**VALUE - Tolerance**

**Tolerance**

Why do we practice it?

People who don’t practice tolerance cannot stand to have anything differ from what they want and expect. Tolerance helps them accept things as they are. People without tolerance judge others by the way they look, sound or dress. They decide who can be a friend and who can’t. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we are tolerant we don’t allow differences to drive us apart. “Ignorance and prejudice are the handmaidens of propaganda. Our mission, therefore, is to confront ignorance with knowledge, bigotry with tolerance, and isolation with the outstretched hand of generosity. Racism can, will, and must be defeated.” Kofi Annan


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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**

**BEING SAFE**

Being Safe means walking on the concrete when we are out on the playground. When we walk on the concrete we are looking after our safety and the safety of others. Be Safe and walk on the concrete at all times!

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**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

**BELONGING**

Dear Parents

**Students Leaving St Monica’s**

As we have families wishing to enrol for 2015, I am keen to hear from families who are aware that they will be leaving St Monica’s at the end of the year. Please advise, in writing, as soon as possible. Our school staffing level is based on the overall enrolment numbers with the first round of figures being submitted to the Catholic Education Office next Monday.

**Staffing News**

Mrs Joan Higginbotham will be taking Term 3 off to spend time with family. In her absence Mr Bob Fletcher will take on the role of Welfare Office. For parents not aware the opportunity to offer the Welfare program at St Monica’s, is due to an Australian Grant through the Chaplaincy Program. Bob is well known to the children.

Mrs Susan Carswell will be away from Friday 27 June until the end of term. As a consequence Susan will hold her interviews in Term 3 during Week 2. Information will be sent home at the commencement of next term.

Mrs Bridgette McCann will be accessing Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. During her absence Mrs Jodie May will be teaching KM.

**Public Speaking – Rostrum Final**

On Monday this week, ten students from Year 5 and 6 competed in the St Monica’s Rostrum Final. These students were chosen by their teachers after presenting their speeches in their classrooms. Our finalists were: 5E: Leah F, Georgia M, Ashleigh D, Annabel W, Lauren O, Abbey J, Mattia B, Hannah M, Rachael T, Shannon G, Rachael P

The topics students chose from included; If you knew what I knew, My Hero, All the world needs is…, This is living, Why being happy is important.

Judges were very impressed with all speakers who presented their speeches very confidently and with great enthusiasm. Shannon (6WS) was declared the winner with Hannah (6B) coming in a close second. Both girls presented their speeches on the topic, This Is Living. Shannon will now represent St Monica’s at the Quarter Final at Latham Primary School next Monday night at 7pm.

We wish her all the very best and know she will do us proud!

- Kelly Boyton

**Kidsmatter**

KidsMatter is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers as well as the broader community to nurture happy, balanced kids.

Through KidsMatter, schools undertake a two-to-three-year cyclical process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion and that promotes:

- social and emotional learning (including evidence-based social and emotional learning programs)
- working authentically with parents, carers and families
- support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

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**OUR VISION**

GROWING TOGETHER
Believe ~ Discover ~ Achieve

**NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS**
Parents are requested to complete a survey before the framework is implemented. The survey asks your perspectives on your child’s school and what you think is important for the school to consider in supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey. Accompanying today’s newsletter is a flyer which will provide you with more information about Kids Matter and the parent survey.

Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or if you have questions, please talk to a staff member at St Monica’s. If you consent to participate, please complete the online survey at: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey. A link to this website has also been placed under Publications, General School Notes. We would prefer you to complete the online survey but if this is not possible please fill out the paper-based survey available from the front office and return it to the school. The survey needs to be completed online or returned to the school by next Tuesday June 24.

Canteen volunteers required urgently on Fridays

Every week staff and children are greeted by the smells of homemade cooking wafting down the corridors of the school as canteen manager Samantha Manning prepares her weekly special meals. St Monica’s is in the very fortunate position to have its own fresh lunch orders prepared on site every day.

While many Canberra schools are trying to implement healthy choices, our canteen manager Samantha Manning prepares all her food from scratch with fresh vegetables and quality meat. In the winter months, Mrs Manning prepares sweet corn and chicken soup, hot roast beef rolls and fried rice as well as hand made sausage rolls, hamburgers and mini pizzas. Freshly made wholemeal jaffles, wraps, sandwiches and rolls and salads are available every day.

Friday is treat day where children can order a special meal deal of five nuggets or a hot dog, a packet of chips and a drink for $5.50.

Many parents are embracing the Flexischools option for their children’s lunch order. It’s quick and convenient and allows parents to order in advance.

Mrs Manning is well supported by her team of fabulous volunteer parents and grandparents and always welcomes new helpers with a smile and a cuppa. It’s a lovely way to be a part of the school community and volunteers can offer their time for just a couple of hours a month. Mrs Manning also coordinates our many special lunches including the Athletics Carnival and Walkathon. These events need lots of volunteers and all help is gratefully accepted.

In recent weeks, Fridays have become extra busy with up to 200 children ordering their lunch. If you could spare an hour or two, especially between 12 and 1pm, Mrs Manning would love to hear from you.

