

### 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 4

Friday 22 November  
Thursday 19 December  
Friday 20 December

### Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

Wednesday 31 July  
(Week 2)

7:00 pm Staff Room

### School Census

Friday  
2 August 2019

**All absences must be  
explained in writing.**

### School Photographs

Term 3 (Week 3)

Monday 5 August



# Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

*At the start of the term we remember the love of our families and the companionship and support of our community. We rejoice that You have entrusted us with the education and care of young people, and have called us to help others to grow in Your image and likeness. Empower us to bring out the best in others and express appreciation to all who encourage us and bring us new life. Inspire us to be positive in attitude, encouraging in words, and loving in actions. Amen*



Welcome back for Term 3. I hope that you were able to enjoy the amazing weather and the change in routine.

This term we have a number of important events planned including: Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day, Parramatta Historical Society Public Speaking Event, Jump Rope for Heart, School Photos, Zone Athletics, Voice of Youth, Stage Masses, Mary MacKillop and Assumption Masses, Book Parade, Theme lunches, Diocesan Athletics Carnival, Netball Gala Day Father's Day Breakfast and Mass, St Monica's Day Liturgy, First Communion, Talent Quest, Project Based Learning Launches and the Parent Trivia Night.

Our school is a vibrant place of learning and I urge you to regularly check our calendar on the website or refer to the dates published in our newsletter so that you don't miss out on important events.

Last term teachers engaged in reading the text, "*10 Mindframes for Visible Learning*" by John Hattie and Klaus Zierer. Through the reading of the text the teachers have explored the ways that they think about their work and more importantly how they best evaluate the impact of their teaching. At the end of the term at our Staff Development Day we focused on one of the 10 Mindframes—feedback.

This involved discussion on:

- what makes successful feedback
- what it means to give comprehensive feedback (teacher to student, student to teacher, teacher to teacher)
- what it means to obtain meaningful feedback
- what misunderstood feedback can involve
- modelling for students what appropriate feedback looks like and sounds like.

Here are a few sentence starters that the teachers use when giving feedback to the students (*teacher to student*).

You may like to use them at home with your children.

- Is there another strategy you could use to prove your answer?
- What changes would you make to improve.....?
- If you were viewing your own piece of work, what would you have to say about it?
- How does this piece of work demonstrate that you know....?
- How have you improved in your writing and how do you know?

## Staffing News

Welcome back to Mrs Harrison as she returns to Stage 3 after her maternity leave.

Congratulations to Ms Tracie Hope who will be the *Acting Literacy Coordinator* for the remainder of 2019.

*Please keep this date free—Monday 19 August  
for  
Mrs Mason's Farewell*

As you all know Mrs Mason resigned from her position as Assistant Principal of St Monica's while she was on her Long Service Leave last term. We plan to farewell Mrs Mason on Monday 19 August, at our Book Parade day as we know that many parents would like the opportunity to farewell her.

As well as the parade we plan to have a special liturgy for her and a morning tea. Final details for the farewell will be communicated to families closer to the event.

During this term the Catholic Education Office will commence the process of advertising for a permanent Assistant Principal. I will keep all families updated on this process.

Welcome to our new students and their families: Charli Meldrum Yr 5, Theo Choi Yr 5, Juo Choi Yr 2 and Mia Romey ES1.

Looking forward to a great term together.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise O'Donnell**  
Principal

## Important Notices

### Citizenship / Changes to Visa status

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

Please also advise the office if there are any changes to your Visa status so that we can make the necessary amendments. 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.**

### Medication

Please note that all medication (including over the counter medication) supplied to the School Office must have a Pharmacy label attached which includes your child's name and administration details.



## School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for **Term 2 Week 10** was **88.5%**.

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 9— 90.8%	
ES1	<b>88.6%</b>
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	<b>79.2%</b>
Year 6	91.4%

Week 10— <b>88.5%</b>	
ES1	<b>80.2%</b>
Year 1	<b>90.0%</b>
Year 2	<b>100%</b>
Year 3	<b>91.7%</b>
Year 4	<b>92.0%</b>
Year 5	<b>87.5%</b>
Year 6	<b>85.7%</b>

### CENSUS - Friday 2nd August 2019 (Week 2)

The annual **School Census** will take place on **Friday 2nd August 2019**. It is imperative that the school has received an **Application for Extended Leave (in the case of leave between 5 and 100 days)** or a **letter of explanation** in the case of sickness, an appointment or shorter leave.

