Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing others and ourselves. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

Hats need to be worn before school and at all times when outside – before school, during the school day and after school!

This year we welcome many new families to our community and we all look forward to getting to know you and your child/ren over the coming weeks - Atem, Adamow, McWilliam, Radosavljevic, Shea, Hawke, Martin, Celestino, McPherson, Ross, Sylvester, Hosking, Bariesheff, Beaven, Bogaart, Burggraaff, Connelly, Cordina, Costa, Davidson, Fleming, Hansen, Hassen, Henderson, Hogg, Kovac, Lascelles, Lees, Lenz, Lomu, McDonald, Jansen, McPherson, Newman, Reid, Schimizzi, Scholte, Singer, Steinberg, Tegg, Thomas, Turnbull, Weller, Wilson.

Everyone most welcome to attend our Opening School Mass
9.30am Friday 8 February 2013
Staffing News
With CEO approval given I am delighted to advise that
- Miss Gabe Kenniff will be joining the staff on Monday to take up her full time temporary position to teach Year 1 for Semester One. Gabe is an experienced teacher who is moving from West Wyalong where she had been teaching Year 1 for the past two years.
- Mrs Jacinda Vaughan, who is also commencing on Monday will be providing literacy support to our Year Ones. Jacinda has recently moved from New Zealand with her family where she also taught Year 1 for the past two years. Jacinda will be working for half days, Monday to Thursday supporting our students who experience difficulty in the area of literacy.

Community Council Open Meeting
Tuesday 12 February
All members of the community welcome
School Library 7.00pm
Agenda
What’s happening in 2013
Fundraising
Parent Network – Class Contacts
Financial Report

Council Executive meeting
School Library 8.00
Agenda
End of Year Finance
Role and Responsibility of Members
Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Call for ‘Expression of Interest ‘ to join the
St Monica’s Council Executive
We have a position available on our Council Executive due to the withdrawal of Emma Russell. If you would like to join the Executive please complete the attached form and return as soon as possible. To provide a gender balance it would be great if one of our Dad’s considered joining.

Reminders & important information
- Starting time is 9.00am, sharp. Students arriving after this time must be signed in at the Front Office by an adult. Supervision commences at 8.30am and NO STUDENT should be at school before 8.30am. Students arriving before 8.30am are unsupervised unless they are enrolled into SMOOSH. Teacher supervision concludes at 3.30 pm. At all times outside school hours, the school grounds are not formally supervised and no responsibility will be taken by the school for any consequences of the activities of pupils outside these hours. Special arrangements will be made in relation to authorised school activities which require attendance of pupils at the school outside these hours.
- Correct School Uniform is to be worn at all times. Notes will be sent home to families who are constantly wearing incorrect uniform. Coloured shoe laces should be avoided in sport shoes.
- If a student’s hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back in an appropriate school colour band. Hair should also be of natural colour and cut in an appropriate style for school.
- No jewellery should be worn to school and only plain studs and watches are acceptable. No bracelets, bangles, sparkly ear rings, nail polish, make up, etc is allowed.
- Students with Mobile Phones or electronic devices are asked to send their phone to the Office via the classroom message bag each day. Phones will be confiscated if seen during the day and returned at the end of the day.
- Students leaving during the day or prior to the end of school must sign out at the Front office.
- A child’s absence must be followed by a note indicating the date, reason for absence and signed by a parent or carer. Emails cannot be accepted as a legal document. Roles are checked each morning by 9.15am and again at 2.45pm.
- The ACT Government has a process you must undertake if you are taking children out of the school for five or more weeks. If this will apply to you in 2013 please discuss the process with me prior to organising you arrangements.
- Parents visiting the school to assist are to sign in/out at the Front Office and receive a Visitors badge.
- Please ensure that the School always has up to date contact and emergency details for your children.

Nut Free School
St Monica’s is a nut free school. We have a number of children who do suffer severe anaphylactic reactions to any contact with any nut products. Could I ask that you please make sure that NO products containing nuts be sent to school. It will mean that you will have to check the ingredients of particularly packaged foods to ensure they do not contain nuts. Also, please do not send sandwiches with peanut butter or nut spreads on them. This is a serious matter because for some of our children contact with these products can be life threatening. To assist staff with the identification of a child who could suffer an anaphylactic reaction, these children will be issued with a special purple alert badge which they will wear on the corner of their collar.

New Student Emails
As indicated last year, the children are to be issued with a new email account, coordinated by the Catholic Education Office. Over the next two weeks the children in Years 3 – 6 will be issued with their new Gmail account. To protect the security of personal emails children should be reminded not to share their passwords.

Year 6 Camp
Next Wednesday our Years 5 & 6 students and teachers will be heading to Cooba; an outdoor Education Centre north of Cooma. Having visited Cooba on several occasions I know the children will have a fabulous time.

School Banking
School banking will start on Monday 11 February 2013. Banking will be each Monday afternoon.
Kinder BBQ
To help Kinder families get to know one another we are holding our special Kinder BBQ next Thursday from 5pm – 6.30pm in the school grounds. I am looking forward to catching up with you all again.

Baby Girl News
Congratulations to the following families on the arrival of beautiful girls over the last few months – the Alston-Campbell family, the Mothersole family and the Fabricante family.

Lost Property
A reminder to parents to check that clothes, lunch containers and drink bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is periodically sorted and labelled items are returned. Unlabelled items are either sent to the clothing pool or disposed of. Last year we threw out many food containers and drink bottles, particularly small plastic snack containers. This year we would love to reduce the amount of waste.

