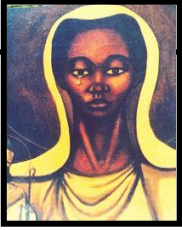


Term 1, Week 4  
Wednesday February 15, 2017



# St Monica's Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Assistant Principal:  
Parish Administrator:

Mr Cameron Lievore  
Mrs Jacqui Van Der Berg  
Fr Clifford D'Souza

## Diary Dates

Wednesday February 15	Reconciliation Yr 6
Friday February 17	Swimming Carnival Cancelled - only for 50&100mtr events Water fun day at school
Monday February 20	No School Assembly Zone Swimming Carnival – Hawkesbury Oasis  Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6
Tuesday February 21	<b>Nude Food Day</b> Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6
Wednesday February 22	Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6
Thursday February 23	Yr 3 Excursion – Blue Mountains Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6
Friday February 24	Parish Mass Year 2 Diocesan Swimming Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6
Monday February 27	School Assembly 8:50am – Prayer Year 4 Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6 PRC General Meeting - Gilroy Catholic College 6:30pm
Tuesday February 28	<b>Nude Food Day</b> Meet & Greet the Teacher Yrs 1-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year. The children have settled into their routines and are very excited about the year ahead.

Thank you to everyone for your support bringing your children in for their 'Mathematics Assessment Interviews.' The information we have gathered is invaluable for our teachers to get to know your child and their mathematical understanding.

Maths at Home. Here are some ideas for activities that you can do at home:

- Counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Choose a number – what comes before this number, after this number.
- Choose a number - 10 more than, 10 less than, 100 more than, 100 less than.
- Help to weigh and measure ingredients for your recipes.



Jacqui Van Der Berg  
Assistant Principal

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL - CANCELLED

As Friday is predicted to be another day of extreme heat, the difficult decision has been made to **cancel the swimming carnival** except for those children participating in the 50 and 100 metre events. Those children will travel by bus with teachers to the pool to compete. Due to the limited shade and access to the pool for most of the children on the day, we feel that this is the best decision for the children.

All other children will remain at school for fun water activities. Children should attend school on Friday in their sport uniform.

Thank you for your understanding. The school canteen will be open on Friday as normal.

### Notes Sent home recently

- Swimming Carnival Update
- Year 3 Excursion
- Term 1 Overviews
- K-1 Water Fun Day

### Fees

Fees statements should be received by all this week. For those families that have received their statements late and wish to enter into a payment arrangement the offer return date has been extended to 24/2/17.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in our canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Alison on 0428 228 121

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Mariana Gelevski & Jeanette Rogers
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed Please</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Carly Collins



*To the children who are celebrating their Birthdays over the next 2 weeks.....*

\*Bridget M-C 1W \*Hayden T 4B \*Alexandra D 1B  
 \*Eva H 5B \*Georgia E 6W \*Seanna S 2B  
 \*Noah T 4B \*Anthony V 3B \*Aaron H 2W  
 \*Morgan C 3W \*Jake Y KB

## SPORTS NEWS

Over the weekend Lachlan G, Kobi W, Jonathan A, Mitchell B, Kyle T and Ryan C of Year 6 represented their club Norwest in the NSW Junior State Cup for OZ Tag at Coffs Harbour. They played continuous rounds over the 2 days in the HOT conditions but enjoyed playing along-side their mates and plying a game they love. Well Done Boys!



## CAKE RAFFLE

Cake Raffle is held on Thursday mornings. Check each fortnight to see if your child is rostered to supply a cake on this day. The cake can be homemade or purchased from the grocery store. Tickets are sold for 20cents each. All proceeds go towards purchases for our library.

