Congratulations! You are practicing Friendliness when you…

- Like yourself and realise you have a lot to offer
- Smile and greet someone you don’t know
- Get to know someone and let them get to know you
- Show an interest in others
- Show caring when a friend needs you
- Are friendly to people who look and act different

Our rule focus is about keeping the school and classroom tidy.

Dear Parents and Carers

Well it’s the end of Term One already! So much has been going on this term and it has literally flown by. St Monica’s is a fabulous school and I always feel very privileged to be able to work here.

I would especially like to thank the school staff for all their work this term. They are a fantastic, dedicated group of people who have your child’s best interests in front of them at all times. On your behalf I hope they have a very restful holiday and have time to recharge their batteries.

If you are managing to have a break yourself I hope it is enjoyable and restful. If not it is always beneficial to have a break in routine.

Special Prayers

◊ Please keep Anne Kennedy and family in your prayers as Anne’s husband passed away suddenly on Sunday. Anne has had a long association with St Monica’s and the parish as she often played the piano at our First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation ceremonies.

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Staffing News

I would like to thank Mrs Jodie May for taking beautiful care of KS during Mrs Sydney’s absence. While still not back in Australia Lynne is looking forward to seeing how much the children have grown.

Many thanks to Mrs Tania Jadic for providing the Executive release for Mrs Boyton during Term 1. It has been wonderful having Tania on staff and we look forward to many more visits as a relief teacher in the weeks ahead.

Next Term Mrs Robyn O’Rourke is returning from maternity Leave. Robyn will be working in KM on Fridays and in 6B on Tuesdays.

Special congratulations to Jessica Hallahan and Craig Figura who are getting married on Saturday. We all wish you both much happiness. From Term 2 Miss Hallahan will be known as Mrs Figura.

Cross County Carnival

Glorious weather, enthusiastic children, a wonderful staff and super volunteers all made for a picture perfect Cross Country Carnival. Congratulation to Mr McFadden for his coordination, the children for displaying fabulous sportsmanship and team spirit, Mr Pritchard for his assistance with transporting the sunshade and equipment and finally to Mrs Manning and her great canteen crew.

Our winning team was Mugga with our team Spirit award going to Walga.

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School Banking
School banking for Term 2 will commence on Monday 29 April and each Monday afternoon thereafter for the term. Funds raised from the commission, due to the number of children banking, will go towards purchasing a set of classroom maths games for each classroom.

Fete Sponsor Booklets
A special Fete Sponsor booklet was sent home on Tuesday acknowledging the businesses who were sponsors for the fete. Please support the companies who contributed to the success of our fete. Despite still waiting on several outstanding expenses, we look like rising close to $29,000. What a bonus!

Sunglasses
Have you lost a pair of sunglasses? 4 pairs of sunglasses have been handed into the Front Office over the last few weeks.

School Holiday Program
The first week of our school holiday program is booked out with only Friday available in Week 2. Please contact the SMOOSH Office ASAP should you wish to secure a place.

SMOOSH BOOKINGS are still currently closed for Monday to Thursday as we have reached our capacity. Please discuss the possibility of any future openings with Miss Bec Perry, our Director. No casual bookings are available.

School Fees
Thanks you so much to all the families who have settled their School Fee accounts or make regular payments. I am very concerned with the number of families who have not responded to my request to discuss outstanding fee accounts. I would like to remind families who received a remission last year, that they must apply to renew the agreement for 2013. All Fee Remission requests go to the Council's Executive Fee Committee for approval.

Following an audit of our outstanding fee issues we have been advised to engage the use of a collection agency where an account continues to rise and no reasonable explanation is given for an outstanding fee account. Should you have concerns regarding your fees please make an appointment to meet with me as soon as possible.

NAPLAN
This year NAPLAN tests will be conducted at St Monica’s in Years 3 and 5 early in Term 2. The tests are conducted across three days and the timetable for testing is:

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WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE Act -

The Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 (the Act) commenced on 8 November 2012. Even though we all have until 7 November this year to be registered, the Catholic Education Office wishes all volunteers to be registered as soon as possible. It would be wonderful if this could be done as soon as possible.

There is no cost for volunteers. A form is located via the link found on our Publication page on our School Website. When filling in the details please write ‘The Principal’ as the school contact and office.stmonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au

Should you be unsure of what is required or if you are able to help in the classroom please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or call into the office.

I encourage families to make use of the holidays to register.

