Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year,
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
We trust that your purposes have always been at work each day.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to Your will.
With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us and guide each day as You have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation
Tomorrow night our whole school community will come together to thank God for our successful school year. At our Mass we will farewell our Year 6 students and families who are leaving St Monica’s.

The graduation marks a significant milestone in the life of these wonderful young people. I am proud to say that these students have been an outstanding group of graduates. They have consistently demonstrated care for others, exemplary conduct and have been great role models for our younger students. I pray that each of them continue on their journey and that they will be able to build upon the educational and spiritual foundation they have received from their families and this school to become people who can make a positive difference to our world.

My thanks and gratitude to our Parish Priest, Father Fernando for his pastoral leadership and care throughout 23014.

May the Christ child be present in your hearts this Christmas and may His abundant graces be with your families.

Wishing all the St Monica’s community a holy, healthy, safe and happy Christmas.

Until next year.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O’Donnell
Principal
Awards

Today we acknowledged the many students in our school who this year have distinguished themselves in various areas of learning and life. Some have excelled in their academic achievement, some in their persistent effort with learning, some in their outstanding achievement in areas such as sport while others have been recognised for their leadership qualities, for giving of themselves to serving others and in helping to make this community a better place through active citizenship. We congratulate all students who were presented with school awards for outstanding effort and perseverance.

Congratulations to the following students:

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<td>Christian Living</td>
<td>Maureen Haddad, Kimi Cruz, Ajok Kondok, Charlotte Newey, Hunter Malatag, Matheas Noonan, Jasmine Bird</td>
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<td>Academic Achievement</td>
<td>Manson Lu, Zachariah Kassis, Jessica Crowle, Jessica Chapman, Natasha Muttoo and Brendan Pospischil, Abbi Lewis, Jacob Khadi</td>
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<td>Consistent Effort</td>
<td>Bernardo Enciso Llamas, Charles Sentas, Raymond Khadi, Isabella Smith, Cassie Kowalczyk, Kyah Day, Edward Joseph</td>
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<td>Most Improved</td>
<td>Jessica Chandra, Samira Hekeik, Trinity Bird, Ainsley Mitchell, Alanah Khadi, Amalie Dona, Jason Ierfino</td>
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<td>School Spirit</td>
<td>Vris Patel, Emma O’Rourke, Gabriel Bucur, Sandra Chirchir, Jackson Basha, Hayley Herder-Beke, Chantelle Grabham.</td>
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**Hills Shire Citizenship Award**—Jack Talty

**Full Attendance for the School Year**


**Eels Reading Encouragement Awards**  
Ardinah Mngoma, Jesse Maffina, Ahmed Dukuly, Alanis Supuk, Eddie Tran, Alisha Merchant and Jimmy Aoun.

**Servant Leadership**  
**Stage 3—assisted in Stage 1**  

**Stage 2—assisted in ES1**  

**Recognition in Sport**  
Abbi Lewis, Bessie Phillips, Joshua Albayeh, Alby Giles and Patrick Newey.

**CLASSES FOR 2015**

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<td>Mrs Wendy Paley/Mrs Cath Ungsuprasert, Mrs Mary McKenzie and Mrs MaryWeston</td>
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STROKE PRODUCTION
Stroke production will be held tomorrow morning at 8:50am. Thank you to Mr Davidson for providing tennis lessons at St Monica’s. The students are very fortunate to have him coach them each week.

Tennis lessons in 2015: To give Mr Davidson an idea of students interested in Tennis lessons in 2015 please complete the following form and return it to the office tomorrow. Lessons will commence again in Week 2 of Term 1.

LOST PROPERTY
Parents are asked to please check the lost property box for their children’s clothing or items. Any unlabelled, unclaimed items will be donated to the Uniform Shop at the end of the Term.

STUDENT BANKING
There will be NO STUDENT BANKING this week. Student banking will resume in Week 3 of Term 1 2015.

WORKING BEE  Thank you to the following parents and staff who attended the Working Bee last Saturday.
Paul Hossack, Gerard Basha, Mel, Kobe and Marley Puyat, Slavica Lukic, Kathy, Sebastian, Neave and Liam Sciaccia, Simone, Abbi, Madeline and Chelsea Lewis, Neil, Edward and Philip Joseph, Richard, Cathryn, Patrick and Jessica Crowle, Tom Grzelak, Susan Halabi, Zachariah Kassis, Rachel and Laura Emphield, Miss Sweeney and Mrs Mason.

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge
The Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge is back again this year! We are encouraging students to read a minimum of 10 books over the school holidays to go into the draw to win one of four iPad minis!!
All entries must be received via our online form by 5pm on Friday 6 February 2015. Winners will be announced on Monday 16 February 2015 on our website. Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/new-events for more information

Trivia Night
St Monica’s annual Trivia Night will be on Saturday 14 March 2015, which is Week 7 of Term 1. The Trivia Night Committee has started to collect prize donations for the night. If you have your own business, work for, or have contacts with a business or company that may be able to donate some prizes for the Trivia Night, please speak to Kathy Sciaccia, Tiff Cooper, Simone Lewis, Katrina Mitchell, Genevieve Smith, Vanessa Talty or Claudia Kassis. Alternatively please contact the school. This is a very important fundraising night for our school and so we need lots of donations. The 2014 Trivia Night was lots of fun, so please save the 2015 date in your diaries.