### Week 4 – Thursday February 16

KW	Phoebe B	KB	Lily-Rose B
1W	Flynn B	1B	Seanna B
2W	Oliver B	2B	Aiden B
3W	Stavros A	3B	Joshua B
4W	James B	4B	Connor B
5W	Jonah B	5B	Clayton B
6W	Siannah B	6B	Maddalena B

### Week 5 – Thursday February 23rd

KW	Lily C	KB	Bastion C
1W	Aaliyah B	1B	Luella B
2W	Kyle C	2B	Isabella B
3W	Charlotte B	3B	Leo B
4W	Zac C	4B	Joshua B
5W	Alec B	5B	Lucas B
6W	Mickayla B	6B	Emily B
K6G	Jaxson C		

*Congratulations to our student representatives for Term 1.*

### Student Representatives Term 1 - 2017

<b>K6Gold</b>	Charlie S	Tyrone L
<b>KW</b>	Alexander P	Ayla H
<b>KB</b>	Joel S	Matilda L
<b>1W</b>	Travis C	Amelia V
<b>1B</b>	Evie S	Jordan S
<b>2W</b>	Cooper S	Ashleigh T
<b>2B</b>	Isabella B	Blake S
<b>3W</b>	Stavros A	Rhianna M
<b>3B</b>	Isaac T	Grace F
<b>4W</b>	Sarah H	Daniel R
<b>4B</b>	Lauren A	Ashton H
<b>5W</b>	Aidan W	Eden X
<b>5B</b>	Charlise M	Finbar H
<b>6W</b>	Jazmine G	Savannah W
<b>6B</b>	Vanessa A	Daniel B

## ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 50. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 6 February 2017.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies) For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470.

The Child Protection Information Line **1300 661 015** is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on **131 444**. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**Open Day**  
 Sunday March 12, 2017

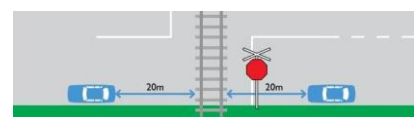
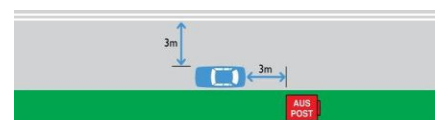
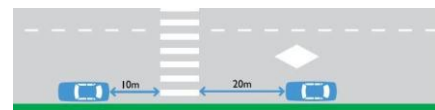
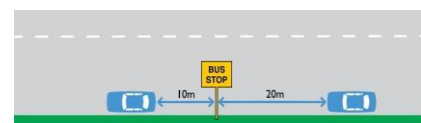
## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents and carers are reminded to observe the parking signs and other markings in Bourke and Francis Streets.

Council Rangers patrol regularly and will fine those who are not observing the parking zones in both streets.

### General parking rules

- You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- On or across a driveway (unless dropping off or picking up passengers for no longer than 2 minutes)
- On or across a footpath
- In a clearway
- On footpaths and nature strips
- At a BUS STOP or within 20m before and 10m after a BUS STOP or between a BUS ZONE, TAXI STAND or TAXI ZONE signs
- In a safety zone or within 10 metres before or after a safety zone
- Within an intersection
- On or within 20m (before) or 10m (after) a pedestrian crossing, marked foot crossing or children's crossing (unless a sign allows you to park there)
- Within 20m of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there
- Within one metre of another vehicle parked in front or behind (does not apply when angle parking)
- Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless a sign allows you to park there (see image)
- Within three metres of any double centre lines
- Within three metres of an Australia Post letter box unless dropping off or picking up passengers or mail (see image).
- Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop (see image).
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing (see image).
- Within 10 metres before and three metres after a marked foot crossing with traffic signals.
- On a railway level crossing.
- Within 20 metres before and after a railway level crossing (see image).



Before opening your door check your mirrors and blind spots for pedestrians, bicycles or other vehicles.

## Toys at School

A reminder that children should not bring toys, games, Pokémon cards etc to school as these can easily be lost or damaged.

The school accepts no responsibility if they are lost, misplaced or damaged. All children have been reminded of this a number of times over the last few years.

### Attendance:

Recently I sent a letter home to all families regarding the importance of regular school attendance. It is essential that everyone (school and families) is aware of their obligations in ensuring that children arrive on time and are present for the full school day. I do understand that there are occasions when appointments have to be made during school time, however where possible, these should be kept to a minimum. I also understand that there are occasions when some children will be unavoidably late to school. However, this should not be a regular occurrence. It is important that we all understand that the *Education Act (1990)* clearly outlines the responsibilities of families in ensuring that children attend school regularly. The Act also clearly outlines the responsibility of school principals in reporting and following up regular non-attendance (including partial absences) from school. Obviously, when children are sick they should remain at home until they are well enough to return to school. Similarly, if children are sick at school, we will continue to contact parents and carers to pick them up. All absences from school (including late arrival / early departure) must be explained. Thank you all for your understanding and support.

