VALUE - Compassion

Compassion Prayer - Blessed Mother Teresa
Lord, open our eyes
that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.
Lord, open our ears
that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.
Lord, open our hearts
that we may love each other as you
love us.
Renew in us your spirit.
Lord, free us and make us one.
Amen

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPECTFUL

The rule focus this week is about being Respectful. 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

Our term is off to a busy start. The children have returned settled and eager to make the most of the last term of school.

Catholic Missions Mini Mission Fete
Wednesday 22 October - 12:00-12:50pm
October is World Mission month. This year we will be holding our Mini Mission Fete in support of Catholic Missions. Jamaica is the focus of all fundraising this year. $60 dollars will provide 45 children with a nutritious lunch for one day! We hope to feed an entire school!

Parents thank you for your support, however children should access their POCKET MONEY FIRST! We want to encourage the children to give/do for others.

Annual Parent Survey

On Sunday evening, via our school app, the Annual Parent Survey will be uploaded for your response. Parents will have two weeks to complete the survey. A link will also be included in next week’s newsletter for those parents who are unable to access our app. Please remember you can also subscribe, via the app to receive our newsletters and messages via email. This year we have engaged an external company to prepare and collate your responses.

Special Prayers

Please keep the Fulivai (Eliza 6B and Lachlan 3F) and Druett (Ashleigh 5E) families in your prayers as their grandmother Janet Druett passed away yesterday.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord

It’s a Boy

Congratulations to the Turnbull family on the arrival of Jett.

Boorowa

Tomorrow, Friday 17 October, 111 St Monica’s, children will be participating in the Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival being held at the Boorowa Showground. All children travelling on the bus will need to be at school no later than 6.45am. The bus will be leaving at 7am promptly. The bus will return to St Monica’s at 5.00pm.

Children are reminded to bring plenty of food and water for the day. A canteen will be operating on the day with a variety of hot and cold food and drinks. It is essential children bring hats and sunscreen because the majority of their day will be spent in the sun. No zinc cream please. Maybe, pack something warm, like a blanket, in the event it turns out to be a cool day. In the case of extreme wet weather conditions the organisers will place an announcement on Canberra ABC radio and we will let you know via the School's website and an alert will be sent via the school App.

Many thanks to all the parents and teachers who have volunteered to assist with managing and umpiring, and to Mrs Susan Carswell for her organisation and coordination of our teams. Good luck to all attending.

5th Annual St Monica’s Writing Competition

Entries are now being sought for our annual writing competition. Students are invited to enter poems or short stories of no more than 500 words. Please hand in your typed entries to Mrs Hind by Friday 7 November (Week 4).

I look forward to reading your fantastic stories and poems.

Mrs Hind & Miss Osten
Curriculum Offerings - Updated

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Kinder Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation Morning will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2014. While the children will enjoy a morning of activities, their parents will attend a parent information session to be followed with a cuppa to meet current and new parents. A note will go home in the coming week to existing Kinder parents requesting assistance with setting up of the morning tea and/or providing a plate of finger food.

Uniform Shop – Volunteers for Kindergarten Orientation Day

Are there any Kindergarten/Year 1 and 2 parents who are willing to help out in the Uniform Shop on Kindergarten Orientation Day between 10am – 12.30pm. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Sandra Forrest on 0438 602 713.

Walkathon News

It’s on again! Last term the children were issued with information and a sponsorship form for our walkathon to be held on Friday 31 October (Week 3).

Please ensure permission forms are returned promptly to school. Information and sponsorship forms are also available on the school website and via the Skoolbag app. Please note that any parent planning to assist, particularly those walking with class groups, must hold a WWVP card.

Please continue to encourage your child to gain sponsorship and bring in the collected funds as they are received. Money collected to date is $700.00 Listed below are the school targets.

School Targets

- $2000 – Games and Sports Afternoon
- $5000 – Pyjama Day
- $10000 – Heroes Day
- $15000- Whole School Movie

Major Prizes

- Mini iPad – Child who raises the most dollars.
- Pendo Pad – Lucky draw prize. For every $5 donated a child’s name will be added to the lucky draw prize box.

Walkathon - Assistance Required

We require the assistance of 2-3 strong people who have the use of utes/small trucks/trailers to load, transport & set up equipment required for the BBQ on the morning of the Walkathon, and to load, return & unload the equipment to school that afternoon.

Please contact the office if you are able to assist at either or both times and to receive further information/directions.

We are also in need of people to cook the BBQ for this event. Any offer of assistance is greatly appreciated - the wonderful success of this event every year depends on a great deal of help from our school community.

Electronic Roll and Absentee Notes

It is a legal requirement that parents provide the school with an explanation when a child is absent from school. This may be via a written note or email. Notifications sent via our Skoolbag App come in the form of an email which is also acceptable. I encourage parents to make use of our school app.

St Monica’s Summer Uniform Reminder

**Girl’s Summer Uniform: Terms 1 & 4**

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<th>Dress or Shorts &amp; Shirt</th>
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**Boy’s Summer Uniform Terms 1 & 4**

| Shorts                  | Navy |
| Shirt                   | Sky Blue Polo |
| Ankle socks             | Navy |
| Shoes                   | Black leather shoes, lace up, buckle or boot – NO JOGGERS |
| Sweatshirt              | Maroon |
| Hat – legionnaire or bucket style | Maroon |

**Sports Uniform – Boys and Girls - All year round**

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K2 Swim and Survive Program – only 14 children from Kinder to Yr 2 not attending.

