

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 2/3
to be advised

Term 4
Thursday 17 December
Friday 18 December



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday, we celebrate Mothers' Day and acknowledge mothers and mothering. Many people - aunts, step-parents, family friends, grandmothers, dads - fulfill the chief mothering role in families and are to be celebrated also.

St Monica is remembered for her unwavering love for her son, Augustine. As mothers, we often feel discouraged, particularly in times of stress and uncertainty, and St Monica reminds us of the importance in continuing to love, pray and nurture our children, especially during the most difficult of times.

On Friday, we will celebrate our mothers with a [liturgy streamed live on YouTube](#) at 11:30am. Even though we are unable to celebrate in person, we look forward to joining with you and sharing what our students at St Monica's love about their mums. Thank you in advance to Miss Coutinho and Mr Adams for being our resident "streamers" and for continuing to think outside the square in order to bring liturgies to everyone at home.

Thank you to Victoria Elias for organising our Mothers' Day gifts this year. We hope they bring a smile to mothers' faces on Sunday. Remember to come and collect your orders tomorrow via our drive-thru service and bring the exact money as change cannot be provided.

As communicated previously, we begin a rostered return to face-to-face teaching from next week. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! I appreciate that some parents may not feel that they want their children to return to school yet, and I respect your choice - your child can still participate in the online learning through Google Classroom and Zoom.

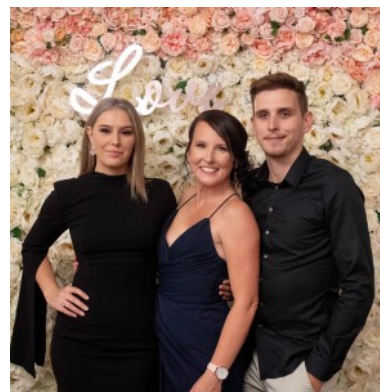
The following protocols and procedures will be in place until further notice to help protect our staff, students and visitors.

- Students and teachers only onsite - parents may attend the office via Daking Street and comply with social distancing guidelines
- Parents are asked not to congregate in the car park or at the gate and to observe strict social distancing guidelines
- Frequent handwashing and sanitising will be encouraged
- Desks, handrails and other surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day
- Bubblers will not be used - students are to bring a drink bottle each day
- Students who are sick MUST NOT attend school, including with symptoms of fever, sore throat, runny nose or cough. If your child becomes sick while at school, they will be sent to the sick bay and you will be called to collect them

Wishing all mothers and mother figures a blessed day on Sunday. May your day be filled with love and gratitude for all that you do for your families.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Howell
Principal



Student Learning

From Monday 11 May, Week 3, students will be invited to attend school face-to-face one day per week, according to their house colour. This is to enable siblings to attend on the same day. Please check the timetable below for the day that your child/children are scheduled to attend.

DAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HOUSE COLOUR	Green	Blue	N/A	Red	Gold

- ◆ In Weeks 3-5, learning will continue to be delivered remotely, via Google Classroom.
- ◆ Students who are present at school will access their learning in the same way as the students at home. However, they will have the opportunity to engage in this learning alongside their classroom teacher, on their rostered day.
- ◆ Students will be required to wear their Winter school uniform.
- ◆ On Wednesdays during Weeks 3-5, teachers will continue to deliver learning remotely for all students. From 12:30pm, each teacher will be released from face-to-face teaching (RFF) and will use this time to continue to plan and program quality learning experiences for their students. Students will be supervised by Teachers' Aides.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews

Kindergarten enrolment interviews will be conducted via Zoom meetings **commencing Monday 11 May**.

New family applicants will be interviewed by Ms Lisa Howell and Fr Ephraim Lam. Existing families will be interviewed by Mrs Mary-Anne Stenning.

An email has been sent to families who have applied for enrolment. Bookings must be made by Friday 8 May.

School Fees—Fee Relief

We understand that many families are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of loss of income. Please do not hesitate to contact us as there are many ways that we can provide support to families.



Fee Relief information and procedures to apply for Fee Relief can be accessed by clicking this [LINK](#).

Alternatively you may contact Mrs Lata Rebello, School Finance Officer on 8832 4100 who will be able to assist you. All conversations will remain strictly private and confidential.

