OUR VISION
GROWING TOGETHER
Believe ~ Discover ~ Achieve

Term 3 Week 4 – 14 August 2014

VALUE - Courage

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPECTFUL

The rule focus for this week is Hands Off! Feet Off! Being Respectful means interacting appropriately with others. Keeping our hands and feet off treats others the way we want to be treated.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BELONGING

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Gift of Wisdom
Wisdom lets us see and judge things in the same way God sees and judges.

The Gift of Understanding
The Holy Spirit helps us to know Jesus, to understand the Gospel, to hear the word of God and be changed by it.

The Gift of Right Judgment
The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what it means to follow Christ. This Gift of Right Judgment will help us to know what to do especially when we are faced with difficult problems.

The Gift of Courage
The gift of courage gives us strength to do what is right - for ourselves and for others, no matter how hard it may be.

The Gift of Knowledge
The Gift of Knowledge helps us to see things as they really are – to see that all things come from God.

The Gift of Reverence
The Gift of Reverence gives us the power to love and respect God and others the way we should.

The Gift of Wonder and Awe
The Gift of Wonder and Awe gives us the power to appreciate the greatness and glory of God in the world around us.

Prayer for Palestine
We pray for peace in Gaza, for an end to the violence and bloodshed. We pray that those in authority in the government of Israel, in Hamas and in the international community will work together for peace and for an end to the blockade of Gaza. We pray to you, O God.

We pray that the Palestinian people, who suffer from injustice and the difficulty of everyday life, do not lose hope in your justice and mercy. We pray that they do not give in to despair and continue to place their hope for a better future in the strength of your hope. We pray to you, O God.

We pray for all those who are in a state of sorrow and grief, that they may be released of their suffering and be granted the consolation of God. We pray to you, O God.

We pray that God will strengthen our commitment to the work of genuine peace in Palestine and Israel, built on justice and equality for all, so that future generations will live in happiness and tranquillity. We pray to you, O God.

Special Prayers
Today the Wunsch family celebrated the life of Janine with a funeral service at St Monica’s. Please continue to keep Ryan and his brother Jordan in your prayers, as they cope with the loss of their mother. I would like to thank the families who have provided meals or directly supported Ryan over the past week. Ryan has a wonderful network of friends at St Monica’s. This was very evident following the funeral today as the boys gathered around Ryan to share handshakes, offer mateship hugs and cards.

Wakakirri
With less than a week until our big night on, Wednesday 20 August, Wakakirri fever has definitely hit St Monica’s. It has been an amazing team effort involving teachers and parents producing the storyline, dance moves, props, costumes and ticket sales. The children looked wonderful at the dress rehearsal on Monday; they are going to do us proud. A really big thank you to Mr Matthew Smith for his vision and the personal time he has given to this production.
Wednesday Assembly 20 August
All of Kindergarten classes will be presenting prayer time on Wednesday 20 August – 12.30pm-1.00pm.

Book Week Parade Tomorrow

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

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS:
Tickets were sent home today with the children in Year 5 and 6. Please contact Mrs Allison Walsh, our Finance Officer, immediately if you do not receive your tickets.

We still have several tickets available. If there is anyone else in the community who may be interested in purchasing a ticket please contact Allison. As we have prepurchased the tickets we need to endeavour to sell all tickets. Tickets cost $33.00 each.

Behaviour Issues
We are currently encountering an increase in aggressive and unacceptable playground behaviour, particularly at lunchtime. To provide more play space for Years 3 to 6 we will again make use of the basketball courts each lunchtime. Each grade will rotate the use of the courts on a weekly basis. Please do not park on the basketball courts between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Orange Student Management Slips
To improve our tracking of student incidents more closely, the teachers will be making use of our orange incident slips to record when a student is spoken to for breaching a school rule, on the playground or in the classroom. Examples include not wearing a hat, playing out of bounds, back chatting, swearing, pushing in lines, not answering the bell immediately, refusing to follow a teachers instructions, interfering in someone’s game.

The children have been reminded about the use of the orange slips. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher should you have any concerns.

Where a child is given a consequence for a minor breach, which occurs on the playground, this will be noted on the slip and then handed to the child’s class teacher. The class teacher will monitor if there is a regular occurrence and will then follow up with the parents.

Major breaches of behaviour are referred to an Executive teacher to be investigated.

Please speak to your children about this initiative and that it is being implemented to make St Monica’s a safe and happy place for everyone. Teachers will be looking to catch children displaying the correct behaviours to issue M&Ms.

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.

New School Bus Timetable
On Monday 1 September 2014 a new ACTION bus network, including a new school services network, will commence. As this new ACTION school services network may affect some of our students, four weeks’ notice is being provided to enable students and families time to become familiar with the new routes.

