Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Often human beings behave like bees. And not in a good way! If you place several bees in an open-ended bottle and lay the bottle on its side with the base toward a light source, the bees will repeatedly fly to the bottle bottom toward the light. It never occurs to them to reverse gears and try another direction. This is a combination of genetic programming and learned behaviour.

Put a bunch of flies in that bottle and turn the base toward a bright light. Within a few minutes, all the flies will have found their way out. They try all directions—up, down, toward the light, away from the light; often bumping into the glass—but sooner or later they fly into the neck of the bottle and out the opening into the fresh air.

Acknowledgement: Denis Waitley

Often we allow ourselves to become locked in our present circumstances, even if we are unhappy and really want to be heading in a new direction. It can be easy to cling to the old habits that keep us trapped. What we’re doing may make us miserable, but at least it’s familiar.

One of the most important factors in achieving personal success is the willingness to try new things out, to experiment, to test new ground, to go in new directions. In fact, this is the only way to learn and progress: trial, error, feedback, knowledge, trial and success.

So, when we are trapped in an old behaviour, we need to try something new. That is the only way to change our lives. Teachers challenge their students to try new ways. For example - to try different ways to solve mathematical problems, experiment with different sentence starters or present their learning in a different way.

There is often an element of risk when it comes to change. By placing our trust in God we are better able to make that change towards a newness of life and being.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O’Donnell
Principal

POSMS Meeting
Wednesday 29 October 2014  7:00pm

Agenda

NAPLAN results
‘Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Programs’ 2015
Extra-Curricula Programs 2015
Fundraising 2015
Fete 2015
SYMPATHY
The school community extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to Mrs Cattermole and her family on the recent passing of her father. Please keep Mrs Cattermole in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS—Miss Rosewell
Our St Monica’s School Community congratulates Miss Michelle Rosewell on being appointed as the Religious Education Co-ordinator for St Monica’s for 2015.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL
A letter was sent home to each family on Tuesday regarding this appeal. If you have not received your letter please contact the school office. Parents are reminded that all donations over $2 are tax deductible. Once your envelope has been received, you will be issued with a receipt. Please keep this for taxation purposes.

ICAS—Spelling
Congratulations to Riwaz Bhattachan who received a Distinction in the ICAS Spelling held last term and not Participation as was advertised. Well done Riwaz.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST MONICA’S IN 2015
Each family has been sent home a letter requesting them to advise the school if they will not be returning next year. To enable the school to plan appropriately for next year we ask families of students in Kindergarten – Year 5 who are not returning to St Monica’s in 2015 to advise the school in writing as soon as possible.

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS for 2015
A reminder that new bus pass applications are required for Year 2 students who will be going into Year 3 in 2015 or any new enrolments for 2015. Bus pass applications have been sent home to students in Year 2 who currently hold a bus pass. If your child is in Year 2 and will need a bus pass for next year, please enquire at the school office.

Completed bus pass applications need to be returned to the school no later than Friday 31 October 2014 in order for bus passes to be ready for next year.

SCHOOL OFFICE—BORROWED CLOTHING
Parents are requested to immediately return any items of clothing (including underwear, shorts, shirts and socks) that have been loaned to your children from the school office.

Currently we do not have any BOYS underwear in supply. Parents are asked to please ensure that a spare set of underwear is in your child’s school bag in the event of an accident at school.

If any parent would like to donate boys underwear in sizes 4-6 and 6-8 we would be very grateful.

WALKATHON RAFFLE WINNERS
Congratulations to the following winners of the Walkathon Raffle

Friday 10 October - John Sadek, Sakina Kunambi, Marley Puyat, Edward Joseph and Aidan Muttoo
Friday 17 October—Rachel French, Bernard Kneipp, Trinity Bird, Bernardo Enciso Llamas and Chanel Azar.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their Walkathon donations. To date we have raised—$4405.90. This Friday we will be awarding Smiggles Vouchers to the top three students who have brought in the most money for our Walkathon.

WORKING BEE
The next Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday 13 December 2014 (Week 10).

SOCIAL/WELCOME MEETING—tonight
The next Social/Welcome Team meeting will be held tonight (Wednesday 22 October) commencing at 7pm in the Staffroom. Parents are requested to park in Daking Street and enter via the school office.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE!!!
Saturday 8 November 2014 - CAR WASH—Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser
Only $10 per car — 8:00am-3:00pm School Grounds —family, friends, grandparents, neighbours all welcome.
Important dates to remember—Term 4

**Week 3**
- Wednesday 22 October: Social/Welcome Team Meeting—- 7pm Staffroom - *(please park in Daking Street)*
- Friday 24 October: Pasta Lunch

**Week 4**
- Wednesday 29 — Friday 31 October: Book Sale—Gold Coin (details below)
- Wednesday 29 October: POSMS Meeting—7pm Learning Space
- Friday 31 October: 9:15am Whole School Mass

**Week 5**
- Saturday 8 November: Car Wash—Year 6 Fundraiser

**Week 10**
- Tuesday 9 December: Christmas Celebration
- Friday 12 December: Assembly and Thank you Morning Tea
- Saturday 13 December: Working Bee

**Week 11**
- Tuesday 16 December: 6pm End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday 17 December: Last day for students
- Thursday 18 December: Staff Development Day
- Friday 19 December: Staff Development Day

### Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Congratulations to Jack Talty who has successfully auditioned for a role in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Concourse in Chatswood. Jack will be performing alongside Sam Moran (The Wiggles, Play Along with Sam), Harmony Lovegrove (The Voice Kids, Schools Spectacular) and a cast of Sydney's most talented performers under 20 years of age. The production will run from January 9-24 and tickets are on sale now.


Ticketek 1300 795 012.

### Book Sale

**Week 4**: 29th–31st October
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Morning.

As part of our Mercy Works this year we will be holding a Book Sale to support Education Centres in Timor-Leste.

All money will be collected by members of the ’Mercy Action Group’. Books will be sold for a gold coin outside the teacher’s workroom from 8:20am until the warning bell next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**OLMC Mercy Scholarships**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.
St Monica’s Preserve Fundraising

The preserves below are all home-made and would make great Christmas gifts. All money raised will go towards funding new technology purchases. Limited quantities available. Orders will be processed on a first come first served basis.

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Thank you to Claire Pospischil for her generosity in kindly making the preserves.

St Monica’s 2014 Preserve Fundraising

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| Eldest child’s name and class: ____________________ |

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Preferred collection point (please note jars won’t be sent home with children as they are glass):

- Afternoon kiss and drop: □
- COSHC: □
- School office: □
Stage Three’s Trip to Taronga Zoo

On Monday 13 October, Stage 3 went to Taronga Zoo for our Entry Event for our Maths PBL. We went there to help us understand what aspects of the enclosures we need to include in our work as we are designing our own zoos. When looking at the enclosures, we took notes and photos, on the size of the enclosures, the amount of animals in them, the habitats and materials used as well as the little things that grabbed our attention. We all had a great day, and learnt a lot that will help us with the design of our own zoo, which is our Final Product.

We would like to say thank you to Ms Delany, Mrs Cappello and Mr Reid for their great support and to Mr Lewis and Mr Unver for driving the buses on the day.

Stage Three

THANK YOU

St Monica’s school would like to thank Mrs Wehbe for her kind donation of the statue of Mary which has been placed in the school foyer.

Mrs Wehbe has also donated a pair of rosary beads for every child in the school as it is the month of the rosary.
Catherine McAuley Westmead, School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am Wednesday 5th November 2014
Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour and avoid the crowds in Term 1 next year.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor’s car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.