

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
Friday 5 July

Term 4
Friday 22 November
Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

*Students return
for Term 2 on
Monday
29 April 2019*

Athletics Carnival

Barton Park

114 Gladstone Street
North Parramatta

Friday 3 May 2019
(Term 2, Week 1)



Monica's Matters

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Next week we commence Holy Week and at the heart of our faith story are the events of Christ's ministry – His life, death, and resurrection. During this week we are led to contemplate once again that Jesus was both a person and at the same time, divine. As a community of faith we walk with Christ and one another through the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the bitter agony on the cross and to the empty tomb and the joyful resurrection of Easter Sunday. We walk not in great strides during this week but in small steps, passing through each movement mindful that we will reach the Resurrection and that, just like our own life, we will be forever transformed by the journey.

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way that we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another. If we have carried this hurt for years then we have deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy.

Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge so we can move away from our role as victim and relieve the power, that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment, we open ourselves to find compassion and understanding. Slowly, we embrace forgiveness and begin once more to live a truly Christian life.

Jesus' example to us on Good Friday, clearly defined for us the extent of God's forgiveness and the encouragement for us to do likewise in our own limited human way. But Jesus' example has an after effect as well, for on Easter Sunday He rose gloriously to a new life.

Jesus brought us the promise of new life, and that is why we celebrate with Easter eggs and chickens, as newly hatched chicks are a sign of new life.

I would like to invite all parents to attend our liturgy tomorrow Thursday 11 April commencing at 11:30am.

For your convenience, parents attending the Liturgy are requested to access the playground via the gate near the hall which will be open from 11:20am. There is no need to sign in at the office. The liturgy duration will be approximately 40 minutes.

Our gratitude to the students for their sense of the sacred and to the teachers for their outstanding dedication in this area.

From all those who work and learn at St Monica's we wish everyone a holy, safe and blessed Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell
Principal



Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Ann-Maree Bamford who will be Acting Coordinator while Miss Rosewell is on Long Service Leave next term. Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert will replace Mrs Bamford in Year 1 each Wednesday.

Our new permanent Finance Officer, Mrs Lata Rebello, will commence at St Monica's on Monday 29 April and I know that everyone will warmly welcome her.

Thank you to Mrs Jenny Lo Casio for looking after the finance and to Mrs Amanda Spencer for assisting with Administration for the past five weeks.

Parish Bingo Night



Friday 3 May 2019 (New Date) Parish Hall—7:00pm

Have you bought your Bingo Night tickets? Tickets available from the Parish Office tomorrow and Friday or after all of the masses during the school holidays.

Sausage Sizzle commencing at 6:00pm **Bingo commencing at 7:00pm**

Tickets are available at the Parish Office or after all the masses on the weekend. If you would like to purchase tickets through the school, please send the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your details and we will forward it to the Parish Office. **Single ticket \$5 Family Ticket \$20**
(Ticket price includes the sausage sizzle)

Winter Uniform Changeover

Students return after the holidays on **Monday 29 April 2019**. There will be a 2 week changeover into the Winter School Uniform. If you feel the weather is still too warm, your child may continue to wear their Summer Uniform until Friday 10 May.

All students must be wearing the Winter School Uniform by Monday 13 May 2019 (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. <http://www.ozfashions.com.au>

2nd Hand Uniforms - Clothing Sale

Our 2nd Hand Uniforms Clothing Sale will be held on **Thursday 2 May (Term 2 Week 1)**
Items \$5 each.

The Clothing Sale will be held between 8:20am-8:50am and then 2:45pm-3:00pm.
Please contact the school office if you are available to assist. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

THANK YOU TO TUCKSHOP2U for the professional service they have provided for the students and staff members of St Monica's. We have enjoyed having this service available and thank them for delivering morning tea and lunches each day. We wish the staff at TUCKSHOP2U all the best for their future endeavours.



POW WOW (new day)

Commencing on **Thursday 2 May (Term 2)**, Pow Wow will now be held on **Thursday mornings between 9:00am –10:30am** in the Community Room (COSH).

Unexplained Absence Letters

Letters have been sent home today regarding outstanding unexplained absences for students. If you receive a letter could you kindly complete the details and return it to school tomorrow so that we can update your child's school record. Thank you.



2020 Kindergarten Enrolments - NOW OPEN

ENROL NOW!

Enrolment applications have now commenced. Enrolment application forms may be downloaded from our school website or you may collect a package from the school office. Please provide **original supporting documentation** (together with photocopies) when lodging your enrolment application.

**** Current families who have a child starting school in 2020 are reminded to submit their enrolment application immediately to the school office.**

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Rate for

**Term 1 Week 10 was
93.2%**

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 10— 93.2%	
ES1	90.8%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	91.4%

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day during Term 1 (as at 10/4/19). Well done!!

