**Staff - Stop Work Meeting**
**Tuesday 26 August 8.30am to 11.30 am**

Fair Work Australia has approved Protected Industrial Action by the Independent Education Union (IEU) to have a stop work meeting in regards to a new Teacher and Support Staff Enterprise Agreement. During this challenging time our priority is to ensure that there is minimal inconvenience to parents and disruption to our students' learning during this industrial action.

As some of our staff will be participating in the stop work meeting on Tuesday, classes will not run as normal. For this reason parents may wish, if possible, to keep their child/ren at home until 11:30am. I understand that this may not be possible for all families due to varying circumstances. Please be assured supervision will be provided at St Monica's for those students who do come to school.

While our SMOOSH Care program will be operating on the Tuesday morning, a family who elects to keep their child/ren home until 11.30am will not be charged for the morning session.

To assist with making the necessary arrangements for next Tuesday please return the slip sent home to all families today. This will also ensure we know where your child/ren will be on that morning.

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**VALUE - Courage**

> **Complete**
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> **Courage does not always roar; sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow”**

Father

I pray for courage as I begin this day, for I understand there is work to be done, burdens to be carried, feelings to be shared and joys to be celebrated. Grant me the courage to be silent that I may hear Your voice; to persevere, that I may share Your victory; and to remember, lest I forget the way by which You have led me. And when this day is done, O Lord, may I have the courage to see Your guiding hand in the friendships that have been made, in the hurts that have been healed, and in the strength that has been given. Amen.

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**
**BEING SAFE**

The rule focus this week is about Being Safe! Being safe means being SunSmart. We wear our hats at all times when we are outside! No hat! No Play!

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**Baby News**

Congratulations to the Thomas family (Jaidah 1S) on the arrival of their new baby boy Ryder, born on Tuesday 19 August.

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**Welcome**

Last week we welcomed back Marcus D(2J). It is wonderful to have Marcus and his family back at St Monica’s.

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**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

**BELONGING**

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to make their Confirmation on Tuesday 2 September. The word *Spirit* means breath. Just as breath comes into your lungs, giving life to your body, so the Holy Spirit gives God’s life to the whole of your being. Just as we cannot see our breath, so too we cannot see the Holy Spirit. Just as we know that breath is present and enables us to walk and laugh and cry and talk and call out, so the Holy Spirit is just as really present to enable us to live in the way Jesus has taught us. He is guiding us and never leaving us alone for every moment of our life. *The characteristics of love, joy,*
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control are the fruits of the Spirit which we can action in our everyday lives. I encourage you to take some time this week to find opportunities to affirm these traits in your children’s behaviour.

Wakakirri – Thank you

What an amazing performance our Year 5 & 6 students displayed at the Canberra Theatre last night. What an awesome experience for the children.

Congratulations to Mr Matthew Smith on his creativity, vision and amazing ability to produce our 2014 Wakakirri production. Sincere thanks to the Year 5 & 6 teachers for their commitment of time and energy to assist with the production. Many thanks to Mrs Robyn O’Rourke for the set designs and the many hours given to painting.

A huge thank you to the fabulous support team of parents and grandparents who assisted the staff with props, sets, costumes and getting the children ready on the day with their hair and makeup. Your efforts made Wakakirri come alive!

St Monica’s Day 27 August

We will celebrate St Monica’s Day next Wednesday 27 August. We will gather in the Hall for a School Prayer Time and then meet with our Buddies for some activities and shared lunch.

Pink and Yellow Day

The SRC will be holding their Term 3 fundraiser on Wednesday 27 August. The SRC will be selling cupcakes, slices etc. at recess. All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. It will be a non-uniform day with emphasis on wearing something “pink” or “yellow”.

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.

Reminder - 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.

CISAC Swim & Slide Pass

CISAC has generously donated two visit and slide passes to any of the students from St Monica’s who attended the swimming carnival this year. The students can visit CISAC for free between now and February next year. The passes will be distributed by each class teacher tomorrow.

Dogs On The School Grounds

In the interest of safety for all any parents bringing a dog onto the school grounds, please ensure they are on a short leash and not permitted to wander. We have several children who are very fearful of dogs. I also want to avoid a child being accidently bitten should a dog become excited on the playground. Thank you for your support in keeping St Monica’s a safe environment for our children.

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. We currently have nearly 800 people linked to our Skoolbag App and 26 people signed up to receive our messages via email.
Sacrament of Confirmation:
The Sacrament of Confirmation is rapidly approaching. If you have not returned the White Card details form, please do so as soon as possible. The Preparation day will be held next Thursday at St Monica’s School and Church. Pizza lunch will be provided on the day for the children. If you could assist with the setting up for lunch, please contact me at school. The timeframe is usually 12:30pm-1:30pm.

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.

100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 24 August
This coming week marks a significant milestone - 100 years of World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The following is an excerpt from Pope Francis.

Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community. Migration can offer possibilities for a new evangelization, open vistas for the growth of a new humanity foreshadowed in the paschal mystery: a humanity for which every foreign country is a homeland and every homeland is a foreign country.

Dear migrants and refugees! Never lose the hope that you too are facing a more secure future, that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand, and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship! To all of you, and to those who have devoted their lives and their efforts to helping you, I give the assurance of my prayers and I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. - From the Vatican, 5 August 2013 FRANCIS

Let us Pray: That the power of God’s love will transform our lives by changing any hatred into love, any vengeance into forgiveness, any war into peace and end every act of violence.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Piano Performance – Miles Franklin
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A Forum for Parents and Carers on Inclusive Education in Catholic System Schools
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St Monica’s Trivia Night
Friday 5 September 2014
This is a great community night for parents.
I challenge class groups to organise a table to get to know other families in the community.
Please contact Rachael Hind (rachael.hind@cg.catholic.edu.au) if your business is able to support this major fundraiser for our school.

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VALUES – Courage

CLASS AWARDS – Teacher’s Presentation

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KS   Skyla L  Tyler S
KM   Chloe D  Layla R
1R  Joshua R  Sienna H
1D  Gabriel H  Isabelle R
1S  Chaney S  Mackenzie B
2R  Ryan C  Sophie T
2J  Lillian C  Melanie R
2D  Lyndelle M  Blake O
3K  Patrick H  Amy R
3F  Natalia M  Victoria M
3RG  Grace P  Emily C
4M  Dylan R  Thomas O
4LD  Cohen E  Jaiken B
5E  Leah F  Chris M
5M  Chris Mc  Joshua S
5/6C  Jake T  Holly O
6B  Jayden G  Zoe E
6WS  Ethan W  Lee K

M&M Star Medallions – Madeline N (1R), Olivia W (3F)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

22 Aug 12.30pm-1pm  Assembly 1R & Awards
27 Aug  St Monica’s Feast Day
         Non-uniform Day
         SRC Fundraiser Day
29 Aug 12.30pm-1pm  Assembly 3K

SPORTING NEWS

Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival – Year 3 - 6
Important Note – As this is a designated school event all parents attending the carnival must hold a WWVP card as you will be in a supervisory role. This also includes parents who may have arranged to transport other children to the carnival.
If transporting other children you must advise the school in writing.

Catholic Primary Schools’ Netball Carnival
The Catholic Primary School’s Netball Carnival will be held on Sunday 26 October. This year’s event will be held at Calwell Playing Fields. A Permission Note has been sent home today. All notes and money need to be returned to the school by Monday 25 August.

Soccer News form Belnorth
Ryan C (5M), Chris M (5E), Marko J (4M), Jaycob S (4M) and Ryan U (4LD) were part of an under 10’s Belnorth team that travelled to Cowra for the annual soccer carnival on Sunday 17 August. The boys all played well winning their 3 games undefeated and making it through the semi finals to play in the grand final. The grand final was a nail biter which ended in the boys winning 2-1. The team was coached by Tom Jadric who did an awesome job with the boys. Well done boys!

Netball News
Congratulations to Hannah K (6WS). She is a member of the Championship CNA 11 yrs Div 1 team who won their grand final last week.

Saturday Morning Netball - Canteen Volunteer Helpers
Thank you to the following families who have very kindly volunteered to cover our rostered morning for Canteen duty at the Lyneham Netball courts. It is a commitment we are required to cover as part of our registration.
8am-8.30am – Brett and Teresa Welsh (Monkeys Yr 2)
8.30am-9am – Kath Watson and Sandra Forrest (Monkeys Yr 2)
9am-10am – (Pink Lightening Yr 3) with Jo Clark (Monkeys Yr 2) as back-up
10am-11am – Brett and Teresa Welsh (Monkeys Yr 2)
Other volunteers include Ben and Michelle Hawke and Mary Marin.

CANTEEN CORNER

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

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 price list which is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

The Roster for Term 3, Week 6

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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
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 for access to material uploaded to date.

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.

Belconnen Little Athletics
Does your child like to run, jump and throw? If so, then little athletics could be the summer sport for you. The philosophy of little athletics is self-improvement in an environment promoting fun, family and fitness. The development of skills and fitness is encouraged in children of all abilities aged 5-17.

Your local club is Belconnen Little Athletics, with meets held on Saturday mornings (and some Thursday evenings) at Cook oval. The 2014/15 season starts on 18 October and online registrations commence 1 September. For more information: Visit our website www.bwlac.org.au, attend our registration days on Sunday 7 September or Sunday 14 September 4:00-7:00pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison (Catchpoles Room). Contact our Registrar – Paula McMahon at blacregistrar@gmail.com or 0407 017 463 (after hours).

Boys and girls, are you looking for a fun team sport to play this summer?

Come and try softball!
We cater for all abilities and ages from 4 upwards
Please contact Rae McKinnon 0403563810
raesteffan@hotmail.com