

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:20am
Morning supervision
8:30am-8:45am
Bag Unpacking upstairs
8:50am
Morning bell
8:50am-10:50am
Learning
10:50am-11:20am
Recess
11:20am-1:20pm
Learning
1:20pm- 2:00pm
Lunch
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Learning
3:00pm
Dismissal
3:00pm - 3:30pm
Afternoon supervision

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 2

Monday 4 May

Term 3

to be advised

Term 4

Thursday 17 December

Friday 18 December



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of first term, and my first as Principal of St Monica's Catholic Parish Primary School, I wanted to reflect on what we have achieved so far as a learning community.

We have welcomed new members to the St Monica's community including staff and students. We have prayed together and celebrated together for all we are thankful for at our Opening School Mass, Grandparents' Day and Ash Wednesday.

We have renewed our focus on Positive Behaviour Support for Learning and have emphasised our expectations of all students being safe, being respectful and being learners at St Monica's.

We have celebrated sporting achievements, including our swimming and cross country events and congratulated our Age Champions in Swimming for 2020.

We have followed our governments' advice and stayed home when we could, practised social distancing, coughed into our elbows and washed our hands more than ever before.

We have witnessed our staff and students engage in the steepest learning curve as we approached new challenges with teaching and learning from home. We have learnt more about Google Classroom and Zoom Conferences, and have negotiated how to work from home and problem-solve the variety of issues working from home brings.

We have been kind to each other. We have smiled, laughed, encouraged, praised and thanked each other. And most importantly, we have had fun while we've been learning!

This term will definitely be one to remember!

I am extremely proud of our St Monica's community and our efforts to support each other during this unprecedented time. I acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of staff, who have continued to put students above their own (and sometimes their family's) needs. I also acknowledge our parents and families, who are navigating working from home and supporting their child's learning from home with patience and a positive attitude.

We will continue to provide learning opportunities online until the end of Term 1, Thursday 9th April. The Easter holiday break will be a great time to relax (at home) with our families and do all those odd jobs we've been meaning to do for ages! At this stage, we anticipate that online learning will continue in Term 2, however, we will be guided by the advice from the Federal and State Government, NSW Health and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. We will keep you informed via Skoolbag.

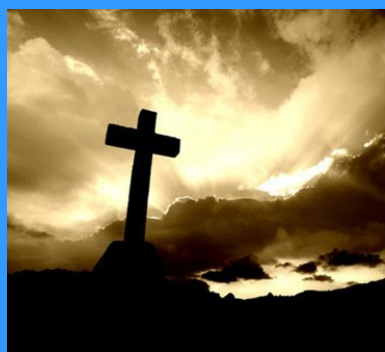
Let us pray together as a community as we look towards Holy Week and the most joyous season of Easter.

Dear Lord,

As we enter into Holy Week, guide people in their new realities with often increased anxiety and distress. Give families grace for each other. Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning. May You comfort those who are isolated and lonely and grant healing to those afflicted.

Amen

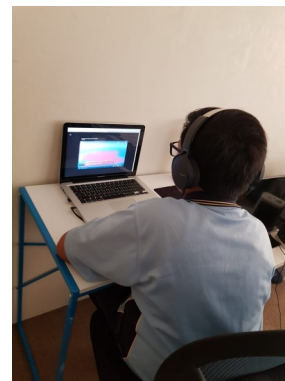
Lisa Howell
Principal



Home Learning

Thank you to those parents who dropped off workbooks and worksheets for teachers to provide feedback to students. ***If your child is uploading work to Google Classroom and is accessing work online, there is no need to come and collect "Home Learning Packs" as this is all available online and teachers are providing feedback online.***

In order to keep everyone safe, including our staff at St Monica's, and to comply with the governments' instructions of social distancing and of only leaving home for essential business, we are attempting to reduce the need for parents to come and collect items from school. All online work is available via Google Classroom (K-6), however, if you are having difficulty accessing and posting work online, you will still be able to collect "Home Learning Packs" (**K-1**) next week. More information to come via Skoolbag.