**If you know in advance that your child will be away on Friday 2nd August** or if your child is absent on the day could you please **send an email to the school office [stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)** or **via the Skoolbag App**. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Hillsbus—changes effective 28 July

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Parents are advised that the service adjustments for Hillsbus will be implemented on **28<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. The changes may impact how students travel, and we encourage students and parents to check **[transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info)** for details on these changes before next week.

### School Photographs - Monday 5 August (Week 3)

School Photographs will take place on Monday 5 August (Week 3). Every child needs to come to school prepared to be photographed in their homeroom group even if you choose not to purchase photographs. Advancedlife order envelopes and instructions were sent home this week with every child. Sibling order envelopes are available at the school office.

To order your package online:  
Online Code:

[www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)  
FEF 88K ZMQ

### Term 3 School Fees

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will send out Term 3 school fees shortly.

Please note that fees are due and payable by **Wednesday 28 August 2019**

Please contact Mrs Rebello in the school office if you do not receive your school fees.

**Families who are experiencing financial difficulties are requested to contact the school immediately so that a confidential appointment can be arranged with Miss O'Donnell or Mrs Rebello.**

*Happy birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrate birthdays in  
JULY and AUGUST*



<b>July</b>		
Skylar Noronha	Laura Emphield	Chloe Luo
Zachariah Kassis	Enzo Inigo	Anthony Carslake
Atticus Sloane	Georgia Fernandes	Aimee Akiko Loof
Nitya Mallela	Ryan Malatag	Naina Anandh
Max Lukasik	Ashley Roberts	Liam Forsyth
Aiden Forsyth	Evelyn Wong	
<b>Staff</b> - Miss Shaw and Mr Nick Adams		

<b>August</b>		
Alessia La Macchia	Charli Meldrum	Kristian Romic
Amaira Mehta	Jaein Moon	Sienna Acosta
Joel Heesen	Juo Choi	Maxine Icao
Marco Jimenez	Abbi Meale	Samuel Nassif
Madeline Smith	Parmida Foroutan	Giselle Mondinelli
Angela Li	Kobe Puyat	Sarah Triantis
<b>Staff</b> - Mrs Hanna, Mrs Davino, Mrs Ungsuprasert, Mr Dale Lucas and Mrs Abood		

### **Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day Results**

Wednesday 3rd July saw some of our Stage 3 boys head off to the Soccer Gala Day. It was a sunny morning, although a little chilly and I think the boys used this to their advantage as they ran out on to the field for their first game. The boys played exceptionally well and came off with a win. The wins continued throughout the day but more importantly so did the fantastic sportsmanship that was displayed by the boys all day long.

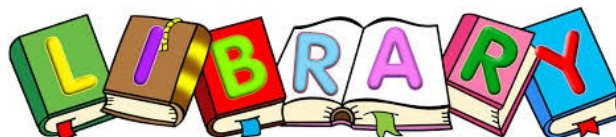
After a long day the boys were crowned winners of their division. A huge achievement.

We would like to thank our parents for taking us out to Penrith for the day. We would especially like to thank Mr Forsyth for being the coach on the day and a special thanks to Mr Keranis for his support during the day.

*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)**

## 2019 Book Week:

**"Reading is My Secret Power!"**



Students will be asked to dress up for a

## Book Character Parade on

**Monday 19th August (Week 5)**  
(more details to follow)

All the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted books will be on display from next week.

These & other books displayed will assist parents and students to choose a book character to dress up as for the Book Week Parade (**no superheroes**).

*Mrs Rita Davino*



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the students who received Bronze, Silver and Gold Bee awards in Term 2.

Well done everyone!!





Please note that attendance at this course is for all three sessions.



## **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 Coaching course.

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

Session 1	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Session 2	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2019
Session 3	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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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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 Fee?

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*

Who is running it?

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# Trivia Night

## Saturday 21 September

**Mufti Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**



**Donate at the Gate and Wear something Great!**

As part of fundraising for our **Trivia Night (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September)**, we create fabulous hampers as prizes on the night. We ask families to donate items for the hampers to support our fundraising efforts.

**Each student is asked to donate an item and are invited to wear Mufti on that day as a thank you.**

Hamper items will be collected from 8:20am onwards near the school gates on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. All donations are greatly appreciated and reminders will be sent out closer to the date.



