VALUE - Service

You are practicing Service when you:
- Want to make a difference in the world
- Look for opportunities to be of service to others
- Think of thoughtful things to do to help your family and friends
- Work with enthusiasm
- Don’t wait to be asked when something needs doing
- Do your part to care for the earth, recycle, reduce, re-use

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING RESPECTFUL

The rule focus for this week is about Being Respectful! Our rule focus is Hands Off! Feet Off! Being Respectful means interacting appropriately with others. Keeping our hands and feet off treats others the way we want to be treated.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BELONGING

Dear Parents

Wakakirri Finals – A Reflection by Mr Matthew Smith

WOW! In my twenty years of choreographing items for Wakakirri, last night’s show was the best performance I’ve ever been part of. The children were fantastic and by the reaction of the crowd you could definitely tell that we were undoubtedly the crowd’s favourite. The children were an absolute credit to our school and I would have to wholeheartedly agree with the judge’s comments that “City Of Shadows: Fall From Grace” was good enough to be on Broadway! I would like to pass on my gratitude to everyone who helped paint a set, made or repaired a prop or offered their valuable advice or support.

I do believe that our past Wakakirri items: “City of Shadows: Fall from Grace”, “Dare to Dream” and “One Land, One Life” along with our concerts: “Walk InThe Jungle” and “Celebrating Canberra’s Centenary” have created a unique buzz in our community. It’s the far reaching effects that I have enjoyed watching in our children’s performances: like the confidence and boost in self-esteem, children have got from dancing and acting in highly entertaining and professionally run productions. Last night I was immensely proud of the discipline shown from a group of children who weren’t known for their poise and ability to focus like seasoned actors. And there are children who are now starring in roles in local community groups or high school drama productions. At St. Monica’s we can hold our heads up high because the children have thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity they’ve had to perform in roles they wanted to play, in story lines they have helped create and dances they had a major influence in making or teaching myself or others.

Cheers everyone and let’s celebrate the amazing contributions we have made to an incredibly talented group of dance and drama performers at Sensational St Monica’s! (Matt Smith)

Congratulations to the children and everyone involved in all aspects of our Wakakirri production. Extra special thanks to Matthew Smith for his vision, inspiration and outstanding direction. It was a magnificent performance.

I would also like to acknowledge the effort and time give to the ticketing process, carried out by Mrs Allison Walsh. This was a massive effort.

Picking Up of Children after School

Children who are transported home from Blacktop or Chomley Street should be collected by their parents/guardians from the duty teachers, who are at these two areas. This is a major concern as teachers are observing parents either remaining in their cars and having their child/children walk to them or allowing their child/children to walk ahead of them unsupervised.

Parents can you please assist us by ensuring you observe our safety rules when collecting children from the school. Thank you to the many parents who do make an effort to ensure their children are exited from St Monica’s safely.

Access to the School Prior to Morning Bell

It has been observed that there is an increase in the number of children and parents entering the school building prior to the first morning bell. Children should not be entering the building to put bags away prior to the bell.

SMOOSH Care Holiday program

There are only a few places available in our SMOOSH care holiday program. Enrolments will close on Wednesday, unless booked out. This will allow time for staffing to be finalised.
Electronic Roll and Absentee Notes
It is a legal requirement that parents provide the school with an explanation when a child is absent from school. This may be via a written note or email. Notifications sent via our Skoolbag App come in the form of an email which is also acceptable. I encourage parents to make use of our school app.

With the introduction of our new electronic roll marking system reminders are very easily produced to provide an absentee note. On Monday over 167 notes were sent home to families requesting details regarding a child’s absence. Explanation notes must be received by early next week otherwise your child will be marked as absent with no explanation.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open on Monday afternoons 3.15-3.45pm and Thursday mornings 8.30-9.30am. Our uniform shop is now selling Summer stock for Term 4.

