Responsibility
Some discussion starters for a conversation with your children:

We all have the responsibility to treat others fairly:
★ when playing games you have the responsibility to let others have a go...
★ when there is yummy food to share, you have the responsibility to let others have some too ...only take a fair share

We have the responsibility to think about other people’s safety as well as our own:
★ we should not leave equipment or toys around where someone could trip over them
★ when playing games we should be careful not to push or hurt anyone
★ when crossing roads we have a responsibility to be careful
★ when riding our bikes we should always wear a helmet and ride safely

Mother’s Day Stall
Sincere thanks to the magnificent mums, grandma and dad who helped out on the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday last week. Your enthusiasm and assistance made the stall a special and fun time for the kids. Thank you to Leah, Tania, Wendy, Margaret and Tony. We hope all the Mums enjoyed a lovely day on Sunday with their kids and they enjoyed the presents their children chose for them from the stall. Mums, don’t forget to use your “Curves voucher”!

Vicki Walsh

Special prayers
Please keep the Southwell family in your prayers as Ella’s grandfather passed away late last week.

Book Fair
Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair. Thank you to Kelly Levi, Sam Manning and Kate Osten for your assistance at the Fair. It was a huge success!! Congratulations to Rachael on another very successful book fair. Book Fair Lucky Door Prize Winners are: Tyler N (KS), Josh G (5M) and Anyieth A (2F).

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)
Visitors and Volunteers

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.

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

NAPLAN Testing
All over for another year! NAPLAN testing took place this week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. Thank you to the teachers for their preparation. Results will be available in September. Many thanks to Marylou Gorham for her coordination over the last three days.

Council Approval
At our meeting on Wednesday evening the Council Executive approved the plans for the hall car park. The Architect is currently in the process of calling for tenders. If all goes to plan, work should commence next holidays. Plans to replace the existing Year 1 & 2 playground are also well underway. Once again we have approached three companies to prepare a design and provide a quote.

School Fees
Thank you to everyone who has settled their Term 1 School Fee account. Term 2 school fees were posted home last week. If any family is experiencing difficulty meeting their commitment, please make an appointment to discuss how I may be able to assist you.

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@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™

Payment and unwanted books due now!
As part of our fundraising ventures for 2014, all families have been given the option to purchase an Entertainment Book. Books 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.

This book was sent home two weeks ago 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 book please return it in the envelope provided, urgently. Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Andrew Chinn Concert
On Monday 26 May, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Rainbow” and “An African Blessing” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.

Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in St Monica’s Hall at 1:55pm- 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

We use a lot of Andrew’s music in our Liturgies, lessons and prayer celebrations and are very much looking forward to his visit. The children will participate in workshops throughout the day with the concert to conclude.

Andrew will have some of his CD’s and Books for sale at the conclusion of the concert. CDs ($20) Double CDs ($30), DVDs ($20) and Picture Books ($20), will be available for special sale prices ($2-13 off RRP).

May- The Month of Mary

A little information taken from the Passionists (religious order) Website: http://www.cptryon.org/compassion/mary/mother.html

Her name was Mary, a form of the name Miriam, the famous sister of Moses. The name was common among Jewish women in those days. A well-known tradition says she was born in Jerusalem, the daughter of Joachim and Ann. Other early sources say Mary was born in Nazareth. Wherever she was born, Mary’s life most likely unfolded in the staunch Jewish settlement of Nazareth in the hills of Galilee, not far from the important caravan routes linking Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Mary was a woman of rural Galilee. She lived as they did, in a small family house of stone and mud-brick. She worked like any young girl, grinding wheat and barley into flour, preparing dishes of beans, vegetables, eggs, fruits, nuts, and occasional chunks of mutton. Wool had to be made into clothing. Bread had to be baked. A few chickens and a donkey had to be fed. And in the village, small as it was, there were always little children to care for. Almost daily she carried a large jar of water from the town well for washing and cooking (the well still supplies modern Nazareth today and is called "Mary's Well"). Early on, the Jews found that cleanliness...
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**Sporting Achievements**

**Belconnen Cross Country – Monday 12 May**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Belconnen Cross Country on Monday 12 May. The following students have been selected to attend the ACT Cross Country on Monday 2 June – Nikola J (6WS), Noah C (2D), Jessica H (3K), Ben Mc (4LD), Ryan U(4LD), Ryan C(5M), Gabby N (5/6C).

**Belconnen PSSA Netball Squad**

Congratulations to the following girls who have made it through to the ACT Primary Netball squad:

- 11yrs Division 1 – Ellie B (5/6C), Heidi C (6B), Zoe E (6B), Eliza F (6B)
- 11yrs Division 2 - Ashleigh D (5E), Alissa H (5E), Holly O’N (5/6C), Dehme S (5E)
- 12yrs Division 1 – Elena K (6B), Alyssa M (6B), Ellie P (6B),
- 12yrs Division 2 – Erin C (6B), Hannah M (6B)

The season has kicked off strongly with the 12yrs Division 1 team finishing second at the South Canberra Carnival on 4th May. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Belconnen Cross Country

**ST MONICA’S SPORT NEWS**

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**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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M & M Medallions – Gold Stars – Georgia M (2J), Katie W (2D), Imogen H (5/6C), Aiden B (5E), Ella Mc (5E)

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

- Kinder: Samuel J, Ben B, Jack J
- Year 1: Tara H
- Year 2: Dante C
- Year 4: Rachel C
- Year 6: Bayden N, James O, Madeleine C, Stephen F

Canteen has become extremely busy on Fridays. It would be wonderful to get some extra help from 12pm until 1.15pm. 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. The current 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

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**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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