Please collect your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets sent home last week. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent*. Once completed, the sheets can be handed into the Front Office or put into a collection box at your local Woolworths store.

*excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards. With our rewards we can purchase lots of additional resources.

We are having a Scholastic Book Fair!

**Where:** St Monica’s Library  
**When:** 7-9 May 2013  
**Time:** Before school from 8:30-9am  
After school until 4pm

Please contact Mrs Watson if you are able to assist as a cashier for one of the sessions.

NB: Students will enter the Lucky Door Raffle during library lessons.

See everyone on the 29 April and enjoy the break.

God bless

Carmel Maguire  
Principal
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Congratulations to the students of Year 4 and the Parish School of Religion who received Jesus for the first time last weekend. The children were just a little excited as they gathered in the meeting room prior to the commencement of Mass! The ceremony that followed was very reverent and the children carried out their assigned tasks in a prayerful manner. We extend our thanks to all who assisted in any way, Fr Warrick, parents, people who cleaned the church, musicians - The McKerrow family on Saturday night and Anne Kennedy, Anne Lyons and Helen Houghton on Sunday morning, staff who put up posters and seat signs. All these contributions went to making this a very special occasion.

ANZAC DAY
Yesterday 1S led the school in prayer for Anzac Day. Their heartfelt prayers were a reminder to us all to constantly pray for peace in our homes, community and world. Thank you 1S.

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION
Tomorrow, Friday 12 April we will be raising money for the Make A Wish Foundation. We will be asking students to ‘Wear what you wish’ on this day. Students can wear whatever they wish (appropriate for school). We will also be holding an ‘I wish I knew the number’ competition where students can try and guess the number of lollies in the jar for only 10c a guess. This will take place at recess and lunch in the courtyard. Lastly, there will be a Colouring In Competition for everyone to enter for free and a winner from each year level will be chosen. So please remember to bring a gold coin donation and some extra cash if you would like to enter the Guessing Competition. We look forward to your support!

Will M and James W 6B

ST MONICA’S SPORT NEWS
Belconnen Boys Basketball 2013
Congratulations to the following children who have made it into the Belconnen PSSA teams:
Basketball (Boys) – Joshua C, Kai K.
Swimming – Lillia B, Ben Mc, William M, Lara McC , Mia S.
AFL - Joe B, Thomas E, Kai K.
Touch Football – Joshua C, Kai K.
Soccer (Girls) – Alyssa M, Renah B, Lillia B, Ruby G.

Cricket Achievement
Ryan (5D) has won the ACT Cricket Award - 'Young Cricketer of the Year - Encouragement Award' in recognition of his efforts in junior cricket this season.

Ryan captained the U12’s Ginninderra Division 1 team when he should have been playing U10’s due to his age. During the 2012/13 season Ryan took at total of 25 wickets and for this effort was recently awarded the club bowling award (highest wicket taker across all age groups U10 - U18 in the club). Ryan also made a total of 175 runs for the season.

Ryan played two age groups up for the ACT U12 Rep team and demonstrated his fearlessness against much older and bigger boys, taking wickets and making a few runs. Ryan was also selected to represent Belconnen and play PSSA cricket.

As a result of his efforts, both at Club and ACT representative level, Ryan has been awarded the prestigious, highly sought after ‘Young Cricketer of the Year – Encouragement Award’ for 2012/13.

Cross Country Carnival Results 1st – 3rd

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Ribbons will be distributed tomorrow at our assembly commencing at 12.00pm.

AWARDS

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M&M Star Medallion
Anthony R (3F)
**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays for the coming week and through the April school holidays.

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**2014 ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

St Monica’s Primary School
Official Enrolment Period

May 6 – 24 May

SCHOOL TOURS – Wednesday 8 May, at 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Please encourage neighbours and friends with prospective enrolments to attend so they can see first-hand the school in operation.

**Enrolment forms for 2014 school year will be available from the Front Office during this period.**

Enrolment Application Forms for Archdiocesan Secondary Schools are also available.

It is expected that available spaces will fill quickly so please ensure that the Enrolment Application Forms are returned to the school of your first preference within the enrolment period. Spaces cannot be guaranteed, even for siblings if the applications are not returned within the enrolment period. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be considering enrolling their child in an ACT Catholic School.