A huge thank you to Sandra Forrest, our Uniform Shop Coordinator, and her helpers, Keith Forrest, Michelle Hawke, Tania Bridges & Marita Whitfield, for their time in changing shelf stock from Winter to Summer. The shop has a huge surplus of second-hand Summer boys shorts so will be offering them at half price all next week (Wk 10).

Walkathon News
It’s on again! Today all children were issued with information and a sponsorship form for our walkathon to be held on Friday 31 October (Week 3). Please ensure permission forms are returned promptly to school. Information and sponsorship forms are also available on the school website and via the Skoolbag app. Please note that any parent planning to assist, particularly those walking with class groups, must hold a WWVP card. This was an omission on our request for assistance.

K-2 Swim and Survive Program
Children from Kinder, Year One and Year Two will participate in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program during Term 4. This valuable program is part of St Monica’s Physical Education curriculum and it is highly recommended that all children are involved. The program is for 8 days. The program includes an assessment of swimming ability, skills and water safety.

Week 5: Tuesday November 11th to Friday November 14th
Week 6: Tuesday November 18th to Friday November 21st
COST: $90 per child (8 lessons and bus travel)

Payment can be made by cash, credit, EFTPOS (at Front Office) or cheque (made out to St Monica’s Primary School).
All lessons must be paid for by Friday, 26th September (Week 10, Term 3). Several weeks ago a permission note was sent home to allow children to participate in the swimming program next Term. Just a reminder, prompt return of notes and payment would be appreciated.

2015 Year 5 & 6 Camp
Next year all Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at the same time. This camp will be taking place in Week 2 of Term 1, from Wednesday 11 February to Friday 13 February 2015 at Cooba Sport and Education Camp in Berriedale, NSW. Participation in this school camp will provide the children with many wonderful experiences that focus on interpersonal skills including co-operation, team building, initiative and leadership.

The cost per child to attend the camp is $295. This covers the cost of accommodation, meals, bus hire and additional course supplies. To secure a place for your child we require half the payment ($150.00) before the end of the Term 4, 2014 and the second payment by Wednesday 4 February next year (Term 1 2015).

Information notes (yellow colour) along with permission slips/medical forms (green notes) have been sent home this week. Permission notes (all green notes) must be returned by Friday 7th November as we must notify Cooba of numbers attending plus any special dietary needs. Notes are also available on the school web and via the school app under excursions. If you have any questions please contact Mr Patrick Ellis (Coordinator).

Japanese Choir Floriade Excursion
Congratulations to our 38 children who sang at Floriade yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Anne Hodgkin, our Japanese Teacher for arranging this opportunity. The children were a real credit to St Monica’s.

Year 3 Celebrations Expo
Parents are most welcome to join Year 3 in the Hub and their classrooms on Monday from 11.45am - 1.00pm as they share their learning and iMovies. We would love to see you. (The Year 3 Teachers)

School Banking – Volunteer Needed for 2015
After several years as our School Banking Volunteer it is now time for Helene Tewari to pass on the role as her daughter is finishing at St Monica’s at the end of this year. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this role for 2015. If you are interested please contact the Front Office. The school banking takes 2 hours a week. Helene will be available to hand over to a new volunteer. School banking will not take place in Week 10 of Term 3 and Week 1 of Term 4 this year.

Lost Property
As it is getting towards the end of the Term our lost property is growing each day. Please check the lost property in the corridor outside the Library if your child is missing items of clothing or containers. The lost property will be cleaned out at the end of the term.

ACARA Privacy Notice
Please ensure you read the attached Privacy Notice regarding student background data information.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

12.15 - Kindergarten Assembly and Awards Tomorrow
RE NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession)
Thank you to everyone who was in attendance at last night’s meeting. If you have not yet sent in your child’s enrolment form please do so as soon as possible. Home Group placements were made last night, if you were not in attendance you need to contact me for placement in a group by next Wednesday. Please note that your child must be baptised Catholic to receive this Sacrament. If your child was baptised in another Christian denomination but you wish for them to be raised Catholic and receive the Sacraments, please contact Fr Warrick (62583212) or myself at school (62585105). Children must make their First Reconciliation before they can be eligible to make their First Holy Communion.

