**VALUE - Responsibility**

To be responsible, means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is a sign of growing up.

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence”.  
Denis Waitley

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING RESPECTFUL**

When we move around the school we move quietly. This means walking in silence in the corridors and when moving in and out of the classroom.

**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

**BELONGING**

Dear Parents

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**St Monica’s Primary School**  
**Official Enrolment Period**  
May 5 – 23 May  
**SCHOOL TOURS** – Wednesday 7 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 2015 school year, primary and secondary, will be available from the Front Office during this period.**  
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.

**Winter Uniform**

The children should all now be in their Winter Uniform. The girl’s winter uniform is tunic, blouse, navy tights, sweatshirt, jacket OR navy trousers with blouse or long sleeved sky blue polo shirt with the school crest, sweatshirt and jacket. The boy’s uniform is navy long trousers, long sleeved sky blue polo shirt with the school crest, sweatshirt and jacket.

**Anzac Day – ANZAC ASSEMBLY – Friday**

This Friday we will be gathering at 12.30pm, in the hall, to remember the many men and women who lost their lives at war in an effort to protect the freedom of our nation. Parents are most welcome.

**School Fees**

Thank you to everyone who has settled their Term 1 School Fee account. As our Term 2 school fees will be posted home next week I would very much appreciate settlement of the Term 1 accounts immediately. If any family is experiencing difficulty meeting their commitment please make an appointment to discuss how I may be able to assist you.

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**We are having a Scholastic Book Fair!**

**Where?** St Monica’s Library  
**When?** 6-9 May 2014  
**Time?** Before school from 8:30-9am  
**After school until 4pm**  
Please contact Mrs Hind if you are able to assist as a cashier.  
**NB:** Students will enter the Lucky Door Raffle during library lessons.

**Death Cap Mushroom**

The Death Cap mushroom is a deadly poisonous introduced fungus that is responsible for 90% of all deaths related to mushroom consumption. They are often grow near established oak trees, and are found when there is warm, wet weather. In Canberra this usually occurs in autumn. People should not pick or eat wild mushrooms, and should talk to their families, friends and neighbours about the dangers of death cap mushrooms.
Computer upgrade
During the holidays our entire computer system underwent a system upgrade. As a consequence the children will now be issued with new login and password. This will occur over the coming week. In the meantime the children are enjoying the use of the iPads across the school.

New Display Boards in the Hub
Many thanks to Mark Reid, for the installation of the new display boards in the Year 3 & 4 area, ‘The Hub’. The teachers are looking forward to making use of the new display areas.

Sports Uniform Days - Correction

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Office of Regulatory Services
Yesterday we were visited by three Officers from the Office of Regulatory Services who reviewed our protocols to ensure all staff and volunteers are carrying their WWVP cards. While happy with our processes we are adding additional processes to our current practices.

- All visitors must access the school building via the front door, collect a visitor’s lanyard and sign in.
- All volunteers must sign in and record their WWVP card registration number and expiry date.
- Volunteers must also collect a lanyard with a plastic case to display their WWVP card when working in the school. This must be worn at all times.
- Volunteers MUST have their card with them at all times; it’s just like a drivers licence.
- Our Statutory Declaration can only be used for one off events within the year.
- Volunteers must present their card to be copied at the Office. Original cards must be sighted by an office staff member. A copy of both sides of the card will be taken.

Like your licence, please carry your card at all times.

All parents wishing to access the school between 9.00am and 3.10pm MUST go via the Front Office and sign in.

Commencing Monday 5 May, all parents will be required to obtain a visitors lanyard with a pouch so that WWVP card can be clearly displayed.

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

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Parents, please ensure that you don’t schedule appointments for your children in Year 3 and Year 5 at these times. Please ensure that your child is provided with a drink bottle and a piece of fruit for fruit break on these days. With two weeks until the 2014 NAPLAN tests, ACARA has a serious message for over a million young

To help us celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our St Monica’s community we are hosting a Mother’s Day Coffee Morning.

As you drop your children off to school please join us for a cuppa, something sweet and the chance to acknowledge the fabulous mums around us.

Nanna’s, Grandma’s and special carers are also welcome.