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.

School Photographs

School Photograph packages have now been delivered to school. Photographs will be sent home with your children over the coming weeks.



Winter School Uniform—Week 3

All students are to wear their winter school uniform from Monday 11 May (Term 2 Week 3).

Please refer to the Parent Handbook or the school website for the school winter uniform requirements. All uniform items are available for purchase through **Oz Fashions**

The new school jacket (optional) is now available from Oz Fashions - \$60 each.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Dear families,

We would like to invite you all to join us tomorrow, **Friday 8th May, at 11:30am** as we participate in our Mother's Day liturgy.

As we are unable to join together in the one place as a school community, we will be Live streaming our liturgy via YouTube.

Please use the following link to gain access to this Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/5Fj1OGezERq>



We look forward to sharing our Mother's Day liturgy with you.

Therese Coutinho

Religious Education Coordinator

Mother's Day Gifts

Thank you to the many families who have placed an order for Mother's Day Gifts.



How to pick up your gifts

Friday 8 May

8:20am-8:50am or 3:00pm-3:30pm

Kiss and Drop

Please display your name in your car window.

How to pay for your gifts

CASH ONLY (When you collect your gifts)

Please place the **EXACT AMOUNT** in a zip lock bag with your eldest child's name on the front. **NO CHANGE WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

Hi St Monica's community.

Thank you for all your support and understanding during this challenging time. Due to the fact that we are unable to come together as a community, we have been unable to complete our dance fever lessons.



We are very excited to share with you some amazing videos which have been organised as online lessons. Dance fever teachers have been recording teaching and performing the skills that the students would have learnt. These videos are very well made and captivate the students' attention. Because they are videos, the students are able to practise the dances after they have watched them.

The package that we have signed up for is the **PREMIUM Package**. This includes:

- 10 x 12-15min videos (full term of content)
- Year Level / Stage Specific
- Aligned with curriculum
- Programs will sit within a secure login/password website

We hope you all enjoy these lessons and we look forward to seeing the children's skills when they return to school.

Kind regards,

Lauren Hartz
Sports Co-ordinator

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



Maan Patel	Mugilmaran Manimaran	Lydia Sun	Manton Lu
Dominic Perera	Nathan Pilli	Zachary Dy	Oceann Gan
Monica Salic	Daniel Nolan	Bai Rui (Barry) Zhang	Abigail Corera
Amelia Corera	Theresa Wong	Calista Soriano	Markus Nabua
Charlize Cooper	Amelia Wong	Staff: Mr Dennis and Fr Ephraim	

Don't forget to bring a
plastic drink bottle each day!

(NO glass bottles please)



Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the following families on the recent passing of their loved ones.

- ◆ Liam Sciacca's (S3) great grandmother (due to COVID-19)
- ◆ Oliver Cox's (ES1) grandfather

Please keep the **Sciacca** and **Cox** families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.



St Monica's Parish Sacramental Program

Confirmation:

All Children who have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be following the schedule and continuing with their lessons at home. Once a new date for the Confirmation Mass is finalized by the OFW we will notify everyone.



First Holy Communion:

Registration, which was scheduled for the weekend of 23rd/24th May, will occur via email as we are currently adhering to the Covid-19 rules & regulations. Once you have registered, resource packs will be ready for collection from the Parish Office.

For any further inquiries, or to email your registration form, please contact Shanika at stmonicasacraments@gmail.com.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All school clothing requirements are available for purchase through [Oz Fashions](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

Oz Fashions location: 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>



Access straight to **SORA** via:
<https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau>

Our Students have been doing a great job reading the amazing books they own, as well as also accessing books from our online elibrary as they engage in their continuous learning at home.

From Week 3 students will be able to borrow books from the school library again!

When you return on your scheduled day - Please remember to return any books/readers you have and then you will be able to borrow some new books to take home.

We are still looking for our **"Bookworm of the Term"** - with a prize awarded to the student per class who borrows the most books in one term.



STUDENT BOOK REVIEWS



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

Prizes will be awarded to the best reviewer from each class!

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!

Mrs Davino
 Library Assistant / Teacher's Aide