ES1 A	Amaira Mehta, Marco Jimenez, Evelyn Wong, Hugh Gholab, Kai Mwanza, Margarita San Juan, Ayanah D'Souza, Parinika Thamiseti
ES1 B	Giselle Heathcote, Evangeline Hbeiche, Kyra Adlakha, Christos Cardomatis, Athulya Renjith Nair, Bella (Bai He) Zhang, Caesar Metierre, Archie Levins, Isla Siemsen, Annria Jeenson
Year 1	Amelia Bavell, Ivy Tran, Liam Forsyth, Chloe Luo, Aiden Forsyth, Abigail Corera, Elyssa Ekert, Amelia Corera, Czermiella Sarah Talampas, Soraya Mondinelli, Atticus Sloane
Year 2	Pare Nader, Olivia Szymanski, Mathew Dretvic, Zachary Dy, Cadence Metierre, Jared David, Olivia Cardomatis, Markus Nabua, Lucas Alvarez, Isabella Younes, Christopher Sadek, Cody Wylie, Ruby Elias, Imeth Wijeratne, Ananya Renjith Nair
S2A	Georgia Fernandes, Wyatt Heesen, Max Lukasik, Ashton Dardagos, Barry (Bai Rui) Zhang, L'Lysse Puyat, Mia Siemsen, Liam Sciacca, Charlize Cooper, Theresa Wong, Eva Sentas, Annabelle Boasiako
S2B	Lukas Lozancic Babic, Andrew Clark, Olivia Hekeik, Nina Talty, Aimee Akiko Loof, Elijah Corera, Olivia Nguyen, Monica Salic, Lola Sloane, Roger Corcoran
S3A	Jacob Kandalaft, Madeleine David, Galia Evangelista, Charles Sentas, Ashleigh North, Samira Hekeik, Anthony Carslake, Emma Sadek, Charbel Sadek, Zachariah Kassis, Deihl Peter Talampas, Summer Ierfino, Parmida Foroutan, Filippo Prevetera, Pranav Sathyan,
S3B	Poppy Sloane, Yi Lin, Emma O'Rourke, Neave Sciacca, John Sadek, Madeline Smith, Jayden Albayeh, Matilda Cooper, Simon Forsyth, Aidan Pospischil, Laura Emphield, Amy Makko, Jacob Abi-Daher,

Notice of Intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's School

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states :

"A term's notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term."

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

MERIT AWARDS



*Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Merit Awards.
(Week 11—Monday 8 April 2019)*

ES1:	Dariusz Alley, Isabella Andrade, Christos Cardomatis, Sophia Cerda, Keiralee Cosmai-Galvin, Aryana Erskine, Jace Fares, Hugh Gholab, Giselle Heathcote, Annria Jeenson, Angela Li, Caesar Metierre, Kai Mwanza, Mason Nader, Elyse Paterson, Jonathan Payne, Margarita San Juan, Evelyn Wong, Bai He (Bella) Zhang
Year 2	Olivia Cardomatis, Isabella Younes
Stage 2:	Ashton Dardagos, Max Lukasik, Mia Siemsen, Theresa Wong, Alicia Youssef, Manda Lu, Siria Mondinelli, Nina Talty, Onur James Unver
Stage 3:	Galia Evangelista, Jesse Maffina, Aidan Mutttoo, Maureen Haddad, Giselle Mondinelli, Emma O'Rourke,

2019 EASTER CELEBRATIONS

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Monica's Parish

Thursday, 18th April 2019—7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

St Monica's Parish

Friday, 19th April 2019

Stations of the Cross (English) —10:00am

Chinese Stations of the Cross— 11:30am

Passion of the Lord—3:00pm (English)

Passion of the Lord— 7:00pm (Chinese)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Vigil

St Monica's Parish

Saturday, 20th April 2019—6:00pm

Chinese Mass —9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

St Monica's Parish

Sunday, 21st April 2019 —9:00am

Chinese Mass—11:30am

No evening Mass



He is not here:
for he is risen,
Matthew 28:6



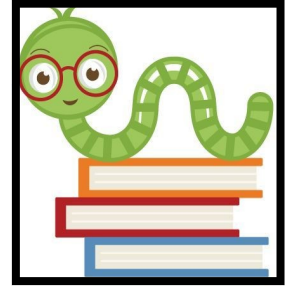
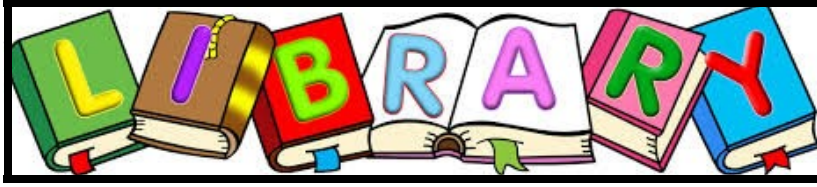
PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION , MASS & WYD EVENT

Primary and secondary students and teachers are invited to walk in the procession down Church Street with their school flags. Families are encouraged to join them. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent in the Cathedral at 6pm followed by an event that shares the stories of our returned World Youth Day pilgrims from Panama. Dinner will be provided.