Please note: Although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, please check the start and finish times. Full details of the new school bus services and regular routes which will service schools are now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au. A dedicated schools information hotline is available on 6205 5033 (Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 5.00pm) until Friday 12 September 2014.

Students are reminded that they may need to flag down their bus rather than expect that each bus will stop at a particular bus stop.

Exciting News – A New Skoolbag Feature

At last parents can receive the newsletters, notes and alerts currently uploaded to our School App via email. To activate this service please log into our school webpage and click the blue ‘subscribe for email’ button on the Skoolbag noticeboard. Select the messages you would like to receive via email and submit. I am hoping this will assist in more parents being able to access the newsletter electronically. As this is a new service please let me know if you encounter any problems.

Musica Viva
Next Tuesday the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in Musica Viva. The program that the children will be doing is called Makukuhan. Makukuhan is a mini gamelan orchestra, which brings the distinctive and stirring Indonesian sound to life. Using traditional masked dance and instruments like the kendang, angklung and rebana, three musicians explore a number of styles from Bali and Java with a focus on melodic percussion and rhythm.

We are very grateful to have Mr Child prepare the children in Music this Term, to ensure they can participate and understand the Indonesian style of music. This performance is being funded by the Curriculum Levy.
The Feast of the Assumption

Tomorrow is a major feast day in our Catholic faith. It is the day that we commemorate and celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, body and soul. Fr Warrick told us yesterday that this feast is about Mary’s willingness to say ‘Yes’ to God each time something was asked of her. We too should be answering ‘YES’ every day. The Feast of the Assumption remains a holy day of obligation. In 1950 Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed as a divinely revealed truth “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, on the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.” Even in the early church this feast has been celebrated on August 15.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thank you all for your presence on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to witness the connection between parents and children. The “White Card”, Confirmation Details note was distributed yesterday. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Confirmation Preparation Day: Thursday 28 August
St Monica’s School/Church

Confirmation Mass: Tuesday 2 September 6:00pm.
His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Paul Gallagher will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Piano Performances

The following students will be performing at the Miles Franklin Music Festival on weekend of 23 August – Hannah D-H (2J), Mia S (4M), Elena S (4M), Abbey M (6WS), Lauren O (5M), Sally B (5/6C), Gabrielle N (5/6C) and Phoebe O (4LD).

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

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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
VALUES – Courage

KOR  Geordan T  James Mc
KS   Samuel J   Tulli H
KM   Giselle S  Charlotte P
1R  Matthew Mc  Gabriela C
1D  Chiara W   Kate S
1S  Sebby D    Jodie D
2R  Montana M  Nicholas I
2J  Claudia G   Jack H
2D  Noah C     Jorja J
3K  Charles O  Alicia R
3F  Zoe R      Claire R
3RG Sam A     Halle F
4M  Alison F   Franko S
4LD Jaden S    Amaria R
5E  Luke Mc    Rebekah N
5M  Nicholas D Madeline E
5/6C Imogen H  Abbey J
6B  Hayden S   Olivia C
6WS Tess D    Hannah K

M&M Star Medallions – Isabella S (1D), Angelo F (1R), Montana M (2D), Johnny R (3RG), Lachlan G (3RG), Lachlan K (4LD), Noah Mills (4LD)

CLASS AWARDS – Written Presentation

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CANTEEN CAPERS

Samantha Manning:  6258 4687 (c)  6259 7240 (h)

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. For Term 3 we are using Term 2 pricelist which is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

The Roster for Term 3, Week 3

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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

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

19 Aug  12.30pm-1pm  Musicaviva Shows K-6
20 Aug  12.00pm-9.30pm  Wakakirri Performance
20 Aug  7.00pm-9.30pm  Canberra Theatre
22 Aug  12.30pm-1pm  Assembly 1R & Awards
12.30pm-1pm  Prayer Time – KM, KS, KOR & Value Awards

SPORTING NEWS

Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival – Year 3 - 6
The Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival is on Friday 17 October. Nominations forms have been sent home and are due back by 20 August, so that teams can be formed. Team entry will be dependent on the number of volunteers willing to coach, umpire or referee. We have organised a large bus to accommodate the transportation of 60 passengers. Cost - $33 per child for entry and Bus travel, $28 per adult for bus transport, $5.00 entry fee per child if parents elect to transport their children.
Important Note – All parents attending the carnival must hold a WWVP card as you will be in a supervisory role.

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.

Junior Touch Football
Summer Competition Starts Soon – Register Now
October, 2014 – Deakin, Kippax, Amaroo, Wanniassa, Southwell Park. Mon-Thurs – Divisions are girls/boys/mixed, Cost School Years K-4 $65 & 5-10 $85 each. Register at acttouch.com.au, Contact Mark Moro, ph 62122880 or email mark.moro@acttouch.com.au.

Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
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