Date: Friday May 9
Place: The courtyard near the canteen
Time: 8:30-9:30am

Donation: We would appreciate a $1 donation, per adult attending, to help cover the cost of morning tea.

A response flier has been sent home today and will be sent out via the School App.

Mother’s Day Stall
Not long to go now, before all the children get to choose a lovely gift for their wonderful Mums for Mother’s Day. Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Friday 9 May.

Kids, break out those piggy banks, save your pocket money or remind Dad so you can purchase a lovely gift for your very, special Mum. Prices of gifts will range from $4 - $9.

Remember Friday, next week, just in time for Mother’s Day.

If you can help out at the stall for an hour or 2 please contact Vicki Walsh on 0417 464 195.

A Very Special Occasion

Last Thursday Natasha S, Rachael T, William R & Jack M put on their winter uniforms to represent St Monica’s at the Arboretum. We had the very special privilege of welcoming the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to Canberra with several other Canberra schools.

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Australian students who will take the tests: There is no need to stress for NAPLAN.

NAPLAN tests are not the pass/fail variety like some other tests. They provide a snapshot in time of each student’s progress in relation to their peers, and measure and track learning progress over time.

These literacy and numeracy tests are designed to reflect the everyday curriculum being taught in the classroom. Therefore, no specific study is required in the lead-up to these tests and students do not need to feel anxious about participating in them. A well-informed student should have a healthy interest in the tests without feeling unreasonably concerned about them.

ACARA suggests that parents can help reduce any pre-test nerves by maintaining a calm, low-key approach at home. It appears that the nerves tend to decrease after Year 3 – once students know what to expect.

An extract taken from the April edition of the ACARA Update.

STUDENT WELFARE, PASTORAL CARE and ANTI-BULLYING
This week concludes the Student Welfare, Pastoral Care and Anti-bullying Policy. The full Policy is available on the school web site for your perusal.

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If at any time you are unsure of which action to take – consult a member of the Leadership Team. Documentation of incidents and communication with parents is essential in order to obtain a solution and change of behaviour/s.

Consequences for Minor Behaviours
- First offence-warning/reminder of rule
- Second offence-warning with caution-reminder of consequence
- Third offence-no reminder-consequence

### Strategies for Consideration
- Buddy class for a break-consequence for removal, take work, silver seat for ½ session, walk with the teacher
- Contact parents-phone call-‘casual at door’
- Discuss/share with coordinator
- Meeting with parents
- Send to Principal/Assistant Principal

**General Community Information Meeting**

**Wednesday 14 May**

7.00pm to 8.00pm

I extend a welcome to members of our parent community to attend a general discussion evening. Learn more about what is happening around the school and share your thoughts.

General input to be provided
- Future school development – administration plans
- Car park – costing
- P&F spending – possible playground plans
- Kids Matter initiative to support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of all children at St Monica’s
- Have fun exploring education apps

**Council Executive Meeting**

To follow 8.00pm – 9.00pm for Council Executive Members

**Agenda**

- School Finance

**Thank Yous**

Canteen - Thank you to Louise Downey, June Manning, Sonia Musolino and Jan Lee for all your help in the Canteen from Monday to Wednesday of this week while Samantha Manning was returning form her holiday.

Fete - On behalf of the St Monica’s White Elephant stall Bob Stevens and Paul Hutcheson would like to extend their thanks to:-
- Kath Stiller for her ongoing support
- her husband Paul who tested and tagged all the electrical equipment, Karen and Margaret Flynn the cashiers and their helpers Shan Southwell and Christine Walsh
- Keith Forrest who moved around the hall ensuring everyone was happy
- Gabriel Kenniff and Jessica Figura who helped on the door
- Jo Stephens our newest recruit and the many helpers leading up to the day on Fele day
- Dave Batho for all your help leading up to the day
- Helpers – Simon & Louise Kerr, Greg & Steph Stirling, Mel Maher, Kel Robinson, Kostino Moss, Priscilla Andino, Katrina Gardiner, Beryl Incher, Dean Gardiner, Louise Downey, Terese Moore, Erin Cain, Angela Hose and Shona Davis
- Special thanks to Paulina Ollman for helping with sales and everything else. What a team!
Community Council Email Address

Community Council Email Address – this was established to allow parents to let 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@cg.catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Louise Dykes, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

2014/15 Entertainment Books™
As part of our funding ventures for 2014, all families are given the option to purchase an Entertainment Book. This book has been sent home today with the eldest child. Should you wish to purchase the book please refer to the payment instructions enclosed in the packaging envelope. Payment is due by Wednesday 7 May. Should you not wish to purchase the booklet please return in the envelope provided by next Monday.

