



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

Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

Tuesday 17 December
9:00am

Awards Ceremony
followed by Morning Tea

11:15am
End of Year Mass /
Graduation
followed by luncheon
(Year 6 students / family only)

1:30pm
Guard of Honour for all
students and Staff who are
leaving St Monica's



Local Schools Community Fund Grant

It's official! St Monica's
has been successful in
obtaining \$14,000 as part
of the Local Schools
Community Fund Grant!

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Well, we've made it to the end of another school year! It's been a year filled with special moments and events that we have celebrated together.

It has been a year of welcoming and saying farewells; for celebrating our students successes and achievements; a year of partnership where teachers, parents and students have worked together and supported each other.

Thank you parents, grandparents, family members and especially the Parent Involvement Committee for your support, enthusiasm, encouragement and hard work this year. Our school community is greatly enriched by all the special ways in which you contribute to the student's learning and wellbeing.

To the staff of St Monica's I offer my sincere gratitude for your dedication, passion, hard work and love of the students. You make a difference every day!

To the students I say 'Thank you' for your enthusiasm, your care of one another, your hard work and the joy and happiness that you bring to our school.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will celebrate their Graduation next Tuesday 17 December. My best wishes to all of you as you go to High School and continue your journey as lifelong learners.

Thank you to our Ambassadors Lauren Emphield and Zachariah Kassis and our SRC Alexander Azar and Galia Evangelista for their enthusiasm and the mature manner in which they have represented the school and the excellent way they have each carried out their particular role. It has been a pleasure to have their support and I wish them every success in the future.

A special farewell and thank you to the staff who are leaving our school:

Miss Rebecca Boidin has been with St Monica's this year as the Acting Assistant Principal. We thank her for her dedication and hard work with the various aspects of this important role. We wish her all the best in her new role as Religious Education Co-ordinator at Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills.

Mrs Laura Collin has been with St Monica's this year. We thank her for her contribution over the last 12 months in Early Stage One and wish her all the best in her new role at Holy Cross Glenwood.

Mrs Kiyoka Kubo

We thank you for teaching Japanese to all the students for the past 4 years. The children have loved learning about the culture along with the Japanese language. We will long remember the Japanese students that you organised to visit our school. All the best for your future.

Mrs Tania Starczewski has been with us at St Monica's this year. We thank her for her valued contribution and dedication to the students in Stage 2 this year. We wish her all the best as she awaits the birth of her second child in February.

Mr Greg Tyszkiewicz

Thank you for your contribution to our school over the past four years. We wish you all the best as you commence at Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes in 2020 as the Co-ordinator role.

Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert has worked at St Monica's for the past 27 years and has decided to resign her permanent position. We thank her for her dedication to the many positions that she has held over her career. Mrs Ungsuprasert always has a smile on her face and she has always added her creative flair and her enthusiasm to all our activities at St Monica's over the years. We look forward to Mrs Ungsuprasert returning to St Monica's in a casual teaching capacity next year.

Mrs Linda Zammit has been with St Monica's this year. We thank her for her hard work and the support she has given to the students and teachers in Stage 2. We wish her well as she heads overseas for the next few years with her family.

FAREWELL TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES

Farewell and thank you to the families leaving St Monica's. Your help and continuous support whether it was supporting events, assisting at carnivals or excursions, attending POSM's Meetings or even some kind words of encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Our thanks for the many years the following families have consistently been associated with St Monica's as their youngest child leaves Year 6.

Albayeh	11 years	Emphield	8 years	Kassis	12 years	O'Rourke	7 years
Carslake	2 years	Evangelista	8 years	Kim	2 years	Pospischil	10 years
Chapman	9 years	Govender	6 years	Kunambi	8 years	Prevetera	1 year
Chowdhary	2 years	Ierfino	12 years	Makko	2 years	Roberts	13 years
El-Kazzi	7 years	Kandalaft	16 years	Muttoo	10 years	Sathyan	1 year

Also leaving the school at the end of the year are the Sophie Phan, Athulya Renjith Nair, Ananya Renjith Nair, Charlotte Sprincis, Chloe Luo, Roger Corcoran and Jaein Moon.