Children from Kinder, Year One and Year Two will participate in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program in Weeks 5 and 6 this term. This valuable program is part of St Monica’s Physical Education curriculum and it is highly recommended that all children are involved. The program is for 8 days. The program includes an assessment of swimming ability, skills and water safety.

Week 5: Tuesday November 11th to Friday November 14th
Week 6: Tuesday November 18th to Friday November 21st
COST: $90 per child (8 lessons and bus travel)

2015 Year 5 & 6 Camp

Next year all Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at the same time. This camp will be taking place in Week 2 of Term 1, from Wednesday 11 February to Friday 13 February 2015 at Cooba Sport and Education Camp in Berridale, NSW.

The cost per child to attend the camp is $295. To secure a place for your child we require half the payment ($150.00) before the end of the Term 4, 2014 and the second payment by Wednesday 4 February next year (Week 1, Term 1 2015).

Permission notes (all green notes) must be returned by Friday 7th November as we must notify Cooba of numbers attending plus any special dietary needs. Notes are also available on the school web and via the school app under excursions. If you have any questions please contact Mr Patrick Ellis (Coordinator).

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 Banking – Volunteer Needed for 2015

We still are looking for a volunteer to take over the role in 2015. If you are interested please contact the Front Office.

The school banking takes 2 hours a week. Helene will be available to hand over to a new volunteer. School banking will resume next Monday, Week 2.

Lost Property

If your child is missing any items of clothing please check through our Lost Property. Please ensure that all clothing, lunchboxes etc are clearly marked with your child’s name.

Playground

Unfortunately the recent rain has delayed the installation of the playground this week. I am hoping we will see some action early next week.

Book Club

Book Club pamphlets have been sent home today. Orders for Book Club are due back to school by Monday 27 October.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Home groups are well underway this week. If you have been absent from your home group and have not selected a time for Reconciliation please contact me at school in the next week. I will send home the timetable as soon as it is completed.

The dates for Reconciliation:
Tuesday 18 November, Wednesday 19 November, Thursday 20 November from 6:00pm.

The Rosary

The feast of our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7 October – October is traditionally the month of the Rosary.

What is the Rosary?

It is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we reflect on the life, death and glorification of Christ through the eyes and heart of his mother, Mary. At the heart of this prayer are the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. We reflect on the Four Mysteries- The Joyful Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries and The Luminous Mysteries. Maybe you could pray the Rosary (or a decade) as a family this month. The Luminous Mysteries were introduced by Pope John Paul 11 in October 2002.

The Joyful Mysteries:
Said on Mondays and Saturdays,
1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light):
(Said on Thursdays)
1. The Baptism of the Lord
2. The Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Carmel Rheinberger
**AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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M&M Star Medallions – Feliks W (3F), Gabriel Z (6B), Tyler M (3K), Caitlin R (5/6C), Thomas O (4M)

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

- Kindy: Amber M, Cooper B, Alexandra B,
- Year 1: Emily P, Isabelle R
- Year 2: Kai K, Lachlan R
- Year 3: Jess W, Joshua C
- Year 4: Marissa C, Marko J, Lachlan K
- Year 5: Chris Mc, Sam H, Joshua Mc
- Year 6: Olivia C, James C, Elena K

**New articles added**

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](http://stmonicas.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html) for access to material uploaded to date.

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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**PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- **Early 9:15am - 11:45am**
  - MONDAY 20/10/14: Carol Lynch, Carol Lynch
  - TUESDAY 21/10/14: Carol Lynch, Carol Lynch
  - WEDNESDAY 22/10/14: Kate Cuzner, Vacancy
  - THURSDAY 23/10/14: Evelyn David-Hoole, Jo Clark
  - FRIDAY 24/10/14: Lisa Simpson, Wilma Hird, Jan Lee, Marie Smith, Tanya Bridges

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*

**GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to **Bring Up Great Kids** a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2014 at their Red Hill office. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $60 includes course materials and supper. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

**THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE**

program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2014 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $50 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary Years 5 & 6 and Secondary School Years 7-12.

Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

**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](mailto: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.
Larissa Dann

Parent Skills

Parent Effectiveness Training (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. $290 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Monday 20th October, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.

0413 451 607 www.parentskills.com.au info@parentskills.com.au

Course begins: Monday 20th October, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Giant Community Garage Sale

Don’t miss out on THE garage sale of the year, where over 60 stallholders will be selling their pre-loved treasure at bargain prices. Complete with live music, a jumping castle and face painting for the kids, sausage sizzle and café this is a fun, family day for stall holders and bargain-hunters alike. The stalls will pack the building and sprawl over the lawns of the North Belconnen Baptist Church. Stalls are only $20 and booking out fast so go to www.northbelconnenbaptist.org.au/giant-community-garage-sale/ to book yours. Mark your calendars - it’s just too good to miss!

When: Saturday, 25th of October

Time: 9am till 2pm

Where: North Belconnen Baptist Church

Chomley Court Evatt (Just off Copland Drive)

School Cricket

Girls Only MILO T20 Blast

For all girls keen to give cricket a try this year please come down to a FREE Come and Try Day on Wednesday 15th October 2014 from 5:30pm- 7pm @ Griffith Oval, Griffith ACT.

For more information, or to register for the Term 4 Program please contact Liz.McPherson@cricketact.com.au

MILO in2CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET Programs are ideal for boys and girls aged 5-10 years. Programs run all across the ACT and NSW, if you are keen to get involved and register your child please visit http://www.in2cricket.com.au or contact liz.mcpherson@cricketact.com.au