A huge thank you to the parents who offered their homes and gifts as part of the Sacramental program. It is a very special time for faith sharing between you and your child. I am happy to offer a Leader’s Induction session for anyone interested.

Presentation Masses: Saturday 20 September 6:00pm St Monica’s church, Sunday 21 September 10:00am St Monica’s
First Home group Night: October 13-17
Second Home group Night: October 20-24

Sacrament of Reconciliation: November 18, 19, 20, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Carmel Rheinberger REC

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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SPORTING NEWS

Belconnen Athletics Team – ACT Championship
Congratulations to the following children who have been selected for the Belconnen Athletics Team to compete at the ACT Championships on Tuesday 23 September – Sonny A(3RG), Noah C(2D), Hannah K(6WS), Chris M(5E), Jack M(4M), Gabby N(5/6C), Claire O(5M), Ryan U(4LD) and Gabriel Z(6B).

Soccer Success
Congratulations to Hannah M, Becky L and Caitlin R from Yr 6, who were members of the U12 Division 2 girls’ undefeated team this year. A fantastic season with all players participating with great spirit and sportsmanship. Well done girls!
Canteen Corner

Canteen Capers 6258 4687 (c)
Samantha Manning: 6259 7240 (h)

Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. New to Flexi Schools – If your child has a lunch wallet you can select the option on the menu so a paper bag is not required. For Term 3 we are using Term 2 pricelist which is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

The Roster for Term 3, Week 10

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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

General Community Information

Junior Touch Football
Summer Competition Starts Soon – Register Now
October, 2014 – Deakin, Kippax, Amaroo, Wanniassa, Southwell Park. Mon-Thurs – Divisions are girls/boys/mixed, Cost School Years K-4 $65 & 5-10 $85 each. Register at actouch.com.au, Contact Mark Moro, ph 62122880 or email mark.moro@actouch.com.au.

Belconnen Little Athletics
Does your child like to run, jump and throw? If so, then little athletics could be the summer sport for you. The philosophy of little athletics is self-improvement in an environment promoting fun, family and fitness. The development of skills and fitness is encouraged in children of all abilities aged 5-17.

Your local club is Belconnen Little Athletics, with meets held on Saturday mornings (and some Thursday evenings) at Cook oval. The 2014/15 season starts on 18 October and online registrations commence 1 September. For more information: Visit our website www.bwlac.org.au, attend our registration days on Sunday 7 September or Sunday 14 September 4:00-7:00pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison (Catchpoles Room). Contact our Registrar – Paula McMahon at blacregistrar@gmail.com or 0407 017 463 (after hours). Boys and girls, are you looking for a fun team sport to play this summer?

Gungahlin Little Athletics
Come and join in the fun at Gungahlin Little Athletics Centre. Fun and friendly athletics in a safe and enjoyable environment. There’s something for everyone: running, jumping, throws, hurdles, walks.

Who: 4½ to 17 years; for the 2014/15 season we welcome athletes born between 1 Oct 1997 and 31 March 2010.
Season Dates:
The 2014/15 season commences on Saturday 18 October 2014 (season runs across Term 4 and Term 1 of school). Weekly meets are held at Amaroo Oval, Horsepark Drive (behind Amaroo and Good Shepherd schools) on Saturday mornings from 8.55am to 11.30am.
Registration Details:
Registration and Come & Try days will be held at Amaroo Oval on Saturday 4 and Saturday 11 October 10.00am - 12.00pm.
On-line registration is available through our website www.gunlac.org.au (registration tab). Bring a copy of your on-line payment receipt along to a Registration / Come & Try Day to collect your registration pack.

It’s easy to register so come and have some fun with us. For more information please go to our website at www.gunlac.org.au, visit our Facebook page, call 0420 325 505 or email president@gunlac.org.au

Junior Cricket: Season 2014/15

Western District Junior Cricket Club (WDJCC) is now accepting registrations for junior cricketers (boys and girls) from the Belconnen area for the 2014/15 season. Junior cricket starts at the under 9 age level and goes right through to under 18s, but players younger than this who have mastered the basics should also consider junior cricket.