Attendance

Teachers have been monitoring student learning and we will mark the roll according to the following:

In all circumstances where a student is willing to attend school but prevented by adverse circumstances and/or Government directive, and as explained by their parent, they should be absent using the F code.

Students who are required to self-isolate for the various reasons provided by the government - **F code**.

- Students who were quarantined overseas and couldn't return to NSW, or who have returned but have been directed to self-isolate – **F code**.
- Students whose parents are following the Premier's advice and are at home engaged in learning – **F code**.

The following codes are to be used under the following circumstances:

A Code (Absence unexplained or unjustified)

There is no evidence of students completing work, therefore students are on unapproved leave. Diocesan offices and RI and PJP schools need to manage how they determine whether a student being kept at home is engaging in their learning.

S Code (Absence due to sickness)

Parents advise the school that their child is sick and not able to attend school and therefore unable to complete work.

L Code (Absence due to leave)

Parent has provided an explanation for the absence which has been accepted by the principal and student is unable to complete work.

If you are yet to provide us with an explanation for your child/ren's absence from school, please do so as soon as possible

Absences can be sent via the school email **stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au** or the **Skoolbag app**.

School Photos

The advice from the government is to stay home unless necessary and we are required to enforce social distancing measures.

Therefore, school photos will be distributed to students when school returns to normal. Thank you for your understanding.



2021 Kindergarten Enrolments



Enrolment application forms may be downloaded from our school website.

Families are requested to download the enrolment form from our school website, complete and email it back to the school on stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please scan an upload supporting documentation where possible. Please note that original documentation must be sighted by the school office staff in due course.

Skoolbag

Parents are reminded that **Skoolbag** is the primary communication tool used by the school. Skoolbag is a free app available for all parents to download.

NAPLAN

As notified on Skoolbag, NAPLAN has been cancelled for 2020. The Education Council stated that *"The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning."*



Dear families,

We would like to invite you to celebrate Holy Week with us as a school community.

However, under the current circumstances we will need to do this a little differently.

On **Thursday 9 April at 11:30am**, we will be joining together as a school community to celebrate Holy Week with a special liturgy. Your child will receive an invitation via their Google Classroom and the link will also be available on Skoolbag.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to find ways to maintain our community spirit during this time.

Miss Therese Coutinho, REC

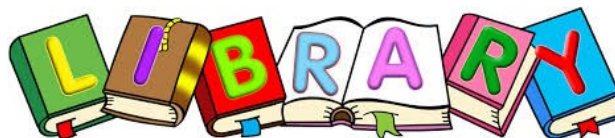


Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate birthdays in April.



Sophie Stoker	Vriya Love	Amelia Bavell	Soraya Mondinelli
Eva Sentas	Liam Sciacca	Oliver Cox	Isabella Younes
Matina Haramis	Kai Mwanza	Marcus Hugo Llanto	Allegra Jammo
Annabelle Boasiako	Elise Inigo	Nika Naeme	Madalena Sarantakos
Ethan Gan	Gabriela Andrade	Gabrielle David	Happy Birthday!!!

Staff: Ms Howell, Ms Hope, Mrs Hartz, Mrs Eastman



* Instructions on How to access St Monica's e library *

1. Student logs in with usual email/password combination
2. Search for:

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/cedplibraries/students>

3. Choose **"library staff"** from drop down menu
4. Choose CEDP eLIBRARY Websites
5. Find St Monica's North Parramatta in school listings/logos
6. St Monica's elibrary pages are displayed... Bookmark it with the star so you can go straight into it again later
7. Access **SORA** from the hyperlink on the front page under the logo...Bookmark it with a star
8. Within SORA - when finding our school library search under **"ACEN Member Collection"**
9. "Borrow" a book (there are lots of reward milestones that can be earned)
10. Student can also access ebooks on the Wheelers book platform from here Premier's Reading Challenge, Kidcyber, Behind the News, Science Kids, DK Findout can also be found from the menu on the left of the screen



Access straight to **SORA** via:

<https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau>

STUDENT BOOK REVIEWS



Our St Monica's students are still competing to be the **BOOKWORM of the TERM** & have been reading some amazing books from our elibrary as they engage in their continuous learning at home!