To quote Dr Seuss '***Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory***'. We hope that the students, teachers and parents farewelling our school look back fondly on the many moments that turned into memories at St Monica's.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish the parents and students a wonderful, safe and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



Working Bee—Saturday 14 December 2019 (Week 9)

7:00am—11:00am

Can you spare an hour or two to come and support the school?

A great opportunity to become involved in St Monica's Community, especially if your work commitments during the week prevent you from visiting our school.

Thank you to those families who have volunteered to help on the day.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



End of Year Reports

Today your child/ren will be bringing home their Semester Two Reports. There have been some wonderful gains and evidence of growth from many of our students since the Semester One Report and I encourage parents to make those comparisons when you read the report tonight. Parents who wish to discuss reports with their child's teacher are invited to make an appointment. I sincerely thank the teachers who have spent many hours writing the reports.

Thank You Morning Tea for Volunteers

All parent and grandparent volunteers are invited to a special morning tea to be held on **Tuesday 17 December** at the conclusion of the special awards ceremony (approximately 10:00 am). We would be delighted to see everyone who has helped our school during the year in some way (eg classroom assistance, excursions, Trivia Night, Biggest Morning Tea, Swimming/Athletics carnivals, Mother's/ Father's Day Stalls, theme lunches, library, working bee etc). We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge your efforts and express our thanks to you.

Scrub Day

Monday 16 December (**students wear mufti!**) This is an opportunity for the children to clean out their tubs, tables, sort through equipment within their learning space in readiness for the commencement of school next year.

School Leaders for 2020

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as school leaders for 2020.

School Ambassadors: *Ruby Graham and Simon Forsyth*
SRC: *Charli Meldrum and Charbel Sadek*



2020 Swimming Carnival—Friday 31 January at Merrylands Swimming Pool (Term 1 Week 1)

Permission notes have been sent home to students in **Years 3 - 6 and eligible students in Year 2** who will be attending the carnival next year (as they are able to swim 50 metres).

Please note that the **Swimming Carnival is a compulsory school event**. If your child has not returned their permission note, it must be returned tomorrow.

Reading over the holidays

As we near the end of another school year with the summer holidays stretching out before us, I want to emphasise the absolute importance of your child continuing to read every day over the school holidays.

Research has given us a very clear picture, particularly in the early years of schooling that reading actually helps shape the brain and increase its capacity for learning. So, all of school life can be impacted by one's ability to read! Mem Fox, an educationalist specialising in literacy and also a leading children's author (Possum Magic, Wombat Divine) says

"If every parent understood the huge educational benefits and intense happiness brought about by reading aloud to their children, and if every parent and every adult caring for a child read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to their children in their lives, we would probably wipe out illiteracy within one generation".

Reading Magic Mem Fox

Teachers have supporting evidence that tells them very clearly that every year we have students that finish on a particular reading level in December only to regress two or three levels over the Christmas holidays. They then spend nearly all of the first term supporting these children to attain the level that they ended on in December- something that could have been avoided if the child had continued to read consistently during the holidays. Please consider your child taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge over the school holidays. More information can be found on page 10.

Advance Notice of Two Events

Tea and Tissues - Please come along next year on **Monday 3 February 2020 (Week 1)** to welcome our new families joining St Monica's. This will be the first day for our Kindergarten children. *Year 1 2020 families are asked to please provide morning tea for this event.*