We would love to have all those who played In2Cricket last season have the opportunity to join the junior competition in the u9 and U10s. The U9’s and U10’s play a modified form of the game called ‘positive cricket’. The competition and rules are varied to allow players to continue to learn the skills required to play cricket and has less of a competitive focus. For all returning players please remember to invite your friends along to play as well.

Registration
Register by Friday 19 September to allow for the club to nominate teams to CricketACT. After this date we cannot guarantee a place in one of the teams.
To register please visit our website:
http://westsjuniors.act.cricket.com.au
For more information please contact:
esterndistrictjuniors@gmail.com
More information is available at our website: http://westsjuniors.act.cricket.com.au
email westerndistrictjuniors@gmail.com
Fees
WDJC is run on an entirely voluntary basis - fees charged go directly to meeting the costs of running the club.
Fees for junior cricket (Under 9 age group and above) are:
- $170 for the first child in a family, and
- $155 for each additional child in the same family.
If you are new to Wests Juniors, you will receive a Wests Juniors playing cap as part of your registration fee.
For returning players who have received a cap last year, a new cap can be purchased if you wish for $10.
Wests Juniors playing shirts can be purchased for $25 as part of the registration process.
To order a cap or shirt, please add this to your registration.

In2Cricket
WDJC also has an In2Cricket program for Under 8s and below which will be run at Aranda Oval from 9-10am on Saturday mornings.
The fee for the In2Cricket program will be:
- $90 for the season for the first child in a family and
- $80 for each additional child in the same family.
This includes an In2Cricket shirt, hat, bag, bat, ball and water bottle.

Season Key Dates
The season kicks off from the 10-12 October, with different start times and dates for each age group and grade. More information will be available on the website in coming weeks.

Questacon October Holiday Workshop
Is your child aged between 10 and 15 years old? Sign the kids up to a workshop these school holidays at the Questacon Technology Learning Centre. Choose from two different workshop formats where they can invent, design, create and have fun. Half day and full day workshops run from 30 Sep-10 Oct. For more info visit our website or contact 1800 889 995.

Larissa Dann
PARENT skills
PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
Supported by Parentline ACT
Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.
The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. $290 pp for the course (Investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Monday 20th October, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.
Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.
0413 451 607 www.parentskills.com.au info@parentskills.com.au

Course begins: Monday 20th October, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Softball
Come and try softball!
We cater for all abilities and ages from 4 upwards
Please contact Rae McKinnon 0403563810 raesteftan@hotmail.com

Community Council Email Address
Council Email Address – this was established to allow parents to help us know areas of concern that they feel need addressing. As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what is on your mind and as many of the council and you work, this address is just another avenue of contact.
Council.StMonicas@catholic.edu.au
The email will be checked regularly by Louise Dykes, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
This year we have taken out a subscription with Parentingideas. Our subscription gives us access to a range of Parent Tip Sheets and the Parentingideas Magazine. Please visit our Website under the Publications tab – Parenting ideas http://stmonicas.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html for access to material uploaded to date.

St Monica’s Summer Uniform Reminder

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Boy’s Summer Uniform Terms 1 & 4

| Shorts | Navy |
| Shirt | Sky Blue Polo |
| Ankle socks | Navy |
| Shoes | Black leather shoes, lace up, buckle or boot – NO JOGGERS |
| Sweatshirt | Maroon |
| Hat – legionnaire or bucket style | Maroon |

Sports Uniform – Boys and Girls - All year round

| Shorts | Unisex - Maroon Girls may wear netball skirt – but shorts are preferred |
| Shirt | White Polo with embroidered school crest |
| Ankle socks | White |
| Track suit (Cold weather) | Maroon |
| Hat – legionnaire or bucket style | Maroon |
| Shoes | Joggers - White |
| Hair Accessories | Maroon or white |
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.