Booklets cost only $60.00. The new 2014/15 Entertainment™ Memberships include over $20,000 worth of valuable 2-for-1 and up to 50% offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! $12.00 from each book purchased will go towards our school fundraising. Please contact Allison Walsh if you would like further information.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

RE NEWS

May – The Month of Mary
May is traditionally celebrated as the month of Mary in the church. Of all the saints, prophets and holy people who have gone before us in faith, Catholics honour Mary in a special way because of her unique role in the story of Christianity. As the mother of Jesus, she was the first to bear the Good News of salvation to the world. Mary's life is the most perfect example we have of a life lived under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Her feminine presence opens us to essential dimensions of the Gospel and draws us closer to the heart of Christ.

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation:
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 25 June 7:00pm.
Presentation Masses: Saturday 28 June 6:00pm Sunday 29 June 10:00am
Tuesday 2 September. (6:00pm)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (First Reconciliation)
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 17 September 7:00pm 2014.
Presentation Masses: Saturday 20 September 6:00pm Sunday 21 September 10:00am, St Monica’s Church.
Evenings for Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday 18 November, Wednesday 19 November, Thursday 20 November 2014.

Carmel Rheinberger - REC

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

VALUES
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CLASS AWARDS
Lucija P
Scarlett Mc
TBA
Brock T
Isabella S
TBA
Rowan D
Christian W
Noah C
Jessica H
Lachlan S
Grace P
Lochlain K
Lachlan K
Emma J
Nikola K
James O
Elena K
Ella Mc
Lauren O
Martin H
Tim G
Rachael P

April
Max W
Archie E
TBA
Anjelo F
Ria M
Ryan K
Daniel Mc
Georgia M
Callie W
Tyler M
Nicholas H
Bailey M
Elena S
Christopher H
Ella Mc
Lauren O
Martin H
Tim G
Joshua K

M&M Star Medallions –
Alicia Mc (1R), Phoebe W (2F), Claire R (3F), Charlotte J (3K), Cameron W (5M), Ella T (5M)

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Kinder
Avan P, Josephine H
Year 1
Hena L, Chloe W, Caydence L, Angelo F
Year 2
Jennifer C
Year 3
Ryan L, Amy R
Year 4
Alison F
Year 5
Elise H, Cameron H
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### CANTEEN CORNER

**CANTEEN CAPERS**

6 May 2014  
Samantha Manning: 6258 4687 (c)  
6259 7240 (h)

For the first couple of weeks in Term 2 we will be using the Summer canteen menu. The Winter menu will be sent home early in Term 2. Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. We are currently using Term 4 2013 Summer Canteen Menu. The price list is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

**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**

### GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**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](http://stmonicas.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html) for access to material uploaded to date.

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### High School Open Days and Information Evenings 2014

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

- **Year 6 EXPO Day**
  - Wednesday 7 May 2014
  - 9.30am-2.30pm (students visit school)

- **Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening**
  - Monday 12 May 2014
  - Tours 5.30pm followed by Information Session 7.00pm

- **Open Day**
  - Friday 16 May 2014
  - Tour the College between 9.00am -2.30pm

**MERICI**

- **Year 6 Student Orientation**
  - Tuesday 6 May 2014
  - 10.30pm-1pm (students visit school)

- **Year 6 Open Day**
  - Wednesday 7 May 2014
  - 9.30pm-7.00pm

- **Year 7 2015 Information Evening**
  - Tuesday 13 May 2014
  - 6.00-7.15pm

**DARAMALAN**

- **Pre-Enrolment Day**
  - Friday 2 May 2014
  - 10.00am-1.45pm (students visit school)

- **‘Try Dara for a Day’**
  - Tuesday 6 May 2014
  - (full or half day option for those who do not attend on 2 May)