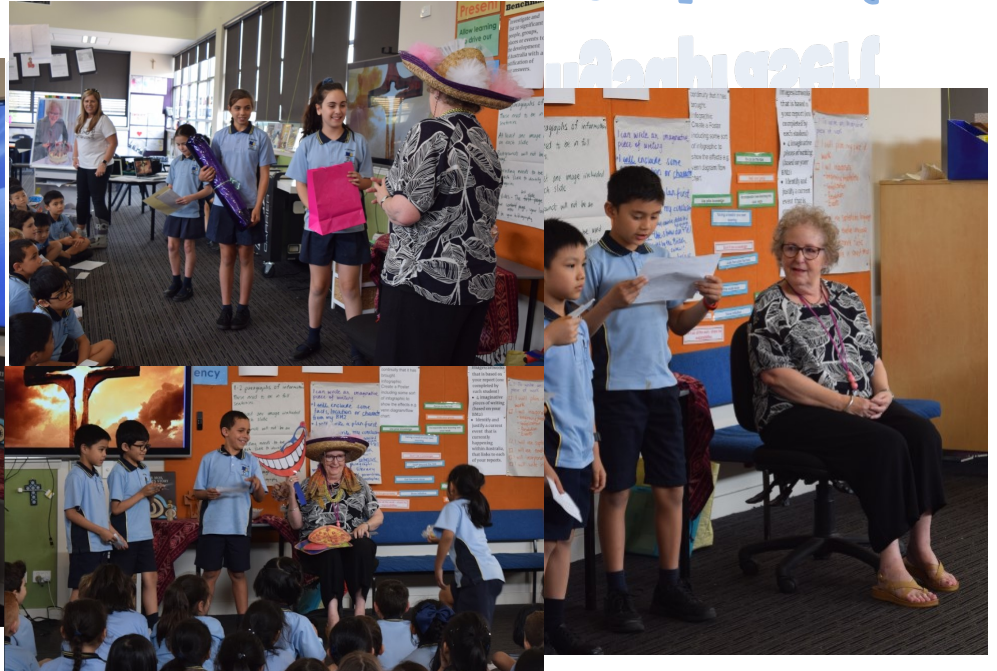
Welcome Back BBQ for all families on **Friday 7 February 2020 (Week 2)**. Come along and meet the new Principal Lisa Howell and all the new families joining St Monica's.

Staffing News

Staff for 2020

Principal	Ms Lisa Howell
Assistant Principal	Mrs Mary-Anne Stenning
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Angela Wedesweiler
Coordinator 2 Numeracy and PDHPE	Mrs Lauren Hartz
Finance Officer	Mrs Lata Rebello
Administration Officers	Mrs Jacqueline Abood (Monday—Thursday) Mrs Louise Bright (Friday)
Stage 3	Mrs Angela Wedesweiler (Monday—Thursday) Ms Kellee Bagnall (Friday) Mrs Ivana Algeri
Stage 2	Mrs Lauren Hartz (Monday –Thursday) Mrs Patrice Hanna (Friday) Miss Catherine Shaw
Year 2	Mrs Denelle Gardoni
Year 1	Mrs Emily Harrison Mrs Samantha D'Silva
Kindergarten	Miss Jowelle Chahine
Diversity Leader	Ms Tracie Hope
Literacy Support / RFF	Mrs Loretta Farrelly (Monday-Thursday) Mrs Nerida Samaha (Monday-Thursday)
LTST	Mrs Denelle Gardoni
Coordinator 1	Miss Catherine Shaw
Teacher Assistant / Library	Mrs Rita Davino
Japanese Teacher	Ms Emma Eastman (Friday)
School Maintenance	Mr Dennis Cheung (Tuesday Friday)
IT Trainee	Mr Nick Adams (Thursday / Friday)
School Counsellor	Mrs Madeline Patrick (Tuesday)

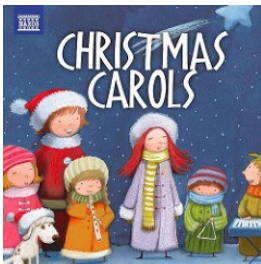
Farewell and Thank You Mrs Ungsuprasert



The students and staff farewelled Mrs Ungsuprasert with a special liturgy on Thursday 5 December.

