



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Preparing for 2020

Please remember the following as you prepare for the new school year:

All students are expected to wear the St Monica's uniform with pride throughout the year. This includes wearing the correct hat, socks and shoes. This helps to keep students focused on their learning whilst also maintaining a consistent atmosphere across the school.

- School shoes are black leather lace ups/Velcro/buckle.
- Sport shoes are **predominately white** for sport with white laces.
- No slip on "Raben" type shoes or coloured joggers, runners or basketball boots are to be worn.

I know that once Term 4 commences that some children genuinely grow out of their shoes and parents are reluctant to buy new shoes for the remaining weeks of the year. Letters generally are addressed to teachers explaining the change but we have been finding that some children think that the uniform does not apply to them.

Hairstyles are to follow the guidelines too. Some boys hairstyles have been of particular concern this year. **Please keep extreme styles to the school holidays so that all children return in 2020 with styles adhering with the school policy.** Please see the guidelines as per the **Parent Handbook**.

Working Bee

Thank you to the wonderful families that were able to assist at the Working Bee on Saturday.

Kelly Austin, Joy, Kenzh and Vinz Munda Cruz, Gulshan and Natasha Muttoo, Kimberly Graham and Mr Dennis Cheung.

Much was achieved in the four hours: playground, seats & tables cleaned, kitchen cleaned and bag cup-boards cleaned

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the End of Year Awards Ceremony.

Year 6 Mercy Award - Alexander Azar

City of Parramatta Active Citizenship Award - Jacob Kandalaft

Award	ES1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
CHRISTIAN LIVING	Isabella Andrade	Soraya Mondinelli	Cody Wylie	Mia Siemsen	L'Lysse Puyat	Maureen Haddad	Poppy Sloane
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	Archie Levins	Jaein Moon	Markus Nabua	Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang	Sophie Phan	Sanoy Bhattachan	Neave Sciacca
CONSISTENT EFFORT	Alexandra Corin	Liam Forsyth	Ruby Elias	Calista Soriano	Liam Sciacca	Ruby Graham	Giselle Mondinelli
MOST IMPROVED	Naina Anandh	Atticus Sloane	Pare Nader	Nina Talty	Monica Salic	Charbel Sadek	Aidan Pospischil
SCHOOL SPIRIT	Sarah Triantis	Abigail Corera	Zachary Dy	Eva Sentas	Aimee Akiko Loof	Simon Forsyth	Sophia Elias

Congratulations!

Reading Encouragement Awards

ES1	Sophia Cerda
Year 1	Lana Salic
Year 2	Mathew Dretvic
Year 3	Georgia Fernandes
Year 4	Michael Maffina
Year 5	Nika Naeme
Year 6	Jake Chapman

Servant Leadership (Buddy Reading—Stage 2)

Sara Younes, Riana Arredondo, William Paterson, Charlize Cooper, Charlotte Sprincis, Siria Mondinelli, Aimee Akiko Loof, Manuela Salib, L'Lysse Puyat, Sophie Phan, Olivia Hekeik, Nina Talty, Lola Sloane,

Full Attendance Whole Year (as at Monday 16 December 2019)

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day this year!

Bai He (Bella) Zhang, Czermielle Sarah Talampas, Soraya Mondinelli, Olivia Szymanski, Jared David, Lucas Alvarez, Enzo Inigo, Christopher Sadek, John Sadek, Ashleigh North, Deihl Peter Talampas, Simon Forsyth, Charles Sentas, Emma Sadek, Aidan Pospischil, Amy Makko

Premier's Reading Challenge

Completed challenge: Angus Graham, Ruby Elias, Eva Sentas, Andrew Clark, Liam Sciacca, Ruby Graham, Maureen Haddad, Jesse Maffina

Gold: Helen Elias, Onur James Unver

Platinum: Sophia Elias, Aidan Muttoo, Neave Sciacca

The Staff of St Monica's would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peace-filled Christmas. May it be a time when the love which the Christ child brought into our world inspire us to give generously to others and to celebrate the most important things in life... love, family, friends, hope, peace and joy.

Please cherish the time you have with your family and join in the Parish celebrations over the Christmas Season.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



Congratulations Year Six



Important Dates for 2020

Tuesday 28 January 2020	Staff Development Day Mathematic Assessment Interviews
Wednesday 29 January 2020	Staff Development Day Mathematic Assessment Interviews
Thursday 30 January 2020	School resumes Years 1– Year 6
Friday 31 January 2020	Swimming Carnival Merrylands Swimming Pool
Monday 3 February 2020	Kindergarten (ES1) commence school. Please join us for the Welcome Morning Tea just after 9:00am so that we can welcome all the new families. <i>(Year 1 2020 families to provide morning tea)</i>
Thursday 6 February 2020	9:15am Welcome Mass Year 6 Leaders presented with their badges
Friday 7 February 2020	Welcome BBQ 6:00pm—7:30pm
Wednesday 26 February 2020	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 27 February 2020	School Photographs



Thank You!

A big thank you to **Miss Rebecca Boidin** for coordinating and setting up for the awards Presentation. Thank you also to Ms Tracie Hope for the choir presentation.

The St Monica's staff appreciate all the hard work and preparation in the lead up to the day.

Christmas Gifts
THANK YOU

On behalf of St Monica's Staff we would like to say a big thank you to all the students and families who have so kindly passed on their Christmas wishes and generous gifts to us.



Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2019

**St Monica's Parish
North Parramatta**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December 6:00 pm
MIDNIGHT MASS—12:00am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December 9:00am

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday 1st January 2020 9:15am

