VALUE - Peace

PEACE
When we successfully practice being peaceful we:
- Create inner peace with a regular time to pray, meditate or reflect
- Use peaceful language even when we are angry
- Speak gently and respectfully
- Avoid harming anyone
- Appreciate differences
- Find peaceful solutions to every problem

Remember
A smile is the beginning of peace.
Mother Teresa

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

The rule focus this week is about Being Responsible. I make choices about how I learn. I remain on task so I can complete my work. Being on task means completing my work without disturbing others.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BELONGING

Mary MacKillop Prayer
Most Loving God
We thank you for the example of the Blessed Mary MacKillop
Who in her living of the Gospel
Witnessed to the human dignity of each person.
She faced life’s challenges with faith and courage.
We pray through her intercession for our needs …
Her holiness soon be acknowledged by the universal Church.
We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Thought for the Week
Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. BE KIND, ALWAYS!

Special Prayers
Please keep the following families in your prayers – the Cull family – Joshua (3RG) and Samuel (1R) as they lost their grandmother last week, the Wunsch family – Ryan (6B) as Janine Wunsch is seriously ill in hospital.

School Disco
Disco night last Friday was a wonderful, successful evening. The children had so much fun. Special thanks to Emma Shea and Lisa Simpson, our new Disco queens, who did an amazing job. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and staff who volunteered on the night.

Hall Car Park
The hall car park is now open. The line making will be completed in three weeks and lights installed by the end of the term.

Healthy Bones Week
Healthy Bones Action Week is a national health week that, for 20 years has been empowering Australians to talk about the issue of bone health and osteoporosis. For 2014, the theme is “Stronger Together”.
The overall message is to help prevent early onset osteoporosis by:
- Consuming adequate levels of calcium in the diet.
- Obtaining enough vitamin D (ideally from sunlight on the skin).
- Doing weight bearing exercise.

On Wednesday St Monica’s with Arthritis ACT took part in Canberra’s Biggest Healthy Bones Morning Tea. The children were supplied with a free carton of milk and a piece of fruit for an extra morning snack. The Regional Fruit Market generously donated some fruit (apples, oranges, bananas and mandarins) for the morning tea and Capital Chill Foods the milk.

Many thanks to Paul Stiller for collecting the fruit and Samantha Manning for ensuring the milk was chilled and delivered to the classrooms.

School Hats On Again
In keeping with our SunSmart policy it is now time for children to start wearing their hats again. Can you please ensure your child has their school hat each day commencing from next Monday.

St Monica’s Trivia Night
Save the Date: Friday 5 September 2014. Please contact Rachael Hind (rachael.hind@cg.catholic.edu.au) if your business is able to support this major fundraiser for our school.
Special Book Week Show for the Children Tomorrow

Book Week Parade
Next Week
Friday 15 August
9:15 am in the Hall.
Come to school dressed as your favourite book character. It is helpful to bring the book your character is from but not necessary.
One prize per grade is awarded.
What will the teachers be dressed up as this year?
From Mrs Hind and Miss Osten

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

WAKAKIRRI - Our performance date is 20 August
Items still urgently needed – several old grey blankets for props. Donations appreciated or as a loan for the performance. Contact Kelly Boyton if you can help out.

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS: Confirmation of Extra Tickets
Thank you to everyone who has responded regarding Wakakirri tickets. We have received confirmation from the Canberra Theatre that we can purchase all the extra tickets requested. A payment request form will be sent home early next week to families who have requested extra tickets. Tickets will not be distributed until the week prior to our performance, once we receive them from the Canberra Theatre. Please note an error was made in the cost charged – extra tickets will cost $33.00 each.

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@cg.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

St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
Tomorrow Friday 8 August is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – our Australian saint. Mary was born in 1842 in Melbourne the eldest of eight children. The family was extremely poor and suffered many hardships over the years. At the age of 14 Mary began work as a governess giving her wages to the family. Mary worked in many different positions until 1860 when she went to Penola, South Australia as governess to her aunt's children. It was here that Mary met Fr Julian Tenison Woods and the dream of establishing a religious order began. In 1865 Mary established a school in Penola using a disused stable. On March 19 1866, Mary became the first Sister of St Joseph. The order continued to grow, teaching and making outreach to the poor, orphans, prisoners, the homeless – a significant difference to other religious orders of the time. Pope John Paul 11 beatified Mary MacKillop on January 15 1995. She was canonised on October 17 2010. Mary MacKillop was an extraordinary Australian whose legacy continues today across the globe.

Sacrament of Confirmation
The dates for the Sacramental Program are as follows:
Parent and Child Evening: Tuesday 12 August 7:00pm
Confirmation Preparation Day: Thursday 28 August St Monica's School/Church
Confirmation Mass: Tuesday 2 September 6:00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr 3)
Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will commence in Term 4 for Year 3 students at St Monica's. All children who are baptised Catholic (Yr3 and above) are eligible to enrol in the program. The children will receive the Sacrament on November 17, 18, 19. If your child is not baptised or baptised in another Christian faith and you wish for them to make their first Reconciliation, you must contact Fr Warrick to discuss the matter.

Children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can make their First Holy Communion (Year 4).

The Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 7:00pm in St Monica’s Church. Presentation Masses (the children are presented to the parish and commit with their parents to the program) will be held.
Saturday 20 September 6:00pm and Sunday 21 September 10:00am at St Monica’s Church. Further information about the Program will follow in subsequent newsletters. Please keep checking for updates.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

VALUES – Peace

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M&M Star Medallions – Harry P (1R), Sophie H (2D), Montana M (2R), Billie H (2R), Charlia H (3F), Ellen C (3F), Nikola K (5M), Ricky J (5M), Luke Mc (5E), Ashleigh D (5E).

Mathletics
Congratulations to the following students who are the top Mathletics students at St Monica’s Primary school as of 8 June 2014. They are Carys M (3RG), Charlie B (3K) and Amy R(3K).

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

- Year 1: Connor L
- Year 2: Jack H
- Year 3: Spencer B
- Year 4: Andrew H
- Year 5: Elijah P
- Year 6: Ethan W

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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General Community Information

A Forum for Parents and Carers on Inclusive Education in Catholic System Schools – As a parent or carer of a child who has additional needs, you are invited to share the story of your child's educational journey at a Forum for Parents and Carers on Inclusive Education. This is an opportunity to share what has worked well for families so other families can benefit. Bring your good will and your story and help Systemic Catholic Schools be as inclusive as they can be. Rheinberger Centre Yarralumla, Friday 22 August 9am-2pm or Saturday 23 August 9am-2pm. Register your attendance at inclusiveforum@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Geoscience Australia – Open Day 2014
Sunday 24 August 2014 – 10am-3pm, cnr Jerrabomberra Avenue and Hindmarsh Drive, Symonston. For more information visit www.ga.gov.au/education, email openday@ga.gov.au, tel 62499111.