Christmas Celebration

Friday 13 December 2019



**6:30pm—7:00pm Christmas Songs
in St Monica's Parish Hall**



7:00pm Sausage Sizzle

Payable on the night

Beef \$1.50 each

*** Vegetarian \$1.50 each**

Chicken \$2.00 each

**Movie—'The Greatest Showman'
to commence at sundown (approximately 7:30pm)**

Children to wear CHRISTMAS CLOTHES

Children to arrive at school by 6:15pm. Limited parking on site.

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

Term 4 Week 8 was 87.5%

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.



Week 7 — 87.8%	
ES1	92.1%
Year 1	85.9%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	84.8%
Year 4	88.0%
Year 5	71.7%
Year 6	94.3%

Week 8 — 87.5%	
ES1	92.0%
Year 1	82.4%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	84.9%
Year 4	88.0%
Year 5	70.1%
Year 6	91.4%

Student Banking

There will be **NO STUDENT BANKING** in Week 10.

Student Banking will resume on *Wednesday 12 February 2020 (Term 1 Week 3)*.

2020 MAI (Mathematic Assessment Interviews)

Online bookings are now open!

An instruction sheet was sent home to each family (also available on the website) with details for booking your child's assessment interview.

Every student in 2019 Kindergarten to Year 5 is required to book an appointment for their assessment on **Tuesday 28 or Wednesday 29 January 2020**.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code: **x5pum** when making your booking. Please remember to book your child into the class they will be going into in 2020.

Bookings will close on Monday 16 December 2019.

*Have you bought your tickets to our
Movie Night?*



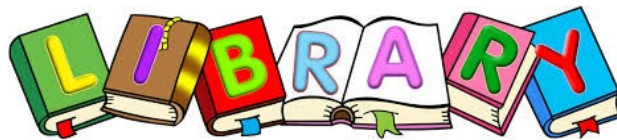
THIS FRIDAY 13 December 2019

'The Greatest Showman' PG

\$15 family ticket

\$5 single tickets

DON'T MISS OUT!



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)

*** End of Year Housekeeping ***

All books are now due back at school.

Could all students please check in their tubs or at home for any borrowed library books or guided readers.

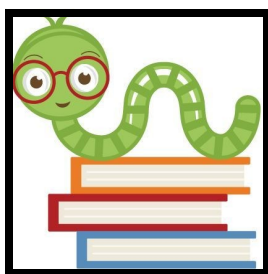


Books can be left on the top shelf of the library trolley throughout the day or returned to the library monitors/Mrs Davino.

Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TERM 4

"BOOKWORM of the TERM"



ES1:	Margarita San Juan
Yr 1:	Skylar Noronha
Yr 2:	Juo Choi
Yr 3:	Eva Sentas
Yr 4:	Sara Younes
Yr 5:	Ashleigh North
Yr 6:	Emma O'Rourke

(This award is given to the student in each class who borrows the most books in each term)



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Friday 6 December 2019

**2020 Mathematic Assessment Interviews (MAI) will be held on
Tuesday 28 January and Wednesday 29 January 2020. (Term 1, Week 1)**

**Bookings will open on Monday 9 December 2019 at 9:00am
and close on Monday 16 December 2019 at 9:00am**

For parents who do not have internet access, an iPad will be available in the School Office for you to make interview bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require or phone the school on 8832 4100.

Interview duration for each child is **30 minutes** and spaces are limited.

Parents with more than one child may select one of the Assistant Teachers available if they are unable to co-ordinate times with the stage teachers.

**Parents are reminded to book their children in to the
Class (Year 1, Year 2 Stage 2 or Stage 3) that they will be going into in 2020.
(Teachers have not yet been assigned to classes)**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

x5pum

Go

Simply enter the code and press "Go"
**THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT
USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –
**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled
your email address correctly**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews
- until the **bookings close on Monday 16 December 2019 at 9:00am**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents who need to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: **8832 4100**

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

MOVIE NIGHT

'The Greatest Showman' (PG)

Friday 13 December 2019

Movie will commence at sundown (approx 7:30pm)

6:30pm-7pm Christmas Songs in the Hall



- No Alcohol
- Ice blocks and popcorn for sale on the night
- BYO Snacks/Drinks
- Tickets to the movie will be issued once RSVP & Payment has been received.
- Please bring your tickets on the night—they will be collected prior to entering the movie area.

