**VALUE - Responsibility**

**Why Practice It?**

When you take responsibility for your own actions, others can trust you. When people are not responsible they break their promises, fail to do what they said they would do and let people down. People who make excuses instead of amends keep making the same mistakes. When you are responsible you get things done with excellence.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING SAFE**

This week’s rule focus is about Being Safe. Being Safe means staying within the school boundaries and staying out of the school building, before school and during recess and lunch. Staying within the boundaries and out of the building during break times is Being Safe!

**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents

**THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

The Eucharistic Celebration in Microcosm

Everything we do in celebrating Eucharist is present in this story of the Road to Emmaus:

**We Gather** - We make preparations at home to come; we are all different, but we come together as the community of disciples of Jesus, we come together as the Church. We bring our hopes, our dreams, our fears, our burdens, our cares – we come as individuals but we celebrate as a community.

**We Share the Story of Our Faith** – We listen to God’s Word through Sacred Scripture. The homily is shared. We proclaim our faith in God via the Creed. We share our prayers in the Prayers of the Intercession.

**At the Common Table (the Altar)** – The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. These gifts are taken, blessed, broken, given. They are transformed, at the Consecration, into the Body and Blood of Our Lord. From the altar, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, is shared in Holy Communion.

**We Go Forth** – In a real sense, our celebration of the Eucharist does not end. Rather, our celebration loves to a new dimension. We are Eucharistic people, transformed by Jesus’ presence in our lives. We take Christ with us as we continue our journey of life, living and sharing our faith in Jesus.

We go forth “telling what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to us in the breaking of the bread” (Lk.24"

(Taken for last Sunday’s St Monica’s Parish Bulletin)

**Staffing News**

I have received news today that Mrs Robyn O’Rourke will be back on Friday and Mrs Bridgette McCann hopes to be back on Monday.

Later this term, Mr Michael McFadden will be accessing Long Service Leave to travel overseas. Michael will be taking leave from Monday 2 June until the end of term. In his absence, Mr Bob Fletcher will be taking the class for the final 5 weeks of the term. As Michael will be away, the reports for 5M will not be sent home until the first week of Term 3, when Michael will also conduct parent/teacher interviews.

Our School Grounds person, Mr John Pritchard, is away for the next 6 weeks due to surgery on his hand. During his absence we will have the assistance of Mr Peter Hales, a previous employee of the CEO maintenance team.

We are having a Scholastic Book Fair! – Last day tomorrow

**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.

It’s a boy

Congratulations to the Henderson family (Imogen 1D) on the arrival of baby Will, born last Monday.
Special prayers
Please keep the Gaffey Family in your prayers as Jayden and Kai’s great grandmother passed away late last week.

School Tours
Congratulations to the twenty Year 5 students, who guided our prospective enrolment families around the school. Everyone was very impressed and took the time to comment on how fabulous the children spoke and presented themselves. I was really proud of how serious the children took on their role. Thank you.

ST Thomas Aquinas Early Learning Centre
Opening Days – location of our Regional Catholic
Preschool
- Thursday 15th May 11.45 - 1.15pm
- Tuesday 20th May 9.15 - 11.15am
- Early Learning Centre Information Evening is on Monday 12th May 6.30 - 7.30pm.

ST MONICA’S MOTHER’S DAY COFFEE MORNING

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.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our lovely Mother’s Day stall is on tomorrow - Friday, May 9. There will be a wonderful range of fabulous gifts for the children to choose from. Prices will range from $5-$9. Children will be invited to come to the stall in family groups, so they may choose a gorgeous gift for their Mum together. There will be one gift per family – with the possibility of purchasing extra gifts if numbers permit. The Mother’s Day Stall will be held in the Drama Room (demountable buildings) from 9am. We are still looking for some helpers, so if you have a spare hour or more straight after school drop-off, please contact Vicki Walsh on 0417 464 195. Kids, break open your piggy banks or remind your Dad, so you can come along to the Mother’s Day Stall and choose a lovely present for your very, special “Super Mum”!!

Visitors and Volunteers
- 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.

All parents will be required to obtain a visitors lanyard with a pouch so that WWVP card can be clearly displayed.

NAPLAN
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAP website. If you have any concerns please contact Marylou Gorham, Assistant Principal.

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Parents, please ensure that you do not schedule appointments for your children in Year 3 and Year 5 at these times. Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:55 am and is provided with a drink bottle and a piece of fruit for fruit break on these days.
General Community Information Meeting
All Parents Welcome
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&P 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 and Spending

Complete Learning Initiative - Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles
EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from $19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

We have distributed the CLI leaflets to the eldest child. Please return your orders to the school by Friday 16 May 2014.

Harold’s Visit St Monica’s
This week the Kinder to Year 2 children are all participating in a special educational workshop provided by a Life Education teacher. The following outlines the content the children will be discussing as part of the Term 2 Heath program.

Kinder-Harold’s Surprise:
Harold and the class are invited to Possum’s party in the park. The class helps Harold to pack healthy picnic food and along the way we encounter various situations relating to: seeking help from trusted adults, benefits of physical activity, body knowledge and self-assertion skills.

Year 1- Harold’s Mystery Tour:
Harold invites the class to attend a mystery tour in a special bus. On a humorous journey they visit a variety of places including The Full Body Experience, a beach and a waterslide. They discuss issues and engage in activities centred on: the function of internal body parts e.g. heart, lungs, safety in public places, safe use and storage of medicines, appropriate remedies for illness, exploring strategies to manage feelings and emotions.