Groups and individuals can be registered at the link below.

**Sunday 14 April
5:20pm—8:00pm
Parramatta Town Hall &
St Patrick's Cathedral.**

<https://parracatholic.org/palmsunday/>



BOOKWORM OF THE TERM COMPETITION

This term we looked for the student in each class who borrowed & read the most books from the library.

Our “Bookworms of the Term” for Term 1 are:

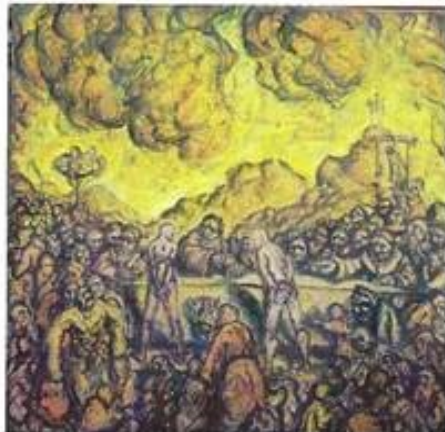
ES1: Marco Jimenez
 Year 1: Abigail Corera
 Year 2: Zachary Dy
 Year 3: Eva Sentas
 Year 4: Charlotte Sprincis
 Year 5: Sophie Stoker
 Year 6: Summer Ierfino

Congratulations to these students who have won a prize and will now have their name & face proudly displayed on our Bookworm Farm in the Library!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2019

MONDAY APRIL 8 - SUNDAY APRIL 21



Artwork: ChrisWyatt - Station 1
Jesus is sentenced to death 240cm x 240cm

15 Leading Artists:

Chris Wyatt
Nicole Lister,
Chris Auckett,
Leeane Sawyer
Anne Graham
Tony Mighell
Gordon Monro
G W Bott
John Pratt
Blak Douglas
Rodney Pople
Harrie Fasher
Lesley Salem
Euan Macleod
Jo Braithwaite
Jenny Little

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School and Northmead Uniting Church

Invite you to
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2019
April 8 – April 21. 10am-4pm daily.

Exhibition Opening Monday 8 April 6-8pm
6pm Curatorial Tour
7pm Official Opening

Guided Tours 2pm on weekend days or by appointment.
Eremos quiet half day retreat Saturday April 13 10am-1pm
Other events see Facebook page, Stations of the Cross Northmead 2019

Exhibition Space, Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School,
bottom end of Campbell Street, Northmead.
Information Northmead Uniting Church P: 9890 5814, E: nuchurch@bigpond.net.au
Northmead CAPAHS P: 9630 4116

A reflection from Sanoy (Stage 3) who attended the Stations of the Cross exhibition at Northmead Performing Arts School.

Families are very welcome to attend the exhibition.

"I really enjoyed Black Douglas' artwork based on Jesus' crucifixion. The phrase behind the intricate design was 'Three strikes and you are out'. I adored the image as it supported Anti racism because this artist came from an Aboriginal tribe and he is depicting Jesus as an Aboriginal man. This artwork made me feel mournful for the artist or anyone that is constantly judged or overlooked.

Term 1 and 2 Important Dates

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

Week 11

Thursday 11 April	Aria Music—Guitar Lessons 11:30am Holy Week Liturgy (Parents are requested to access the Learning Space via the car park gate nearest to the Hall. The gate will be open from 11:20am. No need to sign in at the office)
Friday 12 April	Dance Fever School ends for Term 1
Thursday 18 April	Holy Thursday
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 April	Easter Sunday
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 29 April	Students return for Term 2 (Winter Uniform)
Wednesday 1 May	Aria Music—Keyboard Lessons Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting 7:00 pm Staffroom
Thursday 2 May	9:00 am Pow Wow (Community Room) Aria Music—Guitar Lessons 2nd Hand Clothing Sale (8:20am-8:50am and 2:45pm-3:00pm)
Friday 3 May	Athletics Carnival—Barton Park (11 Gladstone Street, North Parramatta) Parish Bingo, Parish Hall (New Date)

Week 2

Tuesday 7 May	Diocesan Cross Country—Eastern Creek
Wednesday 8 May	1pm Mother's Day Stall (Hall) Aria Music - Keyboard Lessons
Thursday 9 May	9:15am Mother's Day Mass Aria Music—Guitar Lessons
Friday 10 May	<i>Athletics Carnival Back Up Day</i>
Sunday 12 May	Mother's Day

Week 3

Monday 13 May	All students to be wearing full winter uniform
Tuesday 14 May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Wednesday 15 May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Thursday 16 May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)