**VALUE - Tolerance**

Practising tolerance is showing respect and appreciation for differences. You don't judge or tease someone who is different. You make them feel at home, you show forgiveness when someone makes a mistake. Tolerance does not mean letting someone hurt you- when that happens you need assertiveness. When you are tolerant, you have patience and flexibility to accept the things you cannot change with good grace.

You are practicing Tolerance when you:
- Accept differences
- Are free of prejudice
- Don't complain when uncomfortable conditions can't be helped
- Make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness
- Change yourself instead of trying to change others
- Accept people how they are, faults and all

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING RESPONSIBLE**

The rule focus for this week is about Being Responsible when we are in the toilets. When we go to the toilets we go to the toilet, we wash our hands and we go straight back to class or out to play. The toilets are not a play area.

**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**

Today is Mrs Joan Higginbotham’s last day for the term. Joan is taking next term off to visit family and will return in Term 4. Many thanks to Joan for running our Seasons For Growth program this term. Yesterday the children and their parents gathered to celebrate the conclusion of a very worthwhile and special program.

**It’s a Girl!!**

Congratulations to the Steinberg family (Ruby 1R) as they welcome a new addition to their family, baby Alexandra, born on Monday 23 June.

**Public Speaking – Rostrum Final**

Congratulations to Shannon G (6WS) who was announced as the best Rostrum public speaker in the Quarter Finals that were held at Latham last Monday. Shannon will now go on to compete at the Semi Finals on 30 July at Florey Primary School.

**School Reports**

School reports will be issued on Monday 30 June. Should you require your child’s report prior to Monday 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 – Online bookings close tomorrow at midnight, Friday 27.**

Next week the teachers are conducting Parent/Teacher interviews. 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 late last week. 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.

NAIDOC Week
Next week, St. Monica’s will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. This is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This years NAIDOC theme is ‘Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond’.

Each class will participate in various experiences throughout the week including Aboriginal art, listening to Dreamtime stories, playing games and learning more about the achievements of Indigenous Australians.

On Tuesday we will be participating in an Aboriginal Technology Performance. This is a 90 minute experience and all classes will participate.
- Years K-2 - 9.30-11am
- Years 5-6 – 11.30-1pm
- Years 3-4 – 1.30-3pm

On Wednesday, 5E will lead the school during prayer, focusing on NAIDOC week in the Church starting at 12.15pm. I ask that you discuss NAIDOC further with your child during this week and ask them what they have been learning in class. Family and friends are most welcome to attend the performance and school prayer.

The official NAIDOC week is the first week of the school holidays and there will be plenty of events and experiences happening across Canberra which I would encourage you and your family to become involved in.

Patrick Ellis, Coordinator and Aboriginal Contact Teacher

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 of next term. I am sure for a little pain we will reap the rewards. During the holidays SMOOSH families and staff will be required to park in the staff car park and access the hall via the stairs.

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. **Tuesday 8 July and Thursday 17 July** are 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.

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.

Mr McGee & the Biting Flea
Tomorrow the Kindergarten children will be going to the Canberra Theatre to see “Mr McGee and the Biting Flea”. The children will travel to and from theatre by bus. The bus departs school at 12pm and returns to school at 2.30pm. Children are to be dressed in full winter school uniform. The cost of excursion is covered by the Curriculum Levy.

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

Portable Coat Racks
Does anyone have any portable coat racks that the school can borrow or have for Wakakirri? We are in need of 4 racks.

Wakakirri Ticket Order Form
Orders for tickets are due back Monday 30 June – 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. After Monday families who have ordered additional tickets will be notified of availability.

MS Readathon - 1 to 31 August
It is easy to take part in the 2014 MS Readathon to help Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis.
- 1. Register online and nominate St Monica’s Primary School.
- 2. Read lots of books in August.
- 3. Fundraise and collect sponsorship or do it all online.
- 4. Be rewarded for your reading.
Find out more at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)