Year 2- Harold’s Heroes:
Harold’s Heroes: Harold invites the class to join him and his Super-Hero Team. The team’s job is to make our environment a healthier and safer place for everyone. Class members become Super-Heroes by interacting with the A-V and suggesting solutions to the problems. The Super-Heroes fly to the rescue and facilitate the exploration of: local environmental and health issues including pollution/passaive smoking, issues around individual need for medicines and their safe use and storage, emergency (drug) procedures, safe and unsafe behaviours and environments.

Community Council Email Address
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@cq.catholic.edu.au

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

SRC Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis
On Wednesday 21 May (Week 4) St Monica’s are going to be part of the 65 Roses Fundraising Challenge which supports Cystic Fibrosis (CF). To help raise money for services and research that helps to improve and extend the lives of Australians living with CF we are holding a fundraising event (Gold Coin Donation) which everyone can be a part of. Some of the fun things we are doing include: a colouring competition, rose chocolate guessing competition (65 cents a guess), students can wear the colours of roses. For those of you that don’t know much about CF, here is some information: CF is the most common, genetically acquired, life-shortening chronic illness affecting young Australians today. In Australia, one in 2,500 babies are born with CF every four days. CF is a condition that affects the lungs and clogs up the airways, which makes it very hard to breathe. We have students at St Monica’s who have family members and friends who suffer from this disease. Please be a part of this important fundraising event.

Valentina S (6WS)

2014/15 Entertainment Books™
As part of our fundraising ventures for 2014, all families are given the option to purchase an Entertainment Book. This book was sent home last week with the eldest child. Should you wish to purchase the book please refer to the payment instructions enclosed in the packaging envelope. Payment was 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. Thank you for your continued support!
School Fees
Thank you to everyone who has settled their Term 1 School Fee account. Term 2 school fees have been posted home this week. If any family is experiencing difficulty meeting their commitment please make an appointment to discuss how I may be able to assist you.

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 grown 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.

Soccer Carnival Food Voucher Refund
All families who purchased food vouchers for the Catholic School Carnival have been refunded against your school fees. This was the easiest method for use to process the refunds. Any questions please contact Mrs Allison Walsh, our Finance Officer.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

RE NEWS

A Prayer –Mary, Mother of Jesus Julianne Leevier
Lord, you have given me
Such a lovely mother.
She watches over me,
she gives me all her tenderness.
She loves me so much, and I love her so much!
I bless you for my mother!
You’ve also given me a mother in Heaven.
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Some thoughts for Mother’s Day
"No man is poor who has had a godly mother." - Abraham Lincoln
"Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers, and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world." - Kate Douglas Wiggin
"The heart of a mother is so deep and large that you will always find forgiveness." - Honore’ de Balzac
"Motherhood brings as much joy as ever, but it still brings boredom, exhaustion, and sorrow too. Nothing else ever will make you as happy or as sad, as proud or as tired, for nothing is quite as hard as helping a person develop his own individuality especially while you struggle to keep your own." - Marguerite Kelly and Elia Parsons

A mother understands what a child does not say." - Jewish Proverb
"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." - Cardinal Mermillod
"Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother." - Lin Yü-tang
"The mother is the most precious possession of the nation, so precious that society advances its highest well-being when it protects the functions of the mother." - Ellen Key

Let us all pray for our mothers this Mothers’ Day.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 25 June 2014, 7:00pm St Monica’s Church.
Presentation Masses: Saturday 28 June 6:00pm, Sunday 29 June 10:00am.
Parent and Child Evening: TBA Term 3.
Confirmation Preparation Day: Friday 29 August.
Confirmation Ceremony: Tuesday 2 September 6:00pm St Monica’s Church.

Carmel Rheinberger – REC

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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

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The Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 22 May 2014 at Charnwood Oval, Lhotsky St in Charnwood from 9.30am-2.30pm. The carnival is a formal part of our school program and all children are expected to participate. Children will be transported to and from to the Carnival by bus. Cost of the bus will be covered by the Curriculum Levy. A note and Permission Note for the carnival have been sent home today. Permission Notes are due back to school by Friday 16 May 2014.

Sporting Achievements
Belconnen Squad for Soccer
Nikola J (6WS), Alexander W (6WS), James C (6WS)

Belconnen Squad for Rugby League
Joshua C (6B), Rory S (5E), Joshua K (6WS), Max D (6WS)

ACT Rugby League
Congratulations to Rory S (5E) and Joshua K (6WS) who have been selected to play in the Under 12 ACT Squad.

Belconnen Squad for Softball
Liam S (6B), Josh S (5M), Stephen F (6B)

Belconnen Squad for Touch Football
Max D (6WS), Hayden S (6B) Ethan W (6WS).

ACT School Sports Swimming
Congratulations to the following children who were selected to compete in the ACT Swimming finals today representing Belconnen Region – Bianca R (5M), Abbey M (6WS), Joda R (5E), Mattia B (5/6C) Sam M (6WS), Ben M (4M), Thomas M (5E0), Jessica H (3K) Olivia R (3RG).

Date Day Event
9 May 8.30am-9am Mother’s Day Breakfast
13-15 May NAPLAN Testing – Year 3 and Year 5
14 May 12.30pm-1pm School Prayer – 2D
16 May 12.30pm-1pm Assembly

CANTEEN CORNER

The Winter Menu and Special Lunch Order Note for K-Year 1 have been sent home today. Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. The price list is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

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.

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High School Open Days and Information Evenings 2014

ST FRANCIS XAVIER

- 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

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