**DIARY DATES**

**Wednesday June 4:**
- 9.00am Year 3 attend Parish Mass
- CANTENE Hot Dog Day K-2 Students
- ICAS Science
- 7.00pm Fete Committee Meeting

**Thursday June 5:**
- 8.15am Staff Briefing
- Mr Soccer Kinder & Year 1
- RE Conference @ Rosehill Mrs Ryan & Mr Liovore attending

**Friday June 6:**
- 8.30am Staff Prayer
- 2.15pm Assembly

**Monday June 9:**
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY

**Tuesday June 10:**
- 7.30am Leadership Team Meeting
- 3.30pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday June 11:**
- 9.00am Year 2 attend Parish Mass
- CANTENE Hot Dog Day Year 3-6 Students
- 10.00am Years 6 Reconciliation
- Reports Sent Home

**Thursday June 12:**
- 8.15am Staff Briefing
- Mr Soccer (Kinder Catch-up)

**Friday June 13:**
- Catholic School Cross Country
- Peer Support Session 3

**Monday June 16:**
- School Photo Day - All students to be in full winter uniform
- 8.50am Assembly Prayer Year 1
- NSWSSA Girls’ Hockey

**Monday 16 to Friday 20th June Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Tuesday June 17:**
- 7.30am Leadership Team Meeting
- Nude Food Day
- Stage 3 Girls Soccer Day
- ICAS Spelling
- 3.30pm Staff Meeting - Numeracy

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**St Monica’s Primary School NEWS UPDATE**

**DWF Appeal Donation**

Envelopes have been sent home to all families. We understand that this may place a burden on families so any donations would be greatly appreciated by the DWF. If you are able to make a donation please forward to the office.

**DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tues 10th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown). Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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**CAN**

This year the Commonwealth Bank has made improvements to the Student Banking Token Program. The new web-based system now automatically tracks the number of deposits your child makes each week and produces a report with names of the students who are eligible for rewards. To save time and confusion, I will no longer be giving students silver tokens for each deposit. When your child’s name appears on the report they will be called to the office to choose a reward item. I will then order these items on line and when they arrive at school (within a few days) they will be given to your child.

Could you please talk to your child and explain the new process so they understand.

Kind regards

Alba Kernahan – Student Banking Coordinator
Wacky-Athon Success!!

A huge thank you to all the families who supported the ‘athon’ this year! We have raised $7457.30. Which will go to purchasing learning resources for the children. The prize draw was held last Friday. Congratulations to the following prize draw winners.

- Major Prize $100 voucher – Emma Bracks – Year 5.
- Grade vouchers of $20:
  - Kindergarten – Emily Donlevy
  - Year 1 - Riley Hale
  - Year 2 – Jonah Brown
  - Year 3 – Ellee Saab
  - Year 4 – Hayley Taylor
  - Year 5 – Jack Leabeater
  - Year 6 – Shelby Kingcott

Many other children also received consolation prizes. Well done everyone.

Mrs McKay – Athon Coordinator
Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school
Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
1 In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Key points to remember around schools

2 Driving near school buses
There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.
This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.
Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.
Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.
For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3 On and off the bus safely
Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.
Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.
Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
STOP! One step back from the kerb.
LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.
Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

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4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
• on the footpath.
• in the car park.
• when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the “STOP I LOOK I LISTEN I THINK!” procedure.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
6 Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.

NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Slow down near the school crossing.

At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

Always park and turn legally around the school.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Road safety tips for parents

Key points to remember around schools

7. Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor’s hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children’s crossing when ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

8. 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

**Dragon’s teeth road markings**

To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

For information about fines and demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

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