out of the boot or to farewell children.
- Bags should be with the children ready to exit the car.
- Children walk into the school grounds via the gate.
- Parents are always welcome to park their car and walk their child/children into the school grounds if they are not able to comply with the safety requests in the "Kiss and Drop" zone.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal

PBL Launches

Thank you to all the families that were able to join us for our PBL product launches last Wednesday afternoon. They were a wonderful example of how our students worked collaboratively in their teams, were able to demonstrate how they were thinking critically and were able to use effective communication skills. The learning this term has been rigorous and students have all made excellent progress in their learning. This was made evident to us through the excellent feedback that was provided to students and teachers from community members.

A feedback session took place last week, focusing on how the content across the stages link. Students also completed a learning protocol and one focus for this protocol was on, 'What did people say about my learning?' Some things students recorded included:

- People said they felt shocked with how high our learning standards are.
- Really sophisticated use of language.
- Excellent level of skill.
- The learning generated a lot of interest.

This week Miss Boidin, Mrs Wedesweiler and Mr Tyszkiewicz are attending a PBL course facilitated by Michael McDowell, Education partner engaged by CEDP.

The teachers are exploring current educational research to expand their knowledge of how students learn best. They are applying this learning through the creation of projects that will use effective teaching strategies to develop knowledge, skills, problem solving and critical and creative thinking.

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (Years 3-6)

A reminder that the interschool challenge will be held tonight Wednesday 26 June.

Time: Doors open 4:30pm for a 5:30pm start—finish 8:45pm-9:00pm
Teachers will arrive at 4:45pm

Venue: Quaycentre, Corner of Olympic Blvd & Sarah Durack Ave, Sydney Olympic Park
Drop off for students @ Hall of Champions Level 3

Partner dances
- Girls wear dress or skirt & top Sandals
- Boys- trousers and a collared shirt tie/bow tie optional

Showdance for all students at the end of the night for all students
- Boys and girls all in black clothing - no shoes

Children bring snacks

School Interviews—have you booked your interview?
Online bookings close tomorrow Thursday 27 June at 9:00am

Parent Teacher Interviews for ES1-Stage 3 will be held next week (Week 10) commencing Monday 1 July. All parents are required to book an interview time with your child's teacher.

Bookings must be finalised by 9:00am tomorrow Thursday 27 June when the online booking system will close.

Instructions for online bookings can be found on Page 5.

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

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Wednesday 1 May—Tuesday 25 June 2019

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their completed sheets and stickers.
As the Earn and Learn Programme has now finished we would appreciate all sticker sheets being sent in to school as soon as possible so that we can finalise our numbers.

Simply place your completed Sticker Sheet / Stickers in the Collection Box outside the Teacher's Workroom.

Thank you for your support!!

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**

1 Enter your details

2 Select the teachers you wish to see

3 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 - reminders will not be sent home.

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.

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.***

On Friday 14 June, I went to NSW CPS Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park.

I represented the Parramatta Diocese with 7 other girls in my age group.

I ran with lots of kids from around NSW. It was a great experience and I hope I can do it again in the future.

By Neave

Dance Fever Showcase (Week 10)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS
DANCE FEVER Multisport

Parents/Carers are invited to attend their child's Dance Fever lesson on **Thursday 4 July** (Week 10).

Lesson times are listed below:

ES1 / Year 1/ Year 2	12:15pm
Stage 2	1:30pm
Stage 3	2:15pm

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 8 is 88.9%.**

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.
Below is the current breakdown of attendance for each grade.

Week 7— 89.8%	
ES1	84%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	83.3%
Year 6	91/4%

Week 8— 88.9%	
ES1	84.0%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	75%
Year 6	91.4%

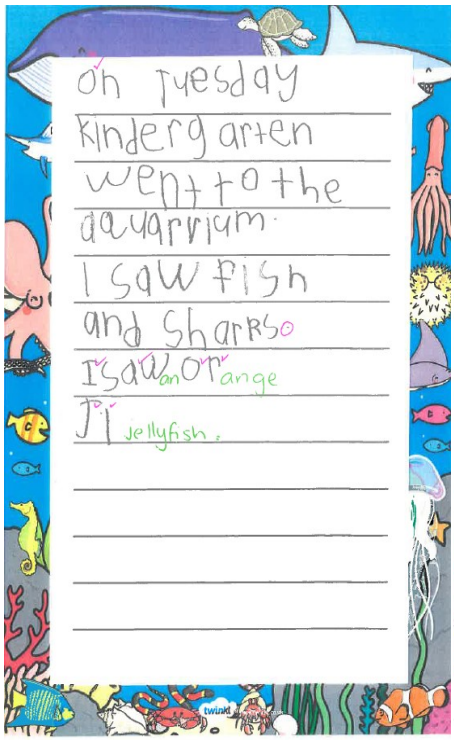
Early Stage One Excursion to Sea Life Aquarium

This term Kindergarten have been learning about living things and their uses.

On Tuesday we went to Sea Life Sydney Aquarium to explore the wonderful creatures of the sea, learning more about their names, shapes, sizes and colours.

Kindergarten had a wonderful day on their underwater 'seafari'. Thank you to all the parents who supported us on the day. When we arrived back at school Kindergarten wrote recounts of their day. We used creative adjectives to describe our favourite sea life creatures and time connectives to sequence our day.