When ordering online or sending an order in with your child, please do not forget to include a lunch wallet (available from the uniform shop) or a paper bag or add an extra 20c for a bag. The new winter menu is currently online and offers a great choice of fresh, healthy food at very affordable prices.

School Reports

School reports will be issued on Monday 30 June. Should you require your child’s report prior to the 30 June please let your child’s teacher know and I will endeavour to accommodate your request.

Our reporting format and criteria are in line with guidelines presented by the Australian Government funding requirements and legislative regulations in 2005. The descriptors on the Common Grade Scale guide teachers as they reach a decision about the grade your child should receive. In order to achieve consistency and ensure fairness, teachers in each grade meet to decide the learning and skill requirements which students in each year level must demonstrate in order to receive certain grades.

It is important that you are aware of your child’s strengths and weaknesses in each curriculum area. These are indicated on the report by a grade or by a comment box in the Social Development and Work Habits section. Teachers base their decisions on a variety of assessment methods including observation, work samples, class work, assignments, and formal and diagnostic assessment tasks.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the final week of this term. This year we have opted for an online booking system to enable parents to select an appropriate time and coordinate appointments when there is more than one teacher to meet. All unique passwords and instructions on how to book an appointment were posted home on Wednesday, with access to the booking site on Friday morning. All parents are expected to follow up on their child’s report. If you do not have internet access please contact the Office and we can assist you. If you require any further information please contact Allison Walsh. Teachers who will hold their interviews next term will be Mr Michael McFadden, Mrs Susan Carswell and Mrs Lynne Sydney.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCDSSD)

Over the past week a note has sent home to parents of students at St Monica’s who have a specified medical or identified learning condition. The collection of this data is essential and will ensure that any student in our school, who has a specified medical or identified learning condition, receives the correct support. Conditions such as; but not limited to Chronic Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, Dyslexia, ADHD and Anxiety and Mental Health Conditions fall under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) even though they are not generally understood or known as disabilities. If you DO NOT wish your child to be included in the data and you have received a note, can you please tick the box which indicates this and sign and return your note to the front office by tomorrow, June 20.

Hall Car park

I am pleased to advise that the hall car park is to be sealed in the July holidays. This will cause some disruption to parking for the first two weeks next term as well. I am sure for a little pain we will reap the rewards.
SMOOSH Vacation Care Program
The SMOOSH Vacation Care program and booking sheet are now available for download via the school website or app. If you require care please complete the booking sheet and return it to the SMOOSH office as soon as possible. There are limited places available. Thursday 17 July is already booked out. Bookings will close on Wednesday 2 July 2014 (Week 10)

Mary Millar Library Fund
Thank you to the families who have donated to our Mary Millar Library Fund. An invitation for families to contribute to our special library fund was sent home and put up on our App last week. Any donations over $2.00 are tax deductible. Funds raised this year will go towards display boards and additional furniture for the library. Should you wish to contribute please do so by 30 June so that you can claim on your 2013/2014 tax return.

Fees Reminders
Fee reminders were posted home on Monday. Settlement of the term 2 fees is required if not paying via direct Debit

Outstanding Fees
A reminder to all families, that fees are now overdue. As we must finalise all our accounts prior to the end of term I ask that parents settle their account. Should you be experiencing difficulty please make an appointment to discuss a payment plan.

St Monica’s Chess Competition
Tomorrow, Friday 20 June, we are hosting the first St Monica’s Chess Competition. There are 23 children participating in the competition, all of who enjoy our lunch time chess sessions.
I am sincerely grateful to Evelyn David-Hoole and Ian Hosking for taking on this wonderful initiative for our children.

School Disco – Save the Date
This year our school disco is planned for Friday 1 August. As we are only hosting one disco this year our organisers are planning something very special – it will be a Christmas in July Disco. Value tickets will be coming out at a later date.

WAKAKIRRI - Our performance date is 20 August
As preparations for Wakakirri gets underway, we would love some help gathering second hand clothing and accessories for our costumes. If you have any of the following items and are willing to donate them, please send them into school with your child.
Costume jewellery, fedora hats, dark coloured Bajer boy caps, flat caps, suspenders (dark), black/white ties, male vests, long gloves (female), coloured feathers, ‘Depression’ era clothing, white hankies, short white gloves. Thank you - Kelly Boyton

Wakakirri Ticket Order Form
On Monday an order form was sent home to all Year 5 & 6 families. The order form is also available on the School App and Website. Orders are due back Monday 2 July – Two tickets per family will be issued in the first round to Year 5 & 6 families. There is an opportunity on the form to indicate if you would like further tickets, should they be available

Questacon Excursion – Year 3
Next Thursday 26 June, Year 3 are travelling to Questacon for the day. The students and teachers are looking forward to discovering and interacting with the many exhibits and displays. This excursion will complement our Science Units this term. The students will depart from school from 9:15am and return to school by 2:30pm. They will need to bring fruit, morning tea, a drink bottle and lunch! All permission notes should have been returned by now. Extra notes can be downloaded from the School Website or collected from school.