If you are missing any items, please check in the lost property tubs near the library entrance.

Calendar of Events
This year we will not be producing a monthly calendar as arrangements often change. Our school calendar, found on the opening page of our website, will be kept up to date and advises of any cancellations. Please check it daily before attending an assembly etc. We are also trying hard to find ways to reduce our paper usage.

Fees
To help with budgeting for 2013 we will be providing families, who have not settled their 2012 school fees, with a copy of their current account so that they can finalise prior to the 2013 school fees being prepared next week. A current fee statement will be sent home tomorrow.

Specialist Teacher Curriculum Offerings 2013
To ensure the children are provided with quality learning experiences that can be effectively assessed when taken by a specialist teacher, we have moved from term based programs to semester based programs in several areas. Your child’s teacher will explain this more in detail at the parent information evenings in the coming weeks. Please note the following

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The Sacramental Program begins shortly with the commencement of the First Holy Communion Program in Year 4.

Please note the timetables for the Sacraments as listed below.

If you have any inquiries please feel free to contact Carmel Rheinberger on 62585105.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
Parent Information Evening 20 February 7:00pm
Presentation Masses: Saturday 23 February 6:00pm, Sunday 24 February 10:00am St Monica's Church.
Home Group 1: 21 February - 1 March
Home Group 2: 4 March - 8 March
First Holy Communion Weekend: 6 April 6:00pm, 7 April 10:00 am St Monica’s Church

CONFIRMATION:
Parent Information Evening 26 June 7:00pm
Sacrament of Confirmation Tuesday 3 September 6:00pm St Monica’s Church

RECONCILIATION
Parent Information Evening Wednesday 16 October 7:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation TBC (late November)

Adult Faith Education “Drawn Into the Mystery” The Gospel According to John – A series of five talks by Fr Warrick will be held during Lent commencing Thursday 21 February 2013. Times – 10.30am-12pm, 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue is St Monica’s Church Meeting Room. The sessions are as follows:

1. Introduction to John (Background Issues) (Jn. 1:1-18).
Concluding Comments. Cost per session – gold coin donation.

Swimming carnival
Our swimming carnival is booked for Thursday 5 March. Please note this in your calendar as we need your assistance on the day. Children from Year 3 – 6 attend and competent Year 2 swimmers. Information will be sent home closer to the event

Sport Uniform Days

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays for the coming week.

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CLASS CONTACT NETWORK
As the new year begins we are looking for parents who are interested in being a parent contact for their child’s class. It works effectively when there are 2-3 contacts for each class as there are more hands and brains to complete the few tasks that need to be done.
The role involves:
• being a contact (via email is often a good way) for other parents in your child’s class if they are unsure of sports dates, permission notes etc.
• assisting in the organisation of class/year group or stage level events (bowling, picnic, afternoon tea etc.) during the year.
• helping build community spirit.
• welcoming new parents to your child’s class.
• assisting with the organisation of a special Mother’s Day Morning Tea.

If this sounds like something you could do please contact me as soon as possible.

ST MONICA’S SPORT NEWS

Calling all soccer stars
The Catholic Primary Schools’ Soccer Carnival will be held on Sunday 24 March, University of Canberra. This is a wonderful day of soccer open to boys and girls from Years 3 to 6. Once again St Monica’s Primary will be forming teams to enter. Player registration forms will be sent home tomorrow. Mrs Mira Lustica will be coordinating the registration of our school teams should you have any enquiries.
Welcome back everyone. Our canteen menu is on our school website.

Next Tuesday is Pancake Day. The canteen will have a limited number of pancakes for sale for $1.00 on that day.

The Roster for Next Week

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Please Keep In Mind:
* Help needed with the above VACANCIES.
~ Swap your shift if you can’t make your rostered day.
New faces greatly appreciated at any time. 😊😊😊

Thank you,
Samantha Manning

Music

Rugby
Uni-Norths – The Owls – Come and play rugby with your local club. Registration Days are Sunday 10 Feb from 11am-2pm, Griffith Ovals, Austin St at meet the Brumbies Day and Saturday 16 Feb from 9am-1pm at O’Connor Ovals, Pedder St. For more information call Graeme on 0407 417 648 or Andrew on 0401143724 or ww.northsjuniors.rugbynet.com.au.

Hockey News
Welcome to 2013… the new hockey season is just around the corner and United Hockey Club want to give you all the best start to the year.

This is why we are holding our 2nd Annual Junior Development Day. There will be a range of our 2013 junior coaches there, along with some former Australian Players, to give the kids the best coaching going around.

The session is FREE and will be on from 9:00am – 11:00am this Saturday (9th February) at the Lyneham Hockey Centre.

Anybody is welcome between the ages of 6 – 17 years…

You will need to bring:
- A good comfy pair of sneakers (with grip) or hockey shoes
- A stick
- Shin pads
- A mouth guard (recommended)
- Hat
- Water bottle

Don’t worry if you do not have a stick/shin pads as we can provide them on the day. But please let me know as soon as possible so I can make sure we have enough down there.

The coaches will take you all through a few drills and skills and then we’ll play a game at the end. (maybe against a few of the parents????)

There will be a bbq and drinks at the end of the session.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please lets us know if you can make it by RSVP to unitedhockeyclub@gmail.com