Cameron Lievore  
Principal



# Parent Calendar Term 1 - 2017

Month / Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
JANUARY WEEK 1					27	28/29
JANUARY FEBRUARY WEEK 2	30	31 *Assembly * Years 1-6 return	1 * 2017 Kindy 9:30am - 12:30pm	2 * 2017 Kindy 9:30am - 12:30pm	3 * 2017 Kindy 9:30am - 12:30pm	4/5
FEBRUARY WEEK 3	6 *Jo – Assembly Prayer	7	8	9 *Christine Carlton Year 5	10	11/12
FEBRUARY WEEK 4	13 * NO Assembly * Beginning of Year Mass – 9:15	14	15 * Year 6 Reconciliation	16	17 * Swimming Carnival *K-1 Water Fun Day	18/19
FEBRUARY WEEK 5	20 *NO Assembly *Zone Swimming  *Meet & Greet the Teacher	21	22	23 *Yr 3 Excursion – Blue Mountains	24 * Diocesan Swimming	25/26
FEBRUARY MARCH WEEK 6	27 * Assembly Prayer Year 4  *Meet & Greet the Teacher	28	1 *Ash Wednesday Mass 3-6 & K-2 Liturgy of the Word	2	3	4/5
MARCH WEEK 7	6 * Assembly Prayer Year 3	7	8 *Grip Leadership *Year 5 Reconciliation	9 *Yr 2 Excursion – Hawkesbury Museum	10	11/12
MARCH WEEK 8	13 * Assembly Prayer Year 2	14	15	16	17	18/19
MARCH WEEK 9	20 * Assembly Prayer Year 1	21	22 *Year 4 Reconciliation	23	24 *School Cross Country - TBC	25/26 Kindy, Yr2 & Yr5 Mass 9:30am
MARCH APRIL WEEK 10	27 * 4W Cares * Assembly Prayer Kindy	28 *4B Cares	29	30	31 *Storyfest presentations	1/2
APRIL WEEK 11	3 * Assembly Prayer Year 6	4	5	6 * Holy Week Liturgy 11:30am *Last Day of T1 for children	7 *Staff Development Day  Pupil free	8/9
TERM 2 APRIL WEEK 1	24 *First Day Term 2 - K-6	25 *ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29/30



**COOL KIDS  
FREE GROUP PROGRAM FOR  
CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY ISSUES**

**Primary school years 3 - 6**

Are you seeing anxious children who have significant difficulties with issues relating to anxiety? Are they experiencing?

- Separation, self-consciousness or social anxiety / excessive shyness
- General fears or specific phobias
- Self-esteem & confidence issues
- Poor social skills
- Worries, avoidance, reassurance seeking
- School refusal and anxiety related arguments/temper outbursts
- Perfectionism, complains of headaches, tummy pains or sore legs
- Sleeping problems (falling asleep) or sleeping in parents' bed

Cool Kids is an evidence-based treatment program for children with anxiety issues. Both **children and their parents** participate in a **free 8 week** program that will help children overcome and manage their anxiety at home and school, and give parents practical strategies to support their children.

Groups are running in 2017 during school terms 1 and 2 in your local area. Please note that all families **must attend a pre-group assessment** to determine suitability.

