

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
Monday 4 May

Term 3
to be advised

Term 4
Thursday 17 December
Friday 18 December

**Welcome
BBQ
tomorrow
Thursday
5 March 2020**

**5:00pm -
6:30pm**



**RSVPs
due
today**



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

As we enter the Lenten season, I often hear of things people are giving up or going without, including chocolate or soft drinks. But Lent is really about changing your heart for God and forming a better relationship with Him. So what might that look like?

It might be to take a break from social media and use that time to spend with family, or in prayer. It might be offering a compliment to someone who is being unkind, or thinking of all the happy moments at the end of a day and saying thank you to God for them.

Pope Francis' 2020 Lenten Message is about praying that "our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call". Is your heart open to hear His call? What is He calling you to do?

*Loving Father,
Open my heart so that I may love like You.
May I listen to the cry of those who call my name, so
that I may sing a song of compassion and tolerance.
Help me to find in You this Lent, grace, forgiveness
and a fullness of life.
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Howell
Principal

Student Absences

Parents are reminded that the student attendance roll is marked every morning following the school assembly at 8:50am.

If your child is absent, when possible, parents are requested to notify the office via the Skoolbag app or school email stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au by 9:30am. This is accepted as a note and your child's attendance record can be updated.

Parents may also write a note or send an email to the school email stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au providing dates and an explanation for their child's absence within seven days of the absence. Students who have not provided an explanation for their absence will receive a letter reminding them to justify the absence. Student absences not explained after seven days are recorded as unexplained.

Application for Extended Leave - Travel (5 or more days)

Parents/Guardians are required to inform the Principal and complete an Application for Extended Leave Form if their child will be absent for **5 or more days**. The Application for Extended Leave Form is available on our school website (under School Notes) and must be completed prior to Leave being taken.

Open Morning tomorrow Thursday 5 March 2020

Our Open Morning for prospective families for Kindergarten 2021 will be held tomorrow Thursday 5 March 2020.

There will be **two morning sessions** commencing at **9:15am and 9:45am**.

The sessions will commence with a welcome in the **Community Room** and an overview of our school. Students from Year 6 will then show our visitors our Learning Spaces and focus on our day to day school life. There will be time for questions following the school tours.

Please register your attendance by calling **8832 4100**.

Siblings

Existing families who have a child starting school in 2021 are requested to advise Mrs Abood in the office so that we have some idea of the number of places we will have in Kindergarten next year.

We will commence accepting enrolment applications from tomorrow Thursday 5 March 2020.

Enrolment applications will close on Tuesday 31 March 2020.

When submitting your enrolment application you will need to **provide original supporting documentation**, as per the enrolment form checklist (**together with photocopies**).

Asthma Action Plans

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thank you to those families who have provided Asthma Action Plans for their children for the 2020 school year.

All students diagnosed with asthma should have an **action plan completed by their doctor (updated each year)** so that we are aware of any changes to instructions in case of an asthma attack at school.

There are a number of students who are yet to provide updated plans.

Parents are requested to provide the office with your child's updated plan immediately so that we can update their student record.

Parish Bingo Night

The Parish Bingo night advertised for Friday 1st May has been **POSTPONED**.

New date to be confirmed.



Grandparent's Day at St Monica's



Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Rita Davino for her excellent preparation again for the Book Fair this year. The extra touches you added made the Book Fair another special event.

The Book Fair was held on the playground and required setting up and packing up each day.

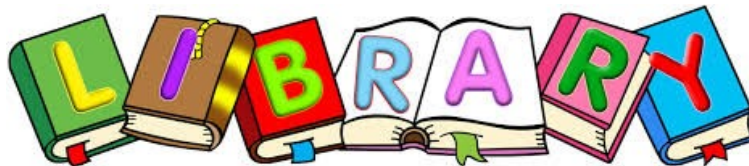
Thank you also to staff members who assisted Mrs Davino with setting up and packing up each day.



Pancake Day

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who made pancakes for the students on Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 25 February)





**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)

**Please encourage your children to come & visit the library -
We have a great range of books to borrow and a "bee sting" is given when books are
borrowed and then returned!**

Our library monitors & Mrs Davino are in the library during these times to help any students. The St Monica's message bag or a material/cloth bag can be used to protect borrowed books.

BOOK FAIR

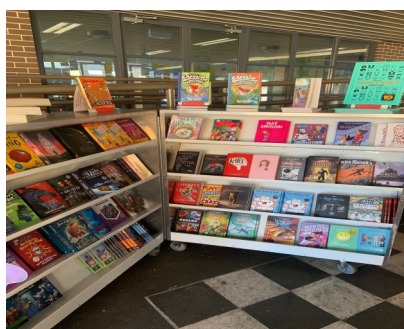
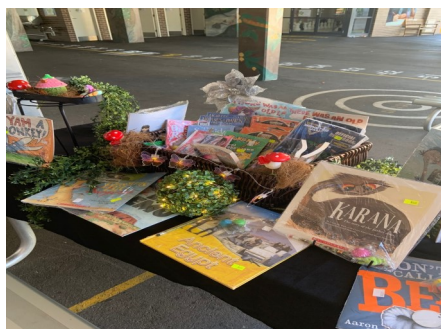
A Big **THANK YOU** to all the families who purchased books at
our very successful book fair this week!

The students loved buying their favourite books and were
introduced to many new titles and authors

Every purchase directly benefits the school with any funds
received used to buy new classroom resources



**Thank you to the Elias, Essey, Graham, Stewart, Forsyth & Markarian families who
generously donated books to add to our school library!**



CBCA Book Week (Term 3 Week 6)

August 24th - 28th

This year's theme: "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"

There will be lots of exciting events for our students to
enjoy...more details to follow!

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Week 6

Catholic Schools Week

Thursday 5 March

Open Morning

Principal Talks at 9:15am and 9:45 am
followed by School Tours for new families

Enrolments Open for Kindergarten 2021 (Enrolments will close on Tuesday 31 March 2020)

Welcome BBQ 5:00pm-6:30pm

Friday 6 March

Cross Country
Dance Fever Athletics

Week 7

Tuesday 10 March

Confirmation - Compulsory Parent Lesson (no children)
Parish Centre or St Monica's Parish Hall
7:00pm

(Parents who do not attend the Compulsory Parent meeting MUST have a meeting with Father Lam at his office before commencement of the 1st lesson.)

Wednesday 11 March

9:15 am Parish Mass (ES1 & Year 6 buddies attending)

Friday 13 March

Dance Fever Athletics

Week 8

Tuesday 17 March

9:15am Parish Mass (St Patrick's Day) (Stage 1 attending)

Thursday 19 March

9:15am Parish Mass (St Joseph's Day) (Stage 3 attending)

Friday 20 March

Dance Fever Athletics

Week 9

Monday 23 March

Harmony Day
1:30pm - 3:00pm In class activities (students only)

Friday 27 March

Dance Fever Athletics

Save the Date

**Tuesday 31/ March (Week 10) Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 31 March - Kindergarten 2021 enrolments close**

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 '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.

