OUR VISION
GROWING TOGETHER
Believe ~ Discover ~ Achieve

VALUE - Service

SERVICE

“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.” Mother Teresa

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

The rule focus for this week is about Being Responsible. When we move around the school we move quietly. This means walking in silence in the corridors and when moving in and out of the classroom.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BELONGING

Dear Parents

Sacrament of Confirmation
On Tuesday night we witnessed the Year 6 students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, which establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith. Being confirmed in the Church, means accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny. Adulthood, even young adulthood, means that you must do what’s right on your own, not for the recognition or reward but merely because it’s the right thing to do.

Congratulations to the fifty one students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass was concelebrated by His Excellency, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Apostolic Nuncio, Fr Warrick Tonkin and Fr Julian Wellspring. The students are to be commended on their preparation and participation in the Confirmation Mass. Many thanks to their teachers, Kelly Boyton, Matthew Smith, Kelly Wiggett, Susan Carswell, Carmel Rheinberger (REC) and Kerryanne Kwong and Shirley Boag (Parish School of Religion). Special thanks to Anne Kennedy and Sharon Griffin, for sharing their music ministry with us each year. To the staff of St Monica’s who helped set up on Monday afternoon- thank you. And to you the parents and sponsors of these wonderful young people - thank you, you will always remain their first educators in faith!

Special Prayers
♀ We ask that you keep the Regan family Alicia (3K) in your prayers as her grandmother Dianne Martin died yesterday. Dianne was active with the P & F when her 3 children attended St Monica’s and also a staff member in the mid 1980’s.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN student reports for Years 3 and 5 students will be sent home tomorrow. This is a snapshot of your child’s achievement in particular areas of Literacy and Numeracy on one particular day. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s performance please contact your child’s class teacher.

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.

Wakakirri Tickets
We still require at least 25 tickets for families who have missed out on purchasing a ticket for the finals. I appeal to the families, who have ordered more than two tickets, to consider returning at least one ticket; this will enable all our students to have a family member attend the finals. We are still waiting to hear back from the Canberra Theatre regarding our request for extra tickets.

Urgent
Online National Assessment

Last week, 3F participated in a trial investigating the possibility of administering the annual NAPLAN Assessment Program online. The tests were administered in the school by a trained test invigilator on Thursday 28 August and Friday 29 August. The invigilator commented on the excellent behaviour and beautiful manners of the 3F students and thanked the staff and students of St Monica’s for making her feel so welcome. She visits many schools and said that she was very impressed with St Monica’s. Well done 3F, Mrs Figura and St Monica’s staff and students.

Canned food

Parents please do not provide children with food in tin cans. Please place the food inside the cans in a labelled plastic container with a sealed lid. We had an incident occur this week where a student opened a can of food using a ring pull and cut their finger on the lid. As a result of this incident, the student required stitches. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this.

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 their energy levels. Processed foods are not permitted at this time.

Lost Property

As it is getting towards the end of the Term our lost property is growing each day. Please check the lost property in the corridor outside the Library if your child is missing items of clothing or containers. The lost property will be cleaned out at the end of the Term.

K-2 Swim and Survive Program

Several weeks ago a permission note was sent home to allow children to participate in the swimming program next Term. Just a reminder, prompt return of notes and payment would be appreciated.

Uniform Shop

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

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

It is now time to enrol in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for students in Year 3 and above. A letter from Fr Warrick and an enrolment form went home with Yr 3 children on Tuesday. If you wish for your child (in Yr 4-6) to receive this Sacrament please contact me at school and I will send the information home. Please note that your child must be baptised Catholic to receive this Sacrament. If your child was baptised in another Christian denomination but you wish for them to be raised Catholic and receive the Sacraments, please contact Fr Warrick (62583212) or myself at school (62585105). Children must make their first Reconciliation before they can be eligible to make their First Holy Communion.

Parent Information Evening: **Wednesday 17 September 7:00pm** St Monica’s Church, (Parents Only)

**Presentation Masses:** Saturday 20 September 6:00pm St Monica’s church, Sunday 21 September 10:00am St Monica’s

**First Home Group Night:** October 13-17

**Second Home Group Night:** October 20-24

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** November 19, 20, 21, 6:00pm-7:30pm

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**M&M Star Medallions –**

Luke B KM, Matthew Mc (1R), Jackson G (2D), Bridget A (2R), Clara A (2D), Jess W, Mikaela R (3F), Robbie W (4LD), Lochlain K (4M), Ricky J, Nicola K (5M), Nikola J (6WS).

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**St Monica’s Trivia Night**

Friday 5 September 2014

This is a great community night for parents. 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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**AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**
Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week.

- Kindy: Chloe D, Harrison C, Pyper M
- Year 2: Katie W, Hannah D-H
- Year 3: Eden B
- Year 4: Michael M
- Year 5: Sally B
- Year 6: Sam Mc

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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**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.

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**GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

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.

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


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

**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
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 0403 563 810

raesteffan@hotmail.com