Changes to School Bus Services
The Association of Parents & Friends of ACT Schools (APFACTS) in the non-government sector has been working with ACTION to gain clarity on when the proposed changes to school bus services are likely to be announced. You may have heard us on the radio or television, or read about it in the Canberra Times? The result of our advocacy is that I received an update yesterday evening from Shane Rattenbury regarding the commencement date for the new school bus services. He has confirmed that they are not going to be ready to provide information on the new bus services in time for
the commencement of Term 3 after all and have therefore delayed the implementation date. They do not have a date for when the new system will be in place. They have made a commitment that they will give 4 x school weeks’ notice from when they release the information to the date that the new services will start. If they are ready to release the information during the school holidays they will do so. If that is the case the services will not commence until 4 weeks into the school term to allow everyone to have time to assess what it will mean for them. I have been advised that we will receive official notification from ACTION shortly regarding this delay. Shane Rattenbury also advised that there were several factors influencing their decision to pause on what they were doing. This included the issues that APFACTS had brought to his attention! It is great to see that persistent advocacy on behalf of school communities can make a difference! Julie Sengelman APFACTS

Tomorrow 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 tomorrow afternoon. Thank you for your continued support. - Kelly Boyton

Absentee Notes
It is a legal requirement that the school receive official notification when a child is absent from school. This official notification can be sent via our school app, an email or a hand written note. The information provided should include the date, reason for absence and person making the notification. Where no formal notification is received the child is marked as absent at the end of the term.

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.

Assemblies
Assembly will commence at 12.30pm tomorrow for presentation of awards and to announce Chess winners. Assembly on Friday 4 July (last day of term) will commence at 12.00pm as we have several awards to present and members of our School Band will be performing.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Prayer of St Francis
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life

Saints Peter and Paul
This weekend the church celebrates the feast day of these great founding father of our faith. Both were martyred for the belief in Christ. Many thousands of Christians throughout the world are have lost their lives because of their faith in this the twenty first century. I have included the Prayer of St Francis in the newsletter(under our value) and ask that your family find time to pray for all those people and places in the world that are suffering under any persecution or oppression this week.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Next term the students in Year 6 will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to all who have returned Enrolment forms. Please return any outstanding enrolment forms tomorrow. 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.

Presentation Masses are this weekend.
The dates for the Sacramental Program are as follows:
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.
Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Kinder
Rose O, Skyla L

Year 1
Nellie B, Harrison T

Year 5
Joshua D

Year 6
Shannon G

ST MONICA’S SPORT NEWS

Kanga Cup Soccer
Claire O and Annabel W from 5M will be representing BelNorth in the Kanga Cup Soccer Competition being held in the school holidays. Good luck girls.

Sporting Achievements
Congratulations to Sophie H (2D) for being awarded the title of ACT Solo Sub Junior Calisthenics Champion.

Oz Tag
Congratulations to Rory S (5E) who has been selected to participate in this year’s Australian National Titles Under 11’s in the ACT Cougars representative team in Oz Tag. This will be held in Coffs Harbour 16-19 October 2014.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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CANTEEN CORNER

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.

Chess Competition
Congratulations to all involved in our first St Monica’s Chess Competition held last Friday. There was lots of excitement in the library as the children took up their places to commence the competition of 5 games each.

Our winners
Seniors
1st equal– Martin H (5/6C) and Josh Mc (5M)
3rd equal – Ethan L (5M), Luke Mc (5E), Josh G (5M), Stephen F (6B), Thomas M (5E), Chris Mc (5M).

Juniors
1st– Lachlan S (3F)
2nd equal - Hannah D-H (2J), Charlotte J (3K)

Other
Fair play award - Aiden B (5E)
4th – Ryan H (3K)
5th – Patrick E (2D), Indyela M (2D), Paddy D (3K)

Sincere thanks to Evelyn David-Hoole, David Hoole and Ian Hosking for their efforts in making the day a wonderful success.

The St Monica chess club meets lunchtime in the library on Thursdays (Years 1 to 3), and Fridays (Years 4 to 6). Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information please contact Ms Rachael Hind.
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://stmonicasc.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html](http://stmonicasc.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html) for access to material uploaded to date.

**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 17 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.

**Millar Golf Tuition & Course Management**

July School Holidays Junior Clinic – Matt Millar will teach the basics of golf and get the kids out in the fresh winter air for an hour or so! The clinic will be held over 3 days during the first week of the school holidays. Places are limited, with only 8 per clinic. Mon-Wed Junior Clinic: Practice Range, Gold Creek Country Club, 7-9 July, 10am-11am or 3.30pm-4.30pm. Cost is $50 per person (for 3 sessions). For more information please contact Matt Millar – [mattmillargolf@gmail.com](mailto:mattmillargolf@gmail.com).