Parental Supervision

Parents are to provide supervision for their child/dren for the duration of the movie.

**RSVP + Payment
due by Wednesday
4 December 2019**

Family Ticket : \$15

Single tickets: \$5 each



Please return to the School Office by Wednesday 4 December 2019

Movie Night—'The Greatest Showman' (PG) - Friday 13 December 2019

FAMILY NAME _____ (Eldest Child Name: _____)
(Eldest Child Stage: _____)

Please enclose the correct money

☐ Family ticket \$15 Amount enclosed: \$_____ Number attending _____

☐ Single tickets \$5 each Amount enclosed: \$_____ Number attending _____

I/We would be interested in purchasing a sausage sizzle on the night ☐ YES ☐ NO

*At this stage we are only gauging if this is something that parents may require.
We will let you know by 4 December if we will be having a Sausage Sizzle.*

☐ I understand that I am to provide parental supervision for my child/dren for the duration of the movie.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a
**GOOGLE
CHROMEBOOK**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **two Google Chromebooks** or one of **thirty gift vouchers** valued at **\$30**.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

**Competition opens
on 2 December 2019 and
closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020**

Terms and conditions apply.

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Tennis Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings



Tuesday 8:30am–9:00am
Thursday 8:00am–8:30am

Please ensure your child is on time for their lesson.

Tennis lessons \$40 per student, per term.

Please make payments directly to Mr Davidson.

If your child is enrolled in lessons, but will no longer be attending, kindly inform Mr Davidson so that he can amend the timetable.

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
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

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 CEDP Child Protection requirements **prior** to assisting in the classroom or on excursions ('Building Child Safe Communities—Undertaking for Volunteers')*

The Volunteer Form and Training Module can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Our Schools
Parents as Partners
Volunteer & Contractor Training

- **Volunteer Form**
- **Online Training Module (every two years) currently being upgraded**

Term 4 Important Dates

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

Week 9

Wednesday 11 December	Semester 2 Reports home
Thursday 12 December	Morning Tea for Platinum Bee Award recipients
Friday 13 December	6:30pm –7pm Christmas Songs in the Hall Students to arrive 6:15pm (limited parking on site) 7pm—Sausage Sizzle Movie Night — 'The Greatest Showman' (PG) <i>Movie to commence at sundown (approximately 7:30pm)</i> <i>(Parental supervision required for all children attending)</i>
Saturday 14 December	Working Bee (7am—11am)

Week 10

Monday 16 December	Scrub Day—Mufti clothes
Tuesday 17 December	End of Year Awards Assembly Thank You Morning Tea End of Year Mass / Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Celebration luncheon (Year 6 students & families) 1:30pm Guard of Honour for all leaving students and staff
Wednesday 18 December	Last day for Students
Thursday 19 December	Staff Development Day (<i>students do not attend school today</i>)
Friday 20 December	Staff Development Day (<i>students do not attend school today</i>)

2020 Term 1 Dates

Tuesday 28 January 2020	Staff Return <i>Tuesday 28 January and Wednesday 29 January are</i> <i>Staff Development Days.</i> <i>MAI Testing for Years 1-6 will be held on these two days.</i>
Thursday 30 January 2020	Years 1—6 commence (8:50am-3:00pm) Friday 31 January —Swimming Carnival—Merrylands Pool
Monday 3 February 2020	ESI (Kindergarten) commence 9am-2:30am Early finish time for new families only so they can become familiar with the afternoon drive through procedure.
Friday 9 April 2020	Term 1 ends