Miss Shaw and Mrs Collin
Early Stage One Teachers



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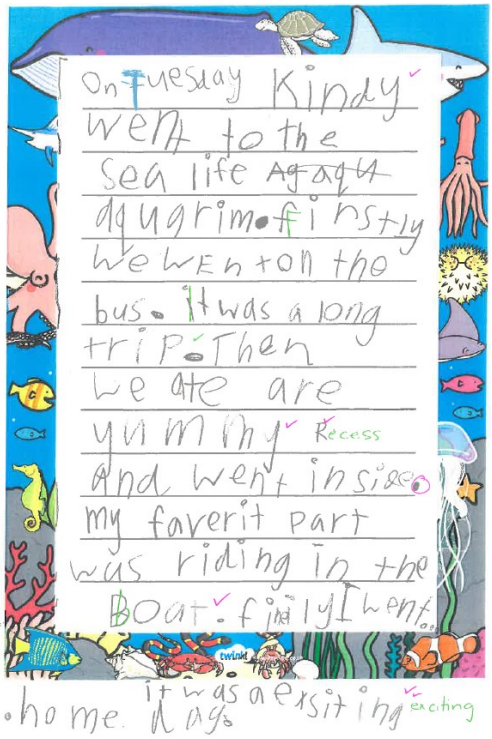

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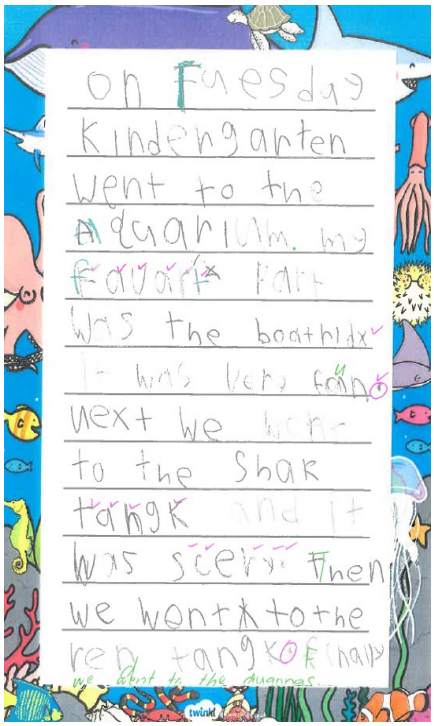


by Gabrielle

LIBRARY TIMES:

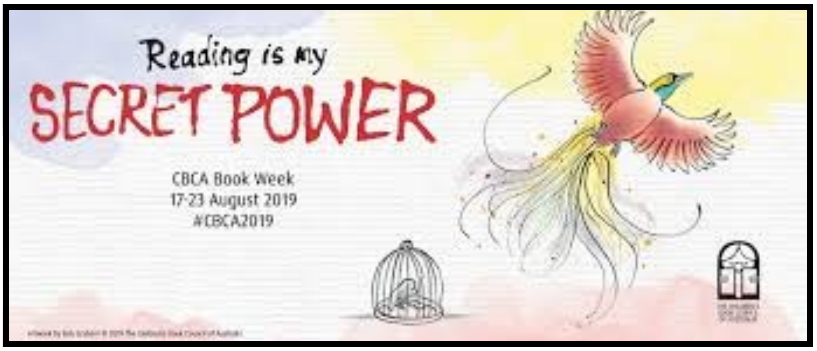
Monday-Thursday: 8.30am - 8.50am
(open to all classes)

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!



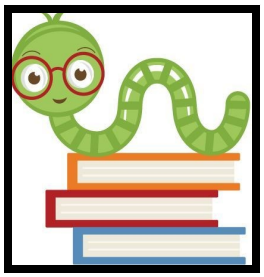
2019 Book Week

"Reading is My Secret Power!"

Students will be asked to dress up for a
Book Character Parade on Monday 19th August (Term 3 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).

Mrs Rita Davino



BOOKWORM OF THE TERM COMPETITION (Term 2)

This term we looked for the student in each class who borrowed & read the most books from the library.

Our "Bookworms of the Term" for Term 2 are:

ES1: Evangeline Hbeiche
Year 1: Sarah Talampas
Year 2: Ananya Renjith Nair
Year 3: Georgia Fernandes
Year 4: Lola Sloane
Year 5: Ashleigh North
Year 6: Matilda Cooper

Congratulations to these students who have won a prize and will now have their name & face proudly displayed on our Bookworm Farm in the Library!

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INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE

Wednesday 26th June 2019

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

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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.

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children
2-12 years old

Venue: St Monica's Catholic Primary School, North Parramatta
10 Daking St, North Parramatta. Tel: 8832 4100

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta together with St Monica's Catholic Primary at North Parramatta, are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coachin course.

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

Session 1	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 14th August 2019
Session 2	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 21st August 2019
Session 3	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 28th August 2019

Course Facilitators: Madeline Patrick & Anoushka Houseman

Cost is $10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This can be brought on the night

Register by calling St Monica's school office on 8832 4100

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A three-session program for parents and carers.

Venue: St Monica's Catholic Primary School, North Parramatta
10 Daking St, North Parramatta. Tel: 8832 4100

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee7

The course costs $10 (per parent or per couple) which covers the cost of the Parent workbook
Register for this course contacting **St Monica's School Office** on **8832 4100**

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

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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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- Tea and Coffee
- Chips
- Fruit cups
- Cup a soup
- Crackers
- Milk (UHT)
- Canned Veggies
- Spaghetti
- Canned beans
- Sleeping Bags
- Blankets
- Gloves
- Beanies

Term 2 Important Dates

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

Week 9

Thursday 27 June	Online Bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews **close at 9:00am**
Friday 28 June	THEME LUNCH—Momo (Nepalese Dumplings) (Orders closed—no late orders can be accepted

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 Dance Fever Lessons—parents/carers invited to attend lessons
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 **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.

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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Day: **Wednesday**
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

***Guitar Classes*!**
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 CEDP 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.