Congratulations Dylan Wilson (6B).

Last week Dylan travelled to Barooga, representing MacKillop in cricket. He had a very successful week with MacKillop winning the NSW PSSA Boys Cricket carnival. Congrats Dylan & MacKillop!!!

School Grounds Safety – Car Park

Recently a number of cars have been driving into the church car park area to drop off and pick up children.

In the interest of community safety parents are reminded that children are not to be dropped off or picked up from the church carpark as this is dangerous, especially when vehicles are trying to reverse out of their carpark.

The only cars permitted in the grounds are those dropping off and picking up students from the ASPECT Unit and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Back to School 2016

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2016 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2016 school year. The information impacts on the February Census and our funding.

Crunch & Sip

**Fruit Salad…..Yummy Yummy!**

Fruit Salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.

Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!
St Monica’s Primary School
P&F Committee

Invite you to attend
Annual General Meeting

18th November 2015
2:10pm
School Hall

The meeting will commence with a brief P&F Meeting of the current committee and followed by the AGM to elect the following positions:

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Hawkesbury House - Therapeutic and Family Support Services

Art Therapy Workshop with Robert Gray - 4th + 5th November - Highly regarded art therapy lecturer Robert Gray is returning to Hawkesbury House to present two workshops.

Day One - Family Art Therapy, Day Two - Art Therapy and Children - $140/person for the two days.

Kundalini Yoga + Meditation with Holly de Cavalho - every Monday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 start the week by paying special attention to your breathing, developing a neutral mind and releasing negative emotions. At the same time you will stretch and strengthen your body. $15/person or $50 for 5 sessions.

Creative Expression Group (under 16's) - run every 2nd Tuesday, this group is aimed to allow children the space to explore who they are, how they feel in the world and any daily worries and anxieties. $25/person

Unlock Your Unconscious Resilience - every Wednesday this group will aim to tap into your unconscious and Build self-awareness and inner strength. During this two hour session for adults, you will be assisted to express yourself in various mediums to create an artwork, which will be used during the session to explore your unconscious experience. $30/person

Further information and bookings can all be enabled on our website, www.hawkesburyhouse.com
SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

A Reflection Day - to celebrate the lives of loved ones

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

A day to honour and celebrate those loved ones who have taken their lives. There will be some information sessions, small group sharing, quiet reflection time and celebration of the Eucharist.

Facilitators:
Fr Stan Lim SJ, Sr Eileen Quade RSM, Philippa Ford, Ann O’Brien

Saturday 14th November 2015, 10am to 4pm
St Joseph’s Centre, 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills

Morning tea and Lunch will be provided.
Registrations essential.

For bookings and enquiries phone CatholicCare Social Services on (02) 9933 0222 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au

“The reality is that we don’t forget, move on, and have closure. But rather we honour, remember, and incorporate our deceased children and family members into our lives in a new way. In fact, keeping memories of your loved one alive in your mind and heart is an important part of your healing journey.”
Harriet Schiff, author of The Bereaved Parent

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Expand your imagination by reading this summer and you could win an iPad mini

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win!

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 5 February 2016.

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge
26th October, 2015

Dear Families,

Over the coming weeks we will begin the process of placing children into learning groups for 2016. This takes considerable time and the school has a clearly defined process that teachers work through with Mrs Clark and myself. Information from parents about the learning or social needs of their children is one of the factors that is considered.

If you have a specific request about the learning or social needs of your child, you are invited to place this in writing, addressed to me and forwarded to the school office.

It is important that parents understand that this is not an invitation for you to nominate your child’s teacher. Instead, it is an opportunity for you to highlight any learning or social needs about your child that we might need to consider when placing them in a learning group.

Teachers will not be assigned to classes until the process of forming learning groups has been completed. It is also important to understand that once children have been placed in a learning group, changes are not possible.

All requests should be received by Friday 13th November (Week 6). Requests received after this date will not be considered. While all information will be taken into consideration, no promises can be made about placements.

I would like to assure all families that a child’s best interests are always central to any decision made when placing them in a learning group.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Cameron Lievore
Principal
26th October, 2015

Dear Families,

Since arriving at St Monica's I have had a number of conversations with parents and have also received letters and emails regarding the cost of children participating in paid sport in Term 4.

In Term 3, a paid Gymnastics program was introduced for all grades on the basis that it is a curriculum area that must be taught and which requires trained specialist teachers.

Mindful of the cost to families and aware also that travelling to and from paid sport means that a considerable amount of teaching time is lost, I am writing to you to inform you that a decision has been made to discontinue paid sport for Years 3-6 in Term 4 from this year. I am aware that there will be some disappointment with this decision, but assure you that it has been made after careful consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Cameron Lievore
Principal