Next Friday 27 June the SRC will be raising money for SIDS and Kids. We are asking students to support this fundraiser through purchasing a Red Nose or a wristband for $3. Alternatively, students may wish to have their noses painted red for $1.00 or simply make a gold coin donation. Children may add a red accessory to their uniform, ie. Ribbons, socks, beanie. Children may like to bring a ‘Board Game’ to play in class on Friday afternoon. Thank you for your continued support. - Kelly Boyton

Visitors and Volunteers
All parents and grandparents wishing to access the school between 9.00am and 3.10pm MUST go via the Front Office and sign in.
All parents arriving to volunteer will be required to obtain a visitors lanyard with a pouch so that their WWVP card can be clearly displayed.
Like your licence, please carry your card at all times.

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.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal
At Table With The Lord.
This weekend is the great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi. The feast of Corpus Christi gives us an opportunity to reflect anew on the real and living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It also made me reflect on the nature of shared meals. Here is a short article on the importance of sharing a meal together.

A Family Meal is More Than Just a Feed.
It’s a time when we, as family members of whatever age or state of life, deepen our love for each other. We eat together not just to nourish our bodies, but to nourish our relationship as a family. We ‘feed’ each other by spending time together, listening to one another, praying ‘thanks’ for our blessings and sharing in the preparation of the meal.

A family meal doesn’t have to be elaborate. It doesn’t have to be perfect or done a certain way. It just has to be a sincere attempt to say: I love you, we belong, we believe. Above all, family meals need to be a priority. Not just for families with young children, but for all of us. And not just on special occasions, but on the ordinary days as well.

Without prioritising, planning and effort, this precious part of our family life can easily be overrun by sports, work, hobbies, study, household chores, TV or computer games.

‘Grace before meals’ is one of the simplest ways for a family to pray together. Usually it is a short prayer giving thanks for the meal. However, saying ‘grace’ does more than just thank God; it invites God to be present during your meal.

Excerpt from “Family: A Feast of Love”, The Story Source, Teresa Pirola
http://cathfamily.org/at-table-with-the-lord/

Sacrament of Confirmation
Next term the students in Year 6 will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment Forms were sent home a fortnight ago. Please return as soon as possible. If you need another form contact the school. There are a few changes to the program this year. Fr Warrick and I will discuss these at the Parent Information Evening.

The dates for the Sacramental Program are as follows:
Parent information Evening: Wednesday 25 June, 7:00pm St Monica’s Church.
Presentation Masses: Saturday 28 June 6:00pm, Sunday 29 June 10:00am
Parent and Child Evening: TBA
Confirmation Preparation Day: Friday 29 August St Monica’s School/Church
Confirmation Mass: Tuesday 2 September 6:00pm.

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M&M Star Medallions – Emma T (KOR), Chloe W (1D), Sienna H (1R), Blake O (2D), Sarah K (3RG), Bec L (6B), Max D (6WS)

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

| Kinder   | Gabriella F |
| Year 2   | Sophie T   |
| Year 3   | Harley J   |
| Year 4   | Noumi M    |
| Year 5   | Eleanor B  |
| Year 6   | Bronwyn Q, Gabriel Z |

ST MONICA’S SPORT NEWS

Sporting Achievements
Skilleroos Japan Tour
Nikola J (6WS) has been invited to travel to Japan with the ACT U13 Boys Squad (Skilleroos) from 7-17 July 2014 for a 7 game tour in Osaka and Nara, Japan. This will be an amazing experience for Nikola and we all look forward to hearing about this amazing opportunity. Congratulations!
**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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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. New Price List for Term 2 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**

**U Can Sing**
The University of Canberra’s very own children’s choir is welcoming new students. Choir is on Mondays from 3:45pm-5:00pm for 8-12 year olds. For those who love to sing and want to learn vocal techniques, musicianship, performance skills, and make new friends. More info at [http://www.canberra.edu.au/music/choir/u-can-sing](http://www.canberra.edu.au/music/choir/u-can-sing).

**Kids and Parents Capoeira Classes**
Sunday 6 July – Sunday 7 September, 10am-11am Elements Fitness & Martial Arts – 10 Moore St Civic
Cost $100 per person for 10 weeks
Classes are designed to cater for students aged 5+
REGISTRATION – Email canberra.capoeira@gmail.com to secure your place. For more info visit [www.elementsfitnessact.com.au](http://www.elementsfitnessact.com.au).

**Hockey Skillz Development Clinic**
DATE: Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July
TIMES: 9am – 1pm both days, AGES: 7-16 years old
COSTS: $100 for 2 days, LOCATION: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT.
FOCUS: Participants will experience both outdoor and indoor hockey skill development with goal keepers given specific coaching. Morning tea will be supplied. Participants will be split into groups to provide relevant coaching based on age and ability.
To register go to Hockey ACT website and complete online nomination. For more information contact Hockey ACT on 62572374.

**Questacon – July Holiday Workshop**
Sign the kids up to a workshop these school holidays at the Questacon Technology Learning Centre. Choose from to different workshop formats where they can invent, design, create and have fun! Half and full day workshops run from 8-17 July. For more information visit [www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au) or telephone 1800 889 995.

**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.