**VALUE - Courage**

It can be difficult to demonstrate courage. You know if you are successful if you...
- Do what is right for you even when it is hard or scary
- Find strength in your heart even when you are afraid
- Are willing to try new things
- Admit mistakes and learn from them
- Make amends when you do something wrong
- Ask for help

Have you been courageous today?

**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

**BELONGING**

Sacrament of Confirmation
Congratulations to the students of Year 6 and the Parish School of Religion who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Tuesday night at 6.00pm.


**Prayer for Confirmation Candidates**

May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of Prayer and the force of FAITH...

to live in SERVICE, to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you, always. Amen

The children have worked very hard during their preparation time and are looking forward to the ceremony. This year His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Paul Gallagher will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Playground Plans**

Exciting News! At the last Council Executive meeting, approval was given to proceed with the proposed plans for the new Year 1 & 2 playground equipment. This is to replace the very old existing equipment near the portable. The cost to complete the project will be close to $40 000. The funds from this year’s fete and trivia night will be directed towards covering the cost of this project. The new equipment is to be installed during the October holidays, weather permitting.

**Fresh Food Break**

A reminder to all parents that at around 10am each day the children stop very briefly for a fresh food snack. Children are permitted to snack on fresh fruit or vegetables while they work to boost the energy levels. Processed foods are not permitted at this time.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING RESPONSIBLE**

Being responsible means we look after our environment by always putting our rubbish in the bin. In order to keep our school clean and tidy we need to Do the right thing! Put it in the bin!

**Wakakirri**

How exciting!
We are off to the finals on Friday 12 September

Congratulations to all involved the children put on a fabulous show
We were commended on the originality of the story.

Assembly Friday
This Friday 3K are presenting their assembly commencing at 12.30pm.
St Monica’s Day 27 August

Yesterday we gathered together to mark St Monica’s Day with school prayer and a buddy activity. It is hard for us to know about St Monica as she lived such a long time ago and so few facts are known about her. However, the example of her life as recounted by her son St Augustine leaves us with the knowledge of the following qualities of St Monica. She

- showed great respect to those she met,
- showed great persistence in all her endeavours,
- prayed,
- was very patient,
- loved her family beyond all else,
- was very adaptable, and
- served others.

St Monica is a saint still relevant in today’s world. She offers us great example for our lives today.

The Athlete’s Foot

The Athlete’s Foot Donation

Last Friday we received a very generous donation from The Athlete’s Foot of $1200 and several prize vouchers. This was the result of their promotion – for every pair of shoes purchased, $5.00 is donated back to a school when a parent mentioned the school’s name. This means our community purchased 240 pairs of runners. The vouchers will be used as prizes at the Trivia Night. The funds received will go towards our playground equipment.

Father’s Day Stall

Who has the best Dad in the world?

Show your Dad how much you love him this Father’s Day.

Find the perfect gift for Dad at the Father’s Day stall

Friday 5 September.

All gifts between $2 - $6.

If you are able to help on the stall for an hour or two in the morning please contact Michelle Bowman on 0416162543.

Pink and Yellow Day

The SRC held their Term 3 fundraiser yesterday to raise money to donate to the Cancer Council. Funds raised $846. A wonderful effort.

Reminder - 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.

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 Monicas’ 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 45 people signed up to receive our messages via email.

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@cog.catholic.edu.au) if your business is able to support this major fundraiser for our school.

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@cog.catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Louise Dykes, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.
Japanese Choir’s Floriade Performance
The Japanese Choir will perform at Floriade on Wednesday 17 September from 10am to 10.30am. A permission note will be sent home soon.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Book Week News
A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Week Parade. It was amazing to see all the different book characters come to life!

The winners of the Book Week Parade:
Kinder: Laura G Year 1: Tara H
Year 2: Will G Year 3: Mikaela R
Year 4: Ryan U Year 5: Mary P
Year 6: Valentina S

The winners of the Book Week colouring-in and poster competition:
Kinder: Scarlett L Year 1: Brock T
Year 2: Phoebe W Year 3: n/a
Year 4: Abbi F/Alison F Year 5: Claire O
Year 6: n/a

Congratulations to all of the students who participated.
Happy reading.

Mrs Hind and Miss Osten

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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M&M Star Medallions –
Jack A (1S)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

29 Aug 12.30pm-1pm Assembly 3K
2 Sept 6pm Year 4 to Lanyon
3 Sept 9.30am Parish Mass KOR
3 Sept 12.30pm-1pm Prayer Time 1D & value Awards
5 Sept 9am Father’s Day Stall
5 Sept 7pm Trivia Night

SPORTING NEWS

Belconnen Track & Field
Congratulations to the following students for their achievements at the Belconnen Track and Field:
Chris M 1st 10 years 100m, Noah C 1st 8 years 100m, Noah C 1st 70m, Jack M 1st 8-10 years Long Jump, Chris M 1st 10 years 200m, Gabby N 3rd 8-10 years Shot Put, Ryan U 3rd 8-10 years 800m.

AFL News
The AFL Under 11 Belconnen Cats have made it to the Grand Final to be played on the 6th Sept. Best of luck to the following 4 boys who are in the team are Joshua S (5M), Joshua D (5/6C), Jake (5E) and Mitchell W (5E).

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.

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

Kindy Riley Mc
Year 1 Joshua R, Corey B, Owen L
Year 2 Emmanuel K,
Year 3 Jack, F, Olivia R
Year 4 Riley K
Year 5 Rory S
Year 6 Madeleine C
Canteen Corner

Canteen Capers 6258 4687 (c)
Samantha Manning: 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 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

Uniform Shop Sale: All second hand clothing will be 50% off for the next two weeks.
The Uniform Shop is open on Monday afternoons 3.15-3.45pm and Thursday mornings 8.30-9.30am.

General Community Information

Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
This year we have taken out a subscription with Parenting ideas.
Our subscription gives us access to a range of Parent Tip Sheets and the Parenting ideas 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.

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 blaregistrar@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 raeste@netcom.com

NIDA Course
NIDA is holding short courses for Young people (8-18 years).
- Drama School 29/9/14 – 3/10/14, 10am - 5pm.
- NIDA Actors Project 29/9/14 – 3/10/14 10am – 5pm.
- Auditions and Screen Tests 4/10/14 – 5/10/14 10am – 5pm.
All courses at Daramalan College Cowper St Dickson.
Book online: open.nida.edu.au