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**How can I be referred?**

**Talk to your GP about a Cool Kids referral  
OR  
Phone the Community Health  
Central Referral Service  
on 1800 222 608 (for the Springwood group only)**



Groups are run in partnership with the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District's Community Health Child and Family Counselling Team; Child & Youth Mental Health Services; and Child and Adolescent Development Unit; and the

Nepean Blue Mountains PHN (ATAPS program).  
Updated February 2017

**The following groups will run in Term 1, 2017:**

**Hawkesbury Referrals close: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
Group start date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm  
Location: Windsor

**NBMPHN**  
1800 223 365

**Groups may run in Term 3. Updated timetables will be distributed throughout the year and will be available on our website [www.nbmphn.com.au/coolkids](http://www.nbmphn.com.au/coolkids)**

**Term One General Meeting & AGM  
29 February, 2016**

<b>Location</b>	Patrician Learning Centre, Patrician Brothers' College, 100 Fluchcombe Road, Blacktown
<b>Attendees</b>	<a href="#">Sign On List Sheet</a>

Meeting opened at 7pm by President Selina Calleia (SC). SC welcomed everyone to this gathering in addition to her official welcome to the AGM.

SC thanked Santo Passarello (SP) (Principal - Patrician Brothers' College), Brian Edmonds (AP -Patrician Brothers' College) & Jim Prendergast (REC – Patrician Brothers', College) for allowing the PRC use of their College's facilities tonight (as they have so generously done so in the past!)

Acknowledgement of Country – Lynn McKinnon (LMcK)

Prayer (attached) – Sonia Nesci (SN)

No business arising from previous AGM minutes (16/02/2015) – led by Linda Gosbell (LG)

Confirmation and acceptance of the previous AGM minutes – moved Ann-Marie Pletkan (AMP) & seconded by SN

Outgoing President's Report by SC – see attached document

Outgoing Treasurer's Report (Rebecca Moxley RM) – see attached document

Outgoing CCSP Report by AMP – see attached document

10-minute cluster meeting – groups broke up into their four respective clusters. The Cluster Leaders directed conversation on what future PRC presentations the parents of the Diocese would like to hold? Also, what success stories would parent/s like to share from their clusters. Cluster Leaders submitted feedback on the night to SC or emailed after the meeting.

SP (Returning Officer) declared all positions vacant

Under leadership of SP the election for the 2016/2017 PRC Executive was conducted

All positions received just one nomination; all positions were filled - unopposed:

President:	Lynn McKinnon	
Vice-President:	Mona Mazlin-Thind	
Treasurer:	Natalie Cilia	
Secretary:	Linda Gosbell	
CCSP Representative:	Lynn McKinnon	
CCSP Alternate Representative:	Anne-Mare Pletkan	
CLUSTER LEADER (Blacktown/Greater Western Sydney):		Priscilla Pickering
CLUSTER LEADER (Parramatta/Holroyd):		Nicole Day
CLUSTER LEADER (Penrith/Blue Mountains):		Sharon Hader
CLUSTER LEADER (Hills/Hawkesbury):		Sonia Nesci

Impromptu thank you and presentation of gifts to outgoing Executive Members, Selina Calleia, Jeff Know and Rebecca Moxley

Welcome to the 2016 President (LMcK) and the 2016/2017 Executive Team

Introduction and welcome to the guest presenters for the special presentation "Setting up success for your child in 2016):

- Kathy Ferrari (Principal, OLOW PS Emu Plains)
- Sue Veiling (Teaching Educator, CEDP)
- Santo Passarello (Principal, Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown)

General business followed with no notable issues raised.

Meeting closed with the Hail Mary prayer led by LMcK at 9:15pm



# PRC PARENT REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORISATION FORM

I hereby authorize

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert parent name)

to be the Alternate PRC Representative for

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert school name)

on the Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese for 2017

PRC Rep Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in school:            Principal / Assistant Principal (please circle one)

PRC Rep Contact Details:

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return by Monday 20 Feb 2017  
Return to by Secretary of the PRC via emailing a scanned  
copy of this form to **[prcparrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prcparrasecretary@gmail.com)**



# PRC ALTERNATE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORISATION FORM

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\_\_\_\_\_ (insert parent name)

to be the Alternate PRC Representative for

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert school name)

on the Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese for 2017

PRC Rep Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in school:            Principal / Assistant Principal (please circle one)

PRC Rep Contact Details:

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return by Monday 20 Feb 2017  
Return to by Secretary of the PRC via emailing a scanned  
copy of this form to **[prcparrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prcparrasecretary@gmail.com)**



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# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



## DID YOU KNOW



**1 IN 6**

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT  
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

## EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



## GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner  
every day 