### **Hamper donations themes are:**

Kindy Miss Shaw - Stationery/Reading  
 Kindy Mrs Collin - Movie Night  
 S1 - Year 1 – Games  
 S1 – Year 2 – Sports  
 S2 Year 3 – Auto  
 S2 – Year 4 – Gardening/Outdoors  
 S3 – Year 5 – Homewares/Kitchen & Foodies  
 S3 – Year 6 – Toiletries/Pamper Products



The Trivia Night is a great night out for the parents, friends and

parish community of St. Monica's as well as a key fundraising event for us in 2019. But it doesn't happen without some behind the scenes magic.

We need volunteers to assist with:

- Sponsorship Collection
- Hamper Item Collection (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August)
- Hamper Wrapping (date to be confirmed)
- Volunteering on the night to assist with making the evening a success!

Whether you can donate an hour or two of your time or are keen to be more involved, please contact any of the 2019 Trivia Team.

Trish Forsyth 0402 337 075

Tiff Cooper 0409 205 721

Gen Smith 0414 901 968




Vanessa Talty 0423 845 885

## Car Seats - What we need to know

# Legal requirements

## Correct child car seats for children's age and size

All children must be safely fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size. A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be injured or killed in a car crash than one who is not.

			
<b>Up to 6 months</b>	<b>6 months to 4 years</b>	<b>4+ years</b>	<b>145cm or taller</b>
Approved rear facing child car seat.	Approved rear or forward facing child car seat.	Approved forward facing child car seat or booster seat.	Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt.

Car seat safety is in the media quite a lot at the moment and with statistics showing more than a third of children under 13 who died on NSW roads in the 10 years to 2016 would probably have survived if they had been properly restrained in a children's car seat or with a seat belt, is quite alarming.

Here is the most up to date information we could share as a reminder to our parents.

## National child restraint laws

- Children up to the age of six months must be secured in an approved rearward facing restraint
- Children aged from six months old but under four years old must be secured in either a rear or forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness
- Children under four years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in an approved child restraint or booster seat
- Children aged from seven years old but under 16 years old who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened, or by a suitable approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.

If your child is too small for the child restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move to the next level.

If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they may move to the next level of child restraint.

For more information, see [When can I move my child to the next type of car seat?](#)

### From a booster seat to a seatbelt

Your child should be moved when:

- Their shoulders no longer fit comfortably within the booster seat; or
- Their eye-level is higher than the back of the booster seat; or
- If your child car seat has shoulder marks, move your child to a seatbelt when his/her shoulders have passed the upper marks.

This five-step test can help assess whether your child is big enough to be safely restrained by a seatbelt. The child should be able to:

1. Sit with their back against the seat back
2. Bend their knees comfortably over the front of the seat cushion
3. Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder
4. Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs
5. Remain in this position for the whole trip.

### Five-step test: Moving from a booster seat to a seatbelt



Sit with their back against the seat back.



Bend their knees over the front of the seat.



Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder.



Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs.



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## ***Term 3 Important Dates***

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


### **Week 1**

Thursday 25 July	Tennis Lesson 8:00am Pow Wow 9am-10:30am Aria Music Guitar Lessons
Friday 26 July	11:10am-11:30am Jump Rope for Heart Presentation ( <i><b>students only</b></i> )

### **Week 2**

Tuesday 30 July	Tennis Lesson 8:30am Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 31 July	Aria Music Keyboard Lesson 7:00pm Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting will be held in the Staffroom. <i><b>Please park in Daking Street and enter via the office.</b></i>
Thursday 1 August	Tennis Lesson 8:00am Pow Wow 9am-10:30am Aria Music Guitar Lessons
Friday 2 August	School Census Day

### **Week 3**

Monday 5 August	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
Tuesday 6 August	Tennis Lesson 8:30am Zone Athletics Carnival—Blacktown International Sportspark, Eastern Road, Rooty Hill	
Wednesday 7 August	Aria Music Keyboard Lesson	
Thursday 8 August	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass (time to be advised) Tennis Lesson 8:00am Pow Wow 9am-10:30am Aria Music Guitar Lessons	

## 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.

### ARIA MUSIC

Quality investment in your child's future

Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Please email: [ariamusicsschool@gmail.com](mailto:ariamusicsschool@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](http://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

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](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au))  
Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

***We thank all volunteers for their continued support.***