**St Francis Xavier College**

*Living with truth, Leading with courage, Learning for life*

**Enrolling Now**

Open Day: Wednesday 8 May, 10am-2pm

SFX Expo Day: Friday 10 May

**YEAR 7-12 2014**

Open Evening: Monday 13 May, 5.30pm-7.00pm Tours, 7.00pm Information Session

**YEAR 11 2014**

Information Evening: Wednesday 15 May, 5.30pm Course Advice, 6.30pm Information Session

For more enrolment information go to our website [www.sfx.act.edu.au](http://www.sfx.act.edu.au) or call 6258 1055

**Daramalan College**

Enrolments for 2014 open Monday 6 May to Friday 24 May 2013.

**YEAR 11 2014**

Information Evening 7.30pm Tuesday 20 May 2013 in McCowage Hall.

**Merici**

Visit from Principal – Wednesday 3 April 2013 at 11.30am.

Student Orientation – Tuesday 7 May 2013 – 10.30am-1pm (students visit school)

Open Day – Wednesday 8 May 2013 – 9.30am-7.00pm.

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**CANTEEN CAPERS**

Samantha Manning:

- 05 February 2013
- 6258 4687 (c)
- 6259 7240 (h)

Special thanks to all the helpers on Cross Country Carnival Day. The winter canteen menu will be sent home today. The canteen menu is on our school website. Just a reminder to new parents of Kindergarten children, our Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders.

**Please Note:** The Slushie machine is on holiday until Term 4.

**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. 😊😊😊

St Thomas Aquinas Early Learning Centre

The Early Learning Centre is holding its information night for parents of 2014 students from 6.30pm-7.30pm on Monday 13 May 2013, 25 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood.
Death Cap Mushrooms are deadly
The ACT Government Health Directorate is reminding people to steer clear of the world’s most deadly mushroom – the Death Cap. All parts of this mushroom are poisonous, and eating just one mushroom can be fatal.

Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees and are found when there is warm, wet weather. Given recent weather conditions it is likely that Death Cap mushrooms are already growing in Canberra.

People should not eat any mushroom picked in the wild. Anyone who suspects that they might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical help at from the emergency department at their local hospital.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom in a public park, contact Urban Parks in Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) on 13 22 81 to report it. TAMS will then inspect the location, and if the mushroom is a Death Cap, it will be removed and destroyed.

If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be. It will die in a few days. Alternatively, you can step on it to destroy it. Do not kick the mushroom as this spreads the spores further. Never touch the mushroom with bare skin.

A Fact Sheet providing important information about the Death Cap mushroom is available from the ACT Health Directorate website: www.health.act.gov.au/publications.

SimCity 2000 – Retro PC Gaming Days (ages 8+)
Drop into the IT Lab and play. Realise your own Dream of a Century in the classic city-building game, SimCity 2000 (1994). Have fun and learn about elements of urban planning and landscape architecture at the same time. Friday 19 and 26 April, 12-4.30pm, Training Rooms, free.

Bookings can be made on 02 62621271 or nla.gov.au/bookings.

STS Student Exchange
Bring cultural exchange into your home? STS Student Exchange are asking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country! Call us today to start your adventure! 1800 263 964 or email us at stsf@people.net.au website www.sts-education.com.au.

Magpies Belconnen Football Club Holiday Program
The Belconnen Magpies football club is offering you the opportunity to come along and try some AFL, soccer and multi-sport skills during the school holidays! Catering for primary school children aged between 5-12 years old, boys and girls welcome. Dates are 15th, 16th and 17th April 2013. Flyer being sent home today.

Water Polo – Can your child swim 25 metres? If the answer is YES They can play water polo! The program is aimed at improving children’s swimming ability and water confidence in a fun team sport environment. Junior Dolphins program is a fun introduction to the sport of water polo and sessions will comprise of basic skills training and modified games. For session information check website for times, dates and locations www.canberrawaterpoloacademy.com. Contact Matthew Turnbull, Head Coach, Canberra Water Polo Academy 0401 134 844, matthew.turnbull@canberrawaterpoloacademy.com.

April School Holidays – Children’s Activities at National Library of Australia, Parkes Place Canberra
Autumn Storytime (ages 4+)
Listen to stories by children’s authors whose work is held in the Library’s collection. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring lunch and stay for a movie. Tuesday 16 April, 11.30am, Conference Room, $1.

Art of Glass (ages 6-10)
Be inspired by windows and lights designed by Leonard French and Walter Burley Griffin and create your own stained glass designs. Friday 19 April, 10.30am-12pm, Brindabella Room, $15.