Would you like to share how much you enjoyed a book with us?

Send through a book review to Mrs Davino at rdavino@parra.catholic.edu.au



You can write it or send through a video which we can share on our school Facebook page!

Don't forget to include:

Book Title

Author

Characters/Setting

What the story is about

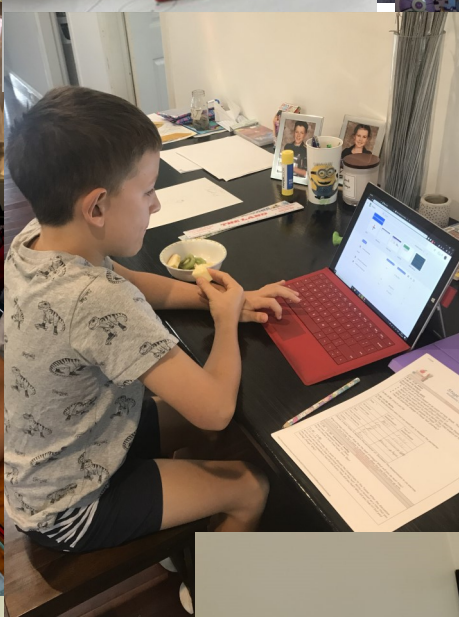
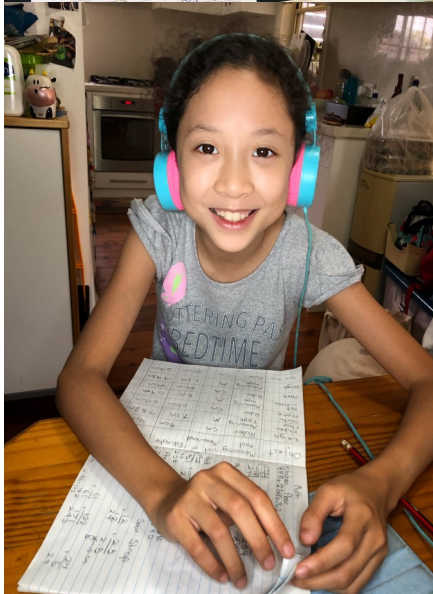
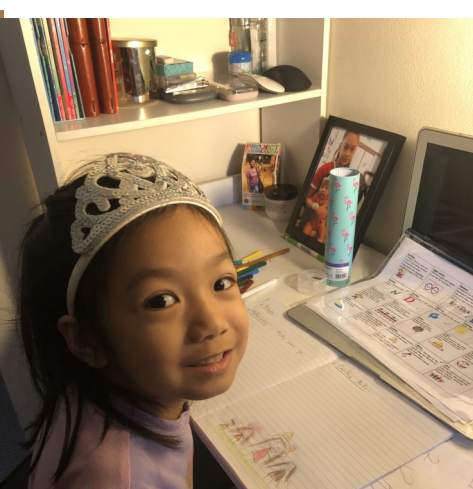
Who you think would like it

Maybe you could give your book a star rating out of 5!



I'm looking forward to seeing what book you can recommend to read next!





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>

Now Available

The new school jacket is now available!

\$60

The jacket may be purchased through Oz Fashions.

Child Protection Requirements 'Building Child Safe Communities'

*All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the following Child Protection requirements **prior** to assisting in the classroom or on excursions*

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Click on
Our Schools
Parents and Partners
Building Child Safe Communities
Volunteers & Contractor Training
Volunteers

Step 1: Volunteer Form

Step 2: Training Module (needs to be completed every two years)

(Links are also available via our school website stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au)
(Enrol—Parental Involvement— Volunteer Training)
Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

